

# The Idiom Book Answers

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## Lesson ♦ 1C 1-C 2-A 3-B 4-D 5-J 6-H 7-I 8-E 9-F 10-G

- 1D
- 1) What do you say we go for a swim.
  - 2) At the moment I'm pretty busy.
  - 3) My new computer cost me an arm and a leg.
  - 4) I don't feel up to climbing that hill.
  - 5) Since his fight with Yuko he's been in a funk.
  - 6) I'm broke.
  - 7) She still doesn't see light at the end of the tunnel.
  - 8) ; it'll help you get your mind off your troubles.
  - 9) What the hell, I'll try it.
  - 10) We'll pick up the tab.

## Lesson ♦ 2C 1-C 2-D 3-B 4-A 5-G 6-I 7-F 8-E 9-H 10-J

- 2D
- 1) I used to work in New York City.
  - 2) Old Uncle Fudd met his maker last week.
  - 3) My boyfriend goes to a chiropractor for a back problem.
  - 4) ;she knows her stuff.
  - 5) At last he saw the light and began to study hard.
  - 6) He's got a screw loose.
  - 7) The children who set fire to the garage were playing with matches.
  - 8) That mechanic can usually put his finger on the problem's cause in five minutes.
  - 9) Honest politicians are few and far between in this country.
  - 10) We urgently need a straight shooter for our national leader.

## Lesson ♦ 3C 1-D 2-A 3-B 4-C 5-E 6-I 7-H 8-J 9-F 10-G

- 3D
- 1) I really don't like broccoli at all.
  - 2) What's with her?
  - 3) That guy's a pain in the butt.
  - 4) She walks around campus like she's really hot stuff.
  - 5) My three-year-old sister throws her weight around in our house.
  - 6) My brother-in-law is always running off at the mouth.
  - 7) The politician's "sincerity" was a bit much.
  - 8) She's finding it hard to make up her mind about that job offer.
  - 9) I'd sure like a bedroom of my own.
  - 10) With the new paint job, it looks a damn sight better than it did.

## Lesson ♦ 4C 1-D 2-A 3-B 4-C 5-E 6-I 7-H 8-J 9-G 10-F

- 4D
- 1) What with everything happening now, I'll have to call you back.
  - 2) She's bright, funny, sweet, not to mention beautiful.
  - 3) I'm kind of hungry.
  - 4) Our plan to go to China is still up in the air.
  - 5) She had to put the decision about going to China on the back burner.
  - 6) I think I'll be able to complete the job at that.
  - 7) For the life of me, I don't know how you can work in this madhouse all day.
  - 8) They're going to get to Hawaii by hook or by crook.
  - 9) And what about Detroit.
  - 10) I'd like to get an apartment that is within reason, of course.

Lesson ♦ 5C 1-B 2-D 3-C 4-A 5-H 6-I 7-F 8-E 9-J 10-G

- 5D**
- 1) Let's face it: your academic work is poor.
  - 2) I'm afraid this essay doesn't cut it.
  - 3) Why don't you use the student tutoring service.
  - 4) You often make any number of spelling errors.
  - 5) For one thing, you don't read English-language newspapers.
  - 6) And now I'm stuck with giving you this bad news.
  - 7) So help me, I've been trying hard to help you and not discourage you.
  - 8) In fact, I've overlooked a lot of your mistakes.
  - 9) .... while you're doing the breakfast dishes.
  - 10) If you are willing to do that, it might help.

Lesson ♦ 6C 1-A 2-D 3-B 4-C 5-E 6-F 7-H 8-J 9-G 10-I

- 6D**
- 1) My sister lives right next door to us.
  - 2) His wife is a big shot at company headquarters.
  - 3) Please put in a good word for me to the coach.
  - 4) He hasn't told me in so many words, but I know he loves me.
  - 5) The news sort of disappointed me.
  - 6) Nice going. You did a good job
  - 7) With her talent, she'll make her mark as a writer.
  - 8) He always has all sorts of excuses for being late.
  - 9) How about ....?
  - 10) The food for the picnic went to waste.

Lesson ♦ 7C 1-D 2-A 3-B 4-C 5-G 6-I 7-H 8-E 9-F 10-J

- 7D**
- 1) How do you feel Honey? You don't look so hot.
  - 2) What are you up to these days?
  - 3) I want to take a look at that contract again.
  - 4) I've worked my butt off on this project.
  - 5) I'm up for that promotion, and they're considering me.
  - 6) I have a crack at that new job and I'm not going to blow it.
  - 7) I have the promotion coming.
  - 8) It's easy to talk about making money, but it's easier said than done.
  - 9) It would be nice to take it easy for a while.

Lesson ♦ 8C 1-B 2-C 3-D 4-A 5-G 6-I 7-E 8-H 9-F 10-J

- 8D**
- 1) That was a hell of a storm.
  - 2) There was a mob scene at the play's opening night.
  - 3) She waited for them a good two hours.
  - 4) How about it? Do you want to come with us?
  - 5) She struck up a conversation with a handsome student from Kenya.
  - 6) Their dance routine brought down the house.
  - 7) They raised the roof when the AGs began to play their big hit.
  - 8) It cost me a week's pay and then some to bail her out.
  - 9) I haven't seen you in ages.
  - 10) I'd never laid eyes on him before that day.

Lesson ♦ 9C 1-A 2-C 3-B 4-D 5-F 6-G 7-I 8-E 9-J 10-H

- 9D**
- 1) There's not much high culture in this neck of the woods.
  - 2) The cooking in this dorm leaves a lot to be desired.
  - 3) It's easy to get around if you live on campus; ....
  - 4) A classmate of mine gave me a lift to the airport last week.
  - 5) We'd like to have a look at the apartment you have for rent.
  - 6) Marni was out of it after the wreck.
  - 7) You just don't know what's going on any more. You have to get with it!
  - 8) That politician seems incapable of straight talk.
  - 9) I found her a touch condescending.
  - 10) You'll get the answer. You're on the right track.

Lesson ♦ 10C 1-A 2-C 3-B 4-D 5-J 6-I 7-F 8-G 9-H 10-E

- 10D**
- 1) You're supposed to get the car inspected every year.
  - 2) Her driving scares me to death.
  - 3) I've just about run out of my money.
  - 4) We walked away from the wreck OK; we're all in one piece.
  - 5) He had a good trip. He made good time.
  - 6) She tries to cook a meal once in a blue moon.
  - 7) We might have just enough time to grab a bite before we board.
  - 8) The food prices are out of sight.
  - 9) The cost of a sandwich can be up to fifteen bucks.
  - 10) Cross your fingers that we get to the airport on time.

Lesson ♦ 11C 1-A 2-C 3-B 4-D 5-H 6-I 7-J 8-F 9-E 10-G

- 11D**
- 1) That was quite a story that she told.
  - 2) Suffice it to say it was a long drive.
  - 3) He's been working on his book off and on for about two years.
  - 4) It rained to beat hell for an hour.
  - 5) We drove from LA straight through to San Francisco.
  - 6) Let's make a pit stop at the next service center.
  - 7) Let's stop. I have a call of nature.
  - 8) That dump he lives in is the pits.
  - 9) What's happened to you? You look like death warmed over!
  - 10) I 'd just as soon wait until we get to an exit.

Lesson ♦ 12C 1-D 2-A 3-B 4-C 5-F 6-J 7-H 8-G 9-I 10-E

- 12D**
- 1) Far be it from me to tell you how to raise your kids ....
  - 2) Running a light can be expensive.
  - 3) Their car is still not in sight.
  - 4) That was the last procedure with Dr. Schmertz. I guess I'm home free.
  - 5) Damn it! How do we find a parking place in this madhouse.
  - 6) If you're not more careful, you'll end up in the emergency room at Mercy Hospital.
  - 7) She's got a lot on her plate today, so try not to bother her too much.
  - 8) There's a loony behind the wheel of that car; she's doing about 150 KPH.
  - 9) The roads are icy today, so watch it.
  - 10) If you go skating on the pond tonight, keep your eyes open: they say the stars might be visible.

Lesson ♦ 13C 1-B 2-C 3-D 4-A 5-G 6-H 7-F 8-E 9-I 10-J

- 13D
- 1) How goes it?
  - 2) I've got a nasty cough and I can't get rid of it.
  - 3) Both our senators are usually on top of immigration issues.
  - 4) Grandma finally got around to writing about her childhood.
  - 5) Hidei and Matt had words at the party.
  - 6) For some reason, my wife was teed off at my reaction to her new dress.
  - 7) I've already given notice that I'm quitting.
  - 8) When the star of the musical got sick there was no one to fill her shoes.
  - 9) If you need a beginning reader for first-graders, this book will fill the bill.
  - 10) This storm will delay all flights, to say the least.

Lesson ♦ 14C 1-A 2-C 3-B 4-D 5-G 6-F 7-H 8-J 9-I 10-E

- 14D
- 1) I could use a good night's sleep.
  - 2) The TV's on the fritz.
  - 3) If my brother-in-law pulls his weight, we'll get the driveway shoveled fast.
  - 4) We're leaving for Tokyo next Sunday for sure.
  - 5) When it comes to doing the dishes, Art's usually very busy with school work.
  - 6) Thanks to this wretched weather, we'll have to cancel our picnic.
  - 7) Ayla goes out of her way to help us whenever we need help.
  - 8) She always makes sure that every document has been edited and filed properly.
  - 9) ; he keeps all the machinery in good repair.
  - 10) My brother's trying to get in good with his pretty, new classmate.

Lesson ♦ 15C 1-C 2-D 3-A 4-B 5-J 6-G 7-E 8-H 9-I 10-F

- 15D
- 1) And she's better trained as well.
  - 2) My new boss is ten year's my junior.
  - 3) When Uncle Max comes into a room, he makes quite an entrance
  - 4) I couldn't help noticing the looks that Yuko and Mike were exchanging.
  - 5) He looks as if he's at death's door.
  - 6) The book's shaping up pretty well.
  - 7) That politician is something else.
  - 8) He's one of a kind. He actually keeps his promises.
  - 9) I'm about ready to pack this job in.
  - 10) I used to be able to hike ten miles. Would that I could relive those days.

Lesson ♦ 16C 1-C 2-D 3-B 4-A 5-H 6-I 7-J 8-G 9-F 10-E

- 16 D
- 1) I wouldn't mind a piece of that pie.
  - 2) No thanks. Karaoke is not my thing.
  - 3) There's no problem using the mike – I'll show you the ropes.
  - 4) You go ahead; I'll follow you.
  - 5) He took a shot, but missed by a mile.
  - 6) That performance of his at the concert was nothing to write home about.
  - 7) All in all, it hasn't been too bad a year.
  - 8) If you ski at least once a week, you'll finally get the hang of it.
  - 9) Whether your evaluation is accurate remains to be seen.
  - 10) I know he didn't do well, but cut him some slack: he's only played a few times.

Lesson ♦ 17C 1-C 2-D 3-B 4-A 5-J 6-F 7-G 8-E 9-I 10-H

- 17D**
- 1) I took a spin on my new bike yesterday.
  - 2) That clown's a real wise guy:....
  - 3) There's no denying it, Sotby, you've been know to have an occasional drink.
  - 4) Get off my back! I don't want to hear any more about that.
  - 5) They shouldn't take offense at our youthful, high-spirited joking.
  - 6) I went snowboarding yesterday and I crashed and burned on my first three attempts.
  - 7) I've owned a PC for seven years, and I've yet to learn how to change the margins.
  - 8) You know, if she told the punch line of that joke, I either didn't hear it or didn't understand it.
  - 9) I think he's going to pop the question.
  - 10) If she accepts, he's in for it.

Lesson ♦ 18C 1-C 2-A 3-D 4-B 5-F 6-E 7-G 8-J 9-I 10-H

- 18D**
- 1) I can't afford to eat out.
  - 2) Did you stop from time to time on your trip?
  - 3) Some really screwy things are happening around here.
  - 4) One of these days I'm going to tell the boss what I think of her.
  - 5) A new Bloatmart store just opened up at the mall.
  - 6) My brother lost his shirt in one of those dot com scams.
  - 7) She's a hard worker, but her competitors ate her alive in a year.
  - 8) This town doesn't have much crime to speak of.
  - 9) We stopped at a greasy spoon.
  - 10) Smedley, your work just doesn't make the grade.

Lesson ♦ 19C 1-C 2-B 3A 4-D 5-E 6-G 7-H 8-J 9-F 10-I

- 19 D**
- 1) I put in an appearance at the funeral.
  - 2) We'll have to put our expansion plans on hold for a while.
  - 3) We have more or less thirty people working on this project.
  - 4) She kindly and graciously agreed to interview me on short notice.
  - 5) "Thanks a lot for our help." "My pleasure."
  - 6) Just what is it that you have in mind?
  - 7) Uncle Fudd is getting on in years;
  - 8) If she leaves, who's going to take up the slack?
  - 9) We'll find someone to take her place.
  - 10) We're three goals ahead -- the game's in the bag!

Lesson ♦ 20C 1-D 2-A 3-B 4-C 5-I 6-J 7-H 8-E 9-G 10-F

- 20D**
- 1) Between you and me I think we're facing a big loss this year.
  - 2) We always call first so as to make sure they're expecting us.
  - 3) She managed to break even in her first year in business.
  - 4) She made a little money and a lot of new customers to boot.
  - 5) I guess I can ask my brother for a loan a loan as a last resort
  - 6) If we cut corners, we can avoid firing anybody.
  - 7) Just to be sure we're all on the same page, we have to save money without losing workers.
  - 8) Boy, she means business about cutting costs.
  - 9) If you really mean that, we have to put our money where our mouth is.
  - 10) He might have the makings of a pretty good salesman.

Lesson ♦ 21C 1-D 2-A 3-B 4-C 5-H 6-I 7-J 8-E 9-G 10-F

- 21D
- 1) Boy, this job is made to order for me.
  - 2) I'm not in the mood for socializing tonight.
  - 3) This room could do with a coat of paint.
  - 4) Tom looks a bit overweight with that spare tire of his.
  - 5) I'm going to that faculty tea only because you're twisting my arm.
  - 6) If you set up the tables and chairs, I'll see to the sandwiches.
  - 7) The kids made short work of that ice cream.
  - 8) Man, that beer hit the spot.
  - 9) After working hard on a cold day, a cup of tea is just what the doctor ordered.
  - 10) I've been invited to go to her recital, but I d rather clean the garage.

Lesson ♦ 22C 1-B 2-C 3-D 4-A 5-E 6-I 7-H 8-G 9-F 10-J

- 22D
- 1) This conveyor is on its last legs.
  - 2) You're getting a pig in a poke when you buy an "antique" from her.
  - 3) The dealer pulled a fast one on me – he turned back the odometer
  - 4) You can trust her. She's on the up and up.
  - 5) Learning to cope with unreliable suppliers comes with the territory.
  - 6) I've got the real scoop on what happened at Dodsworth & company.
  - 7) Take my word for it, sir – you'll love this car.
  - 8) No, I don't want that computer. It's not within my means.
  - 9) My guess is that the arena holds around a thousand people. Is that in the ballpark?
  - 10) That house is at least 100 years old.

Lesson ♦ 23C 1-C 2-D 3-A 4-B 5-E 6-F 7-I 8-J 9-H 10-G

- 23D
- 1) In winter, ice hockey is popular in these parts.
  - 2) The salt spread all over the roads here does a number on the cars.
  - 3) It's all over the cars as well as the roads.
  - 4) That last storm really messed up my travel plans.
  - 5) At the first snow here, snowmobilers appear in force.
  - 6) Farmers erect "No Trespassing" signs to no avail.
  - 7) It's glorious when the world comes to life again in the spring.
  - 8) When spring arrives at last, the woods are a lot quieter.
  - 9) ; I'm not sure they're all there.
  - 10) Now and again I go for a snowmobile ride.

Lesson ♦ 24C 1-D 2-C 3-A 4-B 5-F 6-E 7-H 8-I 9-J 10-G

- 24D
- 1) That lazy slob won't lift a finger to help me.
  - 2) How come you never get your homework done on time?
  - 3) I got the axe!
  - 4) A federal employee used to have a lock on a lifetime job.
  - 5) Oh – I get the picture. You just don't want to see me anymore.
  - 6) We see them socially every now and then.
  - 7) It's 100 kilometers or so from here to Chiba.
  - 8) Keep an eye out for a nice place for a picnic.
  - 9) "Please get these crates loaded by noon." "Will do."
  - 10) If she develops a fever, call me right away.

Lesson ♦ 25C 1-A 2-C 3-B 4-D 5-E 6-G 7-H 8-J 9-I 10-F

- 25D**
- 1) She took a spill when she was roller skating.
  - 2) Her knee was black and blue from the fall.
  - 3) About your report: I looked it over and think it's pretty good.
  - 4) The doctor gave me a clean bill of health.
  - 5) That incense stinks to high heaven, as it were.
  - 6) Did they make it back on time?
  - 7) You've helped a lot. Much obliged.
  - 8) I don't feel up to par. I'm not going to go on the hike.
  - 9) Ooh! That tack really hurt like hell.
  - 10) I think a pause for refreshments would be in order right about now.

Lesson ♦ 26C 1-D 2-B 3-C 4-A 5-G 6-E 7-H 8-I 9-F 10-J

- 26D**
- 1) Every other day I take the bus to work.
  - 2) I'm going to Taiwan with an eye to opening a language school there.
  - 3) The mayor tore the police chief from limb to limb when she learned about the bribe.
  - 4) Her son got a little wild, but she took steps to correct his behavior.
  - 5) It's only a matter of time before we have to get a new roof.
  - 6) When my daughter was 14, she was almost out of control.
  - 7) Old Uncle Fudd's been off his rocker for a couple of years.
  - 8) He'll lie and she'll swear to it. They make a good pair.
  - 9) You'd better have that cut treated.
  - 10) "Can I borrow your bike?" "Well, I suppose so."

Lesson ♦ 27C 1-B 2-C 3-D 4-A 5-J 6-F 7-G 8-E 9-I 10-H

- 27D**
- 1) I'm afraid we have to leave now.
  - 2) Buying a new car is out of the question this year.
  - 3) I'm running short of patience – you'd better behave!
  - 4) This election is really important. So we have to go all out.
  - 5) First things first: food and shelter.
  - 6) She can't make a living at that job.
  - 7) Keep your chin up – you'll find a better job.
  - 8) Keep your fingers crossed. Maybe we can still get to the airport on time.
  - 9) Here're your keys. Oh, by the way, your car's almost out of gas.
  - 10) "Is that my blind date?" "I'm afraid so."

Lesson ♦ 28C 1-B 2-C 3-D 4-A 5-F 6-J 7-G 8-E 9-I 10-H

- 28D**
- 1) The question is now on the table.
  - 2) If you want the car, you buy it as is. Take it or leave it.
  - 3) You don't believe in give and take, do you?
  - 4) There'll be no concession on his part.
  - 5) I believe that Bloatmart is out to destroy the small hardware stores.
  - 6) Boy, my "friends" took me to the cleaner's last night.
  - 7) Mr. Sharp is all business.
  - 8) ...he has no time for small talk.
  - 9) I'm having second thoughts about my trip to China.
  - 10) So she made a remark about your dress: Get a grip!

Lesson ♦ 29C 1-A 2-B 3-D 4-C 5-E 6-I 7-H 8-G 9-F 10-J

- 29D** 1) Please ask the administrative assistant what's on the docket this afternoon.  
2) The big gun's arriving for an inspection tomorrow evening.  
3) We are to be here at 0700 tomorrow.  
4) I'll bring us up to date about what's happening in the office.  
5) She's nobody's fool – don't even think about trying to fool her.  
6) Watch your step in the basement. It's easy to trip and fall down there.  
7) Those two go back a long way.  
8) Play it straight with the cops. They'll find out anyway.  
9) Listen: this is a delicate and dangerous situation, so be on your toes.  
10) Winning the election was a piece of cake. I was the only candidate.

Lesson ♦ 30C 1-B 2-D 3-A 4-C 5-F 6-G 7-H 8-E 9-J 10-I

- 30D** 1) Mike's truck unfortunately broke down right in the middle of the bridge.  
2) I'm at a loss as to why she left so suddenly.  
3) Could you give me a hand with this crate?  
4) I have to fire her today, and I want to get it over with.  
5) We've got a lot of snow to clear, so let's get at it.  
6) Could you help me get this load on the truck?" "Sure thing."  
7) Have the two groups meet once a week so that they continue to talk to each other.  
8) Thank goodness the rain stopped.  
9) Had it not been for that break in the weather, we'd have got lost on the mountain.

Lesson ♦ 31C 1-B 2-C 3-D 4-A 5-G 6-E 7-H 8-I 9-J 10-F

- 31D** 1) She didn't think much of that movie.  
2) Could somebody lend me a hand with this luggage?  
3) She loves to cars, trucks, tractors planes, trains, and so on.  
4) The ideas of emigrating has been on my mind for the last four years.  
5) I'm going to remodel the garage, and for starters, I'm going to change the doors.  
6) There's nothing left to do aside from putting the tools away.  
7) With four kids, they're always on the go.  
8) I'm just barely keeping up with all my work.  
9) He can't work amicably with family members, much less strangers.  
10) We have set aside a thousand dollars for a new car.

Lesson ♦ 32C 1-C 2-B 3-A 4-D 5-G 6-I 7-H 8-E 9-F 10-J

- 32D** 1) She's been down in the dumps since her dog died.  
2) Ali seems on edge.  
3) Yes, you can have afternoon off, provided that you finish the work this weekend.  
4) My parents have sold their house, so they'll be pulling up stakes again.  
5) My mom takes all their moves in stride.  
6) They put down roots pretty fast in new neighborhoods.  
7) I wish you'd let me in on what the hell's happening.  
8) They jumped the gun when they accepted that first offer.  
9) Sure, I'm all for new management here.  
10) These moves will have helped your career in the long run.



Lesson ♦ 33C 1-D 2-C 3-A 4-B 5-J 6-F 7-H 8-E 9-I 10-G

- 33D**
- 1) “He’s a tad better, but not much.”
  - 2) When Sapphire saw Rock at the meeting, she gave him the cold shoulder.
  - 3) Even though the chairman’s joke was pretty lame, it broke the ice.
  - 4) When Cookie won the race, it made our day.
  - 5) “The meeting will please come to order. Let’s try to pick up where we left off last week.”
  - 6) When I was getting off the A train at 14<sup>th</sup> street, I literally bumped into an old flame.
  - 7) My brother-in-law is a pain in the ass. He can’t keep a job.
  - 8) Aunt Mabel and Aunt Tillie love to dish dirt about the flashy woman across the street.
  - 9) The reporter got into trouble because she accidentally let slip the name of a confidential source.
  - 10) She thinks of him once in a while.

Lesson ♦ 34C 1-C 2-D 3-B 4-A 5-G 6-I 7-F 8-E 9-H 10-J

- 34D**
- 1) What the hell happened!?
  - 2) I could stand a few days off.
  - 3) Is Cookie getting the feel of the car?
  - 4) I finally learned how to use the word processor by trial and error.
  - 5) Her leaving him actually drove him over the edge.
  - 6) That guy’s constant chatter drives me up the wall.
  - 7) Dealing with my in-laws isn’t always all fun and games.
  - 8) When they got a look at her, they offered her the role on the spot.
  - 9) The jury’s still out on whether she can do the job as director.
  - 10) He got promoted along with the other two.

Lesson ♦ 35C 1-C 2-D 3-A 4-B 5-F 6-I 7-E 8-H 9-J 10-G

- 35D**
- 1) When you camp in the hills, you rough it.
  - 2) “Her letter explains the whole thing.” “Oh? How so?”
  - 3) It’s quite a way to the next gas station.
  - 4) She just quit? Well that’s a hell of a note!”
  - 5) The car’s out of gas, so we’ll have to hoof it.
  - 6) I could do without the TV in the living room.
  - 7) It’s pretty cold here in the winter, but you’ll learn to take it.
  - 8) I wish you wouldn’t lose it when you hear that guy on the radio.
  - 9) Try to keep your cool when you hear him telling his lies.
  - 10) The kids were on their best behavior for Grandma.

Lesson ♦ 36C 1-B 2-C 3-D 4-A 5-H 6-I 7-J 8-E 9-F 10-G

- 36D**
- 1) Our garden is taking shape nicely.
  - 2) That, folks was the 1950s, band that went by the name of “The Marshmallow Strings.”
  - 3) The resistance to the regime is taking root.
  - 4) I’m off cigarettes for good!
  - 5) Those anti-smoking regulations have been set in motion.
  - 6) The classical genre no longer holds sway as it once did.
  - 7) Don’t worry -- chances are you’ll get the job.
  - 8) I’ve been waiting to see the doctor for some time now.
  - 9) Jake and Art are just drinking coffee and chewing the fat.
  - 10) When those two chess players match wits, they get worldwide attention.

Lesson ♦ 37C 1-B 2-C 3-D 4-A 5-G 6-I 7-H 8-F 9-E 10-J

- 37D**
- 1) He still can't tell spruce and fir apart.
  - 2) To check the alternator I make use of the procedure outlined in the manual.
  - 3) Now I get it. I check the reading and then reconnect the regulator.
  - 4) Follow the procedure exactly. That way, you won't ruin any electronic components.
  - 5) I'm starting to get a handle on pulling the mower blade, sharpening it, and reinstalling it.
  - 6) Out of the whole class, why did you pick those two kids in particular?
  - 7) Snowboarding? I've never done it, but I'd like to take a whack at it.
  - 8) You can't beat Vermont in October.
  - 9) I used to spend hours tramping around in the woods behind my house.
  - 10) And I've loved winter ever since.

Lesson ♦ 38C 1-C 2-D 3-B 4-A 5-H 6-I 7-J 8-G 9-F 10-E

- 38D**
- 1) Pearl gave Jim the heave-ho.
  - 2) Cynthia tied one on at the reception.
  - 3) She got demoted because she pushed her luck and refused to work very hard and didn't try to do better.
  - 4) He s plays the field.
  - 5) She went and married that silly musician!
  - 6) He resigned and that's too bad – they liked his work.
  - 7) He's always on the make.
  - 8) The director just gave the sales manager her walking papers.
  - 9) Driving a long way in the winter is always a crapshoot.
  - 10) He had designs on her as soon as he saw her.

Lesson ♦ 39C 1-A 2-C 3-B 4-D 5-I 6-H 7-G 8-D 9-E 10-F

- 39D**
- 1) Cell phones are really in demand now.
  - 2) Have you by chance found a set of keys?
  - 3) I'm not at liberty to tell you the source's name.
  - 4) She may have to work tonight but, at any rate, I'm going to the concert.
  - 5) Borrow my car? By all means!
  - 6) By terms of the treaty, we've got to grant them entry visas for 30 days.
  - 7) How the devil did you do that so fast!?
  - 8) She found the problem with the printer in nothing flat.
  - 9) I have to hand it to you. That was a smooth performance.
  - 10) I hope you find the manual of use.

Lesson ♦ 40C 1-C 2-D 3-B 4-A 5-H 6-I 7-J 8-E 9-G 10-F

- 40D**
- 1) I like being on the road.
  - 2) If we hurry, we'll be in time.
  - 3) I'm all set to start my new job.
  - 4) We got quite a bit of snow again last night.
  - 5) Cooperstown is out of the way; do we have to go there?
  - 6) We'd be better off if we didn't have to service those clients.
  - 7) Uncle Fudd's a little behind the times; he still wears galoshes.
  - 8) You pay through the nose for a sandwich at the airport.
  - 9) Driving a truck all day is no picnic.
  - 10) We've done a pretty good day's work. Let's call it quits.

Lesson ♦ 41C 1-B 2-C 3-D 4-A 5-J 6-G 7-E 8-H 9-F 10-I

- 41D
- 1) If we want to start off on the right foot, we'll praise him for his wonderful speech.
  - 2) You never can tell what a new administration will do.
  - 3) I bent over backwards to meet her every wish.
  - 4) We hit it off with our new neighbors immediately.
  - 5) You kids stop that racket right now.
  - 6) I have to get some grommets, wire nuts, connectors, and so forth.
  - 7) And please get a new broom while you're at it.
  - 8) Heaven forbid that I have to work with him again.
  - 9) Well, all things considered, this has been a pretty good year.
  - 10) Yeah, we did pretty well after all.

Lesson ♦ 42C 1-B 2-A 3-C 4-D 5-E 6-J 7-H 8-I 9-F 10-G

- 42D
- 1) I'm tickled to death that Minnie got that promotion.
  - 2) I looked and looked for my wallet and it was right under my nose.
  - 3) You've got the solution, huh? Let's have it.
  - 4) For a week I've been wracking my brain trying to determine how to juggle the house closing, the operation, and the hearing all in one day.
  - 5) She's kind and gracious, as well as extremely funny.
  - 6) You know, I went to a lot of trouble trying to help you.
  - 7) I beg to differ with that statement
  - 8) You can no more climb that mountain than you can speak Mongolian.
  - 9) They're at loggerheads over who should become sales manager.
  - 10) They're going to go to the mat with this issue.

Lesson ♦ 43C 1-C 2-D 3-B 4-A 5-H 6-G 7-J 8-E 9-F 10-I

- 43D
- 1) But officer, I hit her with my car by accident.
  - 2) I happen to be rich and powerful.
  - 3) You have to take into account that he's just a kid and doesn't understand what's happening.
  - 4) She left him and took all his money in the bargain.
  - 5) He has led a dog's life since she left him.
  - 6) You should take advantage of this opportunity while you have time.
  - 7) They make do, with almost no help from their parents.
  - 8) No matter what happens, you will always be welcome here.
  - 9) The kids are suffering culture shock.
  - 10) I'm starting to get a feel for my new computer.

Lesson ♦ 44C 1-C 2-D 3-A 4-B 5-G 6-H 7-I 8-E 9-F 10-J

- 44D
- 1) Mr. Chubb, you're just not in shape.
  - 2) We'll have to go back to square one to determine what happened.
  - 3) That's the ticket: long walks and a diet heavy on fruits and veggies.
  - 4) The team's off to a good start: three wins and no losses.
  - 5) A good number of us are getting together for a party before the big game.
  - 6) I've regretted saying that a number of times.
  - 7) The remark brought her up short, and she stopped talking.
  - 8) She's anything but ill-mannered.
  - 9) He's nothing but courteous.
  - 10) The Middle East participants began discussing the issues in earnest this morning.

Lesson ♦ 45C 1-D 2-A 3-B 4-C 5-G 6-I 7-H 8-E 9-J 10-F

- 45D
- 1) She had a meeting to announce that she's thrown her hat in the ring.
  - 2) She's running for a seat on the city council.
  - 3) If I win this election, I honestly intend to be of service to my constituents.
  - 4) We undercoated the car in order to make it more resistant to rust.
  - 5) Politics makes strange bedfellows.
  - 6) They have something in common in the way they view the war.
  - 7) I love the ice and snow of winter. Then again, I'm not too fond of heating bills.
  - 8) We hold that politician in high esteem. She's actually honest.
  - 9) That liar and thief is really beneath contempt.
  - 10) I'm lucky: I think a lot of my neighbors.

Lesson ♦ 46C 1-A 2-C 3-B 4-D 5-F 6-I 7-H 8-E 9-J 10-G

- 46D
- 1) I've had it. I just got the boot.
  - 2) They're up the creek. They just got evicted from their house.
  - 3) The president tells us every week the economic recovery is just around the corner.
  - 4) I've never done any snowboarding. I think I'll try my hand at it.
  - 5) Cousin Clyde is a big wheel down at the brewery.
  - 6) A gas leak blew the house to smithereens.
  - 7) It's slim pickings for jobs around here.
  - 8) Don't go off half-cocked. Give it some very careful thought.
  - 9) After the kid's game down there, down there, the basement was in a shambles.

Lesson ♦ 47C 1-C 2-D 3-B 4-A 5-E 6-F 7-H 8-J 9-I 10-G

- 47D
- 1) The first thing we have to do is make contact with our representative.
  - 2) She's standing there by the sea, all by herself.
  - 3) Give them a buzz and see if you can reach them.
  - 4) Go ahead. She might say no, but there's nothing to lose.
  - 5) Get up your courage! Ask her for a dance.
  - 6) It's late, but you did get here. It's about time.
  - 7) I used my charm to sweep her off her feet.
  - 8) He's long on advice on how other people should live.
  - 9) I'm going to stick my neck out and say what I really think.
  - 10) From now on, you are NOT to come home later than 10 o'clock at night.

Lesson ♦ 48C 1-D 2-B 3-C 4-A 5-F 6-H 7-I 8-G 9-J 10-E

- 48D
- 1) Clyde doesn't brush his teeth very often, and to make matters worse, he loves to chew garlic.
  - 2) She always does her bit.
  - 3) The coach has it in for me. I'll never get to play.
  - 4) I fumbled on the last play of the game last week, and I know he holds it against me.
  - 5) Annie's swift on the uptake: she mastered quadratic equations in one lesson.
  - 6) She has a way of getting what she wants from her teachers.
  - 7) The kids who cook in that fast-food joint are treated like dirt.
  - 8) The ones in the cleaning crew look as if they're still wet behind the ears.
  - 9) When we play these guys next week, we'll be up against the state champs.
  - 10) If you guys keep your heads, we can beat them.

Lesson ♦ 49C 1-B 2-C 3-D 4-A 5-F 6-I 7-H 8-E 9-J 10-G

- 49D** 1) You paid 200 bucks for that gadget in the garage, and you've never put it to use.  
2) Let's make a day of it at the science museum.  
3) Let's stop for breakfast on our way to Frankfurt.  
4) He's being investigated for some kind of funny business to do with gamblers.  
5) Our representative take a bribe? Perish the thought!  
6) He's absolutely honest. That is, he's never been caught.  
7) That kid is a smart ass.  
8) I'm going as fast as I can. Bear with me.  
9) When you tease that dog like that, you're asking for it.  
10) I think I have what it takes to be a good spokesman.

Lesson ♦ 50C 1-C 2-D 3-B 4-A 5-J 6-I 7-H 8-E 9-F 10-G

- 50D** 1) Man, the Rounders really cleaned the Bounders' clock.  
2) The Rounders kicked ass.  
3) No wonder you're gaining weight: you never exercise.  
4) Henry's starting to get his act together.  
5) The Bounders just made mincemeat of the Rounders  
6) Tom Goode is top dog in the meet.  
7) Well – for once you got to work on time.  
8) I'm in no mood to listen to your complaints right now.  
9) He went to town on that firewood this morning.  
10) Her performance at the concert was one for the books.

Lesson ♦ 51C 1-D 2-C/A 3-B 4C/A 5-J 6-I 7-G 8-E 9-F 10-H

- 51D** 1) Look at the western sky – there's a storm on the way.  
2) I brought my umbrella just in case.  
3) Hey, look at that lightning! Let's hightail it for the house.  
4) There's the bell. I'm going to make tracks.  
5) That so-called computer technician can't hack it: my computer's always crashing.  
6) The kids are snug as a bug in a rug.  
7) We've got to fix that heater before snow flies.  
8) We still have 200 miles to go before we get to Calgary.  
9) I'm leaving this job, in any event.  
10) Let's wrap things up here and go home.

Lesson ♦ 52C 1-D 2-A 3-B 4-C 5-H 6-I 7-J 8-F 9-E 10-G

- 52D** 1) ...It was hot air.  
3) Everything's coming up roses in her new business.  
2) My mechanic always gives me the straight goods.  
4) Making difficult decisions goes with the territory.  
5) He's quite unaware of what's going on in this country.  
6) Her frame of reference was formed partly by events of 60 years ago.  
7) From my point of view, these recent court decisions make for bad public policy.  
8) When that extremist entered the negotiations, any possibility of compromise went out the window.  
9) It goes without saying that you're welcome to stay here.  
10) If I were in your shoes, I'd be looking for a different job.

Lesson ♦ 53C 1-A 2-C 3-B 4-D 5-E 6-I 7-H 8-J 9-G 10-F

- 53D**
- 1) It looks as if global warming is here to stay.
  - 2) Her account conflict with the president and his advisors makes for an interesting article
  - 3) Winter can be a fairly serious matter in northern Alberta, and that's putting it mildly.
  - 4) It will take some doing to make this house fit to live in.
  - 5) We'll be competing on the same stage with Germans and Japanese for buyers.
  - 6) They hauled the boats overland a matter of three miles from the falls to the fort.
  - 7) She was a handsome woman of 60, or thereabouts.
  - 8) Women always have to take a back seat to men in that society.
  - 9) We've got plenty of time to spare, so let's grab lunch.
  - 10) Do you think they'll make a go of the business?

Lesson ♦ 54C 1-D 2-C 3-A 4-B 5-E 6-G 7-H 8-J 9-F 10-I

- 54D**
- 1) We were just about to eat when the doorbell rang.
  - 2) I'm headed for Vladivostok.
  - 3) This doesn't make sense. Why in the world would you try to impress her?
  - 4) We drove to Regina by way of some back roads.
  - 5) At present I'm awaiting a new assignment.
  - 6) The situation at headquarters is in flux.
  - 7) If you want to know what's happening in the war, you have to be there on the ground.
  - 8) I have to mend fences for some things I said at the wedding reception.
  - 9) She stepped on Tom's toes when she told him how to handle the dissension in his unit.
  - 10) She doesn't keep tabs on them..

Lesson ♦ 55C 1-C 2-A 3-B 4-D 5-H 6-E 7-J 8-G 9-F 10-I

- 55D**
- 1) He thinks he's a big cheese..
  - 2) Well! he's living high off the hog.
  - 3) They're really sticking it to the taxpayers.
  - 4) And all the taxpayers foot the bill, whether or not they like it.
  - 5) The public treasury seems to be at their disposal.
  - 6) I now think highly of those who've been against it from the beginning.
  - 7) I've changed my mind about this war.
  - 8) Well, I don't have a good opinion of their work.
  - 9) I've got a wife and thee kids so I have to be sure that I'm in good with the boss.
  - 10) There's no question that the war is going badly.

Lesson ♦ 56C 1-D 2-C 3-B 4-A 5-J 6-I 7-H 8-E 9-F 10-G

- 56D**
- 1) Trudy's graduation is a big deal.
  - 2) The school year has come to an end, and now it's vacation time.
  - 3) Traffic on the expressway came to a standstill during the blizzard.
  - 4) As yet, she hasn't found anything to bridge the gap.
  - 5) She's in search of a new romance.
  - 6) Whether he'll ever marry again is anybody's guess.
  - 7) She's anxious to get cracking on her book full time again.
  - 8) It's really hitting the fan!
  - 9) She was on the mark when she predicted that Jennie would have a huge success with her business.

Lesson ♦ 57C 1-A 2-B 3-C 4-D 5-H 6-I 7-J 8-G 9-F 10-E

- 57D**
- 1) Guess what: I got the job!
  - 2) The job is fairly demanding. I can do with a day off.
  - 3) Good news – the sun is shining for a change.
  - 4) Her car’s brakes are super - it stops on a dime.
  - 5) I think Uncle Fudd drives one of the oldest cars still on the road.
  - 6) You’ve got another think coming if you think I’m going to lend him any more money.
  - 7) Every so often I have an overpowering urge to gorge on chocolate.
  - 8) The price of gas went through the roof after the explosion at the refinery.
  - 9) The new tax increase is really going to put the screws to low-income people.
  - 10) This recession is rough, but we’ll weather the storm.

Lesson ♦ 58C 1-C/D 2-D/C 3-A 4-B 5-F 6-G 7-H 8-E 9-J 10-I

- 58D**
- 1) this is, in essence, an administrative, not editorial matter.
  - 2) The bottom line is we made a profit.
  - 3) We were face to face.
  - 4) I never did get the drift of what she was hinting at.
  - 5) She let drop a hint about her wedding plans.
  - 6) So you got fired? Welcome to the club!
  - 7) We’re all in the same boat.
  - 8) I want to go it alone and make my own decisions.
  - 10) My word processor often goes haywire; it prints characters all over the page.

Lesson ♦ 59C 1-D 2-C 3-B 4-A 5-J 6-I 7-H 8-E 9-F 10-G

- 59D**
- 1) We should make every effort to get people to vote.
  - 2) We each have a cell phone, the better to keep in touch.
  - 3) “That’s as it may be, but it was still stolen.”
  - 4) What’s up at your house?
  - 5) “Why the long face, Honey? “
  - 6) That awful news put a damper on the gathering.
  - 7) The majority party is ever more certain that it’s running the country very well.
  - 8) And the citizens in turn are feeling better.
  - 9) My brother offers all kinds of different reasons for not getting his homework done.
  - 10) A word processor’s a mixed blessing.

Lesson ♦ 60C 1-D 2-C 3-B 4-A 5-J 6-I 7-H 8-E 9-F 10-G

- 60D**
- 1) The cannery buys tomatoes in bulk- four tons at a time.
  - 2) These potatoes are so old they’re not fit to eat.
  - 3) You want to use the car again tonight? No way!
  - 4) I earn just enough to keep body and soul together.
  - 5) She takes issue with the poll’s analysis.
  - 6) My brother-in-law’s etiquette at table leaves something to be desired.
  - 7) Point taken about that senator. I think he’s a cheap crook, too.
  - 8) I’d sure like some of my mother’s home cooking.
  - 9) Yes. It’s a lot more than 200 miles from Hamburg to Munich. I stand corrected.
  - 10) The food at Mother’s Place beats the stuff at Chic City all to hell.

Lesson ♦ 61C 1-C 2-D 3-A 4-B 5-E 6-F 7-I 8-J 9-H 10-G

- 61D**
- 1) Take it from me - you'll never get a better offer.
  - 2) What happens to you now is out of my hands.
  - 3) Her recommendation went a long way toward helping him get the job.
  - 4) She looks in good shape now: strong and healthy.
  - 5) That quiet week at the lake did us a world of good.
  - 6) Her advice played a part in their deciding to okay the project.
  - 7) One's general attitude makes a difference on one's health.
  - 8) He says he hasn't a clue about where the money went.
  - 9) In his last hour he was serenely ready to meet the Grim Reaper.
  - 10) Old Wayne Vain is still trying, and hoping, to keep old age at bay.

Lesson ♦ 62C 1-B 2-C 3-A 4-D 5-H 6-I 7-J 8-E 9-G 10-F

- 62D**
- 1) I get questions about my invention from far and wide.
  - 2) You got an offer from Microsoft?! Come on!
  - 3) Honest to God, I did.
  - 4) God forbid that my brother ever gets sent to the war zone.
  - 5) Mill Pond was our old stamping ground.
  - 6) When the robbery happened, Rounder Ralph had been gone long since, so he couldn't have done it.
  - 7) I'm going to move away and never see you again.
  - 8) The orienteering hikes taught me how to get my bearings in the woods.
  - 9) I love to hear Uncle Spike spin yarns about his days as an ironworker.
  - 10) Grandma's tales about the old days are fascinating.

Lesson ♦ 63C 1-D 2-C 3-A 4-B 5-J 6-E 7-F 8-I 9-G 10-H

- 63D**
- 1) I'm the boss here and what I say goes.
  - 2) She's looking over my shoulder all day long.
  - 3) Is Petey getting up to speed in arithmetic?
  - 4) No, but he's breaking his back trying.
  - 5) Quit horsing around and get to work!
  - 6) Firemen are on the job night and day.
  - 7) Hey! Stop goofing off and get to work!
  - 8) Claude works at the mill nine to five.
  - 9) He's 14 and has just discovered the opposite sex.
  - 10) My new boss is on my back all day long.

Lesson ♦ 64C 1-B 2-C 3-D 4-A 5-I 6-J 7-G 8-E 9-F 10-H

- 64D**
- 1) The construction of the park never got off the ground.
  - 2) The city council never gave the green light for the building of the park.
  - 3) Have you got any rebuilt alternators in stock?
  - 4) As soon as you give the word, we'll erect the barricades.
  - 5) The publisher's advertising and editorial units have a hard time getting in sync.
  - 6) "Young lady, I think a change in your homework routine is in order."
  - 7) The other kids keep rubbing my nose in how bad my acting was in the school play.
  - 8) Smedley, what's your take on her version of the accident?
  - 9) They made me the stage manager for the school play, and I'm responsible for the whole shebang.
  - 10) No, everything's on my hands. I'm the director.



Lesson ♦ 65C 1-B 2-C 3-D 4-A 5-J 6-I 7-H 8-F 9-E 10-G

- 65D**
- 1) My teacher took pity on me: she gave me a passing grade.
  - 2) He's been hard at it in the garden all day.
  - 3) Be careful with that knife: there's a vicious point on the business end.
  - 4) Have it your way; I know you don't care about my opinion anyway.
  - 5) You're cruel and thoughtless and, for all I care go away and never come back.
  - 6) She's a bit older than he.
  - 7) My husband's out of sorts this morning.
  - 8) Helen died in the throes of childbirth.
  - 9) Right now, I'm up to my neck with paper work.
  - 10) Are you up on what's happening at the home office?

Lesson ♦ 66C 1-B 2-C 3-D 4-A 5-E 6-I 7-H 8-J 9-E 10-G

- 66D**
- 1) Walk on eggshells when you're around her.
  - 2) I greeted her this morning, but she wouldn't give me time of day.
  - 3) The law firm of Crass an Gross' strong suit is not subtlety.
  - 4) They've been on the outs with their neighbors for months about that fence.
  - 5) We've had our ups and downs over the last few years.
  - 6) Grandma is set in her ways. Her motto is: "My way or the highway."
  - 7) Have you arrived at a decision about what you're going to wear to the masquerade ball?
  - 8) Mr. Strait has dug in his heels: he will not vote for the gay marriage proposal.
  - 9) The boss turned a deaf ear to my request for a half-day on Friday.
  - 10) She's decided, and she's not about to change her decision.

Lesson ♦ 67C 1-A 2-C 3-B 4-D 5-G 6-I 7-H 8-E 9-F 10-J

- 67D**
- 1) We had a ball at Yuko's party.
  - 2) Doing calculus homework is not a fun way to spend he evening.
  - 3) You risk life and limb if you use the freeway at rush our.
  - 4) Vickie tripped on a rug and took a header this morning.
  - 5) We could never afford the house alone, to say nothing of the house and the land it's on.
  - 6) Get yourself a web site and you'll be in business to talk and argue with the world.
  - 7) Radio Hut always has all manner of new electronic gadgets for sale.
  - 8) Cousin Crabley always sees the glass as half empty.
  - 9) Marvin tends to wear rose-colored glasses, and he's often fooled.
  - 10) With his sour personality, he's often a wet blanket at a party.

Lesson ♦ 68C 1-D 2-C 3-B 4-A 5-J 6-I 7-H 8-E 9-F 10-G

- 68D**
- 1) The other day I saw the first robin of spring.
  - 2) My sister played a trick on me yesterday;
  - 3) But I got back at her in spades:
  - 4) That storm last night arrived with a vengeance.
  - 5) He's sweet on his English teacher.
  - 6) She paid her cheating husband back: cleaned out the savings account and left town.
  - 7) She's quite green; on the other hand, she is bright and hardworking.
  - 8) When she saw him at the party, she wouldn't give him a second look.
  - 9) Of course, I'll never do that again.
  - 10) She thought twice about it, but then she did call him.

Lesson ♦ 69C 1-A 2-C 3-B 4-D 5-H 6-F 7-J 8-E 9-I 10-G

- 69D** 1) That guy has got something against me, and I don't know why.  
2) We hated to part with our old car.  
3) Hyacinth stopped in that café, but we went Dutch.  
4) He's helpful to a fault.  
5) Those little kids have pretty good table manners.  
6) The dean of students told me my grades weren't up to the mark.  
7) I dated her boyfriend a few times, and she holds it against me.  
8) That old boss of mine was always fair and square with me.  
9) He lost his job, and now he's taking it out on me.  
10) The boys got into a fight, but now they've patched things up.

Lesson ♦ 70C 1-A 2-C 3-B 4-D 5-E 6-H 7-I 8-J 9-F 10-G

- 70D** 1) She decided to change my work hours and didn't see fit to tell, or ask me about it in advance.  
2) OK. Tell the boss I'll be there ASAP.  
3) Boy – patience and good humor are in short supply in this office.  
4) You can tell the boss I'm pretty much finished with the project.  
5) Quite a few students did well on the test.  
6) The doc tells me that if I don't have the operation, I might not make it.  
7) "How will she get here?" "On foot."  
8) If you get in bad with that professor, you'll have a terrible semester.  
9) I'm between a rock and a hard place: a painful operation, or risk the cancer coming back.

Lesson ♦ 71C 1-B 2-A/C 3-D 4-A/C 5-G 6-I 7-F 8-E 9-H 10-J

- 71D** 1) Just what can you show me in the way of proof?  
2) I take it you're leaving.  
3) All things being equal, they'll be paid the same.  
4) We took it for granted that you were a citizen.  
5) Don't fall asleep during the director's speech.  
6) He intends to work in Khabarovsk rather than Irkutsk.  
7) Those admin people sit back and shuffle papers while we produce.  
8) If you want to get on the good side of the principal, start by wearing your jeans higher.  
9) Smarmley's on good terms with all the board members.  
10) If someone does something that might, or might not, be dishonest, give them the benefit of the doubt.

Lesson ♦ 72C 1-D 2-C 3-B 4-A 5-J 6-I 7-H 8-E 9-F 10-G

- 72D** 1) When Vickie broke the news about the elopement, it sure took us by surprise.  
2) Minnie's mother hit the ceiling and she was blown away because her only daughter had kept her in the dark.  
3) She'd planned and had her heart set on a grand formal ceremony for Minnie.  
4) I have no idea how Minnie managed to not tell anyone: she loves to  
5) It must have been easy for Rod Ruhe, the groom, to keep it under his hat: he's very anti-social.  
6) Minnie's mom almost flipped out.  
7) I don't think I'd throw a fit if a 40-year-old daughter of mine finally got married, even suddenly and secretly.

Lesson ♦ 73C 1-D 2-C 3-B 4-A 5-F 6-I 7-J 8-E 9-G 10-H

- 73D
- 1) The other night I actually saw a UFO.
  - 2) My grandfather has a thing about women TV news readers.
  - 3) She loves to get on the open road and put the pedal to the metal.
  - 4) “You selfish brute. You just plain don’t care.”
  - 5) I tell you, she’s impossible to live with.
  - 6) My cat, Crackers, lay in wait for three hours watching for the mouse.
  - 7) “He says he can run five miles. Five miles? Bull! He couldn’t do five blocks.”
  - 8) That car’s a beaut. It must have cost a pretty penny.
  - 9) We caught that guy in the act as he was trying to hot-wire our car.
  - 10) She tried to talk her way into the concert, but it didn’t work.

Lesson ♦ 74C 1-A 2-D 3-B 4-C 5-H 6-I 7-J 8-E 9-F 10-G

- 74D
- 1) Nana was taking her walk yesterday when a kid on a bike ran into her and knocked her down.
  - 2) This word processor doesn’t work right: it’s giving me fits.
  - 3) Cousin Clyde helped me rehang the garage door and now it’s in working order again.
  - 4) In a way, the promotion hasn’t been so good: I’m no longer working with my old buddies.
  - 5) My sister told me that old Uncle Fudd is now pushing up daisies.
  - 6) A week at the cottage will do wonders for you.
  - 7) We got a big discount on our car; even so, it cost us a nice piece of change.
  - 8) Winnie still hasn’t made good on her promise to teach me the tango
  - 9) John got all As and Bs this marking period; all the same, his year’s average is pretty low.

Lesson ♦ 75C 1-A 2-C 3-D 4-B 5-E 6-G 7-H 8-J 9-F 10-I

- 75D
- 1) We’re doing our damndest to finish this job on time.
  - 2) Liz is back on her feet.
  - 3) Hah - now we’re getting somewhere.
  - 4) We’ve been jumping through hoops to win the contract.
  - 5) There’s a big birthday party in the works for Minnie.
  - 6) The two candidates went for each other’s throat.
  - 7) Keep in mind that we have to get that bill paid by the first of the month.
  - 8) A lot of personal physical trainers like to say “no pain, no gain.”
  - 9) It takes terrific discipline and single-mindedness to stay the course in a marathon race.
  - 10) You’re bringing in more and more orders. Keep it up.

Lesson ♦ 76C 1-C 2-D 3-A 4-B 5-J 6-H 7-I 8-E 9-G 10-F

- 76D
- 1) I’m looking forward to hanging out at the lake.
  - 2) We had to stop for petrol on the way to the airport.
  - 3) A picnic in the park? Sounds like a plan!
  - 4) Do you think she has it in her to leave that guy?
  - 5) Hmm. I wouldn’t count on it.
  - 6) Hey – the parade’ll get going in fifteen minutes.
  - 7) We’d better burn rubber.
  - 8) I spend too much time picking up after him when he leaves.
  - 9) She got on me all day about my promise to take that stuff to the dump.
  - 10) Get your brother-in-law a job? Well, I’ll see what I can do.

Lesson ♦ 77C 1-D 2-C 3-B 4-A 5-I 6-J 7-H/E 8-H/E 9-F 10-G

- 77D** 1) Norton, you're fired. You're constantly late; what's more, you've become unreliable.  
2) For crying out loud! Other people are waiting to use the toilet!  
3) Nana is in a very upset state. What gives with Grandpa?  
4) I've had it with your lame excuses. You're fired.  
5) She gave me her word that she'd pay me back within a month, and she kept her word.  
6) He promised to pay her back within a month, but he broke his promise.  
7) They went ballistic when they saw the scratches on the car.  
8) The girls are going ape about that handsome new coach.  
9) Cousin Clyde's trying to turn over a new leaf – to become a better person.  
10) Where on earth have I put my car keys?!

Lesson ♦ 78C 1-D 2-C 3-A 4-B 5-F 6-J 7-G 8-E 9-I 10-H

- 78D** 1) I guess I put my foot in my mouth when I asked him if he'd found a job  
2) He should have bitten his tongue; now he owes an apology to the senator.  
3) His big mouth gets him in trouble occasionally.  
4) My urge to tell him a thing or two just got the best of me.  
5) Darn! Somebody let the cat out of the bag about the surprise party.  
6) I'm afraid I was the one who spilled the beans.  
7) That frantic search for her missing money was much ado about nothing: she remembered she'd spent it at lunch.  
8) That big uproar about the change in assignments was a tempest in a teapot:  
9) It is far from easy to read the new boss.  
10) The boss knows her own mind.

Lesson ♦ 79C 1-C 2-B 3-A 4-D 5-I 6-G 7-H 8-E 9-J 10-F

- 79D** 1) They bumped into each other in the hall, they both shot their mouths off,  
and then one thing led to another, and they got into a fight.  
2) Min wants to get back in his good graces, but I don't know . . .  
3) My neighbor's a good sort.  
4) They look the other way.  
5) I'm very annoyed with myself. I screwed up when I loaned my car to Lola.  
6) I don't know why she acts that way. I put it down to ignorance.  
7) Don't just shake your head. Tell me out loud: "Yes," or "No."  
8) Helen and I don't agree on that guy: she thinks he's an eccentric artist and I think he's a nut case.  
9) Well, that love affair between Min and Bill is over and done with.

Lesson ♦ 80C 1-D 2-A 3-B 4-C 5-F 6-I 7-G 8-J 9-E 10-H

- 80D** 1) It's high time we fixed that leak before it gets any worse.  
2) No two ways about it: you have to be there tomorrow.  
3) It's against my better judgment, but I'm going to let you borrow the car.  
4) The distance from her to New York City as the crow flies is 250 miles.  
5) She's just about ready.  
6) It's about time you guys helped me!  
7) We'll be getting our first snow any day now.  
8) I'm all in. In a few minutes I'll be sound asleep.  
9) Much as I want to, I can't help you.

Lesson ♦ 81C 1-A 2-B 3-D 4-C 5-H 6-F 7-I 8-E 9-J 10-G

- 81D**
- 1) Laura, act your age. You're ten years old!
  - 2) He pays a lot in alimony, and to add insult to injury, he's only allowed to see his daughter once a week.
  - 3) I'm thinking seriously of quitting this job. The boss criticizes my work at every turn.
  - 4) We were driving through a blinding rainstorm and all of a sudden it stopped and the sun shone. (or all at once)
  - 5) We were sitting there at the kitchen table talking, when all at once the lights went out. z(or all of a sudden)
  - 6) The big bully likes to pick on Jim and make him feel bad.
  - 7) She reminds him again and again of his responsibilities to her.
  - 8) Uncle Ralph is very good at putting us on.
  - 9) At times I just want to run away.
  - 10) I take the governor seriously when she gives a speech; she's worth listening to.

Lesson ♦ 82C 1-C 2-D 3-A 4-B 5-E 6-J 7-G 8-H 9-F 10-I

- 82D**
- 1) The tree branches were waving back and forth wildly in the wind.
  - 2) For the last couple of years, moving to Canada has been in the back of my mind.
  - 3) That sneak is always talking about me behind my back with my neighbor.
  - 4) If you could spare me the time, I'd like to bend your ear about a couple of things.
  - 5) He spent five years behind bars for selling narcotics.
  - 6) In light of all the snow, we postponed the trip to Grandma's.
  - 7) A developer is buying all the land in sight around the lake.
  - 8) When countries there are at peace, western Asia can be a splendid area to visit.
  - 9) Poor Bill: he bit off more than he could chew when he challenged Eric to a fight.
  - 10) She's without question the most stunning woman I've ever seen.

Lesson ♦ 83C 1-B 2-C 3-D 4-A 5-I 6-J 7-F 8-G 9-H 10-E

- 83D**
- 1) I get cabin fever in this little house from November to April.
  - 2) "This has been a long, hard day. I'd like a cold beer." "Same here."
  - 3) If you call in sick, she might ask you for a note from your doctor.
  - 4) Hold it: that's the wrong road.
  - 5) She usually goes overboard with the Christmas decorations.
  - 6) My brother skipped school Monday, and he really got it from his teacher and the principal.
  - 7) Don't worry about getting cold feet before you rappel.
  - 8) If you can get on the good side of the middle managers, you'll do very well.
  - 9) While you're in the army, just play the game, and you'll be OK
  - 10) Look – that country's almost in chaos. Be careful and play it safe.

Lesson ♦ 84C 1-D 2-B 3-C 4-A 5-G 6-E 7-F 8-I 9-H 10-J

- 84D**
- 1) This lumber might come in handy at the cottage.
  - 2) Come to think of it, she's coming in tonight, not tomorrow.
  - 3) If you think drilling there will be productive, I'm with you there.
  - 4) This program is not all it's cracked up to be.
  - 5) She's beyond question the best IT techie in the college.
  - 6) Anne Louise is the cream of the crop.
  - 7) If you've come to the conclusion that they really know what they're doing, you've got that right.
  - 8) Is there anything in the fridge? I need a bite to eat.
  - 9) Me too.
  - 10) That diving board's pretty high. Do you want to chance it?

Lesson ♦ 85C 1-D 2-C 3-A 4-B 5-H 6-G 7-J 8-E 9-F 10-I

- 85D**
- 1) That Japanese swimmer is a dark horse.
  - 2) The big defense contractors have deep pockets for the right political party.
  - 3) She's got a skeleton in her closet.
  - 4) And if you're curious about my interview for that editing job, don't go there.
  - 5) I know for a fact that she's been married twice before.
  - 6) Uncle Ralph once did time in a federal prison.
  - 7) If news of that incident ever came to light, she'd be lionized by the left and vilified by the right.
  - 8) That so-called comedy show is a dead duck. It's being cancelled.
  - 9) Some people are born dishonest. A leopard can't change its spots.
  - 10) It's really hard to get old Uncle Fudd to try anything new. You can't teach an old dog new tricks.

Lesson ♦ 86C 1-D 2-C 3-B 4-A 5-E 6-I 7-F 8-J 9-G 10-H

- 86D**
- 1) She called me one day recently and talked about the will.
  - 2) At first, I found the skiing lessons hard.
  - 3) Hey kids. I don't like that screaming, so cut it out!
  - 4) We have to hit the road early tomorrow.
  - 5) That was a pretty blunt editorial. I assume the PM got the message.
  - 6) Old Aunt Mabel liked to claim she could drink any damn ironworker under the table.
  - 7) Don't you dare use that language, young lady!
  - 8) Their teacher read them the riot act about the naughty words on the board.
  - 9) Aunt Jean married Uncle Bill; but Aunt Anne is a blood relative,-- she's Mom's sister.
  - 10) That guy? He's my kid brother.

Lesson ♦ 87C 1-B 2-C 3-D 4-A 5-F 6-G 7-E 8-H 9-J 10-I

- 87D**
- 1) Nana's supper looked so good and My eyes were bigger than my stomach,
  - 2) Food costs money, Bill. Clean your plate.
  - 3) Each and every team member gave money for the coach's present.
  - 4) I'm at the end of my rope. I just can't find a way to get my sister and her husband to reconcile.
  - 5) She's every bit as smart as her sister.
  - 6) Every time I turn around, she wants to borrow money from me.
  - 7) Keep an eye on the kids while I go to the store.
  - 8) Easy does it – she didn't mean any harm.
  - 9) Early on, I knew this would be an interesting job.
  - 10) Aha , you rascal, I've got your number: You bluff!

Lesson ♦ 88C 1-A 2-B 3-C 4-D 5-J 6-I 7-H 8-G 9-F 10-E

- 88D**
- 1) They're on speaking terms again and are able to converse without immediately arguing.
  - 2) She and I like each other.
  - 3) That bandage will be OK for the time being.
  - 4) They've agreed to bury the hatchet.
  - 5) Boy, Art flunked calculus yet again.
  - 6) Time was she could climb that mountain in three hours.
  - 7) In Grandma's day there were far fewer cars.
  - 8) The CEO and the president don't see eye to eye on the advisability of the merger.
  - 9) When the boss makes a mistake, she gives me a hard time.
  - 10) He misbehaves a lot in school, and when that happens, he gets it in the neck.

Lesson ♦ 89C 1-B 2-A 3-D 4-C 5-E/F 6-H 7-I 8-E/F 9-J 10-G

- 89D**
- 1) It'll take elbow grease to get those spots out.
  - 2) That takes the cake.
  - 3) Grab a shovel, Pete, and do your part.
  - 4) Where do you get off giving me orders!?
  - 5) the other kids like to get a rise out of him just for fun.
  - 6) I got hold of his wrist and pulled him away from the saw.
  - 7) When she left him, she broke his heart. He swore he'd get even with her.
  - 8) Hey kid: get lost - scam!
  - 9) Time's getting short. I think I'd better beat it.
  - 10) Bruce, stop beating around the bush. Speak plainly and say what you mean.

Lesson ♦ 90C 1-A 2-B 3-C 4-D 5-F 6-G 7-H 8-J 9-E 10-I

- 90D**
- 1) We're in hot water. The professor knows that we stole the exam.
  - 2) I told you not to eat all the candy. Now you have to face the music.
  - 3) She was at fault. She caused the accident.
  - 4) He lost his temper.
  - 5) Onslow, you fly off the handle too easily.
  - 6) Remember: you should behave yourself.
  - 7) You should be the soul of temperance and restraint.
  - 8) He was late for work, as usual.
  - 9) See that you get home in time for supper.
  - 10) Love, your wish is my command.

Lesson ♦ 91C 1-B 2-C 3-D 4-A 5-H 6-F/G 7-E 8-F/G 9-J 10-I

- 91D**
- 1) Jenny gave me a dirty look when I mentioned how pretty Vickie looked.
  - 2) ...I called him and gave him a piece of my mind.
  - 3) Senator Flam saw red at the media's treatment of the president.
  - 4) The kids had a spat, but they made nice and now they're friends again.
  - 5) Lola's in-laws are visiting and she's bending over backwards to be nice to them.
  - 6) Talking about Grandpa's girlfriend is off limits.
  - 7) When anyone mentions Vickie, Grandma gives them a piece of her mind.
  - 8) Now you're in the dog house – you put a dent in Mom's car.
  - 9) You'll be here tomorrow, then? OK. See you.
  - 10) I have to catch that plane guys. Take care.

Lesson ♦ 92C 1-B 2-C 3-A 4-D 5-I 6-H 7-J 8-E 9-F 10-G

- 92D**
- 1) We hardly ever go to Chic City: it's too expensive.
  - 2) There's a bit of money on hand for supplies.
  - 3) Come to your wedding? You bet.
  - 4) Tell you what: if it doesn't work, call the tech center.
  - 5) The food's ready kids – help yourselves.
  - 6) I think Brown is on to something.
  - 7) Icy roads? You're telling me – I went in the ditch this morning.
  - 8) She's keeping her plans under wraps.
  - 9) This is very important so your lips are sealed, OK?
  - 10) I have no use for liars.

Lesson ♦ 93C 1-D 2-C 3-B 4-A 5-J 6-I 7-H 8-E 9-F 10-G

- 93D
- 1) Boy, they make money hand over fist in the casino.
  - 2) Yes, I'd like to get in on the ground floor of that dot-com.
  - 3) Right now petrol is selling at a premium.
  - 4) I was hard pressed to find a buyer for my old car.
  - 5) In my book, those "patriots" should all be in jail.
  - 6) It is up to a civilized government to help the helpless.
  - 7) She knows the ins and outs of working with the regulatory agency.
  - 8) It stands to reason that he wouldn't want to stay in that job.
  - 9) They're all in favor of the suggestion.
  - 10) They support the proposal with no ifs, ands, or buts.

Lesson ♦ 94C 1-C 2-D 3-A 4-B 5-H 6-G 7-J 8-E 9-F 10-I

- 94D
- 1) It was just as well that we didn't go to that dinner.
  - 2) They don't pay very well. Just the same, the job's so interesting I'd take it if they offered it to me.
  - 3) She's 45? How can you say that with a straight face?
  - 4) Mabel and Bill had a knockdown-dragout argument about his "business" trip to Las Vegas.
  - 5) but I'm not sure they'll ever kiss and make up.
  - 6) Hey, keep your shirt on. We're doing this as fast as we can.
  - 7) We've got to keep our distance from that fire.
  - 8) Keep your nose out of my personal affairs.
  - 9) Keep your mouth shut.
  - 10) We definitely didn't expect to see you of all people here!

Lesson ♦ 95C 1-B/D 2-C 3-B/D 4-A 5-J 6-I 7-F 8-G 9-H 10-E

- 95D
- 1) Uncle Ralph finally kicked the bucket.
  - 2) Great Grandpa? No, he's been six feet under for years..
  - 3) That old woman had one foot in the grave for years before she finally succumbed.
  - 4) Grandpa had a stroke and gave up the ghost.
  - 5) "Do you think she'd go out with me?" "Hmm. Could be."
  - 6) You passed that cop on the expressway? You know better than to do that!
  - 7) but the others sneaked off and left me holding the bag.
  - 8) The way to Rock Island? Let me see - I believe it's due south on 55.
  - 9) Listen: if they lowered your taxes that much, you'd better leave well enough alone.
  - 10) A loss of power here in February is no laughing matter.

Lesson ♦ 96C 1-C 2-A 3-B 4-D 5-E 6-I 7-G 8-J 9-H 10-F

- 96D
- 1) Nana's been laid up with the flu for three days.
  - 2) The advancing troops laid waste to every village they went through.
  - 3) Looters emptied the store, lock, stock and barrel.
  - 4) Pete, I'm hard up. Could you lend me a twenty?
  - 5) Chuck gave me a hand when I needed it. He's a friend in need.
  - 6) Bunny and Claude had a falling-out, but they're trying to pick up the pieces.
  - 7) If I ever lay hands on that kid, I'll wring his neck.
  - 8) I'm fed up with your excuses. Either get to work on time, or get another job.
  - 9) From here on out, you have to pay for your own gasoline.
  - 10) Bear in mind that you're invited guests here and conduct yourselves accordingly.



Lesson ♦ 97C 1-D 2-C 3-B 4-A 5-J 6-H/I 7-G 8-F 9-E 10-H/I

- 97D
- 1) Mabel made a scene at the post office yesterday about the late mail delivery all week.
  - 2) With your mother's help, we'll be able to make ends meet.
  - 3) We have to start making a dent in our debts.
  - 4) They always decorate the main drag in our town very prettily at Christmas.
  - 5) Mark my words – she's going to be a problem.
  - 6) They made a mint on real estate in the 90s.
  - 7) She made a killing on the stock market.
  - 8) Cookie, if you really want to be an astronaut, go for it!
  - 9) I hate to get a new car, but I'm afraid I have to bite the bullet despite the cost.
  - 10) If the business succeeds, you'll both be rolling in dough.

Lesson ♦ 98C 1-D 2-C 3-A 4-B 5-E 6-G 7-H 8-J 9-F 10-I

- 98D
- 1) I can't make head or tail of his "explanation."
  - 2) Your mother tongue is usually the one you learn from your mother.
  - 3) The amenities in that apartment leave a lot to be desired.
  - 4) Many a student has tried, and failed to get as higher grade from me.
  - 5) The students who come to grief in this course almost always do so because of laziness.
  - 6) I'm trying hard to make sense of his letter, but the poor chap is almost illiterate.
  - 7) She makes no bones about her dislike of my choice of restaurants.
  - 8) Frankly, my dear, I couldn't care less.
  - 9) He's obsessed with her. She's the be-all and end-all of his life.
  - 10) Needless to say, these payments must be made on time.

Lesson ♦ 99C 1-B 2-C 3-D 4-A 5-E 6-F 7-G 8-J 9-I 10-H

- 99D
- 1) Alfred Wolfson is setting up shop in Edinburgh.
  - 2) Come in, Mrs. Nye. Make your self at home.
  - 3) I guess there are no hard and fast rules in Chinese checkers, for kids, anyway.
  - 4) If you don't keep her nose to the grindstone, she'll never finish.
  - 5) From here to Quebec City? Oh, 300 kilometers, give or take.
  - 6) Your writing is nothing short of terrible, Cheekley.
  - 7) He's lost his touch on the violin.
  - 8) We're very glad you're on board, Mr. Veter.
  - 9) I did my best, but I lost the race.
  - 10) Thanks for the chance, boss. I'll earn my keep.

Lesson ♦ 100C 1-B 2-C 3-D 4-A 5-F 6-I 7-E 8-H 9-J 10-G

- 100D
- 1) I was used to living in a small town.
  - 2) That guy is the boss's fair-haired boy. He'll do well here.
  - 3) I'm now out of the loop here.
  - 4) Sorry – you're out of luck: the railroad's on strike.
  - 5) I was too sure of myself, and I lost the race.
  - 6) Losing the race took the wind out of my sails.
  - 7) The ice is only about four centimeters thick. Still and all, I'm going to skate.
  - 8) We got the contract for the school year. That bodes well for the near future.
  - 9) Now kids – stay put while I take these pictures.
  - 10) Stella Stunning took Hollywood by storm in her very first picture.

- 101D** 1) Billy! You're a sight for sore eyes.  
2) "How was Justin?" "Oh, same old, same old."  
3) Deal those cards – I'm on a roll!  
4) Business has improved a lot. I'm finally in the black.  
5) In fact, I think I can say I've made good.  
6) Sooner or later she'll stop rambling.  
7) Even if it takes you, say, six years to finish college, better late than never.  
8) Hey, damn it. There's no need to snap my head off!  
9) She was my best friend, and now I've lost track of her.  
10) Make sure to keep in touch.