

# Nouns

Select the answer choice that identifies the noun in the sentence.

1. It will take all of your energy and will to be able to walk again.

- A. Take
- B. All
- C. Your
- D. Energy

2. The works of many great poets have been placed on reserve.

- A. Many
- B. Great
- C. Placed
- D. Reserve

3. The Brooklyn Bridge was opened in 1883.

- A. Bridge
- B. Was
- C. Opened
- D. In

4. Sparta and Athens were enemies during the Peloponnesian War.

- A. And
- B. Were
- C. During
- D. War

5. Sharks and lampreys are not true fish because their skeletons are made of cartilage rather than bone.

- A. True
- B. Because
- C. Their
- D. Bone

6. Joe, have you met your new boss?

- A. Have
- B. Met
- C. Your
- D. Boss

7. Sue's parents tried living in the north, but they could not adapt to the cold.

- A. North
- B. But

- C. Not
- D. Adapt

8. Mastering basic mathematics is an important goal for younger students.

- A. Mastering
- B. Important
- C. Younger
- D. Students

9. To seize a foreign embassy and its inhabitants is flagrant disregard for diplomatic neutrality.

- A. Seize
- B. Its
- C. Flagrant
- D. Neutrality

10. The Trojans' rash decision to accept the wooden horse led to their destruction.

- A. Their
- B. Led
- C. Accept
- D. Destruction

Answers and Explanations

1. D: Energy is a noun, as is will here. Take (A) is a verb. All (B) is an adverb modifying take. Your (C) is an adjective modifying energy and will.

2. D: Reserve is the only noun of the choices. Many (A) and great (B) are adjectives modifying the noun poets. Placed (C) is a verb.

3. A: Bridge is a proper noun here. Was (B) is the auxiliary verb for the past perfect tense of the verb opened (C). In (D) is a preposition.

4. D: War is a proper noun here. And (A) is a conjunction. Were (B) is a verb. During (C) is a preposition.

5. D: Bone is a noun. True (A) is an adjective modifying the noun fish. Because (B) is a conjunction. Their (C) is a plural possessive third-person pronoun modifying the noun skeletons.

6. D: Boss is a noun. Have (A) is the auxiliary verb for the present perfect tense of the verb met (B). Your (C) is a possessive second-person pronoun modifying the noun boss.

7. A: North is a noun here. But (B) is a conjunction. Not (C) is an adverb modifying the verb adapt (D).

8. D: Students is a plural noun. NOTE: Mastering (A) is a gerund, i.e. a verb form functioning as a noun. But since (D) is already a noun, it is the better choice. Important (B) is an adjective modifying the noun goal. Younger (C) is an adjective modifying the noun students.

9. D: Neutrality is a noun. Seize (A) is a verb. Its (B) is a possessive pronoun modifying the noun inhabitants. Flagrant (C) is an adjective modifying the noun disregard.

10. D: Destruction is a noun. Their (A) is a plural possessive pronoun modifying destruction. Led (B) and accept (C) are verbs.