

1. Underline the abstract nouns in these sentences.

- (a) The length of the rope was not enough.
- (b) There is a vacancy for the post of Associate Director.
- (c) Indians had to struggle hard to gain independence.
- (d) Intelligence can often overpower strength.
- (e) The candle did not make much difference to the darkness in the room.

2. Fill in the blanks with abstract nouns. Refer to the hints given in brackets.

- (a) Cruelty to animals is a punishable offence. (*cruel*)
- (b) Ashraf went on a pilgrimage to Mecca. (*pilgrim*)
- (c) It is a great pleasure for me to welcome our honoured guest. (*please*)
- (d) Simplicity is a rare quality in people today. (*simple*)
- (e) Sahana's dedication towards her work is admirable. (*dedicate*)

1. Fill in the blanks with a comma or a semicolon.

- (a) My grandpa prefers living in the countryside _____ the city makes him ill at ease.
- (b) If he misses this flight _____ he'll have to pay double for the next one.
- (c) I love Spanish cuisine _____ in fact _____ I'm learning to make Paella from my aunt who lives in Spain.
- (d) I wanted to go to the concert _____ but there were no tickets available.
- (e) The first generation of computers could perform complex calculations _____ but they could not reason at all.

2. Look at the following sentences and check if the punctuation marks have been correctly used. Make corrections, where necessary.

- (a) 'Ouch', exclaimed Yuri 'I hurt my toes!' *'Ouch', exclaimed Yuri, 'I hurt my toes!'*
- (b) Some people like to wake up early: in the morning; others prefer sleeping late.
- (c) Some of the sandwich choices we offer are cheese and tomato, cheese garlic and chicken; and cheese ham; and bacon. *Some people like to wake up early in the morning; others prefer sleeping late. Some of the choices we offer are cheese and tomato, cheese, garlic and chicken, and cheese, ham, and bacon.*
- (d) This semester, we are going to read *The Old Man and the Sea; Romeo and Juliet* and *Dubliners*. *This semester we are going to read The Old Man and the Sea, Romeo and Juliet and Dubliners.*
- (e) Sunny has only one thing on her mind, food. *Sunny has only one thing on her mind: food.*