

English Punctuation & Grammar: Hard Practice Paper 2

The Night Train

In these sentences there are some **punctuation and grammar** mistakes. The ten numbered lines follow on from one another and make one short passage. On each numbered line there is either **one** mistake or **no** mistake. The words are split into four groups, **A** to **D**. Find the group of words with the mistake in it and mark its letter. **If there is no mistake, mark E.**

Q1.

The platform was almost empty; only two passengers waited there.

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A

B

C

D

- A. The platform was
- B. almost empty;
- C. only two passengers
- D. waited there.
- E. No mistake

Q2.

"The last train has gone." said the guard, folding his paper.

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A

B

C

D

- A. "The last train
- B. has gone."
- C. said the guard,
- D. folding his paper.
- E. No mistake

Q3.

Anna asked whether there was another train later that night?

A

B

C

D

- A. Anna asked
- B. whether there was
- C. another train
- D. later that night?
- E. No mistake

Q4.

The guard shook his head; there would be nothing until dawn.

A

B

C

D

- A. The guard shook
- B. his head; there
- C. would be nothing
- D. until dawn.
- E. No mistake

Q5.

Anna had less coins in her purse than she had thought.

A

B

C

D

A. Anna had less coins

B. in her purse

C. than she

D. had thought.

E. No mistake

Q6.

Neither the ticket office nor the café were still open at that hour.

A

B

C

D

A. Neither the ticket office

B. nor the café

C. were still

D. open at that hour.

E. No mistake

Q7.

Anna sat down on a bench that was damp with the nights rain.

A

B

C

D

- A. Anna sat down
- B. on a bench that
- C. was damp
- D. with the nights rain.
- E. No mistake

Q8.

A porter appeared and asked "Are you waiting for someone?"

A

B

C

D

- A. A porter
- B. appeared and asked
- C. "Are you waiting
- D. for someone?"
- E. No mistake

Q9.

Anna nodded and explained that she wasnt travelling alone that night.

A

B

C

D

- A. Anna nodded and
- B. explained that
- C. she wasnt travelling
- D. alone that night.
- E. No mistake

Q10.

The porter smiled and pointed her towards the waiting room

A

B

C

D

- A. The porter smiled
- B. and pointed her
- C. towards the
- D. waiting room
- E. No mistake