

Common Errors in Usage Quiz 6: "I" Entries

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

- Hobbes's behavior sometimes offers important insights (1) _____ Calvin's true feelings: though Calvin is frequently rude to Susie Derkins, (2) _____ clear from Hobbes's reaction to her that he actually has a romantic interest (3) _____ her.
 - into
 - on
 - its
 - it's
 - in
 - toward
- In the summertime, Calvin and Hobbes can frequently be found (1) _____ on the grass (2) _____ the big oak tree.
 - laying
 - lying
 - behind
 - in back of
- (1) _____ of her anger at Calvin, Susie wanted Hobbes to (2) _____ with her and have tea; Calvin found it (3) _____ that Hobbes actually accepted her invitation.
 - Irregardless
 - Regardless
 - set
 - sit
 - incredible
 - incredulous
- Just as Calvin (1) _____ the barrel of the water gun and prepared to enjoy the sight of (2) _____ powerful stream hitting Susie in the face, she blasted him with the garden hose.
 - raised
 - rose
 - its
 - it's
- After Calvin (1) _____ that his mother's peas were as disgusting as toxic sludge, his parents sent him to his room for an (2) _____ amount of time while he adjusted his attitude.
 - implied
 - inferred
 - indecisive
 - indefinite
- (1) _____ that Calvin had accepted her 4 pm tea party invitation and had even arrived (2) _____, Susie did her best to ensure that he and Hobbes enjoyed the party.
 - Incredible
 - Incredulous
 - in time
 - on time

7. At first Calvin couldn't decide (1) _____ it was safe to walk (2) _____ the house, but then he (3) _____ from the eerie silence that Hobbes was waiting to pounce on him as soon as he entered.

- (1) if
- (1) whether
- (2) in
- (2) into
- (3) inferred
- (3) implied

8. (1) _____ Hobbes's personality seems very different from Calvin's, but ultimately his thoughts and feelings are never (2) _____ Calvin's imagination.

- (1) In some aspects
- (1) In some respects
- (2) independent from
- (2) independent of

9. Susie arrived just (1) _____ to see Calvin put the finishing touches on his horrific scene of snowman violence; the snowmen's decapitated heads (2) _____ on the ground, each with (3) _____ own grotesque expression of terror.

- (1) in time
- (1) on time
- (2) laid
- (2) lay
- (3) its
- (3) it's

Answers to Common Errors in Usage Quiz 6

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

1. Hobbes's behavior sometimes offers important insights (1) **into** Calvin's true feelings: though Calvin is frequently rude to Susie Derkins, (2) **it's** clear from Hobbes's reaction to her that he actually has a romantic interest (3) **in** her.
2. In the summertime, Calvin and Hobbes can frequently be found (1) **lying** on the grass (2) **behind** the big oak tree.
3. (1) **Regardless** of her anger at Calvin, Susie wanted Hobbes to (2) **sit** with her and have tea; Calvin found it (3) **incredible** that Hobbes actually accepted her invitation.
4. Just as Calvin (1) **raised** the barrel of the water gun and prepared to enjoy the sight of (2) **its** powerful stream hitting Susie in the face, she blasted him with the garden hose.
5. After Calvin (1) **implied** that his mother's peas were as disgusting as toxic sludge, his parents sent him to his room for an (2) **indefinite** amount of time while he adjusted his attitude.
6. (1) **Incredulous** that Calvin had accepted her 4 pm tea party invitation and had even arrived (2) **on time**, Susie did her best to ensure that he and Hobbes enjoyed the party.
7. At first Calvin couldn't decide (1) **whether** it was safe to walk (2) **into** the house, but then he (3) **inferred** from the eerie silence that Hobbes was waiting to pounce on him as soon as he entered.
8. (1) **In some respects** Hobbes's personality seems very different from Calvin's, but ultimately his thoughts and feelings are never (2) **independent of** Calvin's imagination.
9. Susie arrived just (1) **in time** to see Calvin put the finishing touches on his horrific scene of snowman violence; the snowmen's decapitated heads (2) **lay** on the ground, each with (3) **its** own grotesque expression of terror.