Lesson 1: How has immigration changed our world?

Activity

Some of the following sentences are in the passive voice, others are not. If the sentence is in the passive voice write “passive voice” in the space provided. If the sentence is not in the passive voice, write “active voice” in the space provided.

1. Mary paid the workers at her store under the table. ________________________________

2. Janice was offered special training at her new job. ________________________________

3. My retirement plan is paid for by my employer. ________________________________

4. My commute to work was made shorter by the new road. _________________________

5. Mark was sent to daycare while his parents were at work. _________________________

6. Our income was reduced when Mark lost his job. ________________________________

7. My mom retired from her job when she was 65 years old. _________________________

8. The company I work for takes taxes out of my paycheck. _________________________

9. They bought a house near the beach when they retired. _________________________

10. The training was offered by my employer. ________________________________
Activity

The following sentences are in the passive voice because the noun at the beginning of the sentence receives the action. Complete the following sentences with the past participle of the verb in parenthesis.

1. The trees were ________________ by the wind. (blow)
2. The mouse was being ________________ by the cat. (watch)
3. I was ________________ by my cell phone when I got in an accident. (distract)
4. We were ________________ pancakes and coffee by my grandmother. (feed)
5. Our dog was ________________ dead on the side of the road. (find)
6. Our house was ________________ by the earthquake. (damage)
7. My job description was ________________ by the new boss. (change)
8. I was ________________ by all the attention. (embarrass)
9. You letter was ________________ in March. (receive)
10. The baby was ________________ on February 12th, 2010. (born)
11. Romeo ________________ a business car (crash)
12. “Nocturno a Rosario” was ________________ by Manuel Acuña. (write)

Change the following sentences from the active voice to the passive voice.

1. She slept all the way home. _____________________________________________
2. Luis has swimmer on the Caribbean Sea. ___________________________________
3. Marina sew a wonderful dress. ___________________________________________
4. We visited a beautiful waterfall. __________________________________________
5. The sales person organized the inventory. ___________________________________
Lesson 2: What are they celebrating?

1. **Activity**

   Write the name of the holiday in the space provided that best fits the description. Choose from the holidays given below:

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   1. This holiday celebration has a special significance for many Irish people and is associated with the color green.

   ______________________

   2. On this holiday, children in the United States dress up in costumes.

   ______________________

   3. This holiday in February is for lover and couples.

   ______________________

   4. This if one of the most import holidays for families in the United States. On this holiday, families get together and eat turkey, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie.

   ______________________

2. **Activity**

   Make complete sentences out of each pair of phrases by adding the word “while”. You will need to determine if “while” fits best with the first or the second phrase. Remember that you may need to add a comma.

   1. we ate fried fish / we were at the beach

   ______________________

   ______________________

   2. Henry was working at the factory / somebody introduced him to Nancy

   ______________________

   ______________________

   3. the phone rang / we were eating dinner

   ______________________

   ______________________

   4. I found this old picture / I was cleaning out the closet

   ______________________

   ______________________

   5. we saw Henry / we were on our way to dad’s house

   ______________________

   ______________________

   6. we were watching TV / the phone rang

   ______________________

   ______________________
Activity 3

Listen to the following paragraph and fill in the blanks with “when” or “while”:

Melissa got her first job, she was only seventeen years old. She learned about the job from a friend who told her that they needed someone to help out at a local beauty parlor. Melissa began working ________ she was still in high school. ________ she finished high school, she decided that she wanted to learn about cosmetics and hair styling. Melissa kept working during the day ________ she went to beauty school in the evenings. ________ she was studying, Melissa thought a lot about opening her own beauty parlor. ________ she finished her studies her mother helped her to open own beauty salon.

Activity 4

In the following passages, one sentence is in italics. Rewrite the sentence in italics using the word must.

1. I work 12 hours a day. I think I work to much.

2. We dance around 2 hours a day. We really love to dance.

3. Johanna goes to the doctor at last once a month. I think she takes care of herself a lot.

4. He looks strong an healthy probably her working out.

Activity 5

In the following sentences, one action is happening when it is interrupted by another action. Rewrite the sentences using “while” instead of “when” or vice versa.

1. While we were walking, we saw two cars get into an accident.

2. You were talking to Margaret when I saw Henry drive by.

3. When I met Craig, I was in my first year at the University.

4. I bought the coffee while I was waiting for Charlie.

5. The soccer game was starting when we arrived at the stadium.

6. While I was watching the soap opera, I heard the phone ring in the other room.

7. I found my old backpack while I was cleaning the closet.

8. When we saw Amy, she was working.
Lesson 3: Where does that come from?

1. **Activity**

   Complete the following sentences by adding “who” or “that”.
   
   1. My teacher keeps her book in a closet _________ she keeps locked.
   2. I lost my keys and need to find someone _________ can help me get into my car.
   3. There is a computer program _________ I use to watch DVDs with.
   4. Sandy has a friend _________ builds houses.
   5. There was an earthquake in 2001 _________ damaged our home.
   6. There is a new store _________ opened in our neighborhood.
   7. Mark is the guy _________ was wearing the blue shirt.
   8. There is a bus _________ takes me straight to work.
   9. There is a nurse at the hospital _________ took very good care of my mom.
   10. The people _________ went to the concert enjoyed the music.
   11. I have a friend _________ makes wonderful dresses.
   12. I bought the shoes _________ I like.

2. **Activity**

   The following vocabulary words describe features of the natural world. Fill in the blanks with the letter that corresponds to the correct definition.
   
   1. waterfall: _________
   2. features: _________
   3. lava: _________
   4. peak: _________
   5. humidity: _________

   A. the top of a mountain
   B. characteristics
   C. moisture in the atmosphere
   D. volcanic rock
   E. a place where a river drops
Lesson 4: How do they do that?

1. Activity

Complete the following sentences using one of the words in parenthesis. Remember that you will need to decide if the noun being compared can or cannot be counted.

1. My computer has ______________ memory than some of the newer computers that are for sale. (fewer, less)
2. Cindy has ______________ equipment as she needs to begin working. (as much, as many)
3. There are many ______________ mangroves in the bay now than there used to be when people cut them down to use as firewood. (as few, more)
4. I had ______________ homework last year than I do this year. (less, fewer)
5. The archeology professors at the university have ______________ knowledge as anybody does about the ancient Mayan ruins in El Salvador. (as many, as much)
6. The library at the new high school has ______________ books than the library at the elementary school. (less, fewer)
7. During vacation we will have a lot ______________ time to get work done at home. (more, as much)
8. When I taught my daughter to drive, I took her out on Sundays because there are ______________ cars on the road. (as little, fewer)
9. I am taking ______________ classes this year than I did last year. (more, less)
10. This year there has not been ______________ rain as in other years. (as many, as much)

2. Activity

Fill in the blanks using the words given below.

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1. I used to go to work at 8:00 a.m. but now that my work starts at 7:00 a.m., I have ______________ time to get ready in the morning.
2. There has not been ______________ rain this year as there was last year.
3. The doctor told me to avoid eating a lot of sugar because of my diabetes so I eat ______________ sweets as possible.
4. My wife and I have ______________ children than my brother who only had one child.
5. The nurse gave the injection quickly so that the child felt ______________ pain as possible.
Lesson 5: How does technology connect us?

Activity 1

Complete the sentences with the superlative form of the adjective in parenthesis.

1. Jeannie is ________________________ person in our class. (short)
2. February is one of ________________________ months of the year. (dry)
3. Of my three dogs, Spike is ________________________ . (aggressive)
4. That was ________________________ fish I’ve ever seen. (large)
5. This is ________________________ part of the beach. (sandy)
6. Her homemade yogurt was ________________________ thing I’ve ever eaten. (disgusting)
7. I bought ________________________ chair for my daughter. (short)
8. I thought that the slide show was ________________________ part of the presentation. (interesting)
9. Loly is ________________________ person on the neighborhood (friendly)
10. Pick and save is ________________________ store in San Salvador (cheap).
11. Rosa is ________________________ classmate ever (funny)
12. My brother was ________________________ person in my family (brilliant)

Activity 2

Change the following sentences to use the opposite or negative form of the comparative or superlative adjectives.

1. The sausage was spicier last time you made it.
   ________________________ ________________________
2. Where I work, afternoon is the least busy time of day.
   ________________________ ________________________
3. The bus ride to school is longer from Karen’s house.
   ________________________ ________________________
4. Tina is the least worried about finishing her project on time.
   ________________________ ________________________
5. It is less warm here than it is at my house.
   ________________________ ________________________
6. Cotton is weaker than this new synthetic material.
   ________________________ ________________________
7. We went on a tour with the most talkative guide in the park.
   ________________________ ________________________
8. My sister is more dedicated to her studies than I am.
   ________________________ ________________________
Listen to the following passage and fill in the blanks with the comparative and superlative adjectives that you hear.

As internet access become ____________, people a becoming accustomed to doing more things online. With the new, ____________ internet connections, you can now download books, share photographs and even watch videos over the internet. Some people now consider an internet connection in their home as being ____________ than having a landline telephone or a television. ____________ way to send documents from one place to another is over the internet. This is also ____________ option because there is no need to pay for postage. The way that people write to each other is different over the internet than it is through the regular mail. Many email messages are ____________ and ____________ than the formal letters that people often write with paper and pen.

Choose the comparative or superlative adjective in parenthesis that best completes each sentence.

1. Lake Ilopongo is very big. It is ____________ than lake Coatepeque. (larger, less large)
2. On Wednesdays I study history, math, and English. For me, history is ____________. (more interesting, the most interesting)
3. The Pacific Ocean is ____________ than the Atlantic Ocean. (larger, the largest)
4. I prefer to buy vegetables in the market because it is ____________ than going to the grocery story. (less expensive, the least expensive)
5. I got this cell phone for free when I signed up for phone service. It is really simple, one of ____________ models. (the most basic, least basic)
6. My baby brother was born two months ago. He is ____________ member of the family. (the youngest, the oldest)
7. At my house, Christmas parties are ____________ than birthday parties because almost everyone in my family comes over for Christmas. (more fun, the most fun)
8. When I was in the fourth grade, Nancy was ____________ person in our class, even taller than all of the boys. (taller, the tallest)
9. My bedroom is ____________ room in the house because it gets a lot of sunlight. (warmer, the warmest)
10. When I was young, the temperature in the month of October was a lot ____________. (cooler, the coolest)
11. With my new glasses, I can see much ____________ than I could before. (clearer, the clearest)