

Adverbs of Frequency

Level: Advanced

Test: 1

Score: ___/20

1. **Select the most appropriate adverb of frequency to complete the sentence:**

While the company _____ promotes from within, external candidates are occasionally hired for leadership roles.

- a) always
- b) almost always
- c) rarely
- d) periodically

2. **Replace the underlined adverb of frequency with its closest synonym:**

Jane frequently consults her mentor before making major decisions.

- a) rarely
- b) regularly
- c) sometimes
- d) occasionally

3. **Insert the best adverb of frequency:**

Scarcely _____ had he completed the first draft when the publisher requested significant amendments.

- a) always
- b) seldom
- c) often
- d) ever

4. **Choose the correct sentence with inversion:**

- a) Rarely I have encountered such an inspiring speech.
- b) Rarely I encounter such an inspiring speech.
- c) Rarely do I encounter such an inspiring speech.
- d) Rarely encountering such an inspiring speech do I.

5. **Select the option that best reflects an advanced grammatical structure involving an inversion:**

Rarely _____ under such exacting scrutiny as she was last Tuesday.

- a) she was placed
- b) has she been placed
- c) she had been placed
- d) had she placed herself

6. **Replace the underlined adverb of frequency with its closest synonym:**

Tim is seldom seen at social gatherings.

- a) consistently
- b) rarely
- c) occasionally
- d) frequently

7. Choose the most suitable adverb of frequency for the sentence:

The CEO _____ addresses employee concerns during all-hands meetings, making her leadership style both transparent and inclusive.

- a) occasionally
- b) rarely
- c) infrequently
- d) consistently

8. Insert the most natural frequency adverb or phrase:

Nowadays, thanks to his demanding executive role, he _____ participates in community activism, much to the dismay of former colleagues.

- a) virtually sometimes
- b) otherwise
- c) virtually never
- d) regularly

9. Select the option in which inversion with a negative adverb of frequency conveys emphasis:

- a) Rarely, my train arrives ahead of schedule.
- b) Hardly ever do my neighbors venture outside when it's cold.
- c) I never have time for hobbies these days.
- d) Karen barely remembers her school friends.

10. Select the option that best reflects the context of the sentence:

Her work ethic is impeccable; she _____ fails to meet a deadline, regardless of how challenging the task might be.

- a) hardly ever
- b) occasionally
- c) frequently
- d) incessantly

11. Which adverb could replace "invariably" in the following sentence without changing its meaning?

The committee invariably meets on the first Monday of every month to discuss progress reports.

- a) Always
- b) Rarely
- c) Occasionally
- d) Sometimes

12. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate adverb of frequency:

Despite the challenges, the research team _____ revises their hypotheses to align with the experimental outcomes.

- a) frequently
- b) rarely
- c) never
- d) sporadically

13. Choose the most accurate paraphrase of the sentence:

Seldom do I encounter such tenacity in the face of adversity.

- a) I am used to encountering this level of tenacity during adversity.
- b) I never fail to encounter such resoluteness during difficult times.
- c) I infrequently come across such resilience when challenges arise.
- d) I commonly meet people who are tenacious when confronted with obstacles.

14. Identify the incorrect use of the adverb of frequency in the following sentences:

- a) She is frequently asked to provide expert opinions on financial matters.
- b) We consistently review our procedures to ensure compliance with regulations.
- c) They almost always take a diplomatic approach to resolving conflicts.
- d) Hardly ever they challenge the decisions made by the senior management.

15. What does the adverb of frequency suggest in the following sentence?

"The manager occasionally extends deadlines to give her team more time."

- a) The manager often extends deadlines.
- b) The manager rarely extends deadlines.
- c) The manager never extends deadlines.
- d) The manager extends deadlines from time to time.

16. Which sentence best exemplifies an advanced use of an adverb of frequency for emphasizing irony?

- a) You perpetually surprise me with your timely arrivals—never when we actually need you.
- b) I frequently hear birds outside my window in April.
- c) Simon seldom attends meetings unless they concern him directly.
- d) Clara rarely eats dessert, even at celebrations.

17. Choose the sentence that correctly uses multiple adverbs of frequency:

- a) We are frequently sometimes late for work due to traffic.
- b) They seldom occasionally attend meetings without prior preparation.
- c) He almost never skips breakfast and frequently has a healthy lunch.
- d) She always rarely finds time to read novels during her busy week.

18. Rearrange the following words to form a correct sentence:

delivers / the / teacher / consistently / feedback / students / her / constructive / to / on / assignments.

- a) Feedback to students consistently delivers constructive the teacher on her assignments.
- b) Constructive feedback consistently delivers the teacher to her students on assignments.
- c) The teacher delivers consistently constructive feedback to students her on assignments.
- d) The teacher consistently delivers constructive feedback to her students on assignments.

19. Choose the sentence that uses inversion correctly:

- a) Hardly had the team started the presentation when the power went out.
- b) Hardly had started the team the presentation when the power went out.
- c) Hardly the team had started the presentation when the power went out.
- d) Hardly the presentation had started when the team began to present.

20. Which underlined option (a–d) is INCORRECT in this formal letter of compliance?

You requested a breakdown of our review process; thus, notably, (a) our managers never (b) fail to provide feedback, frequently (c) informing me that clients routinely (d) approve of these measures.

- a) routinely
- b) never
- c) frequently
- d) notably