

Unit 2. CITY LIFE

Worksheet 3: FURTHER PRACTICE

I. Choose the best answer.

1. The rents in this area are _____ the highest in the city.
A. far from away B. away by far C. far and away D. far too away
2. I'm _____ my brother is.
A. nowhere like so ambitious as B. nothing near as ambitious as
C. nothing as ambitious as D. nowhere near as ambitious as
3. This winter wasn't _____ as difficult as last winter.
A. almost B. nearly C. closely D. just
4. I'm _____ a swimmer as my sister.
A. better B. good as C. not as good D. so good
5. The hotel was _____ from the most luxurious I've stayed in.
A. away B. far C. little D. more
6. The number of working women _____ from 49% to nearly 65% in China today.
A. is increasing B. have increased C. has increased D. has been increasing
7. _____ cold and exhausted, Andrew managed to walk home.
A. Despite B. Whatever C. In spite of D. Although
8. It's recommended that Tim _____ that course.
A. takes B. take C. taking D. will take
9. She is no longer dependent _____ her parents.
A. on B. of C. to D. with
10. _____ the barrier at the side of the road, the car would have crashed into the valley below.
A. But for B. Unless C. Except for D. Apart from

II. Match column A with column B and then fill in the blanks with the correct idioms.

Column A	Column B	Answer
0. as clear as	a. lead	0. e (as clear as a bell)
1. as fresh as	b. life	1. _____
2. as hard as	c. a mule	2. _____
3. as heavy as	d. a rock	3. _____
4. as large as	e. a bell	4. _____
5. as stubborn as	f. a beetroot	5. _____
6. as steady as	g. nails	6. _____
7. as thick as	h. a daisy	7. _____
8. as red as	i. thieves	8. _____

0. She has a lovely voice; it's as clear as a bell _____.
1. I never expected to actually meet such a great actress, but when I arrived at the party, there she was as fresh as a daisy _____.
2. Although she had been up all night, after a short nap she looked as fresh as a daisy _____.
3. He's nice enough as a neighbour, but as a businessman he's as stubborn as a mule _____.
4. Those boys are as thick as two posts. You hardly ever see them apart.
5. When she realized her embarrassing mistake, she turned as red as a beetroot _____.
6. I don't think I can move this sofa. It's as heavy as a rock _____.
7. I'll never convince John to do it if he doesn't want to. He's as stubborn as a mule _____.
8. Compared with her shiftless, unreliable husband, she's as steady as a rock _____.