

# General Grammar Exercise

Complete the following sentences with an appropriate word or phrase. This grammar exercise tests your understanding of sentence patterns and structures.

## 1. The higher you climb

.....

- it gets colder
- it is getting colder
- the colder it gets

## 2. The more he reads, the

..... he understands.

- less
- little
- lesser

## 3. The government should pay attention to the problems of .....

- unemployed
- the unemployed
- Either could be used here

## 4. They saw the criminal

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..... open the door.

- break
- to break
- broke

5. The strike ..... if the workers' demands had been granted.

- would have called off
- would be called off
- would have been called off

6. If you ..... more carefully, you wouldn't make so many mistakes.

- listened
- listen
- had listened

7. I consider ..... to have this opportunity of welcoming you.

- a privilege
- it a privilege
- Either could be used here

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8. The leader said that it would be unwise  
..... the democratic  
demands of the people.

- to not accept
- not to accept
- Either could be used here

9. He said that the climate  
..... his health.

- has affected
- was affected
- had affected

10. As soon as the clients  
....., he locked up his  
office and went home.

- have left
- were leaving
- had left

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..... more and more every year.

leans

is leaning

has been leaning

12. He brushed ..... all the plans that I had carefully formulated.

aside

up

on

## Answers

1. The higher you climb the colder it gets.
2. The more he reads, the less he understands.
3. The government should pay attention to the problems of the unemployed.
4. They saw the criminal break open the door.
5. The strike would have been called off if the workers' demands had been granted.
6. If you listened more carefully, you wouldn't make so many mistakes.
7. I consider it a privilege to have this opportunity of welcoming you.
8. The leader said that it would be unwise not to accept the democratic demands of the people.
9. He said that the climate had affected his health.
10. As soon as the clients had left, he locked up his office and went home.

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11. The leaning tower of Pisa has been leaning more and more every year.
12. He brushed aside all the plans that I had carefully formulated.