

elapse
evasive
fluent
futile
harass

infer
lethal
obsession
ordeal
persistent

Ten Words in Context

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1 elapse

(ĭ-lăps')

-verb

C Elapse means

- Although four years had **elapsed** since I last saw Marian, we talked as if we'd never parted.
- When I'm busy with work I enjoy, I never notice how much time is **elapsing**.
A. to develop. B. to go back. C. to go by.

2 evasive

(ĭ-vă'siv)

-adjective

B Evasive means

- The Rothmans worried that their son was hiding something when he became **evasive** about where he had been and what he'd been doing.
- We didn't want anyone at school to know our father was in the hospital, so we were **evasive** about him, saying only, "He has to be away for a while."
A. truthful. B. indefinite. C. detailed.

3 fluent

(flōō'ənt)

-adjective

C Fluent means

- To work in a foreign country, it helps to be **fluent** in its language.
- Jamila wanted to hear what was wrong with her car in simple, everyday words. She was not **fluent** in the language of auto mechanics.
A. able to remember. B. able to teach. C. able to express oneself.

4 futile

(fyōōt'1)

-adjective

A Futile means

- My best friend is so stubborn that once he has made a decision, it is **futile** to try to change his mind.
- I'm convinced that washing machines eat socks, so it is **futile** to try to find matching pairs in a load of clean laundry.
A. hopeless. B. easy. C. useful.

5 harass

(hə-răs')

-verb

B Harass means

- A few students in the cafeteria like to **harass** everyone else by frequently clinking their silverware and stamping their feet.
- Sometimes it doesn't help to **harass** people about quitting smoking. Bothering them all the time may make them resist quitting.
A. to injure. B. to annoy. C. to please.

6 infer

(ĭn-fūr')

-verb

A Infer means

- The fact that the old man left his fortune to strangers led us to **infer** he was not fond of his children.
- Since you went hiking on Super Bowl Sunday, I **inferred** that you were not a football fan.
A. to conclude. B. to forget. C. to conceal.

- 7 lethal**
(lē'thəl)
-adjective
- ___ *Lethal* means
- My father is not alive today because of a **lethal** combination of driving and drinking.
 - Jake is so good at karate that his hands are **lethal** weapons. Because he realizes he could kill somebody, he is very careful with his karate skills.
- A. rare. B. deadly. C. hopeful.
- 8 obsession**
(əb-səsh'ən)
-noun
- ___ *Obsession* means
- Psychologists help people troubled by **obsessions** to gain control over their thinking, so they are not bothered by the same thoughts over and over.
 - Going to garage sales was at first just a hobby. But bargain-hunting has become such an **obsession** that I can't seem to stop going to them.
- A. a helpful habit. B. a possession. C. a constant concern.
- 9 ordeal**
(ôr-dēl')
-noun
- ___ *Ordeal* means
- Even if you are in good physical condition, running cross-country is an **ordeal**.
 - Hannah came out of the difficult three-hour test, sighed, and said, "What an **ordeal**. I'm worn out."
- A. a welcome event. B. a sure success. C. a difficult challenge.
- 10 persistent**
(pər-sis'tənt)
-adjective
- ___ *Persistent* means
- At first Tony wouldn't go out with Lola, but she was **persistent** in asking him. Now they're engaged.
 - I am a very **persistent** salesman. I work with customers for as long as it takes for them to buy something.
- A. stubborn. B. useless. C. late.

Matching Words with Definitions

Following are definitions of the ten words. Clearly write or print each word next to its definition. The sentences above and on the previous page will help you decide on the meaning of each word.

1. _____ To draw a conclusion from evidence
2. _____ An idea or feeling, often unreasonable, which completely fills someone's mind; fascination
3. _____ A very difficult or painful experience
4. _____ ² Deliberately unclear
5. _____ ⁴ Useless; unable to succeed
6. _____ Able to cause death; deadly
7. _____ Refusing to quit; stubbornly continuing
8. _____ To pass or slip by (usually said of time)
9. _____ Able to express oneself with skill and ease
10. _____ To constantly irritate or disturb; bother

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Use the words provided to complete each item below with the correct word from the box. Use each word once.

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| A. lapse | B. evasive | C. fluent | D. futile | E. harass |
| F. infer | G. lethal | H. obsession | I. ordeal | J. persistent |

- fluent C. 1. Roger knew a few Chinese phrases, but he was not ___ enough in Chinese to carry on a conversation.
- harass E. 2. Photographers ___(e)d the movie star, photographing her even on a private beach.
- obsession H. 3. When I'm on a diet, the thought of eating pizza becomes an ___ for me.
- infer F. 4. Reporters tried to pin the President down on his plan to rescue the hostages, but he always gave a(n) ___ answer.
- ordeal I. 5. After ten seconds ___, a bell rings, and the game-show host reads the next question.
- lethal G. 6. Selling drugs can be a(n) ___ occupation—there is almost one drug-related murder a day in Philadelphia alone.
- evasive B. 7. Going to the veterinarian is a real ___ for our dog, who begins to shiver in fear at the sight of the vet's office.
- lapse A. 8. It is ___ to try to have a conversation with Manny when a football game is on television because his eyes are glued to the set.
- persistent J. 9. Eduardo had to work full-time to support his family, but he still earned his college degree by being ___ in his studies even when he was busy or tired.
- lethal G. 10. It was easy for the teacher to ___ that one of the students had copied the other's paper—both had the same wording in several paragraphs.

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Sentence Check 2

Using the answer lines provided, complete each item below with **two** words from the box. Use each word once.

- lethal G. 1-2. Wild mushrooms were an ___ of my aunt, who picked and ate them whenever possible. Unfortunately, her abnormal interest proved ___, for she died after a meal of poisonous creamed mushrooms on toast.
- lethal G. 3-4. The student hesitated and then gave a vague answer. "From your ___ answer," said the teacher, "I ___ that you haven't studied the chapter. In the future, maybe you could put a few minutes of homework on your daily agenda°."
- lethal G. 5-6. Five days ___(e)d before the forest fire was put out. It was an especially difficult ___ for the firefighters, who had to get by on very little sleep.

7-8. You must be ___ in learning a language if you wish to become ___ in it. Study the textbook regularly, and then reinforce° what you've learned by practicing with language tapes or computer programs.

9-10. Cats on my street have learned they can safely ___ the dog chained in my neighbor's yard. And they derive° much pleasure from doing so. The poor dog, however, hasn't seemed to learn that it is ___ to threaten the cats.

Final Check: A Narrow Escape

Here is a final opportunity for you to strengthen your knowledge of the ten words. First read the following selection carefully. Then fill in each blank with a word from the box at the top of the previous page. (Context clues will help you figure out which word goes in which blank.) Use each word once.

"We'll never escape. *Never.*" The gruesome° thought had become an (1) obsession—I could think of nothing else.

When Craig and I had hopped into the truck to hitch a ride toward Frankfurt, Germany, the two truck drivers were very friendly. Although we were not (2) fluent in their language—we couldn't even figure out what language they were speaking, but we knew it wasn't German—they spoke a little English. So we could (3) infer from their words and motions that they would take us to Frankfurt after they delivered a package. But they drove around for such a long time that we began to be dubious° they really were making a delivery.

As the hours (4) passed (e)d, we became worried. Our worry turned to fear as we realized the men were arguing, and it seemed to be about us. Occasionally the driver would ask us a question, like "Your parents rich Americans?" or "You their only child?" The men apologized for the delay and were (5) apologetic in repeating their promise to get us to Frankfurt "very soon." But they became more and more (6) reluctant about exactly when "very soon" would be, and that's when I started to think we might never escape.

Suddenly, they pulled up to an empty warehouse in the middle of nowhere. The driver showed us a long knife and said, "You give us your parents' address." This overt° threat told me we were being kidnapped. With the truck finally stopped, I grabbed the door handle and tried to get out. But my efforts were (7) unsuccessful; the door was locked. Knowing the driver had a (8) lethal weapon scared me badly, but trying to sound braver than I felt, I shouted, "Let us out NOW!" Craig joined me in shouting at the men. Suddenly they began arguing in their own language again; the second man seemed to be (9) urging the driver to do something. Finally the driver threw up his hands in disgust. The second man unlocked the door, opened it, and shouted "YOU OUT NOW." He didn't have to say it twice. We propelled° ourselves out of that truck and eventually found our way to a town. We could hardly believe that our (10) odyssey was over and we were safe.



Scores

Sentence Check 2

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Final Check

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convey
delusion
devise
savor
stimulate

subtle
unique
universal
versatile
vivid

Ten Words in Context

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1 **convey**
(kən-vā')
-verb

Convey means

- Using sign language, chimpanzees can **convey** such ideas as "Candy sweet" and "Give me hug."
 - At my parents' twenty-fifth wedding anniversary celebration, I read a poem I had written for them to **convey** my congratulations and love.
- A. to think of. B. to prevent. C. to communicate.

2 **delusion**
(dī-lōō'zhən)
-noun

Delusion means

- Alex clings to the **delusion** of being in total control even when drunk. In reality, he then lacks both judgment and muscle control.
 - Chang holds the **delusion** that money is everything. Sadly, in seeking financial success, he neglects what is truly important, such as family and friends.
- A. a pleasure. B. a wrong belief. C. an action.

3 **devise**
(dī-vīz')
-verb

Devise means

- In the 1880s an American woman **devised** a machine that sprayed dinnerware with hot, soapy water—the first automatic dishwasher.
 - The police had **devised** a plan to catch the thief, but he escaped on the freight elevator.
- A. to create. B. to forget. C. to carry.

4 **savor**
(sā'vər)
-verb

Savor means

- Katie **savored** the candy bar, eating it bit by bit so that the pleasure would last as long as possible.
 - Given a rare chance to enjoy the beach, I **savored** every moment in the warm sun.
- A. to save for later. B. to enjoy. C. to ignore.

5 **stimulate**
(stīm'yə-lāt')
-verb

Stimulate means

- The teacher hoped to **stimulate** her students' interest in reading by choosing books that related to their own lives.
 - I tried to **stimulate** my sick rabbit's appetite by offering him choice bits of carrots and celery.
- A. to make active. B. to recognize. C. to discourage.

6 **subtle**
(sūt'l)
-adjective

Subtle means

- Animal actors are trained to respond to human signals too **subtle** to be noticed by the audience.
 - Although Yasmin was born in Alabama, she has lived in New York for many years. As a result, her Southern accent is so **subtle** that some of her friends don't even notice it.
- A. obvious. B. peaceful. C. slight.

7 unique
(yoo-nēk')
-adjective

- Any live musical performance is **unique**—the music will never again be played in exactly the same way.
- My talents are **unique** in my family. For example, I'm the only one who can whistle through my nose.

C *Unique* means

- A. active. B. hardly noticeable. C. one of a kind.

8 universal
(yoo-nə-vūr'səl)
-adjective

- The United Nations was founded to advance **universal** freedom and peace.
- The film had **universal** success—it was a hit in all parts of the United States and in other countries as well.

C *Universal* means

- A. limited. B. throughout the world. C. throughout time.

9 versatile
(vūr'sə-təl)
-adjective

- Our computer is **versatile**. It can balance the family checkbook, do word processing, keep tax records, and play against me in chess.
- Edie is the most **versatile** person I know: she paints, sings, does gymnastics, and is a math whiz.

D *Versatile* means

- A. having many abilities. B. boring. C. out of control.

10 vivid
(vīv'īd)
-adjective

- To make the living room bright and dramatic, we decorated it in **vivid** shades of red.
- At funerals, most people wear black or dark gray clothing with little or no **vivid** color.

A *Vivid* means

- A. dull. B. bright. C. pale.

Matching Words with Definitions

Following are definitions of the ten words. Clearly write or print each word next to its definition. The sentences above and on the previous page will help you decide on the meaning of each word.

1. unique Unlike any other; one of a kind
2. invent To invent; think up; create
3. vivid Bright; brightly colored; striking
4. hardly noticeable Hardly noticeable; not obvious
5. communicate To communicate; make known
6. arouse To cause to become active or more active; arouse
7. universal Worldwide; widespread
8. appreciate To taste or smell with pleasure; to appreciate fully
9. false opinion or belief A false opinion or belief
10. versatile Able to do many things or serve many purposes well

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Sentence Check 1

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A. convey	B. delusion	C. devise	D. savor	E. stimulate
F. subtle	G. unique	H. universal	I. versatile	J. vivid

- The chimp ___(e)d a way of reaching the banana that hung from the ceiling. She piled one box on top of another and climbed up.
- The "terrible twos" is a ___ stage of childhood. In every culture, children start demanding independence at about this age.
- Breathing deeply, I ___(e)d my favorite summer smell—freshly-cut grass.
- Pam's eyes blinked a ___ message that only her husband saw: "I think we should get ready to leave before it gets any later."
- The painting, with its bright stripes of shocking pink, green, and yellow, was so ___ that it glowed even in dim light.
- Even if Mr. Pierce sang his lecture while dancing on his desk, he couldn't ___ my interest in geology. To me, it's the most boring of subjects.
- When Geraldo saw the Grand Canyon, he made no attempt to describe it on a postcard. He felt that the glories of this natural wonder were too amazing to ___ in words.
- "I thought she loved me, but it was only a ___," said Lawrence. "She was just a good friend."
- This Egyptian bracelet is ___ since no other bracelet in the world is made with the same combination of gems and precious metals.
- From a child's point of view, a simple cardboard box is very ___. It can be a dollhouse, a bucket, a desk, or even a funny hat.

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Sentence Check 2

Using the answer lines provided, complete each item below with **two** words from the box. Use each word once.

- When Jill applies for a job, it will be to her advantage to ___ to interviewers just how ___ she is. Employers will welcome her many different skills.
- I ___ the time I have alone with my brother, who is unlike anyone else. He has a ___ way of looking at things.
- I wish someone would ___ a way to ___ children's appetites so they will feel hungry for something besides pizza and peanut butter.

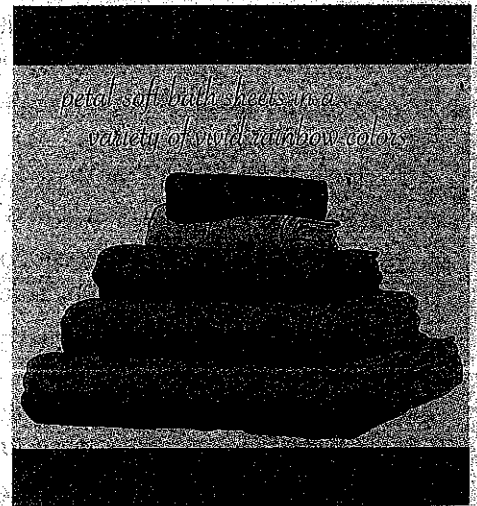
7-8. Rosa enjoys wearing _____ colors, like red and purple, but I prefer more _____ shades, such as pale pinks and blues.

9-10. Denny truly believes that _____ peace will occur during his lifetime. Being a pessimist^o, I think that the possibility of world harmony is a _____.

Final Check: *The Power of Advertising*

Here is a final opportunity for you to strengthen your knowledge of the ten words. First read the following selection carefully. Then fill in each blank with a word from the box at the top of the previous page. (Context clues will help you figure out which word goes in which blank.) Use each word once.

I am convinced that advertising agencies could sell people last week's garbage. Being masters of propaganda^o, they make everything sound good. Using evasive^o language, advertisers make such vague but impressive statements as "Professionals recommend our skin creams." (The careful consumer will ask, "Professionals in what field?") The agencies are also skilled at using richly appealing images. For example, newspaper ads never sell "brightly colored towels." Instead they sell "petal-soft bath sheets in a variety of (1) various rainbow colors." Perfumes in ads don't make you "smell good"; they "invite you to please that special man in your life with this (2) unique yet unmistakable scent of tea roses." Food ads (3) stimulate your appetite by offering "a sauce carefully blended to produce an unforgettable taste that you and your guests will (4) savor." Clothing ads (5) convey the idea that if you wear a particular suit or dress, you will be classier than the next person. Other ads, such as those for computers, tell you how (6) versatile their products will make you, suggesting that they will give you more skills than others have. Advertisements must have (7) wide appeal to attract millions of people. Yet they must also persuade all those people to accept the (8) promise that they will be (9) successful if they buy a particular product. Yes, I'll bet an advertising agency *could* sell last week's garbage to naive^o or gullible^o people. The agency would simply (10) launch an ad saying, "Nowhere else can you find a gift with so powerful an aroma—one that overflows with bittersweet memories of yesterday, yet hints that it will grow stronger with each passing day."



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1 **defer**
(dĭ-fŭr')
-verb

 Defer means

- The children showed great respect for their grandmother and **deferred** to her every wish.
 - When it comes to fixing cars, I **defer** to my brother's judgment. He knows much more about auto mechanics than I do.
- A. to object. B. to give in. C. to want.

2 **endeavor**
(ĕn-dĕv'ər)
-verb

 Endeavor means

- Becky **endeavored** to raise money for Christmas presents by selling candy and cookies door to door.
 - Your company would be wise to hire Jesse. He will **endeavor** to do his best at whatever jobs you give him.
- A. to try. B. to pretend. C. to step aside.

3 **equate**
(ĭ-kwāt')
-verb

 Equate means

- It would be a mistake to **equate** the two teams just because they both have perfect records. One team has played much stronger opponents.
 - Don't **equate** all homework assignments with busywork. Homework can increase one's understanding of a subject.
- A. to exchange. B. to consider to be the same. C. to enjoy.

4 **impose**
(ĭm-pōz')
-verb

 Impose means

- Our neighbor pounded on our door as we were sitting down to eat. "I'm sorry to **impose** on you during dinner," he said, "but I need to borrow a fire extinguisher."
 - Roy is always asking favors, yet people never seem to notice how much he **imposes** on them.
- A. to selfishly bother. B. to improve. C. to spy.

5 **indignant**
(ĭn-dĭg'nənt)
-adjective

 Indignant means

- My mother becomes **indignant** when she sees parents treat their children with disrespect.
 - When she was falsely accused of stealing a classmate's gold chain, the student became very **indignant**.
- A. angry. B. patient. C. amused.

6 **inevitable**
(ĭn-ĕv'ĭ-tə-bəl)
-adjective

 Inevitable means

- I am such a chocoholic that if you put a brownie in front of me, it is **inevitable** that I will eat it.
 - We try so hard to look and stay young, but aging is **inevitable**.
- A. unlikely. B. surprising. C. unavoidable.

- 7 malicious**
(mä-lish'əs)
-adjective
- A Malicious means
- Bullies are **malicious**—they take pleasure in hurting others.
 - Raquel loves **malicious** gossip. The more spiteful it is, the more she likes it, and the more likely she is to repeat it.
- A. mean. B. ambitious. C. common.
- 8 option**
(öp'shən)
-noun
- C Option means
- When my overweight uncle was told, "Stop eating so much or you'll have a heart attack within five years," he didn't like either **option**.
 - Noah thinks a multiple-choice test allows him to choose more than one **option**.
- A. an opinion. B. an advantage. C. a choice.
- 9 passive**
(päs'iv)
-adjective
- Passive means
- Taylor is very **passive**. He waits for things to happen instead of making them happen.
 - Students learn more when they take part in class discussions instead of simply being **passive** listeners.
- A. insincere. B. inactive. C. flexible.
- 10 patron**
(pä'trən)
-noun
- Patron means
- The punk-rock star was a good **patron** of the beauty shop. She came in at least once a week to change her hair color.
 - Many of the diner's **patrons** were stagehands who worked at the theater across the street.
- A. an advertiser. B. an owner. C. a customer.

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1. malicious A choice; alternative
2. option To take unfair advantage of
3. passive Being acted upon without acting in return; unresisting
4. patron Sure to happen; unavoidable
5. malicious To consider to be equal, the same, or similar
6. option To make a serious effort; to attempt
7. malicious Angry because of some insult or injustice
8. patron A customer, especially a steady one
9. malicious Showing great ill will; mean; deliberately harmful
10. patron To give in to someone else's wishes or judgment; yield out of respect

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Sentence Check 1

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A. defer	B. endeavor	C. equate	D. impose	E. indignant
F. inevitable	G. malicious	H. option	I. passive	J. patron

1. When rats are crowded together, it's ___ they will fight with each other.
2. I have only two ___s at work: I can do what my boss asks, or I can be fired.
3. In our society, we too often ___ happiness with money.
4. Mort isn't a(n) ___ football fan. He actively participates by jumping out of his seat and yelling until he's hoarse.
5. I was the store's most loyal ___ until new management raised the prices, and then I started shopping elsewhere.
6. Heidi is so ___ that she makes up lies to ruin other people's reputations.
7. "I don't want to ___ on you," Scott said, "but if you're going to the post office, would you get me some stamps?"
8. When his wife accused him of never helping around the house, Mac was ___. Hadn't he just built a deck off the kitchen?
9. Our instructor doesn't expect us to ___ to his opinions just because he's the teacher; he wants us to think for ourselves.
10. Many climbers who have ___(e)d to reach the top of Mount Everest have died on the way.

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Sentence Check 2

Using the answer lines provided, complete each item below with **two** words from the box. Use each word once.

- 1-2. ___ that the boys had thrown rocks at the monkeys, the zookeeper said, "Don't ___ being an animal with having no feelings." Feeling remorse°, the boys later wrote a note of apology.
- 3-4. Rita, a(n) ___ of Angelo's restaurant for several years, has ___(e)d without success to copy Angelo's delicious spaghetti sauce. Now she has given up. "I've learned it is futile° even to try," she says.
- 5-6. "If you remain so ___ that you don't object when Jean takes advantage of you, she'll just ___ on you more and more," my friend warned.

Worried Sam **F** 7-8. Since Sam's family is so poor, it seems ___ that he'll work full-time as soon as he finishes high school. He won't have the ___ of going to college right away. However, he plans to be prudent° in handling the money he'll earn and then enroll in college in a couple of years.

Impose Jerome **G** 9-10. Jerome is so ___ that he goes out of his way to hurt anyone who won't ___ to his wishes. I have great contempt° for people who are that mean and self-centered.

Final Check: Waiter

Here is a final opportunity for you to strengthen your knowledge of the ten words. First read the following selection carefully. Then fill in each blank with a word from the box at the top of the previous page. (Context clues will help you figure out which word goes in which blank.) Use each word once.

The loud voice of the young man at the next table startled me. He was (1) ___ about some undeserved criticism the waiter had received. He said to the waiter, "Why did you just stand there and let that woman denounce° you like that without sticking up for yourself? You were like a(n) (2) ___ little child."

"I beg your pardon, sir," the waiter answered. "That woman is a(n) (3) ___ of this restaurant. I (4) ___ to treat our customers with respect."

"Even those who (5) ___ on you by being as demanding as that woman was? Even those who think they're better than you because you're waiting on them?"

"You seem to (6) ___ my polite manner with weakness," the waiter answered. "I don't like arrogant° customers, but they're part of a waiter's territory. Standing up publicly to the woman may seem like a smart move to you, but it would have made two things (7) ___ an ugly scene and the loss of my job."

"But you have no (8) ___," the customer insisted. "You can't let people harass° you, ever—especially when they're being (9) ___, giving you a hard time for no good reason."

"You're giving me just as hard a time as that woman did," was the waiter's retort°. "Why should I (10) ___ to your opinion and not hers?"



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7 -ship

A The word part *-ship* means

8 tele-

C The word part *tele-* means

9 trans-

D The word part *trans-* means

10 tri-

B The word part *tri-* means

- Does good **citizenship** require following all the rules all the time?
- The two elderly sisters live together to provide each other with help and **companionship**.
 - A. state of being.
 - B. across.
 - C. the opposite of.
- Through the **telephoto** lens, the distant eagle came clearly into view.
- Before the **telephone** was invented, people could not speak to faraway loved ones.
 - A. before.
 - B. three.
 - C. far.
- I had to **transfer** a large package from my right hand to my left in order to reach for my keys and open the door.
- It's hard to **translate** Zulu sounds into written English because the Zulu language includes clicks, ticks, and pops.
 - A. heat.
 - B. change.
 - C. again.
- Stan bought three rattles, three little blankets, and three knitted caps. He's the proud grandfather of **triplets**.
- Mara, Tod, and I have formed a guitar **trio**. Now all we need are three guitars.
 - A. beyond.
 - B. three.
 - C. good.

Matching Word Parts with Definitions

Following are definitions of the ten word parts. Clearly write or print each word part next to its definition. The sentences above and on the previous page will help you decide on the meaning of each word part.

1. state State, quality, or condition
2. three Three
3. together With, together
4. far Far; distant
5. speak Speak
6. beyond, across Change, beyond, across
7. not Not; the opposite of
8. write Write
9. small Small
10. foot Foot

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Sentence Check 1

Using the answer line provided, complete each *italicized* word below with the correct word part from the box. Use each word part once.

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| A. con- | B. diet- | C. dis- | D. micro- | E. ped- |
| F. script- | G. -ship | H. tele- | I. trans- | J. tri- |

1. The weather forecaster (*pre . . . ed*) ___ rain, but we got the opposite of what he'd said: a lovely sunny day.
2. Only one foot is required to operate the piano (*. . . als*) ___.
3. To hold her camera still, the photographer put it on a (*. . . pod*) ___, a three-legged support.
4. The organ (*. . . plant*) ___ involved replacing the child's damaged kidney with a kidney from his father.
5. In (*partner . . .*) ___ with local businesses, the mayor fought graffiti.
6. "Teenagers don't like to be different. They desperately want to (*. . . form*) ___," said Mr. Gilbert, "but with their friends, not with their parents."
7. Aisha and Hollis get along very well even though they strongly (*. . . agree*) ___ on politics.
8. Libraries can store huge amounts of printed material in small spaces by photographing the material on (*. . . film*) ___.
9. My grandfather is very religious; he reads the (*. . . ures*) ___ every morning.
10. Because the presentation of Academy Awards is (*. . . vised*) ___ live, even people thousands of miles away can see it as it happens.

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Sentence Check 2

Using the answer line provided, complete each *italicized* word in the sentences below with the correct word part from the box. Use each word part once.

- 1-2. Many parents (*. . . approve*) ___ of their children's watching more than a couple of hours of (*. . . vision*) ___ each day. Watching TV is passive°, and they feel children should be active.
- 3-4. The text of a play is often greatly (*. . . formed*) ___ between the time the (*manu . . .*) ___ is first written and the first live performance is given. When an author actually hears the dialog° spoken, he or she is liable° to see many ways to improve the lines.

adapt	reciprocate
dismay	refute
exile	retain
gesture	revert
recede	ritual

Ten Words in Context

In the space provided, write the letter of the meaning closest to that of each **boldfaced** word. Use the context of the sentences to help you figure out each word's meaning.

- 1 adapt**
(ə-dapt')
-verb
- Adapt means
- After many years of being a student, I found it hard to **adapt** to the schedule of a full-time job.
 - Gina **adapted** well to California. She had no trouble adjusting to living so far from her family and friends.
- A. to return. B. to become accustomed. C. to travel.
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- 2 dismay**
(dis-mā')
-verb
- Dismay means
- Aaron was **dismayed** when he realized that he wouldn't have enough money to buy a special birthday present for his girlfriend.
 - The doctor knew it would **dismay** Karl to learn that his injured leg would never regain its previous strength.
- A. to discourage. B. to relieve. C. to delay.
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- 3 exile**
(ēg'zīl)
-noun
- Exile means
- The political rebel decided to end his five-year **exile** and return to his native land to oppose the government.
 - Fernando fled his native country thirty years ago and has lived in **exile** ever since.
- A. a long vacation. B. a bad attitude. C. a separation from one's homeland.
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- 4 gesture**
(jēs'chər)
-noun
- Gesture means
- As a **gesture** of sympathy, the neighborhood association sent flowers to Milly when her husband died.
 - The other workers' **gestures** of friendship made Vic feel at home on the first day of his new job.
- A. a signal. B. a request. C. a report.
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- 5 recede**
(ri-sēd')
-verb
- Recede means
- The heavy blanket of clouds finally began to **recede**, allowing the sun to warm the crowd at the football game.
 - Walter had to wait until the flood waters **receded** before he could get to his house to see the damage.
- A. to grow. B. to go back. C. to return.
-
- 6 reciprocate**
(ri-sip'rē-kāt')
-verb
- Reciprocate means
- I've done many favors for Anne, but she never **reciprocates** by doing a favor in return.
 - Hakeem treated me to dinner, so I'm going to **reciprocate** by taking him to a movie.
- A. to celebrate. B. to pay back. C. to disappoint.

- 7 refute**
(rĭ-fyōōt')
-verb
- ___ *Refute* means
- The lawyer was able to **refute** the defendant's claim that she was home the night of the murder. He had found a witness who saw her in a mall store that night.
 - Some science-fiction fans were disappointed when photos of Mars **refuted** the idea that intelligent life exists there.
- A. to support. B. to repeat. C. to show to be wrong.
- 8 retain**
(rĭ-tān')
-verb
- ___ *Retain* means
- Plastic storage containers often **retain** the odors of foods. I have one that still smells like spaghetti sauce after ten washings.
 - "I can usually **retain** my sense of humor," Janice said. "But I lose it totally when I'm laid off and break up with my boyfriend in the same week."
- A. to hold onto. B. to adjust to. C. to lose.
- 9 revert**
(rĭ-vŭrt')
-verb
- ___ *Revert* means
- After his release from jail, Sam **reverted** to his old habit of stealing and ended up in jail again.
 - Helene gave up smoking while she was pregnant, but she **reverted** to a pack a day after her daughter was born.
- A. to go back. B. to refer. C. to say no.
- 10 ritual**
(rĭch'ōō-əl)
-noun
- ___ *Ritual* means
- **Rituals**—set practices that are repeated regularly—are important in most religious traditions.
 - Each time Mary Ann must fly, she writes a check to a charity, brings it with her on the plane, and mails it at her destination. She believes this **ritual** guarantees a safe flight.
- A. a lesson. B. a ceremony. C. a prayer.

Matching Words with Definitions

Following are definitions of the ten words. Clearly write or print each word next to its definition. The sentences above and on the previous page will help you decide on the meaning of each word.

1. _____ To return to a previous habit or condition
2. _____ Something said or done to show intention or attitude; indication; signal
3. _____ To do in return; pay back
4. _____ Separation from one's native country through force or choice
5. _____ A ceremony; any actions done regularly in a set manner
6. _____ To prove wrong or false
7. _____ To adjust to a situation
8. _____ To move back or away from a particular point or limit
9. _____ To keep
10. _____ To discourage; make fearful or uneasy

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Sentence Check 1

Using the answer line provided, complete each item below with the correct word from the box. Use each word once.

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| A. adapt | B. dismay | C. exile | D. gesture | E. recede |
| F. reciprocate | G. refute | H. retain | I. revert | J. ritual |

- _____ 1. Getting a D on the first math test of the semester ___(e)d Sean. He was sure he'd done well.
- _____ 2. If the shoreline continues to ____, there soon won't be any sandy beach at all.
- _____ 3. Antonio tried to ___ my argument, but I was able to prove I was right.
- _____ 4. In a(n) ___ of cooperation, the manager and the head of the union shook hands.
- _____ 5. To ___ her strength and energy, Mrs. Green does push-ups, sit-ups, and leg-lifts three times a week.
- _____ 6. My brother vowed to eat only one Oreo a day, but I'm afraid he'll ___ to his old habit of eating the entire bag of cookies at a sitting.
- _____ 7. As the Ice Age ended, some animals were able to ___ to the new climate. Those who could not adjust failed to survive.
- _____ 8. The country's new dictator feared having certain political enemies in the country, so he sent them into ___.
- _____ 9. I always send Kiran a birthday card, but he doesn't bother to ___ with a card or phone call on my birthday.
- _____ 10. Homer always goes through the same baseball ___ before he bats: he twirls his bat three times, stretches his arms, and says, "Okay, okay, this one will be good."

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Sentence Check 2

Using the answer lines provided, complete each item below with **two** words from the box. Use each word once.

- _____ 1-2. "I don't want to ___ you," Jack's lawyer told him. "And I will certainly endeavor° to do my best, but it's going to be difficult to ___ the testimony against you."
- _____ 3-4. The Reillys have been so kind to me that I want to ___ in some way. I don't have much money, so I hope they'll infer° that a small gift is meant as a(n) ___ of great appreciation.

5-6. A reader wrote, "My husband is afraid his hairline will _____, causing him to _____ to the bald head he was born with." The advice columnist responded, "Tell him that this obsession^o of his shouldn't undermine^o his self-confidence. He's the same great guy with or without hair."

7-8. Any customary _____, such as the Roman Catholic Mass, helps a church to _____ a sense of tradition.

9-10. The Howards had _____(e)d well to other cultures, but they were still pleased to retire from the Foreign Service and return to America after their long _____ in Europe and Asia. Now they love to reminisce^o with their friends about their interesting worldwide adventures.

Final Check: Adjusting to a New Culture

Here is a final opportunity for you to strengthen your knowledge of the ten words. First read the following selection carefully. Then fill in each blank with a word from the box at the top of the previous page. (Context clues will help you figure out which word goes in which blank.) Use each word once.

When En-Mei first came to the United States from China, any little problem was enough to (1) _____ her. As a lonely student, she felt as if she were in forced (2) _____ from her native country. She didn't like American food and tried to limit her diet to Chinese dishes. Otherwise, however, she worked hard to (3) _____ to an unfamiliar country. Finding it difficult to express herself in English, En-Mei at first isolated^o herself from others. But she kept working on her English and eventually became quite fluent^o in it. This helped her to overcome her shyness and learn to (4) _____ other students' (5) _____s of friendship. When she was with her new friends, with whom she was completely compatible^o, homesickness would (6) _____ into the background.



But En-Mei didn't try to become "all-American"; she wanted to (7) _____ her Chinese identity. She taught her new friends about modern China and tried to (8) _____ mistaken ideas they had about her country. She even found a group of friends willing to learn tai chi, an ancient Chinese exercise (9) _____ that benefits body and spirit. It involves a set series of movements which the group performs together.

Of course, living in America wasn't always easy. Sometimes En-Mei would miss her family so badly that she would (10) _____ to her former unhappiness. But such times were increasingly rare. By the end of her first year here, En-Mei even found she had started to savor^o American food—she had become a devoted fan of pizza and apple pie.

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elaborate
emerge
exotic
frugal
impulsive

indifferent
indulgent
liberal
mediocre
notable

Ten Words in Context

In the space provided, write the letter of the meaning closest to that of each **boldfaced** word. Use the context of the sentences to help you figure out each word's meaning.

1 elaborate
(i-lăb'ər-īt)
-adjective

___ *Elaborate* means

- The dinner required **elaborate** preparation. Each course included a complicated favorite dish of one of the guests.
 - Irma's quilt was very **elaborate**. She used tiny stitches to sew together hundreds of fabric pieces.
- A. easy and simple to do. B. detailed. C. ordinary.

2 emerge
(i-mūrj')

-verb

___ *Emerge* means

- Anna **emerged** from the dressing room, looking beautiful in a blue prom gown.
 - When the chick **emerged** from its egg, it was tired and wet, but a day later it was a fluffy yellow ball of energy.
- A. to come out. B. to trip. C. to call out.

3 exotic
(ig-zōt'ĭk)
-adjective

___ *Exotic* means

- Orchids are grown in the United States, not just in foreign countries. So Americans really should not consider these flowers **exotic**.
 - The kiwi fruit, grown in New Zealand, is one of several **exotic** fruits now commonly sold in supermarkets.
- A. local. B. foreign. C. rare.

4 frugal
(frōō'gəl)
-adjective

___ *Frugal* means

- You can stretch your dollars by being **frugal**. For example, using store coupons and waiting for expensive items to be on sale can save a lot of money.
 - Diane buys designer jeans, but because I need to be more **frugal**, I buy store-brand jeans, which are much cheaper.
- A. hardworking. B. lucky. C. thrifty.

5 impulsive
(im-pūl'sĭv)
-adjective

___ *Impulsive* means

- Ved is too **impulsive** to make plans. He always prefers to act on the spur of the moment.
 - Kids are usually more **impulsive** than adults. Children will follow such sudden urges as the desire to climb a tree even if they are wearing their best clothes.
- A. fearful. B. careful. C. acting without planning.

6 indifferent
(in-dĭf'ər-ənt)
-adjective

___ *Indifferent to* means

- Does our society have no interest in homeless children? Are we **indifferent** to the many families who can no longer afford to pay rent?
 - Because her husband was **indifferent** to how the apartment would be decorated, Kaylin felt free to do the job any way she wanted.
- A. interested in. B. unconcerned with. C. insulted by.

7 indulgent
(in-dūl'jənt)
-adjective

Indulgent means

- Monica's grandparents are too **indulgent** with her. They don't scold her even when she splatters the walls with baby food.
 - I'm surprised at Robin's self-**indulgent** attitude. It never occurs to her not to give in to every little desire she has.
- A. strict. B. giving in. C. not caring.

8 liberal
(lib'ər-əl)
-adjective

Liberal means

- Being a chocolate lover, Amos puts **liberal** amounts of chocolate chips in his Toll House cookies.
 - Norma left the waiter a **liberal** tip because he had been especially friendly and helpful.
- A. average. B. frequent. C. generous.

9 mediocre
(mē-dē-ō'kər)
-adjective

Mediocre means

- The mystery movie was neither terrible nor great; it was just **mediocre**.
 - Although Hank can be quite funny, his jokes are only **mediocre** compared with those of the best comedians.
- A. ordinary. B. awful. C. short.

10 notable
(nō'tə-bəl)
-adjective

Notable means

- Winning the Nobel Prize can make a little-known scientist into a **notable** world figure.
 - Abraham Lincoln's "Gettysburg Address" is surely his most **notable** speech, especially among the many Americans who memorized it in school.
- A. ineffective. B. well-known. C. generous.

Matching Words with Definitions

Following are definitions of the ten words. Clearly write or print each word next to its definition. The sentences above and on the previous page will help you decide on the meaning of each word.

1. indulgent To rise up or come forth
2. notable Famous; widely known
3. mediocre Having no real interest; unconcerned
4. liberal Large in amount or quantity; generous
5. complicated Done with great attention to details; complicated
6. average Average; ordinary; neither very bad nor very good
7. impulsive Tending to act on sudden urges; not in the habit of planning ahead
8. foreign Foreign; from a different part of the world; strange or different in an appealing way
9. thrifty Thrifty; avoiding unnecessary expenses
10. indulgent Giving in to someone's desires, often too much so; lenient

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Sentence Check 1

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|----------------|--------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| A. elaborate | B. emerge | C. exotic | D. frugal | E. impulsive |
| F. indifferent | G. indulgent | H. liberal | I. mediocre | J. notable |

1. Although my father didn't do badly in school, he wasn't a great student. So he's proof it's possible to have a successful career despite ___ grades.
2. Overly ___ parents, who let young children do whatever they please, will end up with problem teenagers.
3. The puppy ___(e)d from her bath much cleaner than when she entered it, but we doubted that she'd stay clean for long.
4. Tran is such a skilled public speaker that we all expect him to become a ___ politician one day.
5. The boss gave such ___ bonuses that Gail was able to buy a new sofa with the money.
6. Ella embroidered a(n) ___ design on the back of her sweatshirt. She used four colors in a complicated pattern of swirls and flowers.
7. People walked past the bleeding, moaning man without even pausing; they were ___ to his need for help.
8. "Gowns are so expensive," Cara said, "that I've decided to be ___ and rent a wedding dress instead of buying one."
9. Bruce, as ___ as ever, suddenly changed his mind about going to a restaurant and announced, "Let's have a picnic."
10. A Native American rain dance may seem ___ to many people in the United States, but it is actually more native to this country than square-dancing.

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Sentence Check 2

Using the answer lines provided, complete each item below with **two** words from the box. Use each word once.

- 1-2. The actress, ___ for her great performance, deserved her Academy Award. Compared with her, all of the others appeared ___. Overjoyed, she said, "Thank you, thank you, thank you. This is my first Oscar, and I am too ecstatic° to think of anything else to say."
- 3-4. Every time Sylvia shops, she manages to ___ from the store with only items that are on sale. I wish I could be such a(n) ___ shopper.

Indulge
Indulgent

5-6. The ___ meal, full of strange but delicious foods, involved ___ preparation that took up most of the afternoon. But all the work was worth it; we savored° every bite.

Indulgent
Indulgent

7-8. When it comes to the suffering of others, Americans are idealistic°. When a disaster strikes, they find it difficult to be ___ to the victims, so they send ___ donations to the Red Cross.

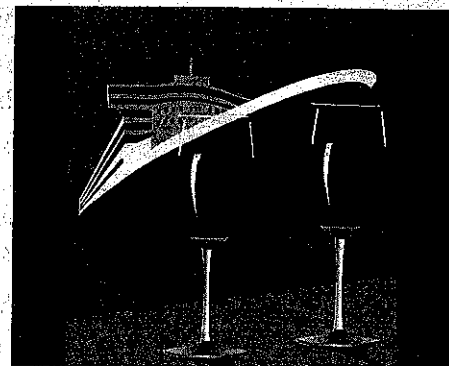
Indulgent
Indulgent

9-10. Rafael is so ___ that he often decides he wants to go out for dinner or to a movie at the last minute. Overly ___, his wife agrees every time. She even defers° to his wish to eat out after she has already cooked dinner.

Final Check: A Dream about Wealth

Here is a final opportunity for you to strengthen your knowledge of the ten words. First read the following selection carefully. Then fill in each blank with a word from the box at the top of the previous page. (Context clues will help you figure out which word goes in which blank.) Use each word once.

In my student days, when I was very poor, I sometimes daydreamed about being rich and having an amazingly affluent° lifestyle. I imagined being such a(n) (1) indulgent member of society that my name would turn up in the newspaper columns every time I attended a party. I pictured myself traveling to (2) indulgent places in faraway lands and being a patron° of the finest restaurants. I would forget no detail when planning (3) indulgent parties for five hundred of my closest friends. There would be nothing (4) indulgent in my life, not even an ordinary, average toaster. No, I would have the finest toasters, the biggest houses, the most glamorous wardrobe—the best. And I would own a unique° art collection—no prints for me—only one-of-a-kind masterpieces by famous artists. Of course, I would be quite (5) indulgent: whenever I had the urge, I would buy diamond jewelry or jump into my Olympic-size pool. But I promised myself that I wouldn't be totally self- (6) indulgent. I'd also give (7) indulgent amounts of money to help the poor and underprivileged. I would not be (8) indulgent to their needs. And being modest as well as generous, I'd always be an anonymous° donor°.



After graduating, I began earning money, and I stopped daydreaming about being rich. Having some wages to spend, I had finally (9) indulgent (e)d from a life of endless budgeting, a life in which I was forced to be extremely (10) indulgent. Of course, I am still thrifty because I don't want to waste my hard-earned money. But now that I have enough money to be comfortable, I no longer need to create fictitious° situations in which I'm super-rich.

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