

Common Errors in Usage Quiz 3: "C" Entries

Choose the appropriate word or expression to fill in each blank in the sentences below.

1. She couldn't help (1) _____ that the raise she had received was not (2) _____ with the scale of her contributions to the company.

- (1) but feel
- (1) feeling
- (2) commensurate
- (2) commiserate

2. The (1) _____ of the problem is that I (2) _____ listened to my friend's wise (3) _____ and to my own (4) _____, but I foolishly chose to ignore them.

- (1) crutch
- (1) crux
- (2) should of
- (2) should've
- (3) council
- (3) counsel
- (4) conscience
- (4) conscious

3. Jessica had (1) _____ to do that she didn't believe she was (2) _____ everything in one night.

- (1) so many homeworks
- (1) so much homework
- (2) capable of finishing
- (2) capable to finish

4. (1) _____ their homogeneous team, our more diverse team (2) _____ people with (3) _____ skills that will enable them to deal with every possible challenge.

- (1) Contrasting with
- (1) In contrast with
- (2) comprises
- (2) is comprised of
- (3) complementary
- (3) complimentary

5. This year's student (1) _____ has (2) _____ members than last year's.

- (1) council
- (1) counsel
- (2) fewer
- (2) less

6. Mrs. Baratheon was deeply (1) _____ Joffrey's refusal to (2) _____ the rules; his behavior was not (3) _____ the behavior expected of a class president.

- (1) concerned about
- (1) concerned with
- (2) comply to
- (2) comply with
- (3) consistent to
- (3) consistent with

7. It made me extremely (1) _____ when the teacher compared my handwriting (2) _____ the scratchings of an angry baby.

(1) self-conscience

(1) self-conscious

(2) to

(2) with

8. After the little boy ate the entire plate of (1) _____ cookies in the waiting room, he confided his gluttony (2) _____ his mother.

(1) complementary

(1) complimentary

(2) in

(2) to

Answers to Common Errors in Usage Quiz 3

Explanations and examples of these usage errors can be found on the [Common Errors in English Usage](#) page.

1. She couldn't help (1) **feeling** that the raise she had received was not (2) **commensurate** with the scale of her contributions to the company.
2. The (1) **crux** of the problem is that I (2) **should've** listened to my friend's wise (3) **counsel** and to my own (4) **conscience**, but I foolishly chose to ignore them.
3. Jessica had (1) **so much homework** to do that she didn't believe she was (2) **capable of finishing** everything in one night.
4. (1) **In contrast with** their homogeneous team, our more diverse team (2) **comprises** people with (3) **complementary** skills that will enable them to deal with every possible challenge.
5. This year's student (1) **council** has (2) **fewer** members than last year's.
6. Mrs. Baratheon was deeply (1) **concerned about** Joffrey's refusal to (2) **comply with** the rules; his behavior was not (3) **consistent with** the behavior expected of a class president.
7. It made me extremely (1) **self-conscious** when the teacher compared my handwriting (2) **to** the scratchings of an angry baby.
8. After the little boy ate the entire plate of (1) **complimentary** cookies in the waiting room, he confided his gluttony (2) **to** his mother.