

MONDAY MORNING
GRAMMAR PRACTICE #6
TEACHER PROMPTS

(the following prompts are suggested responses to use when taking up the quiz)

1. **B** **The wonderful aroma of fresh coffee in the morning helps awaken my sleepy brain.**

It is important for students to use a highlighter when determining which sentence combines the information in the bolded sentences more correctly. Students should have highlighted ‘wonderful’, ‘aroma of coffee in the morning helps awaken my brain’, ‘sleepy’ and ‘fresh’. Four pieces of information were given, therefore four pieces of information needed to be combined within the correct sentence. Selection B is the correct answer because *all four statements were combined in correct context.*

2. **F** **“Mike,” asked Sharon, “will you please help me with the dishes?”**

Response G is not correct because there are no quotation marks distinguishing the speaker tag (asked Sharon) in the middle of the statement. Response H is incorrect because the question mark is not within quotation marks. Response J is incorrect because the word “will” is capitalized. It should not be capitalized because it completes the sentence without the interjection as in “Mike, will you please help me with the dishes?” Response **F is the correct answer** because it follows the proper punctuation format for dialogue. *Please note* that the word ‘will’ is **not** capitalized because it completes the sentence without the interjection as in “Mike, will you please help me with the dishes?”

3. **C** **Going to college can be expensive.**

When asked questions about identifying best opening or closing sentences, using a highlighter is very helpful. Remember that the opening statement should be echoed within the closing statement. The main idea should always be rephrased in the closing. Therefore, look for key words that are repeated or rephrased. For example, the word “fees” in the closing statement is almost equal in meaning to the word “expensive” as used in Response C.

4. **G** **It designates the ship’s name.**

5. A despite

For this type of question, students are encouraged to try each option to see which makes the most sense.

6. J Captain Meyers sailed his ship across the Pacific Ocean last spring.

All proper nouns are capitalized in choice J.

7. D Sentence 6

Sentence 6 clearly does not belong because it does not reflect the main idea (“integrity”) of the paragraph, which is introduced in the topic sentence.

8. G its

For this type of question, students are encouraged to try each option to see which makes the most sense. Options F, H, J use the wrong verb tense or are grammatically incorrect.