

English Punctuation & Grammar: Hard Practice Paper 5

Mary Anning

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.

Mary Anning was born in Lyme Regis in 1799, and she died there in 1847.

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A

B

C

D

- A. Mary Anning was born
- B. in Lyme Regis
- C. in 1799, and she
- D. died there in 1847.
- E. No mistake

Q2.

Her father, a cabinetmaker taught her to look for fossils.

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A

B

C

D

- A. Her father,
- B. a cabinetmaker
- C. taught her to
- D. look for fossils.
- E. No mistake

Q3.

In 1811 her brother found a skull (four feet long and called for Mary.

A **B** **C** **D**

- A. In 1811 her brother
- B. found a skull (four feet long
- C. and called
- D. for Mary.
- E. No mistake

Q4.

Marys work changed what people believed about the age of the earth.

A **B** **C** **D**

- A. Marys work changed
- B. what people believed
- C. about the age
- D. of the earth.
- E. No mistake

Q5.

Visitors asked how a young girl had learnt so much about bones?

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A

B

C

D

- A. Visitors asked
- B. how a young girl
- C. had learnt
- D. so much about bones?
- E. No mistake

Q6.

Mary sold her fossils to collectors; the money kept her family alive.

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A

B

C

D

- A. Mary sold her fossils
- B. to collectors;
- C. the money kept
- D. her family alive.
- E. No mistake

Q7.

The societies of London gave her far less honours than she had earned.

A **B** **C** **D**

- A. The societies of London
- B. gave her
- C. far less honours
- D. than she had earned.
- E. No mistake

Q8.

In those days neither the museums nor the Society were willing to help.

A **B** **C** **D**

- A. In those days
- B. neither the museums
- C. nor the Society were
- D. willing to help.
- E. No mistake

Q9.

The value of her finds were never really paid to her in her lifetime.

A **B** **C** **D**

- A. The value of her finds were
- B. never really
- C. paid to her
- D. in her lifetime.
- E. No mistake

Q10.

Today her fossils are famous, and her name is known across the world

A **B** **C** **D**

- A. Today her fossils
- B. are famous,
- C. and her name
- D. is known across the world
- E. No mistake