

Practice Exercises

8 (2) Matrix Vocabulary: Exercise A

Complete each sentence with the *letter* of the correct clause or phrase from below.

1. Confucius was a philosopher and teacher _____.
2. Confucius taught _____.
3. Three years _____, Cleopatra was driven into exile by her younger brother.
4. Mahatma Gandhi was a non-violent man _____ to overthrow British rule in India.
5. Mahatma Gandhi developed the use of passive resistance _____.
6. Galileo was brought to trial and condemned _____ that were against the teachings of the Catholic Church.
7. Nelson Mandela spent more than 25 years in prison _____ in 1994.
8. He was a key figure in the fight against the policy of racial discrimination _____ in 1948.
9. He was a nineteenth century leader _____ before he was defeated.
10. He negotiated an agreement to create a democracy _____.

(Clauses and Phrases)

- (a) . . as a means to force change
- (b) . . before becoming the first black president of South Africa
- (c) . . for supporting ideas
- (d) . . who taught the importance of moral principles for both rulers and individuals
- (e) . . after becoming Queen of Egypt
- (f) . . that we should not do to others what we would not do to ourselves
- (g) . . adopted by South Africa
- (h) . . who conquered much of Europe
- (i) . . based on a nonracial policy
- (j) . . who led a revolution

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8 (2) Matrix Vocabulary: Exercise B

Complete each sentence with the *letter* of the correct clause or phrase from below.

1. Our solar system formed from interstellar gas _____.
2. Much of the material that formed our solar system came from older stars _____.
3. Evidence suggests that the dinosaurs may have been wiped out _____.
4. During this period, humans used simple tools and drew pictures _____.
5. Modern science began to question the view _____.
6. The world's population has more than doubled _____.
7. The first ships sailed around the world in 1522, _____.
8. By about 5,000 years ago, ancient civilizations were organized enough _____.
9. Atoms and molecules couldn't exist _____.
10. Oxygen didn't enter the Earth's atmosphere _____.

(Clauses and Phrases)

- (a) . . which have been found in ancient caves
- (b) . . until the universe began to expand and cool
- (c) . . that had collapsed into a flattened cloud
- (d) . . that the Earth was the center of the universe
- (e) . . that had exploded and died
- (f) . . when a large asteroid hit the Earth
- (g) . . proving that the Earth was round
- (h) . . to undertake major engineering projects
- (i) . . until plants evolved
- (j) . . in the past fifty years

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8 (2) Matrix Vocabulary: Exercise C

Complete each sentence with the *letter* of the correct clause or phrase from below.

1. One of the most famous accidents was the sinking of the Titanic _____.
2. Natural disasters are caused by forces _____.
3. The rapid spread of a disease _____ is an epidemic.
4. When groups of people _____ fight each other, it is called a civil war.
5. There have been two world wars _____.
6. In the news we often learn of horrible accidents _____.
7. Terrorism involves acts against humanity, _____.
8. An environmental disaster is a drastic change in the earth's environment _____.
9. An environmental disaster might result from climatic changes _____.
10. Throughout history, natural disasters have caused the deaths _____.

(Clauses and Phrases)

- (a) . . within the same country
- (b) . . where many people are killed or hurt
- (c) . . of millions of people
- (d) . . usually for political reasons
- (e) . . due to global warming
- (f) . . throughout a population
- (g) . . which threatens our ability to survive
- (h) . . on its very first voyage
- (i) . . beyond our control
- (j) . . in the past one hundred years

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8 (2) Matrix Vocabulary: Exercise D

Complete each sentence with the *letter* of the correct clause or phrase from below.

1. The Great Wall was built _____ China from invasion.
2. The Great Wall is the only human construction _____ from the moon.
3. The high cost _____ led to political problems.
4. The Taj Mahal was designed _____ for the wife of an emperor.
5. The pyramids were built as tombs _____ of ancient Egypt.
6. Engineers still aren't sure _____.
7. It took thousands of workers many years _____.
8. The largest pyramid had a square base _____.
9. Capable _____ more than 135 miles per hour, the Shinkansen is powered by electricity.
10. The Panama Canal is one of the greatest engineering works _____.

(Clauses and Phrases)

- (a) . . of building it
- (b) . . as a tomb
- (c) . . that can be seen
- (d) . . how the pyramids were constructed
- (e) . . to help defend
- (f) . . for the leaders
- (g) . . to build the pyramids
- (h) . . of going
- (i) . . measuring 230 meters on each side
- (j) . . of all time

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8 (2) Matrix Vocabulary: Exercise E

Complete each sentence with the *letter* of the correct clause or phrase from below.

1. Mexico City is located _____ several hundred years ago.
2. It's one of the world's fastest growing areas, with many of its new inhabitants _____.
3. The Amazon rain forest is home to many species of life _____.
4. It's the largest desert in the world, _____ from the Atlantic Ocean to the Red Sea.
5. The Sahara was once a fertile area _____.
6. The climate of the Sahara is dry, with some parts _____.
7. The Himalayas are a series of mountain ranges _____ about 1500 miles long.
8. It includes the world's highest mountain, Mount Everest, _____ in 1953.
9. The Middle East is located _____.
10. Every day, Muslims _____ face Mecca during their daily prayers.

(Clauses and Phrases)

- (a) . . getting no rainfall for years at a time
- (b) . . found nowhere else
- (c) . . from around the world
- (d) . . which was climbed for the first time
- (e) . . which stretch in an arc
- (f) . . where the continents of Africa, Asia and Europe come together
- (g) . . where farmers grew crops
- (h) . . coming from poor rural areas
- (i) . . stretching across Northern Africa
- (j) . . where the Aztec Empire had its capital