

## Synonymous Sentences Paraphrasing/Restatement MCQ Test With Answers - Mini Comprehension Exercise 2

1. Choose the "restatement" that is closest in meaning to the original sentence. More than one choice may be factually correct, but you should choose the one that is the closest "restatement" of the first sentence.

**Earlier, it wasn't raining as heavily as it is raining now.**

- A)** The rain hasn't increased in volume or intensity.  
**B)** There has been an increase in the amount of rain.  
**C)** It wasn't raining less heavily before.  
**D)** Earlier, it was hardly raining at all.  
**E)** It is now raining as hard as before.
2. **Where have you been and why are you so late?**
- A)** Welcome back, but you are late.  
**B)** You shouldn't have gone out, because you had to be here early.  
**C)** Are you late because you went somewhere?  
**D)** Are you late because you went to some far-away place?  
**E)** I just want to know two things: Where were you? And, what made you late?
3. **She is much thinner than she used to be.**
- A)** She's no thinner now than she used to be.  
**B)** She was used to weighing more in the past.  
**C)** She is hardly any thinner than she used to be.  
**D)** In the past, she weighed more than she does now.

**E)** Though she is much thinner now, she didn't weigh more in the past.

4. **We ought to do all we can to reduce air pollution.**

- A)** To pollute the air we breathe, all of us must reduce it all together.  
**B)** We should do our best to improve the quality of the air we breathe.  
**C)** We are all trying as much as we can not to increase air pollution.  
**D)** Air pollution can be improved if all of us stop reducing it.  
**E)** All of us are guilty of polluting the atmosphere.

5. **Medical authorities recommend that smoking should be discouraged by the state.**

- A)** People are recommended by medical authorities to encourage the state to stop smoking.  
**B)** It is recommended by medical authorities that people should be encouraged by the state to smoke.  
**C)** It is the view of medical authorities that the state should take steps to encourage people to stop smoking.  
**D)** People who smoke are recommended by medical authorities to encourage the state to stop public smoking.  
**E)** Medical authorities recommend that smoking should be encouraged by the state for the good of people.

6. **The Mediterranean diet is less fattening than other diets.**

- A)** Other diets aren't any more fattening than the Mediterranean diet is.  
**B)** You'd better prefer the Mediterranean diet to other diets if you want to get fatter.  
**C)** Other diets are more flattering than the Mediterranean diet is.  
**D)** It is impossible to put on weight if you are living in a Mediterranean country.  
**E)** You have less chance of getting fat if you prefer the Mediterranean diet to other diets.

7. **One of the men who snatched her handbag had a black patch over one eye.**

- A)** There were more than one man; and one of them snatched her black patchy handbag.  
**B)** The men, one of whom snatched her handbag, had black patches over both eyes.  
**C)** Her handbag was snatched by a man wearing a patchy black eye.  
**D)** Some men snatched her handbag. One of them had a black patch over one eye.  
**E)** One of the men who snatched her handbag, covered one of her eyes with a black patch.



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8. ***He took these photographs hanging upside down from a cliff, which was a very difficult thing to do.***

- A)** Taking a photograph of upside-down hanging cliffs is a very difficult thing to do.
- B)** He took some difficult photographs of his friends hanging him upside down from a cliff.
- C)** It was very difficult to hang him upside down from a cliff so that he could take these photographs.
- D)** He took these photographs hanging upside down from a cliff, and that was a very difficult thing to do.
- E)** It is very difficult to take photographs if you are hanged upside down from a cliff.

9. ***Her father told me that she was to leave for Ankara that evening.***

- A)** I know that her father told her to go to Ankara that evening.
- B)** Her father was of the opinion that she should not leave for Ankara that evening.
- C)** It had been arranged that she would leave for Ankara that evening. That is what her father said to me.
- D)** Would she leave for Ankara that evening if her father hadn't told me so?
- E)** Her father told me that she wanted to leave for Ankara that evening.

10. ***Fortune knocks at their door, but they answer not.***

- A)** They are stupid enough to answer fortune's call.
- B)** They aren't stupid enough to answer fortune's call.
- C)** They aren't stupid enough not to answer fortune's call.
- D)** They are stupid enough not to answer fortune's call.
- E)** Fortune knocks at their door, but nobody is in.
- F)** They want fortune to go and knock at their neighbours' doors.



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### Answer Key:

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| 1: B | 6: E  |
| 2: E | 7: D  |
| 3: D | 8: D  |
| 4: B | 9: C  |
| 5: C | 10: D |

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