3.6 Missing Three-Letter Word: 10-minute Pack

about 10 minutes

Total Marks

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / _____

In each question, a three-letter word is missing from between two groups of letters shown in capitals, with the gap marked by three question marks in brackets. The missing word must complete the letters on the left (by joining on to the end of them) AND start the letters on the right (by joining on to the front of them), so that two new, complete, real words are formed. Only one of the five lettered options fits correctly on both sides. Choose the correct three-letter word from options A) to E). Study the worked example before you begin, then work through the questions in order.

Worked example. SEA (? ? ?) G Find the three-letter word which completes the word on the left and starts the word on the right. A) TON B) FOR C) SON D) MEN E) DAY **Answer: C.** SEA + SON = SEASON (a real word) and SON + G = SONG (a real word), so SON is correct. TON does not work on either side (SEATON and TONG are not standard words). FOR does not work on either side (SEAFOR and FORG are not real words). MEN half-works: SEA + MEN = SEAMEN is a real word, but MEN + G = MENG is not, so it fails the right-hand check. DAY does not work on either side (SEADAY and DAYG are not real words).

1 Which three-letter word completes the letters before the brackets and also begins the letters after them?

ROOF (? ? ?) AZ

- ☐ A) LET
- ☐ B) TOP
- ☐ C) LAG
- ☐ D) TAP
- ☐ E) RAM

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2 Which three-letter word completes the letters before the brackets and also begins the letters after them?

T (? ? ?) ACHE

- ☐ A) FEE
- ☐ B) PAT
- ☐ C) ERA
- ☐ D) EAR
- ☐ E) FIB

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3 Which three-letter word completes the letters before the brackets and also begins the letters after them?

HID (? ? ?) IM

- ☐ A) DEN
- ☐ B) BED
- ☐ C) BUN
- ☐ D) AGE
- ☐ E) PUT

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4 Which three-letter word completes the letters before the brackets and also begins the letters after them?

CO (? ? ?) EOR

- ☐ A) MET
- ☐ B) LET
- ☐ C) FIX
- ☐ D) CUT
- ☐ E) RAN

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5 Which three-letter word completes the letters before the brackets and also begins the letters after them?

TOI (? ? ?) TUCE

- ☐ A) OIL
- ☐ B) LET
- ☐ C) FUL
- ☐ D) NET
- ☐ E) LED

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6 Which three-letter word completes the letters before the brackets and also begins the letters after them?

S (? ? ?) GDOM

- ☐ A) OAR
- ☐ B) AIM
- ☐ C) STY
- ☐ D) ZOO
- ☐ E) KIN

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7 Which three-letter word completes the letters before the brackets and also begins the letters after them?

ARC (? ? ?) O

- ☐ A) ATE
- ☐ B) HER
- ☐ C) BOW
- ☐ D) SAC
- ☐ E) WIG

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8 Which three-letter word completes the letters before the brackets and also begins the letters after them?

UR (? ? ?) JO

- ☐ A) SLY
- ☐ B) MAN
- ☐ C) BAN
- ☐ D) RAY
- ☐ E) SON

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9 PLA (? ? ?) TLE

- ☐ A) NET
- ☐ B) GUE
- ☐ C) BAT
- ☐ D) TEN
- ☐ E) ICE

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10 Which three-letter word completes the letters before the brackets and also begins the letters after them?

SOME (? ? ?) L

- ☐ A) RED
- ☐ B) DIM
- ☐ C) WAY
- ☐ D) HOW
- ☐ E) AXE

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11 Which three-letter word completes the letters before the brackets and also begins the letters after them?

HUND (? ? ?) UCE

- ☐ A) RED
- ☐ B) DID
- ☐ C) SPY
- ☐ D) WAY
- ☐ E) AXE

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12 Which three-letter word completes the letters before the brackets and also begins the letters after them?

SH (? ? ?) BER

- ☐ A) MOP
- ☐ B) RUB
- ☐ C) OAT
- ☐ D) FIB
- ☐ E) OIL

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13 Which three-letter word completes the letters before the brackets and also begins the letters after them?

IMP (? ? ?) OR

- ☐ A) ALL
- ☐ B) OAT
- ☐ C) AGE
- ☐ D) ACT
- ☐ E) DON

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Question 1

B) TOP - ROOF+TOP=ROOFTOP and TOP+AZ=TOPAZ, both real words **B1**

Answer: B) TOP

Question 2

D) EAR - T+EAR=TEAR and EAR+ACHE=EARACHE, both real words **B1**

Answer: D) EAR

Question 3

A) DEN - HID+DEN=HIDDEN and DEN+IM=DENIM, both real words **B1**

Answer: A) DEN

Question 4

A) MET - CO+MET=COMET and MET+EOR=METEOR, both real words **B1**

Answer: A) MET

Question 5

B) LET - TOI+LET=TOILET and LET+TUCE=LETTUCE, both real words **B1**

Answer: B) LET

Question 6

E) KIN - S+KIN=SKIN and KIN+GDOM=KINGDOM, both real words **B1**

Answer: E) KIN

Question 7

B) HER - ARC+HER=ARCHER and HER+O=HERO, both real words **B1**

Answer: B) HER

Question 8

C) BAN - UR+BAN=URBAN and BAN+JO=BANJO, both real words **B1**

Answer: C) BAN

Question 9

A) NET - PLA+NET=PLANET and NET+TLE=NETTLE, both real words. **B1**

Answer: A) NET

Question 10

D) HOW - SOME+HOW=SOMEHOW and HOW+L=HOWL, both real words **B1**

Answer: D) HOW

Question 11

A) RED - HUND+RED=HUNDRED and RED+UCE=REDUCE, both real words **B1**

Answer: A) RED

Question 12

B) RUB - SH+RUB=SHRUB and RUB+BER=RUBBER, both real words **B1**

Answer: B) RUB

Question 13

D) ACT - IMP+ACT=IMPACT and ACT+OR=ACTOR, both real words **B1**

Answer: D) ACT

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