

**Select Readings, Second Edition**  
**Elementary, GEPT-Style Final**

**INCOMPLETE SENTENCES**

Beneath each sentence, you will see four words or phrases, marked A, B, C, and D. You are to choose the word or phrase that best completes the sentence.

1. Another reason for the \_\_\_\_\_ of bicycles is that Denmark is a very flat country.  
A. popular  
B. popularity  
C. high  
D. highest
2. They shopped for fresh \_\_\_\_\_ every day, and they always ate freshly-cooked meals.  
A. recipes  
B. flavors  
C. chefs  
D. ingredients
3. \_\_\_\_\_ the day I went hiking, and each night I slept in my tent.  
A. At  
B. While  
C. During  
D. When
4. Oto's family didn't want him to go to a special school for children with \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. disable  
B. disabled  
C. disability  
D. disabilities
5. Making gingerbread is not easy, so gingerbread makers need to be very \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. skill  
B. skills  
C. skillful  
D. unskilled
6. At 1:58 p.m., the pilot made an emergency \_\_\_\_\_ at Kahului Airport in Maui.  
A. land  
B. lands  
C. landed  
D. landing

## TEXT COMPLETION

The following passage contains four missing words or phrases. You are to choose the best answer for each missing word or phrase.

To: Rita Moran  
From: Joshua Lee  
Date: July 10, 2010  
Subject: Thank you for your application.

Dear Ms. Moran,

Thank you for sending your application. As president of Martin Systems, it is my pleasure to (7) you for the position of office assistant.

We have not yet made a final (8) about the position.

Over the next few days, we will review the (9) of all the applicants and let you know.

Once again, thank you for your interest in our company. I will be in touch again as soon as our human resource department (10) a decision.

Sincerely,  
Joshua Lee

7. A. commute  
B. consider  
C. describe  
D. measure
8. A. disapproval  
B. demand  
C. destiny  
D. decision
9. A. secrets  
B. power  
C. abilities  
D. subjects
10. A. reaches  
B. finds  
C. causes  
D. provides

## READING COMPREHENSION

The following passage is followed by five questions, each with four choices: A, B, C, and D. You are to choose the best answer to each question on the basis of what is stated or implied in the passage.

### The Truth About Chickens

Chickens are one of the most common birds in the world. There are more chickens than people in the world. But how much do you know about chickens?

People started to keep chickens for eggs and meat more than 8,000 years ago. There are more than 150 different kinds of chickens. Chickens come in many different colors and patterns, but all chickens came from a bird called the *Red Jungle Fowl*.

An adult male chicken is called a *rooster*. An adult female chicken is called a *hen*. A baby chicken is called a *chick* or a *peep*. A young male chicken is called a *cockerel*, and a young female chicken is a *pullet*.

Chickens are very social animals, and the sounds they make have meanings. Even if we cannot understand the meaning of the sounds, other chickens can.

A hen can live up to 20 years. A hen starts to lay eggs when it is about one year old and will lay eggs all its life. Many chickens lay white or brown eggs. But some chickens lay pink, blue, or even green eggs. Chickens are common birds, but they are still very interesting!

11. How many different kinds of chickens are there?
  - A. just 1
  - B. about 20
  - C. more than 150
  - D. more than 8,000
  
12. A male chicken that is not yet an adult is called a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. rooster
  - B. hen
  - C. cockerel
  - D. pullet
  
13. Chickens make sounds to \_\_\_\_\_ with other chickens.
  - A. communicate
  - B. communicates
  - C. communicated
  - D. communication
  
14. A chicken starts to lay eggs \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. when it's one year old
  - B. when it's 20 years old
  - C. all its life
  - D. when the eggs are white or brown
  
15. All of these egg colors are mentioned EXCEPT \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. green
- B. brown
- C. pink
- D. orange