

# Improvement of Sentences

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## Practice Problems with Solution

**In the following questions, a part of the sentence is underlined. Choose from among the given alternatives, the correct option corresponding to the word that will improve the sentence by replacing the underlined part with the selected option. If no improvement is required, the answer will be D**

Question 1: Through the ages, the people of many cultures have used talismans and charms to ward off evil and invoke special powers.

- A: stones
- B: earrings
- C: amulets
- D: No improvement

Question 2: Ramkumar is a heavily built man

- A: strongly
- B: stockily
- C: sturdily
- D: No improvement

Question 3: There are a large variety of sounds to be heard in the forge, all the time

- A: There are many sounds
- B: There was many sounds
- C: There is much sound
- D: No improvement

Question 4: Kunal laughed at Rakhi, after which she walked out.

- A: wherever
- B: whereas
- C: whereupon
- D: No improvement

Question 5: Mr.Choudhury bought a machine with a moving arm that can pick up objects.

- A: running
- B: hinged
- C: movable
- D: No improvement

Question 6: For me, money is only the means to an end.

- A: only means
- B: only a means
- C: only one means
- D: No improvement

Question 7: The bullet struck a wall and was diverted from its course.

- A: twisted
- B: deflected
- C: reflected
- D: No improvement

Question 8: Renuka availed herself of all the leave to her credit.

- A: availed of
- B: availed
- C: availed off
- D: No improvement

Question 9: One of my friends are going to Mumbai tomorrow

- A: will
- B: is
- C: has been
- D: No improvement

Question 10: I want you to clearly understand that excuses will not work.

- A: You clearly understand
- B: I want you to understand clearly
- C: I want to clearly understand you
- D: No improvement

## Answers and Solutions

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**1:-** D

**Solution:** Talisman is an object like a ring or a stone worn by people that is believed to have magic powers to bring good fortune to the person wearing it.

Here it is the correct word suitable for the sentence and no improvement is needed.

**2:-** C

**Solution:** “sturdily” is a better word meaning “of firm build”

**3:-** A

**Solution:** “forge” means “work area” in the context here. Option A is better suited in the sentence.

**4:-** C

**Solution:** “whereupon” means ‘immediately after which’ and it is the correct word suitable in the sentence.

**5:-** C

**Solution:** “movable arm” is correctly suited in the sentence.

**6:-** B

**Solution:** “only a means to an end” is the correct expression

**7:-** B

**Solution:** “deflected” means to get deviated from its original path by an obstruction. It is the correct word to be put in the sentence.

**8:-** D

**Solution:** “availed of” is a transitive verb which means “to make use of”.

**9:-** B

**Solution:** Since subject is singular, verb should be in singular form

**10:-** B

**Solution:** The adverb 'clearly' should come after the verb "understand"

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