

IDIOMS AND FREQUENTLY CONFUSED WORDS DRILLS

Drill 1

Directions: Fill in the blank with the correct preposition.

1. I am indebted _____ you.
2. I am resentful _____ you.
3. I am jealous _____ you.
4. I am different _____ you.
5. The women had a dispute _____ you.
6. In our secret clubhouse, a majority is defined _____ two-thirds or more.
7. You have a responsibility _____ take care of your pet.
8. You are responsible _____ your pet.
9. He was horrified to read his sister's diary and find himself depicted _____ a jerk.
10. I am planning _____ get my driver's license soon.
11. Lindsay will try _____ attend Morgan's party.
12. Ana intends _____ major in mathematics.

Drill 2

Directions: Circle the correct word for each sentence.

1. Because I played ice hockey for several years, I found field hockey easier to learn (then/than) football.
2. She found a credit card (lying/laying) on the ground and brought it to the police station.
3. Other aspects, such as the temperature and humidity level of the room, (affect/effect) how long a piano stays in tune.
4. His (passed/past) accomplishments made him a worthy candidate for a promotion.
5. After a brief stop for a snack, the tour guide (lead/led) the way to the next destination.
6. Malia felt that she (should of/should have) taken the day off from work because she was not feeling well.
7. The reference to “hardships” in the speech was an (allusion/illusion) to the city’s high unemployment and poverty rates.
8. Scientists hope to determine the (affect/effect) of prolonged exposure to light from electronics.
9. Although they are more expensive, name-brand colored pencils are used by artists more often (then/than) generic ones are because the quality is superior.
10. The principal (cited/sighted) an increase in graffiti as the reason behind the ban on permanent markers.