

## PTCF Sentences Study: Supplemental Material

### PTCF SENTENCE COMPLETION TASK: PRODUCTION (FILL-IN format)

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#### INTRODUCTION TO THE TASK:

This is a research project on words. We hope to learn more about how well students your age use words in written language. You will see a set of sentences. These sentences contain some missing words.

**Please complete each sentence by filling in the missing word or words so that the whole sentence makes sense.** Each sentence has a clue word that will help you write a good answer. **Use a variation of the clue word so that the whole sentence is grammatically correct.**

You may use either a pencil or a pen, whichever you prefer.

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Practice sentences:

1. The dogs would have stayed in the backyard if the owner \_\_\_\_\_ the gate.  
Clue word: **close**

A good answer would be **had closed**; if the owner **had closed** the gate. Write **had closed** in the blank space.

2. As soon as the children arrived at the lake, they \_\_\_\_\_ into the water.  
Clue word: **run**

A good answer would be **ran**; they **ran** into the water. Write **ran** in the blank space.

3. If Tina had slipped on the muddy trail, she would \_\_\_\_\_ herself.  
Clue word: **injure**

A good answer would be **have injured**; she would **have injured** herself. Write **have injured** in the blank space.

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Clue word: **drink**
2. The children watched the dog as he \_\_\_\_\_ a hole under the fence.  
Clue word: **dig**
3. Jimmy would have gone to school that day if he \_\_\_\_\_ better in the morning.  
Clue word: **feel**
4. If Gus had avoided the large rock in the road, he would not \_\_\_\_\_ off his bicycle.  
Clue word: **fall**
5. The baseball coach watched the young player as he \_\_\_\_\_ into first base.  
Clue word: **slide**
6. If John had slipped off that ladder, he would \_\_\_\_\_ his arm.  
Clue word: **break**
7. The children would have enjoyed the camping trip more if they \_\_\_\_\_ in a cabin.  
Clue word: **sleep**
8. If Roy had seen the clothes rack, he could \_\_\_\_\_ his wet jacket on it.  
Clue word: **hang**
9. Linda would have arrived at the office on time if she \_\_\_\_\_ the bus.  
Clue word: **ride**
10. Jenny could not pay for her lunch because she \_\_\_\_\_ her wallet at home.  
Clue word: **leave**
11. If Gail had waited at the bakery for fresh donuts, she would \_\_\_\_\_ in a long line.  
Clue word: **stand**
12. Tim would have scored higher on the quiz if his friend \_\_\_\_\_ him the answers.  
Clue word: **tell**
13. If Jane had owned a bigger garden, she would \_\_\_\_\_ more vegetables.  
Clue word: **grow**
14. The old house would have looked nicer if the owner \_\_\_\_\_ the front porch.  
Clue word: **sweep**
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16. If Ben had completed all of the workouts, he would \_\_\_\_\_ faster at the meet.  
Clue word: **swim**
17. If Karl had not been sick, he would \_\_\_\_\_ better in the chess tournament.  
Clue word: **do**

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Clue word: **buy**
19. If Grace had been paying attention, she would \_\_\_\_\_ the ball to first base.  
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20. Unless I am mistaken, the old sailing ship \_\_\_\_\_ in the Atlantic Ocean 100 years ago.  
Clue word: **sink**
21. Janet would not have been hungry if she \_\_\_\_\_ all of her breakfast.  
Clue word: **eat**
22. Even though we were late for the movie, we \_\_\_\_\_ good seats in the theatre.  
Clue word: **find**
23. If Jerry had gone fishing in the morning, he would \_\_\_\_\_ more trout.  
Clue word: **catch**
24. Before Mike opened his birthday gifts, he \_\_\_\_\_ each one carefully.  
Clue word: **shake**
25. Kathy would have won an award if she \_\_\_\_\_ a stronger essay.  
Key word: **write**
26. If Sue had attended her debate class, she would \_\_\_\_\_ about democracy.  
Clue word: **speak**
27. Brian would have gone to the concert if his friend \_\_\_\_\_ him there.  
Clue word: **drive**
28. The squirrels ran away after they \_\_\_\_\_ the nuts under the house.  
Clue word: **hide**
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30. If Mary had seen the fire at school, she would \_\_\_\_\_ the fire alarm.  
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Clue word: **hold**
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Clue word: **give**

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Clue word: **sit**
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Clue word: **choose**
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Clue word: **take**
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Clue word: **blow**

Answer Key:

**FILL-IN TASK (PRODUCTION):**

1. HAD DRUNK
2. DUG
3. HAD FELT
4. HAVE FALLEN
5. SLID
6. HAVE BROKEN
7. HAD SLEPT.
8. HAVE HUNG
9. HAD RIDDEN
10. LEFT
11. HAVE STOOD
12. HAD TOLD
13. HAVE GROWN
14. HAD SWEEPED
15. HAVE BITTEN
16. HAVE SWUM
17. HAVE DONE
18. HAD BOUGHT
19. HAVE THROWN
20. SANK
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**ANSWER KEY:**

**MULTIPLE-CHOICE TASK (COMPREHENSION)**

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| 1. A  | 21. C |
| 2. E  | 22. E |
| 3. E  | 23. A |
| 4. A  | 24. B |
| 5. E  | 25. A |
| 6. C  | 26. C |
| 7. E  | 27. A |
| 8. B  | 28. E |
| 9. B  | 29. D |
| 10. C | 30. B |
| 11. E | 31. D |
| 12. B | 32. A |
| 13. C | 33. C |
| 14. B | 34. A |
| 15. D | 35. D |
| 16. E | 36. A |
| 17. C | 37. C |
| 18. B | 38. D |
| 19. D | 39. D |
| 20. D | 40. B |