Language Quiz

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| Even though Chloe was just a puppy, she was fearless and had a strong sense of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. |

Which word is correctly spelled and will BEST complete this sentence?  
A) indapendence.  
B) independance.  
C) independence.  
D) independense.

**2)** To create an informal tone, writers often use hyphens to connect words not ordinarily linked. This is called a coined compound. Identify the coined compound portion of the following sentence for which hyphens would be appropriate.  
  
Last Friday night we were in a let it all hang out frame of mind, so we went dancing.  
A) frame-of-mind  
B) we-went-dancing.  
C) Last-Friday-night  
D) let-it-all-hang-out

**3)**

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| Sammy was delighted when he heard that they were having \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and meatballs for dinner. |

Which word is correctly spelled and will BEST complete this sentence?  
A) spagetti  
B) spagheti  
C) spaghetthi  
D) spaghetti

**4)** *Because of the rainy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the picnic was held indoors.*  
  
Choose the word that is spelled correctly and BEST fits the context of the sentence.  
A) weather  
B) wether  
C) wheather  
D) whether

**5)**

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| Excerpt from: **Jackie Robinson - Playing for the Majors** http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jackie\_robinson  (7) Pitchers through at his head. |

Read the passage underlined (7). There may be a mistake in punctuation, capitalization, or spelling. If you find a mistake, choose the answer that corrects the mistake. If there is no mistake, choose ‘Correct as is.’  
A) Correct as is.  
B) Pitchers thru at his head.  
C) Pitchers threw at his head.  
D) Pitchers throwed at his head.

**6)**

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| Excerpt from: **Etiquette** http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Etiquette  Modern Western etiquette (3) instructs us to: greet friends and acquaintances with warmth and respect, refrain from insults and prying curiosity, offer hospitality equally and generously to our guests, (4) ware clothing suited to the occasion, contribute to conversations without dominating them, offer a chair or a helping arm to those who need assistance, eat neatly and quietly, avoid disturbing others with loud music or unnecessary noise, follow the established rules of a club or legislature upon becoming a member, arrive promptly when expected, comfort the bereaved, and respond to invitations promptly. |

Read the passage underlined (4). There may be a mistake in punctuation, capitalization, or spelling. If you find a mistake, choose the answer that corrects the mistake. If there is no mistake, choose ‘Correct as is.’  
A) Correct as is.  
B) were clothing suited to the occasion  
C) wear clothing suited to the occasion  
D) where clothing suited to the occasion

**7)** Which sentence contains a phrase that uses a hyphen INCORRECTLY?  
A) You must turn in your reports by mid-June.  
B) He is an expert on the pre-Civil War years.  
C) Ex-students are not allowed to attend prom.  
D) Students hosted a festively-decorated party.

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| Excerpt from: **Marsupials** Carole Jenkins  They are basically very timid animals and 5 exscape from their enemies by jumping away on their strong and powerful hind legs. |

Look at the underlined section labelled **5**. There may be a mistake in punctuation, capitalization, or spelling. If you find a mistake choose the answer that corrects the mistake. If there is no mistake, choose ‘Correct as is.’  
A) Correct as is.  
B) escape from their enemies by jumping away  
C) exscape from there enemies by jumping away  
D) exscape from their enemie’s by jumping away

**9)**

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| The boys don’t know if \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ going to enter the talent contest or not. |

Choose the word or phrase that best completes the sentence.  
A) their  
B) there  
C) they're  
D) theyre

**10)** *The dog followed the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the lost child.*  
  
Choose the word that is spelled correctly and BEST fits the context of the sentence.  
A) cent  
B) csent  
C) scent  
D) sent