

Idioms And Phrases - Exercise 3

Complete the following sentences using appropriate prepositional phrases.

1. I would rather have coffee tea.
a) instead of b) instead from c) instead to
2. the rains, we went out.
a) in spite of b) in spite c) in spite on
3. fire, break glass to escape.
a) in case of b) in case c) in case with
4. I am standing here my friends.
a) in behalf of b) on behalf of c) on behalf
5. We solved the problem a new device developed by our engineers.
a) by means of b) by means c) by means to
6., I had a happy childhood.
a) in the whole c) on the whole c) the whole of
7. Can you help me?
a) in anyway b) in any way c) any way
8. She didn't allow cancer to discourage her., she began to work twice as hard.
a) on the contrary b) in the contrary c) to the contrary
9., we are impressed with her performance.
a) in general b) on general c) in generally
10. I am seeing him in May – in June.
a) or rather b) rather c) in rather

Answers:

1. I would rather have coffee **instead of** tea.
2. **In spite of** the rains, we went out.
3. **In case of** fire, break glass to escape.
4. I am standing here **on behalf of** my colleagues.
5. We solved the problem **by means of** a new device developed by our engineers.
6. **On the whole**, I had a happy childhood.
7. Can you help me **in any way**?
8. She didn't allow cancer to discourage her. **On the contrary**, she began to work twice as hard.
9. **In general**, we are impressed with her performance.
10. I am seeing him in May – **or rather** in June.

Self practice: Idioms & Phrases

Complete the sentences that follow choosing an appropriate idiom from the given list:

1. to give (someone) a : to tell someone frankly what one piece of one's mind thinks especially when one disapproves of the other's behaviour
2. to be at logger heads : to disagree strongly
3. to be at the end of one's : to have no power, patience or tether endurance left
4. to be on cloud nine : to be extremely happy
5. a bolt from the blue : unexpected event; complete surprise (usually unwelcome)
6. a yellow streak : cowardice in one's character
7. in the pink (of health) : extremely healthy, in perfect condition
8. a shadow of one's : not having the strength, former self influence, etc., that one once had
9. honour bound (to do : required to do something as a something) moral duty but not by law
10. put on airs : behave in an unnatural way to impress others

- a. I've been looking after my sister's three troublesome children all day and I am
- b. He used to be a great actor but now he's only
- c. In spite of being seventy-five, my grandfather is.....
- d. The principal summoned Rahim for playing truant and
- e. She was after winning the Gold medal at the Asian Games.
- f. I feel to help him because I promised I would.
- g. The captain and the vice-captain of the team are always at
- h. The news of Randhir Singh's selection to represent the country in hockey overlooking Dhanam, came as
- i. Ever since she won the Miss Chennai Title at the beauty contest, she has been
- j. The soldier showed his when he sneaked away from the battle field.

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