

## Common Errors in Usage Quiz 4: “D” and “E” Entries

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

1. To ensure fairness, we need a/an (1) \_\_\_\_\_ judge to (2) \_\_\_\_\_ who made the best jalapeño apple pie.  
  - (1) disinterested
  - (1) uninterested
  - (2) decide
  - (2) decide on
2. (1) \_\_\_\_\_ the nature of her research on climate change, the (2) \_\_\_\_\_ scientist decided to (3) \_\_\_\_\_ to Canada.  
  - (1) Because of
  - (1) Due to
  - (2) eminent
  - (2) immanent
  - (2) imminent
  - (3) emigrate
  - (3) immigrate
3. Although the new cooling system is very (1) \_\_\_\_\_, the (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of the system is that it requires maintenance (3) \_\_\_\_\_.  
  - (1) economic
  - (1) economical
  - (2) downfall
  - (2) downside
  - (3) every day
  - (3) everyday
4. People who learn how to be (1) \_\_\_\_\_ are less likely to (2) \_\_\_\_\_ those who are (3) \_\_\_\_\_ themselves.  
  - (1) empathetic
  - (1) emphatic
  - (2) discriminate
  - (2) discriminate against
  - (3) different from
  - (3) different than
5. When she was younger, she was completely (1) \_\_\_\_\_ in the Spurs; now she gets (2) \_\_\_\_\_ about every opportunity to watch a game.  
  - (1) disinterested
  - (1) uninterested
  - (2) enthused
  - (2) excited
6. The emergency broadcast about the (1) \_\_\_\_\_ arrival of the storm (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the importance of being prepared for an extended power outage.  
  - (1) eminent
  - (1) immanent
  - (1) imminent
  - (2) emphasized
  - (2) emphasized on

7. The two subroutines had entirely (1) \_\_\_\_\_ functions and were not interchangeable, but the code was so confusing that (2) \_\_\_\_\_ she (3) \_\_\_\_\_ I could figure out how they worked.

(1) discreet

(1) discrete

(2) either

(2) neither

(3) nor

(3) or

8. Even the most mundane aspects of (1) \_\_\_\_\_ life can be extremely challenging for those who (2) \_\_\_\_\_ from war-torn countries and have no permanent home.

(1) every day

(1) everyday

(2) emigrate

(2) immigrate

## Answers to Common Errors in Usage Quiz 4

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

1. To ensure fairness, we need a/an (1) **disinterested** judge to (2) **decide** who made the best jalapeño apple pie.
2. (1) **Because of** the nature of her research on climate change, the (2) **eminent** scientist decided to (3) **immigrate** to Canada.
3. Although the new cooling system is very (1) **economical**, the (2) **downside** of the system is that it requires maintenance (3) **every day**.
4. People who learn how to be (1) **empathetic** are less likely to (2) **discriminate against** those who are (3) **different from** themselves.
5. When she was younger, she was completely (1) **uninterested** in the Spurs; now she gets (2) **excited** about every opportunity to watch a game.
6. The emergency broadcast about the (1) **imminent** arrival of the storm (2) **emphasized** the importance of being prepared for an extended power outage.
7. The two subroutines had entirely (1) **discrete** functions and were not interchangeable, but the code was so confusing that (2) **neither** she (3) **nor** I could figure out how they worked.
8. Even the most mundane aspects of (1) **everyday** life can be extremely challenging for those who (2) **emigrate** from war-torn countries and have no permanent home.