

Parentheses Practice Exercise 1

Directions: Choose the best placement of parentheses among the options for each sentence.

1. The car the one still in the shop was damaged almost two months ago.
 - A. The car the one still in the shop (was damaged) almost two months ago.
 - B. The car (the one still in the shop) was damaged almost two months ago.
 - C. The car the one still in the shop was damaged (almost two months ago).

2. He was scared, so he slept in the hall with the light on.
 - A. He was scared, so he slept in the hall (with the light on).
 - B. (He was scared), so he slept in the hall with the light on.
 - C. He was scared, (so he slept in the hall) with the light on.

3. The drummer in that band it was my cousin has been with them for years.
 - A. The drummer in that band it was my cousin has been with them (for years).
 - B. The drummer (in that band) it was my cousin has been with them for years.
 - C. The drummer in that band (it was my cousin) has been with them for years.

4. That grammar project why didn't I study was so hard.
 - A. (That grammar project) why didn't I study was so hard.
 - B. That grammar project (Why didn't I study?) was so hard.
 - C. That grammar (project why didn't I) study was so hard.

5. When you leave don't be late be sure to lock the door.
 - A. (When you leave) don't be late be sure to lock the door.
 - B. When you leave (don't be late be sure to lock the door).
 - C. When you leave (don't be late) be sure to lock the door.

6. That kindergartener the one with blue shoes is so cute!
 - A. That kindergartner (the one with blue shoes) is so cute!
 - B. (That kindergartner) the one with blue shoes is so cute!
 - C. That kindergartner the one (with blue shoes) is so cute!

7. Berta chuckled it was small, little giggle at her friend's mistake.
- A. Berta chuckled it was small, (little giggle) at her friend's mistake.
 - B. Berta chuckled (it was small, little giggle) at her friend's mistake.
 - C. Berta chuckled it was small, little giggle (at her friend's mistake).
8. The movie last night how boring made me incredibly sleepy.
- A. The movie last night (how boring) made me incredibly sleepy.
 - B. The movie last night how boring made me incredibly (sleepy).
 - C. (The movie last night) how boring made me incredibly sleepy.
9. Mr. Milton sent an email did you read it and said you missed class.
- A. Mr. Milton sent (an email) did you read it and said you missed class.
 - B. Mr. Milton (sent an email did you read it and) said you missed class.
 - C. Mr. Milton sent an email (Did you read it?) and said you missed class.
10. We played the last song "Jailhouse Rock" and then closed the show.
- A. We played the last song "Jailhouse Rock" (and then closed the show).
 - B. We played the last song ("Jailhouse Rock") and then closed the show.
 - C. We played (the last song) "Jailhouse Rock" and then closed the show.

Answer Key: Parentheses Practice Exercise 1

1. B

2. A

3. C

4. B

5. C

6. A

7. B

8. A

9. C

10. B