

Common Errors in Usage Quiz 9: "P – Q" Entries

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

1. Gloria, the makeover artist the Emperor had hired for Darth Vader, was (1) _____ unimpressed by the color (2) _____ of Vader's wardrobe.

(1) quiet

(1) quite

(2) palate

(2) palette

(2) pallet

2. She quickly realized that his (1) _____ problem was that his sense of taste, what she called his "fashion (2) _____," was shockingly simplistic and undeveloped.

(1) principal

(1) principle

(2) palate

(2) palette

(2) pallet

3. Gloria knew that Darth preferred black (1) _____ bright colors because he needed to be (2) _____, not fabulous, to keep the empire's (3) _____ in line.

(1) more than

(1) over

(1) to

(2) frightened

(2) frightening

(3) populace

(3) populous

4. However, as a matter of (1) _____, she persisted (2) _____ to (3) _____ his interest with a variety of more cheerful and flamboyant styles.

(1) principal

(1) principle

(2) in trying

(2) to try

(3) peak

(3) peek

(3) pique

5. "There's nothing (1) _____ about an all-black wardrobe," she complained, "and that mask doesn't allow even a (2) _____ at your face."

(1) interested

(1) interesting

(2) peak

(2) peek

(2) pique

6. "If you're going to insist on (1) _____ entire species for their beliefs, please don't make them feel (2) _____ while you do it."

(1) persecuting

(1) prosecuting

(2) bored

(2) boring

7. "(1) _____ you take my advice, use the products I'm (2) _____ you, and learn to (3) _____ your breathing just a little, you can be both (4) _____ and fashionable."

(1) Provided that

(1) Providing that

(2) providing for

(2) providing with

(3) quiet

(3) quite

(4) feared

(4) fearing

8. Needless to say, Vader didn't waste time (1) _____ Gloria in court for her impudence; he had her body carried out of his chambers on a (2) _____ and continued wearing black.

(1) persecuting

(1) prosecuting

(2) palate

(2) palette

(2) pallet

Answers to Common Errors in Usage Quiz 9

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

1. Gloria, the makeover artist the Emperor had hired for Darth Vader, was (1) **quite** unimpressed by the color (2) **palette** of Vader's wardrobe.
2. She quickly realized that his (1) **principal** problem was that his sense of taste, what she called his "fashion (2) **palate**," was shockingly simplistic and undeveloped.
3. Gloria knew that Darth preferred black (1) **to** bright colors because he needed to be (2) **frightening**, not fabulous, to keep the empire's (3) **populace** in line.
4. However, as a matter of (1) **principle**, she persisted (2) **trying** to (3) **pique** his interest with a variety of more cheerful and flamboyant styles.
5. "There's nothing (1) **interesting** about an all-black wardrobe," she complained, "and that mask doesn't allow even a (2) **peek** at your face."
6. "If you're going to insist on (1) **persecuting** entire species for their beliefs, please don't make them feel (2) **bored** while you do it."
7. "(1) **Provided that** you take my advice, use the products I'm (2) **providing for** you, and learn to (3) **quiet** your breathing just a little, you can be both (4) **feared** and fashionable."
8. Needless to say, Vader didn't waste time (1) **prosecuting** Gloria in court for her impudence; he had her body carried out of his chambers on a (2) **pallet** and continued wearing black.