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drastic

Ten Words in Context

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1 **acknowledge**

(ăk-nŏl'ij)

-verb

 Acknowledge means

- Stubborn people often find it difficult to **acknowledge** their errors. They hate to admit they were wrong.
- Even after most of the votes had been counted, Senator Rice refused to **acknowledge** that he had lost.

A. to deny. B. to admit. C. to remember.

2 **alternative**

(ôl-tûr'nə-tiv)

-noun

 Alternative means

- The teacher stated the **alternatives** to Tim—either retake the test or get a D for the course.
- When her dog began to suffer from cancer, Wanda felt she had no **alternative**. He would have to be put to sleep.

A. a choice. B. a command. C. an assignment.

3 **anecdote**

(ăn'ik-dŏt')

-noun

 Anecdote means

- Dad told the children an **anecdote** about getting his tie caught in a file cabinet at work just as the boss walked in.
- I once heard an **anecdote** about a stagehand's revenge on a bossy actor. The stagehand put wheels on a table used in the play, so when the actor leaped onto the table during the most dramatic scene, he rolled off the stage.

A. an error. B. a short, interesting story. C. an article.

4 **appropriate**

(ə-prŏ'prē-īt)

-adjective

 Appropriate means

- Chuck has little sense of what is socially **appropriate**. For example, he wore jeans and running shoes to his sister's wedding.
- Although it is **appropriate** for a man to take his hat off in church, in a synagogue it is proper for a man to cover his head.

A. illegal. B. fun. C. proper.

5 **avert**

(ə-vûrt')

-verb

 Avert means

- Renata **averted** an unpleasant meeting with her ex-boyfriend by leaving the store before he saw her.
- To **avert** an accident, Larry turned the steering wheel sharply to the right—and ran into a stop sign.

A. to begin. B. to prevent. C. to report.

6 **candid**

(kăn'did)

-adjective

 Candid means

- I'll give you my **candid** opinion, but you may not like what you hear.
- My heart always sinks when Robbie invites me to his house for dinner. He's a wonderful person, but to be **candid**, he's a terrible cook.

A. honest. B. friendly. C. careful.

7 compel
(kəm-pēl')
-verb

— *Compel* means

- My history teacher would often **compel** us to do useless work, such as memorizing the date each state entered the union.
 - If the law did not **compel** people to pay taxes, no one would pay them.
- A. to help. B. to forbid. C. to force.

8 comply
(kəm-plī')
-verb

— *Comply* means

- If someone with an iron pipe demands your wallet, it is safer to **comply** than to resist.
 - "My wife is so used to being the boss at work," Martin said, "that she is annoyed when I don't **comply** with her every request at home."
- A. to argue. B. to do as asked. C. to hear.

9 concise
(kōn-sīs')
-adjective

— *Concise* means

- Because of limited space, most newspaper articles must be **concise**.
 - Unlike many politicians, our mayor is **concise**—his speeches are short and to the point.
- A. wordy. B. correct. C. clear and brief.

10 drastic
(drās'tīk)
-adjective

— *Drastic* means

- The company's new president took **drastic** steps, closing two factories and laying off three hundred employees.
 - The most common punishment in schools is detention. If that does not work, then schools resort to something more **drastic**.
- A. unimportant. B. extreme. C. easy.

Matching Words with Definitions

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1. _____ To do as commanded or asked
2. _____ Proper; suitable to the situation
3. _____ A choice
4. _____ Extreme; harsh or intense
5. _____ To admit or confess
6. _____ To force
7. _____ Very honest; truthful
8. _____ An entertaining short story about an event
9. _____ Saying much in a few clear words; brief
10. _____ To prevent; avoid

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A. acknowledge B. alternative C. anecdote D. appropriate E. avert
F. candid G. compel H. comply I. concise J. drastic

- _____ 1. Because Frank seems so ____, everyone believes him even when he tells a lie.
- _____ 2. The drummer told interesting ____s about famous rock singers he had played with.
- _____ 3. People often take ____ steps in anger and later regret their extreme actions.
- _____ 4. When he saw no way to ____ the plane crash, the pilot parachuted to safety.
- _____ 5. In a traditional wedding, the person performing the ceremony is often wordy, while the bride and groom are very ____, saying just "I do."
- _____ 6. Any player who does not ____ with the rules will be dropped from the team.
- _____ 7. A couple of older boys tried to ____ some first-graders to hand over their lunch money.
- _____ 8. To earn money for college, Lonnie felt he had to either join the army or get a job. He didn't like either ____.
- _____ 9. When the real murderer confessed, the police had to ____ that the wrong man had been jailed.
- _____ 10. In most American schools, it is not ____ for students to call their teachers by their first names.

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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 ____ that you have a perfect right to do whatever you like with your hair," said the teenage girl's mother. "But, to be ____, I don't find green curls attractive."
- _____ 3-4. In colonial America, it was thought ____ for a wife to ____ with all her husband's commands.
- _____ 5-6. "The poor economic situation leaves me no ____," said the company president. "It ____s me to lay off some of our workers."

_____ 7-8. Our business instructor told an _____ about a company that _____(e)d failure by
 _____ giving each worker a small share of the profits.

_____ 9-10. The sale sign was huge but _____. It said only, "_____ Price Cuts."

Final Check: Taking Exams

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.

There are four test-taking methods to consider when faced with exams. The first is to impress your teachers with very clever answers. For example, you might respond to any question beginning with the word "Why" with a simple, (1)_____ reply: "Why not?" This is not recommended, however, unless you know that your instructor has a remarkable sense of humor. A second method is to avoid answering the questions at all. You might try writing something like, "Should teachers (2)_____ students to take tests? Doesn't this go against our great American tradition of freedom? Besides, anyone who wants answers to these questions can find the information on the Internet." This method should not be used unless you are in (3)_____ need, as it involves a great deal of risk. It is (4)_____ only if you have shown yourself to be very brilliant throughout the course and you are the teacher's pet. Otherwise, you can expect your teacher to fail you. A third way of dealing with a test is to be (5)_____ and admit helplessness. According to one (6)_____, a student openly (7)_____ (e)d ignorance by writing, "Only God knows the answer to this question." Unfortunately, the instructor's response was, "God gets an A. You get an F." The fact is, none of these three methods works very well. If you truly want to (8)_____ failure, you have no (9)_____—you must (10)_____ with school rules. The fourth method is the only sure-fire one for dealing with exams: *study hard and learn the material.*



Scores Sentence Check 2 _____ % Final Check _____ %

dialog
erratic
extensive
forfeit
fortify

illuminate
isolate
refuge
reminisce
urban

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1 **dialog**
(dī'ə-lōg')
-noun

___ *Dialog* means

- The movie was shown with English subtitles because all its **dialog** was in French.
 - At the PTA meeting last night, a **dialog** between parents and the faculty helped to clear up some differences between them.
- A. a title. B. talk. C. an action.

2 **erratic**
(ĭ-rāt'ĭk)
-adjective

___ *Erratic* means

- Children's eating habits are **erratic**. One day they'll barely eat, and the next day they'll eat enough for three.
 - The driver ahead of me was **erratic**—he kept changing his speed and his lane.
- A. noisy. B. healthy. C. irregular.

3 **extensive**
(ĕk-stĕn'sĭv)
-adjective

___ *Extensive* means

- Selena did **extensive** research for her paper—it took her several weeks.
 - To save the wounded police officer, doctors performed **extensive** surgery that lasted for hours.
- A. done quickly. B. risky. C. large in amount.

4 **forfeit**
(fōr'fĭt)
-verb

___ *Forfeit* means

- The basketball players were upset when the team bus broke down and they had to **forfeit** an important game.
 - If Phil gets into one more accident, he will **forfeit** the right to drive his parents' car.
- A. to give up. B. to win. C. to ignore.

5 **fortify**
(fōr'tə-fĭ')
-verb

___ *Fortify* means

- The night before running a marathon, Elsa **fortifies** herself by eating a large plate of pasta.
 - The builders plan to **fortify** the old tower with steel beams.
- A. to relax. B. to strengthen. C. to prove.

6 **illuminate**
(ĭ-lōō'mə-nāt')
-verb

___ *Illuminate* means

- Before electricity, streets were **illuminated** by gaslight.
 - On Halloween, we use a flashlight to **illuminate** our way when we go trick-or-treating after dinner.
- A. to lose. B. to clean. C. to light.

7 isolate
(ī'sə-lāt')
-verb

___ *Isolate* means

- I thought I would enjoy **isolating** myself at the vacation cabin, but I soon felt lonely.
 - Freddy was such a troublemaker that the teacher put his desk in a far corner to **isolate** him from the other students.
- A. to protect. B. to separate. C. to recognize.

8 refuge
(rĕf'yōōj)
-noun

___ *Refuge* means

- A motorcycle offers no **refuge** in bad weather. If you have to ride in the rain, you'll get soaked.
 - My boyfriend and I first met when we took **refuge** in the same doorway during a sudden rain.
- A. a shelter. B. transportation. C. a reason.

9 reminisce
(rĕm'ə-nīs')
-verb

___ *Reminisce* means

- On their wedding anniversary, Lenny and Jean like to **reminisce** about their first date.
 - My father showed me his trophy and **reminisced** about his years as a star basketball player.
- A. to remember. B. to forget. C. to ask.

10 urban
(ûr'bən)
-adjective

___ *Urban* means

- Skyscrapers make for tightly packed **urban** populations. For example, some 16,000 people work in the Sears Tower in Chicago.
 - Gladys likes **urban** living because she grew up in the city, but Emilio, who grew up on a farm, prefers country life.
- A. country. B. city. C. national.

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1. _____ To light up
2. _____ To lose through some fault; to be forced to give up by way of penalty
3. _____ Shelter; protection
4. _____ Of or in a city
5. _____ A conversation; the conversation between characters in a story, novel, or play
6. _____ To separate from others
7. _____ Large in space or amount
8. _____ To strengthen
9. _____ To remember and talk about the past
10. _____ Not consistent

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B. erratic
G. isolate

C. extensive
H. refuge

D. forfeit
I. reminisce

E. fortify
J. urban

- 1022
- _____
1. The skater's ___ performances showed that she was too inconsistent to hire for the ice show.
- _____
2. In London during World War II, bomb shelters provided ___ from air attacks.
- _____
3. Vitamins and minerals ___ the body against disease.
- _____
4. Politicians who are caught taking bribes ___ their good names.
- _____
5. Criminals are put in prison to ___ them from the rest of society.
- _____
6. The night before graduation, my friends and I ___(e)d about our four years together.
- _____
7. The pioneers used candles to ___ book pages at night.
- _____
8. The author's ___ was always sharp and bare: "You love me?" "Uh-huh." "Good."
- _____
9. Before his parents visit him, Denzel gives his apartment a(n) ___ cleaning; he dusts or scrubs every surface.
- _____
10. There's a big difference between a(n) ___ sky and a country sky. In the country, there are no bright lights to block the starlight.

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Sentence Check 2

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- 1022
- _____
- 1-2. The loud celebrating on the Fourth of July is so ___ in my neighborhood that the only place I find ___ from the noise is my basement.
- _____
- 3-4. Curt ___(e)d for hours, revealing that his life had been very ___. At some points in his life, he was very busy, married, and well off. At other times, he lived alone and was out of work.
- _____
- 5-6. Because criminals work in darkness, one way to reduce ___ crime would be to ___ streets and playgrounds with brighter lights.

_____ 7-8. To keep the opposing army from trying to _____ his weaker force from the rest of the unit, the general decided to _____ his defenses.

_____ 9-10. In a _____ with the boss, several employees learned that they would _____ their bonuses if they kept coming to work late.

Final Check: Nate the Woodsman

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Nate had spent most of his seventy years in the woods. As a young man, he had the alternative^o of working in the city with his brother. But he decided that (1) _____ life was not for him. He preferred to (2) _____ himself from others and find (3) _____ in nature, far from the crowds and noise of the city. He was more than willing to (4) _____ such advantages as flush toilets and computers for the joy of watching a sunrise (5) _____ the frozen pines.



Because Nate had lived alone for so long, his behavior was (6) _____. For example, one minute he'd be very quiet, and the next he'd (7) _____ at length about his youth. His knowledge of nature was (8) _____, and so I learned much from him through the years.

I will tell you an anecdote^o that shows how wise he was about the woods. One evening Nate, my cousin Arthur, and I were crossing a meadow. Arthur's interest in some little white mushrooms that were growing there led to this (9) _____:

"These mushrooms look so good," said Arthur. "Did you ever use them, Nate?"

"Yep," said Nate. "My ma used to cook 'em up."

"Great!" said Arthur. Nate's words seemed to (10) _____ Arthur's desire for those mushrooms. He gathered about a hundred of them. "How'd she fix them?" he asked Nate.

"Cooked 'em up in sugar water."

"Really? And then you ate them that way?"

"Ate 'em?" Nate was horrified. "You crazy? We used to put 'em in a bowl on the table to kill flies!"

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delete
impartial
integrity
legitimate
lenient

menace
morale
naive
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undermine

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1 delete

(dĭ-lēt')

-verb

___ Delete means

- When I accidentally **deleted** several paragraphs of my research paper from the computer, it took ten minutes to retype them.
- The invitation list is too long. Unless we **delete** a few names, the party will be too crowded.

A. to type. B. to add. C. to get rid of.

2 impartial

(ĭm-pär'shəl)

-adjective

___ Impartial means

- Too much publicity before a trial makes it difficult for lawyers to find **impartial** jurors, people with no opinion about the case.
- "I'm an **impartial** judge of character," Dolores joked. "I distrust all people equally, without prejudice."

A. not whole. B. fair. C. friendly.

3 integrity

(ĭn-tĕg'rə-tē)

-noun

___ Integrity means

- Our boss trusts Ramon with the key to the cash register because she knows that he has **integrity**.
- I thought our senator had **integrity**, so I was shocked to hear that she had taken a bribe.

A. honesty. B. talent. C. a good memory.

4 legitimate

(lē-jĭt'ə-mĭt)

-adjective

___ Legitimate means

- "A need to see the final episode in your favorite soap opera," said the teacher, "is not a **legitimate** excuse for missing class."
- Any company that guarantees to make all investors millionaires can't possibly be **legitimate**.

A. safe. B. legal. C. healthy.

5 lenient

(lē'nĕ-ənt)

-adjective

___ Lenient means

- Ms. Hall is very **lenient** about late papers. If you hand one in even a week late, she doesn't lower your grade.
- Mom wouldn't let us feed our poodle during dinner. But Dad, who was more **lenient**, would look the other way when we slipped the dog something under the table.

A. heartless. B. easygoing. C. honest.

6 menace

(mĕn'ĭs)

-noun

___ Menace means

- Acid rain is the biggest **menace** to the survival of freshwater fish.
- Ron's impatient attitude and his fast, zigzag driving make him a **menace** on the road.

A. a puzzle. B. something noticeable. C. a danger.

7 morale
(mə-räl')
-noun

— *Morale* means

- Art class was good for Tyrone's **morale**. Each time the teacher praised his drawings, his confidence and enthusiasm increased.
- The workers' **morale** was so low that they constantly complained about the job. The only good part of the day was quitting time.

A. spirit. B. pay. C. sense of right and wrong.

8 naive
(nī-ēv')
-adjective

— *Naive* means

- Though young, Rhoda is not **naive**. Being on her own for so long has made her streetwise.
- Having had little experience with salespeople, my younger sister is so **naive** that she believes everything they tell her.

A. lacking experience. B. generous. C. questioning.

9 overt
(ō-vûrt')
-adjective

— *Overt* means

- Sometimes **overt** racism is easier to deal with than the hidden kind. You can better fight what is out in the open.
- Maya's love of reading was **overt**—books spilled over the shelves in every room of her apartment.

A. obvious. B. fair. C. harmful.

10 undermine
(ŭn'dər-mīn')
-verb

— *Undermine* means

- Leroy tried to **undermine** the coach's authority by making jokes about him behind his back.
- Numerous floods had **undermined** the foundation so greatly that the house was no longer safe.

A. to reach. B. to explore. C. to weaken.

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1. _____ Fair; not biased; without prejudice
2. _____ A threat
3. _____ In accordance with accepted laws, rules, and standards
4. _____ State of mind with respect to confidence and enthusiasm; spirit
5. _____ To cross out or erase; remove
6. _____ To gradually weaken or damage
7. _____ Obvious; not hidden
8. _____ Not strict or harsh in disciplining or punishing; merciful
9. _____ Lacking worldly experience; unsuspecting; unsophisticated
10. _____ Honesty; strong moral sense

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F. menace	G. morale	H. naive	I. overt	J. undermine

1. When my brother and I argued, my mother remained _____. She didn't want to favor either of us.
2. Alison's repeated criticisms _____ her sister's self-confidence.
3. Drugs have become a terrible _____ to the well-being of America's children.
4. The team's _____ was high—the players were in good spirits and thought they would win the game.
5. Although advertising by doctors and lawyers was once considered improper, it is now _____.
6. My father is so _____ about business deals that he has been tricked by cheaters more than once.
7. Fast-food restaurants are being urged to _____ high-fat foods from their menus and replace them with healthier choices.
8. Mrs. Dean's dislike for the mayor was _____. She stood right up in front of the crowd and called him a two-faced liar.
9. "The boss is _____ the first time an employee makes a mistake," Sherry's coworker warned, "but he's very strict the second time."
10. Mark Twain once joked that he had even more _____ than George Washington. "Washington could not lie," he said. "I can, but I won't."

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Sentence Check 2

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- 1–2. Nick's interest in Janice's money is _____ enough for all her friends to notice. But Janice is so _____ that she has no idea about the real reason for Nick's attention.
- 3–4. The employees' _____ quickly fell when they learned that some of the company's earnings were put into a business that was not _____ and that was being investigated by the police.
- 5–6. To give her essay _____, Isabel _____ (e)d some statements that were not entirely true.

7-8. Donald is a real ___ in the classroom. It's not uncommon for him to ___ classroom order by shooting spitballs at other students.

9-10. My parents should be ___, but they're much more ___ with my sisters than with me. My sisters often get off with a scolding. In contrast, I'm often compelled° to stay home for a night.

Final Check: *Who's on Trial?*

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.

It would be nice to think every trial involved a(n) (1) ___ judge and jury who wanted only to decide a case fairly. However, we would be (2) ___ to believe the world is always fair and just. Two famous trials in history show us that when accusers have no (3) ___ charges, they sometimes invent some.

The first trial was that of Socrates, a teacher in ancient Greece. Socrates did not give lectures or write books. Instead, he wandered around the marketplace in Athens, starting a discussion with anyone he met. Socrates was a man of great (4) ___: he lived an honest life in search of truth. But by pointing out the faults of some upper-class Athenians, he made enemies. The Greek authorities feared he would (5) ___ their ability to rule. Eventually Socrates was arrested and tried for being a(n) (6) ___ to the youth of Athens. He was found guilty and sentenced to death. His friends urged him to escape, but Socrates said he had to comply° with the court's decree. He carried out the sentence by drinking a cup of poison.



Jesus of Nazareth was another teacher who lived a life of great honesty. He, too, frightened the authorities of his time. More and more people flocked to hear the words of this carpenter who spoke of God as a loving father. Afraid he might encourage people to turn against them, the authorities invented charges against him. They said he hurt the (7) ___ of the country, making people unhappy and restless. The authorities' illegal treatment of Jesus was (8) ___: they allowed no lawyer or advisers to help him; they took him from his friends late at night, beat him, and dragged him into court the next morning. He was brought before the Roman governor Pontius Pilate. Pilate made some attempt to be (9) ___ with Jesus, at one point making this concise° statement to the crowd, "I find no guilt in this man." However, Pilate lacked the courage to act on his belief. He had Jesus beaten yet again and sent him to be executed.

The evidence is clear and should not be (10) ___ (e)d from the history books: In some trials, society itself is the guilty party.

Scores

Sentence Check 2 _____ %

Final Check _____ %

agenda
antidote
apathy
bland
propaganda

prospects
radical
reinforce
relevant
ruthless

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1 **agenda**
(ə-jĕn'də)
-noun

— *Agenda* means

- There are two items on the **agenda** for today's office meeting: the company's new product and the holiday party.
 - Ralph's daily **agenda** includes driving his granddaughter to school, working at the soup kitchen, and walking his dog after dinner.
- A. a schedule. B. a desk. C. work.

2 **antidote**
(än'ti-dōt')
-noun

— *Antidote* means

- Because there was no **antidote** for the snake's poison, the cat that was bitten died.
 - For me, a good **antidote** to feeling low is to bake a batch of brownies.
- A. a short story. B. a cause. C. a cure.

3 **apathy**
(äp'ə-thĕ)
-noun

— *Apathy* means

- Determined to shock her students out of their **apathy**, the history teacher showed up for class one day dressed as Joan of Arc.
 - Voter **apathy** was high, causing a low turnout on election day.
- A. pity. B. understanding. C. lack of interest.

4 **bland**
(bländ)
-adjective

— *Bland* means

- The addition of a bright red scarf changed Linda's grey outfit from **bland** to striking.
 - Mexicans, accustomed to hot and spicy foods, often find American dishes **bland** by comparison.
- A. old. B. dull. C. bitter.

5 **propaganda**
(pröp'ə-gän'də)
-noun

— *Propaganda* means

- Until recently, the **propaganda** put out by cigarette companies said that nicotine didn't harm people's health.
 - The political candidates ran TV ads made up largely of **propaganda** directed against their opponents.
- A. research. B. complaints. C. publicity.

6 **prospects**
(prös'pĕkts')
-noun

— *Prospects* means

- The movie's **prospects** for doing well at the box office were harmed by several bad reviews in the newspapers and on TV.
 - What are my **prospects** of finding a hotel room in this town during Super Bowl weekend?
- A. reasons. B. chances. C. fears.

7 radical
(rād'ī-kəl)
-adjective

___ *Radical* means

- I won't vote for the **radical** candidate—his beliefs are too extreme for me.
 - Most students tried to change school policy through peaceful compromise, but a **radical** group wanted to take over the president's office by force.
- A. extreme. B. average. C. young.

8 reinforce
(rē'in-fōrs')

___ *Reinforce* means

- Jonathan's wisecrack **reinforced** the teacher's opinion that he was interested only in fooling around.
 - Some socks are **reinforced** at the heels and toes with extra layers of material so they won't develop holes.
- A. to ruin. B. to make stronger. C. to repeat.

9 relevant
(rēl'ə-vənt')

___ *Relevant* means

- History is always **relevant** to our lives because it shows us what results can follow certain actions.
 - "The weather is not **relevant** to this conversation," Yvonne's mother said. "Don't change the subject when I bring up your speeding tickets."
- A. known. B. related. C. threatening.

10 ruthless
(rūth'lis)

___ *Ruthless* means

- My English teacher is a **ruthless** grader. He shows no mercy for weak reasoning or faulty grammar, so I've had to work extra hard on my papers.
 - Barry is so **ruthless** that he would step on coworkers to advance himself.
- A. sweet. B. confusing. C. without mercy.

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. _____ Chances of success
2. _____ Lack of interest and concern
3. _____ To strengthen; add support to
4. _____ A list of things to be done; a schedule
5. _____ Lacking pity; merciless
6. _____ Dull; not interesting or exciting
7. _____ Related to the matter at hand; to the point
8. _____ Favoring extreme changes, especially in politics and government
9. _____ Something that reduces the effects of a poison; anything that relieves a harmful situation
10. _____ Ideas spread to support or oppose a cause; distorted information

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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.

A. agenda B. antidote C. apathy D. bland E. propaganda
F. prospects G. radical H. reinforce I. relevant J. ruthless

_____ J _____

1. There are ___ drivers who make no effort to avoid hitting animals on the road.
2. Carlos's personality is so ___ and unexciting that people tend not to notice him.
3. Your statement isn't ___; it has nothing to do with our conversation.
4. Victoria will ___ the plant by tying its thin stem to a strong stick.
5. My sister's ___ of passing Accounting II aren't good. She hasn't studied all term.
6. All medicine cabinets should contain a general ___ for accidental poisoning.
7. Every morning Lin writes out her ___, jotting down what she needs to accomplish that day.
8. Because my science teacher wants to do away with grading in his courses, many of the other teachers consider his views too ___.
9. Sidewalk litter is a sign of ___, showing that people don't care about a clean environment.
10. Advertisements are an important part of the ___ used by companies to persuade us to buy their products.

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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. Working at top speed, the doctors injected the poisoned woman with a powerful ___. Everyone in the emergency room seemed anxious and tense except the woman's husband. We couldn't understand his apparent ___.
 - 3-4. Gang members are a menace^o to our neighborhoods. The only items on their ___ are theft and violence. Their ___ methods—threats and smashed windows—cause terror among local businesspeople.
 - 5-6. Mr. Turner's lectures would not seem so ___ to students if he didn't speak in such a dull tone of voice and if he included information that seemed ___ to their lives.

7-8. The German Nazi Party used ___ in booklets, speeches, and films to spread its lies. Eventually this ___ group took over the German government, causing many German citizens to leave the country and seek refuge^o elsewhere.

9-10. If Henry starts exercising, his ___ for getting into shape will be very good. His desire to exercise was ___(e)d by the fact that he gained ten pounds last year.

Final Check: *Students and Politics*

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.

During the 1960s, the country's morale^o was weakened by the Vietnam war and social problems. At that time, many young people were attracted to (1) _____ political groups. The groups all had similar long lists of things they wanted to accomplish. Their extensive^o (2) _____ included ending the war, feeding the hungry, and doing away with social prejudice. In universities, they demanded courses that were more (3) _____ to the times: women's studies, African American literature, and world religions. These activists hoped such classes would serve as a(n) (4) _____ to the "traditional" thinking of the 1950s they found so harmful. But in some cases, students also insisted that universities stop offering classical literature courses, saying such courses were nothing more than (5) _____ for an outdated way of life. Many small "underground" newspapers of the time helped to (6) _____ the idea that the past had nothing worthwhile to offer.



Today, some '60s activists are concerned by the (7) _____ that they believe they see among today's young people. These former activists fear today's students are, at best, so lacking in spirit as to be (8) _____ and harmless. At worst, they are so money-hungry and so (9) _____ that they genuinely don't care about people who are poverty-stricken. However, others believe the (10) _____ for social progress are bright. Many of today's students do volunteer work as a way of helping bring about social change.

Scores Sentence Check 2 _____ % Final Check _____ %

Enter your scores above and in the Vocabulary Performance Chart on the inside back cover of the book.

endorse
erode
gruesome
hypocrite
idealistic

illusion
impact
imply
novice
obstacle

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 **endorse**
(ĕn-dôrs')
-verb

___ *Endorse* means

- "If you **endorse** the new shopping mall," said the speaker, "you're supporting a large increase in neighborhood traffic."
 - Some athletes earn more money **endorsing** such products as cereal and footwear than they do playing their sport.
- A. to buy. B. to support. C. to see.

2 **erode**
(ĭ-rôd')
-verb

___ *Erode* means

- As water **eroded** the topsoil, the tree roots beneath it became more and more visible.
 - The team's confidence in its coach was **eroded** by his increasingly wild accusations against its opponents.
- A. to wear away. B. to build up. C. to escape.

3 **gruesome**
(grôo'səm)
-adjective

___ *Gruesome* means

- The automobile accident was so **gruesome** that I had to look away from the horrible sight.
 - The young campers sat around the fire and scared each other with **gruesome** horror stories.
- A. unfair. B. boring. C. frightening.

4 **hypocrite**
(hĭp'ə-krĭt')
-noun

___ *Hypocrite* means

- Dominic is such a **hypocrite**. He cheats his customers while complaining about how hard it is to be an honest, struggling salesman.
 - I feel that the worst **hypocrites** are those who preach love and then attack anyone of a different culture or faith.
- A. an insincere person. B. a religious person. C. a loud person.

5 **idealistic**
(ĭ-dē'ə-lĭs'tĭk)
-adjective

___ *Idealistic* means

- Very **idealistic** people are drawn to professions like teaching or the ministry, in which they feel they can help make the world a better place.
 - My sister is too **idealistic** ever to marry for wealth or fame—she would marry only for love.
- A. full of ideas. B. emphasizing principles. C. young.

6 **illusion**
(ĭ-lōo'zhən)
-noun

___ *Illusion* means

- People lost in the desert sometimes experience the **illusion** that there is a lake right in front of them.
 - The idea that the sun sets and rises is an **illusion**. It is really the Earth that is turning away from and then toward the sun.
- A. a fact. B. a new idea. C. a false impression.

7 impact
(im'pākt')
-noun

— *Impact* means

- When birds accidentally fly into windows, the **impact** of hitting the glass often kills them.
- That boxer punches with such power that the **impact** of his uppercut can knock out most opponents.

A. a force. B. a possibility. C. a sight.

8 imply
(im-plī')
-verb

— *Imply* means

- To Sherlock Holmes, the clues **implied** that the murderer was an elderly man who carried a cane.
- When my friend asked me, "Do you feel all right?" she **implied** that I did not look well.

A. to hide. B. to overlook. C. to suggest.

9 novice
(növ'is)
-noun

— *Novice* means

- Because my father has never played tennis, he will join the class for **novices**.
- "Don't buy an expensive camera for a **novice**," said the saleswoman. "Let your son first get some experience with a cheaper camera."

A. a child. B. a beginner. C. a friend.

10 obstacle
(öb'stə-kəl)
-noun

— *Obstacle* means

- I'd better clean my apartment soon. There are too many **obstacles** on the floor between my bed and the refrigerator.
- The major **obstacle** to Hal's getting a promotion is his laziness.

A. something hidden. B. something helpful. C. something that prevents movement.

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 express indirectly; suggest
2. _____ Something that gets in the way; a barrier
3. _____ One who claims to be something he or she is not; an insincere person
4. _____ A false impression; a mistaken view of reality
5. _____ To support; express approval of; to state in an ad that one supports a product or service, usually for a fee
6. _____ Horrible; shocking; frightful
7. _____ A beginner; someone new to a field or activity
8. _____ The force of one thing striking another
9. _____ To gradually wear (something) away
10. _____ Tending to emphasize ideals and principles over practical concerns

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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.

A. endorse
F. illusion

B. erode
G. impact

C. gruesome
H. imply

D. hypocrite
I. novice

E. idealistic
J. obstacle

- 9.9.10
1. The horror movie became too ___ for me to watch when the monster started eating people.
 2. Year after year, the waves continue to ___ the beach, wearing it away by constantly beating against it.
 3. Poems often ___ an idea. That is, they hint at the idea rather than state it directly.
 4. I was such a(n) ___ at computers that I didn't even know how to send an e-mail.
 5. Karen is the least ___ person I know. She is guided only by a desire to get ahead.
 6. Don't be such a(n) ___! If you don't like Anitra, then you shouldn't pretend that you do.
 7. An actress hired to ___ meat products on TV was fired when the producer learned she was a vegetarian.
 8. Ballet dancers sometimes break their toes when they land with too great a(n) ___ after a leap.
 9. We can never drive straight into our driveway because there are always ___s there—tricycles, garbage cans, or toys.
 10. When the moon is low in the sky, it looks much larger than when it is overhead. This difference in size, however, is only a(n) ___.

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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. "Just because I let them meet in the church basement," said Reverend Lucas, "does not ___ that I ___ everything the group stands for."
- 3-4. When the first soldier to fly in an airplane took off in 1908, he had no ___s about the danger—he knew flying was risky. However, he never expected to die from the ___ of crashing into a cemetery wall.

5-6. The first Peace Corps volunteers may have been _____, but they were tough about their dreams. No _____ would keep them from working for a better world.

7-8. Because she was just out of college, Faye was a(n) _____ at interviewing job applicants. Nevertheless, she could see that Perry was a(n) _____ who boasted about job skills he didn't have.

9-10. Ten years in the soil had _____(e)d the body down to a mere skeleton. But when a gardener's shovel uncovered the _____ remains of the murder victim, she could still be identified by a gold locket around her neck.

Final Check: *Night Nurse*

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'm no (1) _____, so I'll acknowledge° I should never have taken the job of nurse on the midnight shift in a hospital emergency room. Not a single person in my family would (2) _____ my career decision, and maybe my family was right. I wasn't naive°; I had no (3) _____s about the difficulty of the work. I knew the emergency room would be tough, but I wasn't going to let that be a(n) (4) _____. Still, I did start out more (5) _____ about helping the world than I am now, ten months later. I don't mean to (6) _____ that I've given up on nursing, because I haven't. But when I first rushed a stretcher off an ambulance—as a(n) (7) _____ at the job—disappointment and regret had not yet started to (8) _____ my hopeful outlook.

I work at one of the biggest urban° hospitals in the state. More often than not, each shift brings a series of (9) _____ injuries, caused by everything from shootings to household accidents, but mostly by car crashes. One effect of my job has been to make me always wear a seat belt—I've seen first-hand the damage caused by the (10) _____ of a human head thrown against a windshield.

Emergency-room workers seem to follow one of two routes. Either they become accustomed to the difficult sights and stay in the field for years, or they quickly burn out and find refuge° in another line of work. I'm in the second category. Next week, I'm applying for a job in a doctor's office.



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contrary
denounce
deter

disclose
scapegoat
superficial
sustain
transition

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 **concede**
(kən-séd')
-verb

___ *Concede* means

- Our aunt hates to admit an error. She will never **concede** that she might be wrong.
 - After pretending it was easy learning to use the new computer, Ross had to **concede** that he was struggling and ask for help.
- A. to forget. B. to admit. C. to prove.

2 **conservative**
(kən-súr'və-tív)
-adjective

___ *Conservative* means

- Lauren's **conservative** relatives were shocked when she broke with tradition and wore a rose-colored wedding gown.
 - When the mayor suggested a new method of recycling garbage, a **conservative** member of the audience called out, "What we've done in the past is good enough. Why change things?"
- A. playful. B. amused. C. traditional.

3 **contrary**
(kǒn'trēr-ē)
-adjective

___ *Contrary* means

- Claire's father insists that she share his views. He doesn't allow her to express an opinion **contrary** to his.
 - Tisha and her husband have **contrary** ideas on how to spend a vacation. He wants to sleep on the beach for a week, but she prefers visiting museums.
- A. different. B. favorable. C. similar.

4 **denounce**
(dī-nouns')
-verb

___ *Denounce* means

- In Nazi Germany, anyone who publicly **denounced** Hitler as cruel or mad risked imprisonment, torture, and death.
 - When Eugene said he saw me steal from another student's locker, I **denounced** him as a liar.
- A. to imitate. B. to defend. C. to condemn.

5 **deter**
(dī-túr')
-verb

___ *Deter* means

- No one is sure how much the threat of capital punishment **deters** murder.
 - Beth's parents disapproved of her dating someone from a different culture, but their prejudice didn't **deter** her—she still dated Po-Yen.
- A. to discourage. B. to encourage. C. to change.

6 **disclose**
(dīs-klōz')
-verb

___ *Disclose* means

- When I applied for financial aid, I had to **disclose** my family's annual income. But it embarrassed me to reveal this information.
 - The police don't **disclose** all the facts of a murder to the newspapers. That way, there will be some information which only the murderer would know.
- A. to reveal. B. to deny. C. to replace.

7 scapegoat

(skāp'gōt')

-noun *Scapegoat* means

- Several girls put dye into their high school swimming pool. In need of a **scapegoat**, they blamed another student who knew nothing about the prank.
- Because the manager wanted a **scapegoat** for his own mistake, he fired an innocent employee.

A. a correction. B. a punishment. C. someone to blame.

8 superficial

(sōō'pər-fīsh'əl)

-adjective *Superficial* means

- Sal and Anita are interested only in appearances. They are so **superficial** that it's impossible to have a deep friendship with them.
- My teacher said my essay on divorce was too **superficial** because I didn't go into the subject in detail.

A. lacking depth. B. complicated. C. satisfactory.

9 sustain

(sə-stān')

-verb *Sustain* means

- My diets usually last three days at the most. I can't **sustain** my willpower any longer than that.
- An opera singer can **sustain** a high note for a long period of time.

A. to remember. B. to delay. C. to continue.

10 transition

(trān-zīsh'ən)

-noun *Transition* means

- Mark's parents were amazed at how easily he made the **transition** from full-time student to full-time employee.
- "The **transition** from being childless to being a parent is extreme," said the new father. "Last week, only two quiet people lived at our house. Suddenly, we're sharing space with a third, noisy person."

A. an explanation. B. a trip. C. a change.

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. _____ Lacking depth or meaning; shallow
2. _____ Totally different; opposite; conflicting
3. _____ A change from one activity, condition, or location to another
4. _____ Someone blamed for the mistakes of others
5. _____ To admit to something
6. _____ To prevent or discourage
7. _____ To reveal; make known
8. _____ To openly condemn; express disapproval of
9. _____ To keep something going; continue; maintain
10. _____ Tending to resist change; favoring traditional values and views

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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.

A. concede	B. conservative	C. contrary	D. denounce	E. deter
F. disclose	G. scapegoat	H. superficial	I. sustain	J. transition

- _____ 1. The teenagers who smashed the window made an innocent bystander the ____, claiming he had thrown the rock.
- _____ 2. To ____ a high grade-point average throughout college requires much studying.
- _____ 3. The environmental group ____ (e)d a local chemical company for polluting the river.
- _____ 4. Even after Stuart listed scientific facts that support his theory, the teacher refused to ____ that Stuart might be right.
- _____ 5. A childhood stutter didn't ____ Leo. He overcame his speech handicap and reached his goal of being a radio announcer.
- _____ 6. I try to judge people by their character, not by something as ____ as physical appearance.
- _____ 7. Knowing my passion for chocolate, my mother refused to ____ the location of the bite-size Hershey bars, which she was saving for company.
- _____ 8. Making the ____ from her own apartment to a nursing home has been difficult for my grandmother.
- _____ 9. Though Geena and Tom are happily married, they cast ____ votes in almost every election—she's a Republican and he's a Democrat.
- _____ 10. When Dawn brought home a boyfriend with a Mohawk and several body piercings, her ____ parents, who prefer everything old-fashioned and traditional, nearly fainted.

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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. Starting with the ____ from home to college, some students neglect high-school friendships which they had vowed always to ____.
- _____ 3-4. Stan is more interested in how much money people have than in who they are. He is a ____ person, and that quality ____s people from becoming his friends.

_____ 5-6. The owners of the unsafe factory used their employees as ____s. They ____ed the workers, claiming that their work was erratic° and that the explosion at the factory was entirely their fault.

_____ 7-8. Mayor Jones was ____, preferring traditional solutions. So it was hard for him to ____ that some of the radical° ideas of his opponent might work.

_____ 9-10. Once Sandy ____ed her true values in the course of our conversation, I realized they were quite ____ to what I had supposed. She was a hypocrite°—not the type of person that I had believed her to be.

Final Check: *Relating to Parents*

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.

As I look back at my relationship with my parents, I realize that we have gone through an interesting cycle together. When I was a kid, my parents were everything to me—the smartest, most interesting, most loving people in the world. But when I turned 13, there was a drastic° change—I suddenly developed a very (1) _____ view of them. I thought they were unreasonably strict. While I loved everything new in music, hairstyles, and clothes, they seemed boringly (2) _____, wanting everything to remain the same. Our conversations, which used to be so deep and satisfying, became (3) _____ chats. I felt as if I had nothing to say to them anymore. If we (4) _____ed a conversation for any length of time, I quickly lost patience with what I considered their silly, old-fashioned ideas. To my friends, I often (5) _____ed them as hopelessly out of touch with the modern world.



But now, as I'm making the (6) _____ from my teen years to adulthood, I've had to (7) _____ that I was wrong. My parents are the same patient, loving, wise people they always were. I see that I used them as (8) _____s for my own uncertainties and for problems I had caused myself. I assumed they had their own agenda° and would not listen to opinions different from their own. Now I know that I can (9) _____ my plans and dreams to them, and they will listen with respect. I hope I will never again let my own interests (10) _____ me from recognizing my parents' genuine love and concern for me.

Scores Sentence Check 2 _____% Final Check _____%

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compensate

conceive

derive

diversity

inhibit

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supplement

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tentative

verify

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 **compensate**

(kŏm'pən-sāt')

-verb

— *Compensate* means

- Some companies still don't **compensate** women for their work as much as they pay men who do similar work.
- When an oil rig explosion killed Sam, the company **compensated** his widow with \$100,000. However, nothing could really repay her for his loss.

A. to notice. B. to pay. C. to hire.

2 **conceive**

(kən-sēv')

-verb

— *Conceive* means

- When studying Australia in school, I **conceived** an interesting class project—each student could write to an Australian pen pal.
- Most people in the 1800s could not have imagined such things as TV and heart transplants. What will the next hundred years bring that we cannot yet **conceive** of?

A. to think of. B. to expect. C. to remember.

3 **derive**

(dĭ-rĭv')

-verb

— *Derive* means

- We **derive** plastics from oil. As a result, when oil prices go up, so do the prices of plastic products.
- Sarah **derived** pleasure from visiting and reading to old people after school. She enjoyed their company and felt she was doing something worthwhile.

A. to recognize. B. to get. C. to want.

4 **diversity**

(dĭ-vŭr'sĭ-tē)

-noun

— *Diversity* means

- There's a great **diversity** of breakfast cereals at the supermarket. There are so many different kinds that they take up half an aisle.
- "One thing I'm looking for in a college," Janelle told her counselor, "is **diversity**. I want to meet many different kinds of people."

A. sameness. B. need. C. variety.

5 **inhibit**

(ĭn-hĭb'ĭt)

-verb

— *Inhibit* means

- Steve wanted to drive fast in his new car, but the fact that he had already gotten two speeding tickets **inhibited** him.
- Many people believe exercise makes one eat more, but I find that exercise **inhibits** my urge to snack.

A. to hold back. B. to get into the habit. C. to satisfy.

6 **moderate**

(mŏd'ər-ĭt)

-adjective

— *Moderate* means

- The trail was neither flat nor extremely steep—it was **moderate**, suitable for the average hiker.
- The prices at this restaurant aren't dirt cheap, but they are **moderate**. So we should be able to have a nice dinner without spending too much.

A. modern. B. average. C. difficult.

- 7 supplement**
(sŭp'lə-mənt)
-verb
- *Supplement* means
- Many people **supplement** their diet with vitamins.
 - At busy times of the year, the department store **supplements** its sales staff with temporary workers.
- A. to replace. B. to add to. C. to reduce.
- 8 surpass**
(sər-pās')
- *Surpass* means
- With hard work, you can reach and even **surpass** many of your highest goals.
 - Denise was disappointed that she had only matched Rhonda's record leap in the high jump—she had hoped to **surpass** it.
- A. to go beyond. B. to avoid. C. to equal.
- 9 tentative**
(tĕn'tə-tĭv)
-adjective
- *Tentative* means
- My parents' wedding anniversary party date is **tentative**. Before we finalize the date, we have to be sure that everyone can be with us that weekend.
 - Class membership was **tentative** because many students were still dropping and adding courses.
- A. clear. B. uncertain. C. early.
- 10 verify**
(vēr'ə-fī')
-verb
- *Verify* means
- Race officials **verified** who the winner was by checking a photo of the horses at the finish line.
 - We'd love to come to the party, but I have to check my calendar to **verify** that we're free that evening.
- A. to predict. B. to deny. C. to make sure.

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. _____ Variety
2. _____ To make suitable payment to; pay; repay
3. _____ To do better than; go beyond in achievement or quality
4. _____ To test or check the truth or accuracy of something; prove
5. _____ To add to, especially to make up for the lack of something
6. _____ To receive from a source; get
7. _____ Not definite; not final
8. _____ Medium; average; not extreme in quality, degree, or amount
9. _____ To think of; imagine
10. _____ To hold back; prevent

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Sentence Check 1

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| A. compensate | B. conceive | C. derive | D. diversity | E. inhibit |
| F. moderate | G. supplement | H. surpass | I. tentative | J. verify |

- _____ 1. The Mississippi River ___s its name from Native American words meaning "big river."
- _____ 2. To ___ that his checkbook balance was correct, Craig added the numbers again.
- _____ 3. If you aren't very hungry, then take only a ___ helping of food.
- _____ 4. The exact cast of the movie remains ___ until the director finds out if Will Smith is available.
- _____ 5. Babe Ruth's record number of home runs in a single baseball season was ___(e)d first by Roger Maris in 1961, then by Mark McGwire in 1998, and most recently by Barry Bonds in 2001.
- _____ 6. The Motor Vehicle Bureau now ___s its driver's manual with an attached publication on the new driving laws.
- _____ 7. Even with her relatives, shy Yoko didn't feel free to be herself. Their noisy talk ___(e)d her.
- _____ 8. Artists feel frustrated when what they ___ in their minds fails to appear on the painted canvas.
- _____ 9. "Hearing a ___ of opinions is fine," said Lynn. "But it would be nice if everyone in this family could agree once in a while."
- _____ 10. When my uncle helped me pay for college, he said I could ___ him by helping someone else pay for college when I can afford to.

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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. My sister cannot ___ of being in a relationship with someone who would ___ her personal growth.
- _____ 3-4. I have ___ plans to meet Cesar at the Midtown Theatre at eight, but first I have to ___ the show time and call him back.
- _____ 5-6. When the company offered to ___ its employees well for working on Saturdays, the number of volunteers ___(e)d all expectations.

_____ 7-8. I ___ great pleasure from having my paintings in an art show, and I can ___
 _____ my income by selling some of them.

_____ 9-10. City College offers a ___ of courses and majors at a ___ price. Many students
 _____ don't realize they have an extensive choice of courses at a lower cost than at
 _____ many other colleges.

Final Check: Job Choices

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.

After job-hunting for two months, Jessica had to choose between two alternatives^o for employment—a fashion magazine and a clothing store. She already had (1) _____ job offers from both employers. They planned to make the offers definite after they were able to (2) _____ the information on her job application.

In the meantime, Jessica thought about the good and bad points of the two jobs. Both offered the (3) _____ that she liked; she hated doing the same thing every day. Both had good benefits, such as sick leave and vacation time. However, the two companies would not (4) _____ her equally. At the clothing store, Jessica would start out at a (5) _____ salary—not as much as she had hoped for. With her many expenses, she might even have to find a part-time job in the evenings to (6) _____ this salary. But there were other reasons for taking this job. Working for the store, Jessica would be free to put her many ideas into practice right away. Her manager said he would not (7) _____ any attempts she might make to move up in the company. In fact, he promised that if her work was good, he would endorse^o a promotion for her within a few months. At the fashion magazine, Jessica's starting salary would far (8) _____ what she would get paid at the clothing store—she wouldn't have to worry about money at all. But the prospects^o of getting promotions and raises were not so definite. Jessica could (9) _____ of both jobs as learning experiences and also felt she could (10) _____ much satisfaction from either one. This would not be an easy decision.



Scores Sentence Check 2 _____ % Final Check _____ %

Enter your scores above and in the Vocabulary Performance Chart on the inside back cover of the book.

alter
ample
blunt
chronic
chronological

optimist
pretense
prolong
refrain
remorse

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 **alter**
(ôl'tər)
-verb

— *Alter* means

- Many inventions have changed the course of history. Television **altered** the world, for example, by making it smaller.
 - Fern's dramatic weight loss and new hairstyle so **altered** her appearance that we barely recognized her.
- A. to surprise. B. to change. C. to emphasize.

2 **ample**
(ăm'pəl)
-adjective

— *Ample* means

- Surprisingly, my compact car has **ample** space inside. Even Mario, who is six feet tall, never feels cramped in it.
 - My parents believe that the most important requirement of any celebration is **ample** food, so that no one will be hungry.
- A. little. B. healthy. C. plenty of.

3 **blunt**
(blŭnt)
-adjective

— *Blunt* means

- "I'll be **blunt**," Phyllis said, as plainspoken as ever. "This movie is boring."
 - My best friend is so **blunt** that he never softens the truth. He always states his opinion in a painfully straightforward way.
- A. very smart. B. honest to the point of rudeness. C. wordy.

4 **chronic**
(krŏn'ĭk)
-adjective

— *Chronic* means

- My little brother is a **chronic** complainer—all we hear from him is whining, day in and day out.
 - Leon has been chain-smoking for so long that he has developed a **chronic** cough, heard daily by everyone in the office.
- A. constant. B. rare. C. harmless.

5 **chronological**
(krŏn'ə-lŏj'ĭ-kəl)
-adjective

— *Chronological* means

- I could have followed the movie better if it had presented events in **chronological** order, instead of jumping back and forth in time.
 - In your resumé, list your jobs in reverse **chronological** order—begin with the most recent job and go backward.
- A. brief. B. mixed-up. C. arranged as the events happened.

6 **optimist**
(ŏp'tə-mĭst)
-noun

— *Optimist* means

- My sister is a true **optimist**. When her friends get out their umbrellas, she puts on suntan lotion.
 - Alonso is such an **optimist** that when he lost his job, he said only, "I bet I'll find a better one now."
- A. a friendly person. B. a hopeful person. C. a troublemaker.

7 pretense

(prē'tēns')

-noun

___ Pretense means

- The robber entered people's houses under the **pretense** of being a repairman.
 - I asked several questions about Dean's illness, with the **pretense** of being concerned. In truth, I've never even liked Dean.
- A. a false claim. B. a true statement. C. a threat.

8 prolong

(prə-lông')

-verb

___ Prolong means

- Pulling off a bandage always hurts, but pulling it off slowly **prolongs** the pain.
 - My online registration for fall classes was **prolonged** because the school computer system crashed.
- A. to avoid. B. to wear away. C. to make longer.

9 refrain

(rī-frān')

-verb

___ Refrain means

- I **refrained** from saying what I really thought about Anne's haircut because I didn't want to hurt her feelings.
 - Since she's on a diet, Stella **refrained** from eating a second piece of carrot cake.
- A. to stop oneself. B. to return. C. to keep going.

10 remorse

(rī-môrs')

-noun

___ Remorse means

- After she yelled at Russell, his mother was filled with **remorse**. She always regrets her outbursts of temper.
 - Feeling **remorse** over losing her iPod, I apologized to my friend and promised to buy her a new one.
- A. excitement. B. ambition. C. regret.

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. _____ Continuing; lasting a long time; constant
2. _____ A false show or claim
3. _____ Someone who expects a good outcome
4. _____ To change
5. _____ To hold oneself back from doing something
6. _____ More than enough; plenty of
7. _____ A strong feeling of regret and guilt
8. _____ In the time order in which events happened
9. _____ Straightforward and brief, often rudely so
10. _____ To make something last longer

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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.

A. alter	B. ample	C. blunt	D. chronic	E. chronological
F. optimist	G. pretense	H. prolong	I. refrain	J. remorse

- _____ 1. I couldn't ___ from laughing when Laurie bent over to pick up her pencil and split her tight jeans.
- _____ 2. My father always expects the worst, but my mother is a(n) ____.
- _____ 3. I used to dislike my neighbor, but learning that he delivered meals to elderly shut-ins ___(e)d my opinion of him.
- _____ 4. The sporting-goods store will ___ its "One Day Only" sale to two days, since a storm kept people away the first day.
- _____ 5. Use a deep pan when baking the cake, so there will be ___ room for it to rise.
- _____ 6. Immediately after calling her sister an idiot, Lydia felt ____. So she hugged her and said, "I didn't mean that."
- _____ 7. If the teacher had been ____, she would have told Kevin his essay was terrible. Instead, she politely said, "It could use much more work."
- _____ 8. A story in which early events are hidden until the end is often more dramatic than one told in exact ___ order.
- _____ 9. Although Pilar's back pain was ____, having lasted for five years, she refused to undergo surgery.
- _____ 10. With the ___ of being attracted to Paula, Marcus asked her to dance; but his real reason was to make his ex-girlfriend jealous.

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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. Although her marriage was unhappy, Nell chose to ___ it. Because she was a(n) ____, she kept thinking her relationship with her husband would improve. Eventually, however, she realized their relationship had eroded^o too much for the marriage to be sustained^o.
- _____ 3-4. Sylvester can't ___ from sniffing and blowing his nose because he suffers all summer from ___ hay fever.

- _____ 5-6. During his trial for a long string of robberies, the ruthless° criminal showed no _____. As the lawyers described his many crimes in _____ order, he remained calm and even looked a little bored.
- _____ 7-8. _____ criticism is rarely the best way to _____ someone's behavior. Gentle suggestions tend to bring about more change.
- _____ 9-10. Always dressed in shabby clothes, Darren made a(n) _____ of being poor. His neighbors, misled by his superficial° appearance, didn't know he had _____ money to live well.

Final Check: No Joking

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.

My poor mother is the worst joke teller I've ever met. She has a(n) (1) _____, _____ inability to remember anecdotes° and punchlines—she's been like that for years. She begins a story in (2) _____ order and then interrupts herself to say, "No, wait a minute. That's not the way it goes." In this way she manages to (3) _____ jokes, making them more lengthy than funny. Still, she can't (4) _____ from trying to tell them. And she has (5) _____ opportunity to try when our family gets together. My uncle derives° amusement from seeing her embarrass herself, so he makes a(n) (6) _____ of thinking she is funny. My father is more (7) _____; he tells Mother outright that she has ruined the joke. After each failure, she is filled with (8) _____ and swears she'll never tell another joke. But I don't believe she'll ever (9) _____ her behavior. A(n) (10) _____ she always believes her next joke will be her best, and nothing will deter° her from trying again.



Scores	Sentence Check 2 _____ %	Final Check _____ %
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acute
anonymous
apprehensive
arrogant
bestow

donor
phobia
prominent
prudent
recipient

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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 acute

(ə-kyōōt')
-adjective

___ *Acute* means

- My headache pains were so **acute** that they felt like needles in my head.
- Gil joked, "This painting looks like something my two-year-old son would do." Then he felt **acute** regret when he learned the artist was standing behind him.

A. very great.

B. mild.

C. slow.

2 anonymous

(ə-nōn'ə-məs)
-adjective

___ *Anonymous* means

- Many **anonymous** works are very famous. For example, the author of the Christmas carol "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen" is unknown.
- Laura tore up an **anonymous** note that said that her teenage daughter had cheated on a test. "If the writer was too ashamed to sign the note," said Laura, "why should I believe it?"

A. short.

B. having an unknown author.

C. poorly written.

3 apprehensive

(əp'ri-hēn'siv)
-adjective

___ *Apprehensive* means

- Ginny was **apprehensive** as she approached the cow, not knowing if it would try to bite or kick her.
- It is natural to be **apprehensive** when making a major purchase, such as a car or a home. Only the wealthy can afford to be calm at such times.

A. fearful.

B. irritated.

C. confident.

4 arrogant

(ār'ə-gənt)
-adjective

___ *Arrogant* means

- Having been a very spoiled child, Becky turned out to be a very **arrogant** grownup.
- One of the most **arrogant** people I know paid the state extra money to get a custom license plate that reads "IMBEST."

A. polite.

B. quiet.

C. showing too much self-importance.

5 bestow

(bĭ-stō')
-verb

___ *Bestow* means

- The Manhattan School of Music **bestowed** an honorary degree on a famous musician who had never gone to college.
- At the science fair, the judges **bestowed** the first prize on Vincent, whose experiment showed that dogs are colorblind.

A. to take.

B. to prepare.

C. to award.

6 donor

(dō'nər)
-noun

___ *Donor* means

- Our soccer team is seeking **donors** to contribute money for new uniforms.
- The man's twin sister was the **donor** of his new kidney.

A. one who receives.

B. one who gives.

C. one who doubts.

7 phobia
(fō'bē-ə)
-noun

 Phobia means

- My roommate has joined a group that helps people with **phobias** because she wants to overcome her extreme fear of even the smallest spiders.
 - Ned's fear of flying is so severe that he won't even step onto an airplane. But he says he's in no rush to cure his **phobia**, since driving is cheaper anyway.
- A. an illness. B. an extreme fear. C. a bad temper.

8 prominent
(prəm'ə-nənt)
-adjective

 Prominent means

- Crystal's long black hair is so **prominent** that it's the first thing you notice about her.
 - The Big Bird balloon was the most **prominent** one in the parade because it was so large and such a bright yellow.
- A. cheerful. B. expensive. C. obvious.

9 prudent
(prūd'ənt)
-adjective

 Prudent means

- Sidney has learned the hard way that it's not **prudent** to tease our ill-tempered dog.
 - **Prudent** as always, Meg thought carefully before finally deciding which of the used cars would be the best buy.
- A. relaxed. B. courageous. C. careful and wise.

10 recipient
(rĭ-sĭp'ē-ənt)
-noun

 Recipient means

- The actress Katharine Hepburn was the **recipient** of four Academy Awards. She received the fourth one nearly fifty years after the first one.
 - Rashid was the annoyed **recipient** of forty pieces of spam on the same day.
- A. one who gives. B. one who receives. C. one with good luck.

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. _____ A person who gives or contributes
2. _____ Frightened; uneasy; anxious
3. _____ A continuing, abnormally extreme fear of a particular situation or thing
4. _____ Cautious; careful; wise
5. _____ Severe; sharp; intense
6. _____ Filled with self-importance; overly proud and vain
7. _____ Very noticeable; obvious
8. _____ A person who receives
9. _____ Created or given by an unknown or unidentified person
10. _____ To give, as an honor or a gift; award

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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.

A. acute	B. anonymous	C. apprehensive	D. arrogant	E. bestow
F. donor	G. phobia	H. prominent	I. prudent	J. recipient

1. Because of her ____, Martha will walk up twenty floors to avoid taking an elevator.
2. The unsigned letter to the editor was not published because it was the newspaper's policy never to print ____ letters.
3. Since I didn't eat all day, I began to feel ____ hunger pains in my stomach by early evening.
4. The secretary to the president of the company behaves in a very ____ way. She thinks she's more important than the other secretaries.
5. Kendra was so popular that each year she was the ____ of dozens of Valentines.
6. When he retires, the biology professor will ____ on the school his collection of animal skeletons.
7. "Your decision to wait to marry until after graduation seems ____ to me," Devan's father said, pleased that his son was acting so wisely.
8. Cliff became more and more ____ about his driver's test. He was afraid he'd forget to signal, fail to park correctly, or even get into an accident.
9. Because the new tax laws limit certain deductions, art museums have fewer ____s.
10. The most ____ plants in Dwayne's garden are giant lilies. Some of them are eight feet tall.

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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 millionaire was so ____ that he refused to be a major ____ to the new town library unless it was named for him.
- 3-4. It's ____ to keep medication on hand if anyone in the family is subject to ____ asthma attacks.
- 5-6. Joey is very ____ when he has to give a speech, and his stutter becomes especially _____. As a result, he refrains^o from raising his hand in class.

7-8. The famous actress was sometimes the ___ of ___ letters from fans too shy to sign their names.

9-10. Carlotta felt her therapist had ___ed upon her the greatest of gifts: freedom from fear of open spaces. Before her treatment, Carlotta's ___ had kept her a prisoner in her own home. It had inhibited° her from even walking into her own front yard.

Final Check: *Museum Pet*

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've got great news!" the museum director shouted as he ran into the employees' lunchroom. "Someone wants to (1) _____ five million dollars on the museum."

"Who?" one staff member asked excitedly.

"I don't know. He wishes his gift to remain (2) _____. There's just one obstacle°," he added.

The employees' optimistic° smiles faded, and they began to look (3) _____.

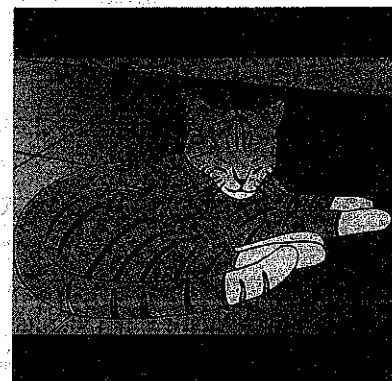
"It seems our mystery (4) _____ has a strange (5) _____: he's terribly afraid of cats."

Everyone turned to look at Willard, who had been the museum pet since he'd wandered in as a tiny kitten more than seven years ago. As usual, the large orange cat was stretched out in a (6) _____ spot near the lunchroom entrance. He continued licking himself, not aware that he was the (7) _____ of everyone's attention.

"I'm afraid Willard will have to go," the director said sadly. "This contributor isn't just a little afraid of cats; his fear is really (8) _____. Apparently, he panicked when he saw Willard the last time he came. We can't risk frightening him again. It just wouldn't be (9) _____. Remember, he might give us more money in the future."

"I think it's pretty (10) _____ of this contributor, whoever he is, to ask us to give up poor old Willard for him, even if he does want to give us the money," one employee said angrily. "How can any amount of money compensate° for the loss of a beloved pet?"

"I know you'll miss Willard," the director said, "but it would be a shame to forfeit° the money. And I'll be glad to have him come live at my house. You can all visit him whenever you like." And so Willard found a new home, where he still lives happily. The museum used the five million dollars to build a new addition, which is known as the Willard Wing.



Scores Sentence Check 2 _____ % Final Check _____ %

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absurd
adhere
affluent
alienate
assess

compile
contempt
defect
doctrine
dogmatic

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 **absurd**
(ăb-sûrd')
-adjective

___ *Absurd* means

- When six-foot Randy came to the costume party in only a diaper, he looked so **absurd** that everyone burst into laughter.
 - It seemed **absurd** to Helen that she had more cooking experience than the teacher of her cooking class.
- A. responsible. B. challenging. C. ridiculous.

2 **adhere**
(ăd-hēr')
-verb

___ *Adhere* means

- Beware of sitting on a hot car seat in shorts—your thighs may **adhere** to the vinyl.
 - Angie used bubble gum to make the poster of Justin Timberlake **adhere** to her bedroom wall.
- A. to belong. B. to grow. C. to stick.

3 **affluent**
(ăf'loo-ənt)
-adjective

___ *Affluent* means

- Some people live an **affluent** lifestyle by overcharging on their credit cards—a bad habit that can lead to a mountain of debts.
 - Why should tax regulations benefit **affluent** people more than poor people?
- A. careless. B. friendly. C. rich.

4 **alienate**
(ā'lē-ə-nāt')
-verb

___ *Alienate* means

- The coach often insulted Maria. His rude behavior began to **alienate** the other players, who had once thought of him as a friend.
 - Bill and Joanne thought their marriage could survive while they worked in different cities. But being apart so much eventually **alienated** them from each other.
- A. to push away. B. to frighten. C. to comfort.

5 **assess**
(ə-sēs')
-verb

___ *Assess* means

- It is harder for teachers to **assess** answers to essay questions than to grade multiple-choice items.
 - After the fire, insurance representatives came to **assess** the damage.
- A. to judge. B. to think of. C. to avoid.

6 **compile**
(kəm-pīl')
-verb

___ *Compile* means

- Before writing her essay, Sharon **compiled** a list of the points she wanted to make.
 - The teacher asked students to **compile** reports on their family histories by interviewing parents and grandparents.
- A. to read carefully. B. to divide. C. to put together.

7 contempt
(kən-těmpt')
-noun

Contempt means

- Vera pitied the beggar, but her boyfriend felt only **contempt**, saying, "He's too lazy to get a job."
- Molly expressed her **contempt** for Art's clumsy dancing by leaving him in the middle of the dance floor.

A. disrespect. B. acceptance. C. curiosity.

8 defect
(dē'fěkt')
-noun

Defect means

- The only **defect** in the actor's good looks was that his ears stuck out. Careful camera angles and a longer haircut hid the problem.
- "Check these peaches for **defects**, Tom," said the grocer to his new employee. "Remove any with dark spots, bruises, or other imperfections."

A. a fault. B. a strength. C. a pattern.

9 doctrine
(dōk'trīn)
-noun

Doctrine means

- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. followed the **doctrine** of fighting for social change without violence.
- Many people sincerely practice their faith without understanding all of its **doctrines**. The fine points of religion do not interest everyone.

A. a prediction. B. a teaching. C. a schedule.

10 dogmatic
(dōg-măt'ik)
-adjective

Dogmatic means

- The boss's **dogmatic** style bothered me. He listened to only one person's opinions—his own.
- A **dogmatic** teacher demands that students accept what is taught without question.

A. wild. B. very patient. C. one-sided.

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. _____ Disrespect; a feeling that a person or thing is inferior and undesirable
2. _____ To evaluate; to decide on the quality or value of
3. _____ Opinionated; stating an opinion as if it were a fact
4. _____ To stick firmly
5. _____ A fault; imperfection; flaw
6. _____ To cause to become unfriendly; to separate emotionally
7. _____ Wealthy
8. _____ Ridiculous; opposed to common sense
9. _____ To gather together in an organized form, such as a list
10. _____ The strict teachings of a religious, political, or other group

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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.

A. absurd
F. compile

B. adhere
G. contempt

C. affluent
H. defect

D. alienate
I. doctrine

E. assess
J. dogmatic

1. You cannot always ___ a student's progress by looking just at his or her grades.
2. Many of the houses in ___ neighborhoods have burglar alarms. Residents know there have been problems with robberies.
3. Margo's parents' constant arguments began to ___ her from them.
4. When Jerry cheated on the exam and then bragged about it as well, Eva felt ___ for him.
5. To ___ an encyclopedia takes many years. A huge number of facts need to be arranged into entries.
6. If you study the ___s of several religions, you may be surprised by the similarity of some of their teachings.
7. Something in a spider's thread makes bugs that touch it ___ to the web.
8. Vivian was about to buy a red dress when she noticed a small ___: some threads were loose on the collar.
9. The boss has a(n) ___ way of running things—he wants workers to do exactly what he tells them, without asking any questions.
10. Jasmin thought Hiroshi was ___ to do a rain dance on their dry front lawn—until she saw the sky blacken and lightning flash immediately afterward.

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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. To ___ a patient's health, a doctor must ___ an extensive^o record that includes all the medical tests that have been given.
- 3-4. I have ___ for any ___ that teaches hatred of groups having different principles and beliefs.
- 5-6. Stubborn, ___ parents who deny their children freedom to make some of their own decisions may eventually ___ those children. Helping children learn to think for themselves contributes to a healthy transition^o from childhood to adulthood.

7–8. My little sister thought the roll of tape that is sticky on both sides had a(n) _____, but I told her the tape was actually meant to _____ on both sides.

9–10. It seems _____ that anyone should go hungry in a country as _____ as ours. Shouldn't there be a way to provide food to families in acute need of it?

Final Check: *Unacceptable Boyfriends*

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I will acknowledge^o that I am an extremely organized person. I see no reason why everything in my life shouldn't be perfectly planned. For instance, my CDs are arranged according to the year they came out and alphabetized within that year. The cans on my kitchen shelves are placed in order of height. My clothes and accessories are perfectly organized, thanks to labels that (1) _____ to my dresser drawers. To me, being well-organized is a positive thing. But recently, a friend bluntly^o told me that she thinks I am a control freak. She said this after reading a list I had (2) _____ (e)d. It was a list of characteristics that my future boyfriend must have. According to her, my list would (3) _____ any half-decent guy who might otherwise be interested in me. I think her accusation is (4) _____. Why shouldn't my love life be as well planned as the rest of my existence? But I'll let you be the judge. You (5) _____ my list and tell me if it's unreasonable.



To begin with, my future boyfriend must be (6) _____. I plan to make a lot of money, and I wouldn't want him to feel bad about being less well-off than I am. Politically, he should be as conservative^o as I am—I simply couldn't put up with anyone whose political (7) _____ calls for social change. He can't have any physical (8) _____s, of course—I deserve someone extremely handsome and physically fit. Because I am an urban^o girl, he must want to live in the city. He has to like Thai food and dislike Mexican food, like tropical fish and hate cats and dogs, enjoy classical music and look with (9) _____ at any music written after 1850. He must enjoy beach vacations, and he must dislike camping, the mountains, bowling, suspense movies, hiking, novels, four-wheel-drive vehicles, foreign travel, and children.

My girlfriend has the nerve to call me (10) _____, saying that my list shows I'm close-minded and too opinionated. She says that every man I meet will be unacceptable in some way. I think she's just plain wrong. Be candid^o—tell me the truth. What do you think?

Scores Sentence Check _____ % Final Check _____ %

anti-	-less
bi-	phon-
en-, em-	post-
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inter-	sub-

Ten Word Parts in Context

Figure out the meanings of the following ten word parts by looking *closely* and *carefully* at the context in which they appear. Then, in the space provided, write the letter of the meaning closest to that of each word part.

1 anti-

The word part *anti-* means

- Antifreeze prevents the water in a car radiator from freezing.
- Many students in the 1960s who disapproved of the United States' involvement in the Vietnam War took part in **antiwar** marches.

A. for. B. against. C. two.

2 bi-

The word part *bi-* means

- In addition to the expected pair of wheels, a **bicycle** built for two also has two seats.
- "You can have **only one wife at a time**," Judge Graves told the **bigamist**, "not two at once."

A. two. B. look. C. speech.

3 en-, em-

The word part *en-* or *em-* means

- On the boss's door were two signs: "**Enter**" and "Exit."
- A brief kiss, a quick **embrace**, and she was gone—leaving me wondering if I had really held her in my arms.

A. sound. B. below. C. in, into.

4 graph, gram

The word part *-graph* or *-gram* means

- My little sister practices her handwriting so that if she becomes famous, her **autograph** will look good.
- The **diagram** in my biology book shows that, strange as it may seem, an earthworm has two hearts.

A. under. B. something written or drawn. C. three.

5 inter-

The word part *inter-* means

- When my brother tries to speak while chewing gum, it's impossible to understand him without an **interpreter**.
- "Driving cross-country along the **interstate** highway was great," said Telly, "I got to eat in about twenty different states!"

A. something written. B. between. C. under.

6 -less

The word part *-less* means

- The mayor spoke sadly about the **homeless**, but he did nothing to build low-income housing.
- The Smiths' marriage was **loveless**. They stayed together for the sake of their children, but the constant tension in their house was difficult for everyone to bear.

A. without. B. with. C. look.

7 phon

___ The word part *phon* means

- Alexander Graham Bell invented not only the **telephone** but also a kite that could carry a person.
 - Whenever Wayne played the **saxophone**, dogs howled, cats screamed, and lovebirds got divorced.
- A. under. B. sound. C. watch.

8 post-

___ The word part *post-* means

- Why are baseball games **postponed** because of a light rain, but football games not called off even if it rains heavily?
 - My playful sister included a **postscript** after her letter that said, "P.S. I don't have anything else to say."
- A. half. B. speech. C. after.

9 spect

___ The word part *spect* means

- Detective Blake amazed everyone by **inspecting** the tuna casserole the thief was baking and then fishing the stolen jewels out with a fork.
 - **Spectators** at a tennis match tend to watch the ball, not the players.
- A. hear. B. look. C. not.

10 sub-

___ The word part *sub-* means

- Some people won't travel by **subway** because they fear being trapped underground.
 - On the **submarine** ride at Disneyland, passengers can see models of such underwater life as seahorses and sharks.
- A. under. B. new. C. over.

Matching Word Parts with Definitions

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2. _____ Something written or drawn
3. _____ Against, acting against
4. _____ Into, in
5. _____ Under, below
6. _____ Two
7. _____ Between, among
8. _____ Look, watch
9. _____ Without
10. _____ Sound, speech

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2. The French have trouble with English (. . . *etics*) ___, especially the sound of *er*, as in *anger* and *later*.
3. "We (. . . *rupt*) ___ this program to bring you a special news bulletin," the announcer said.
4. You can keep brown sugar moist by (. . . *closing*) ___ it in a container with a piece or two of apple.
5. In her (*autobio . . . y*) ___, *The Story of My Life*, Helen Keller tells how she was able to learn despite her blindness and deafness.
6. Clark was (. . . *social*) ___ in high school, but he became very outgoing in college.
7. Bird watchers prefer rubber-coated (. . . *noculars*) ___ because if they hit trees or equipment, they don't make a noise that scares birds away.
8. A (*cord . . .*) ___ phone allows a parent to talk to a caller while following a wandering child around the house.
9. Prenatal care for birds means sitting on the eggs. (. . . *natal*) ___ care involves almost constant feeding during the day.
10. When we saw what appeared to be a floating log (. . . *merge*) ___ and then slide under the water toward our canoe, we knew two things: one, it wasn't a log; two, it wanted to eat us.

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- 1-2. Because I'm allergic to all kinds of perfumes, my (. . . *perspirant*) ___ must be (*odor . . .*) ___.
- 3-4. At the company luncheon, every new (. . . *ployee*) ___ was invited up to the (*micro . . .*) to say a few introductory words.

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cite
compatible
exempt

prevail
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retrieve

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1 **accessible**
(äk-sēs'ə-bəl)
-adjective

___ Accessible means

- The department store was not **accessible** from her side of the road, so Kristin looked ahead for a U-turn.
 - We always hung the candy canes on the Christmas tree's highest branches, where they weren't **accessible** to the younger children.
- A. good to look at. B. within reach. C. desirable.

2 **awe**
(ô)
-noun

___ Awe means

- Nelson and Donna have different types of heroes. Although Nelson greatly admires Tom Brady, Donna is in **awe** of Oprah Winfrey.
 - Sid is in **awe** of his gymnastics coach, whom he considers the greatest man he knows.
- A. anger. B. respect. C. hope.

3 **cite**
(sīt)
-verb

___ Cite means

- Jamal was embarrassed but pleased when the teacher **cited** his essay as an example of good writing.
 - Tired of picking up after her sister, Kim **cited** examples of her sloppiness: "stacks of papers, piles of dirty clothes, and unwashed dishes."
- A. to forget. B. to mention. C. to ignore.

4 **compatible**
(kəm-pāt'ə-bəl)
-adjective

___ Compatible means

- My former girlfriend and I weren't very **compatible**; whenever she wasn't angry with me, I was angry with her.
 - Some sweet and salty foods are **compatible**: for example, chocolate-covered pretzels are delicious.
- A. well-known. B. healthy. C. able to work together.

5 **exempt**
(ĭg-zĕmpt')
-adjective

___ Exempt means

- Since he had never been spanked, my little brother thought he was **exempt** from punishment—until he wrote on the walls in ink.
 - Students with A averages were **exempt** from final exams, so the top three students began their vacation early while the rest of us sweated it out on exam day.
- A. excused. B. in fear. C. hiding.

6 **prevail**
(prĭ-vāl')
-verb

___ Prevail means

- Most Hollywood movies have a happy ending: good **prevails** over evil.
 - Although Kennedy **prevailed** over Nixon in 1960, eight years later Nixon won the presidency.
- A. to win. B. to watch. C. to lose.

7 propel
(prə-pēl')
-verb

___ *Propel* means

- My brother gave me a shove, which **propelled** me into the lake fully clothed.
 - When the wind failed to **propel** the boat, we lowered the sails and turned on the motor.
- A. to support. B. to move forward. C. to raise.

8 rational
(rāsh'ə-nəl)
-adjective

___ *Rational* means

- Mr. Tibbs isn't **rational**; in addition to believing he came from another planet, he does crazy things like shoveling snow in his pajamas.
 - The belief that breaking a mirror brings seven years of bad luck isn't **rational**. The only bad luck it could really bring is stepping on a sharp piece of broken glass.
- A. helpful. B. kind. C. reasonable.

9 retort
(rī-tōrt')
-noun

___ *Retort* means

- Sue, who is slender, boasted, "Thin is in." So Pat, who is heavy, gave this **retort**: "Well, fat is where it's at."
 - When Shelley's balding boyfriend made fun of her new perm, her **retort** was, "Jealous?"
- A. a wish. B. an answer. C. a fact.

10 retrieve
(rī-trēv')
-verb

___ *Retrieve* means

- My dog Floyd refuses to **retrieve** a thrown Frisbee. Instead of running to bring it back, he only tilts his head and gives me a questioning look.
 - I can't **retrieve** my sweater from the library until tomorrow, since the library had closed by the time I realized the sweater was missing.
- A. to remember. B. to touch. C. to get back.

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. _____ Reasonable; logical
2. _____ To mention in support of a point; refer to
3. _____ A sharp, clever, or angry reply
4. _____ To provide the force that moves something; to move something forward
5. _____ Easily reached or entered
6. _____ To get (something) back
7. _____ Able to get along well together; combining well
8. _____ To win or win out; triumph; defeat (someone or something)
9. _____ Great respect mixed with wonder and amazement
10. _____ Free from some unpleasant duty or situation

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A. accessible B. awe C. cite D. compatible E. exempt
F. prevail G. propel H. rational I. retort J. retrieve

- _____ 1. When I go bowling with Joan, she usually wins, but I always ___ in Scrabble.
- _____ 2. Jet engines ___ a plane forward.
- _____ 3. I ran back to the ladies' room to ___ my purse, but someone had already taken it.
- _____ 4. In my family, a person is ___ from household chores on his or her birthday.
- _____ 5. The cabinet above the refrigerator was ___ to Tanya but not to her roommate Mieko, who was much shorter.
- _____ 6. The general's uniform and medals filled Scott with ____. However, Marla, who knew the general personally, felt only disrespect for him.
- _____ 7. My father thinks everything combines well with peanut butter. He even thinks peanut butter and onions are ___ in a sandwich.
- _____ 8. When Bridget writes up her experiment, she will ___ similar studies by other researchers, to show that her results match theirs.
- _____ 9. Some people don't think in a(n) ___ way. Their thoughts are governed by emotion, not reason.
- _____ 10. There are at least two versions of the joke in which a customer complains that a fly is in his soup. The waiter's ___ is either "That's okay—there's no extra charge" or "Don't worry—he won't drink much."

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Sentence Check 2

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- _____ 1-2. Luis was in ___ of his athletic friend Ben, who seemed to ___ in any contest of strength or speed.
- _____ 3-4. The speaker told his high-school audience, "I can ___ dozens of cases of adults who mistakenly thought they were ___ from the harm of cocaine. They all eventually lost their jobs and alienated^o their families."
- _____ 5-6. Keith and Sara's matchmaking friends were so sure they'd be ___ that they tried everything to ___ the two into each other's arms.

7-8. The prudent° and ___ thing to do is to ask Michael to return your sweater before you sneak into his room to ___ it behind his back.

9-10. When I complained to my arrogant° landlord that the kitchen shelves were so high they were ___ only by ladder, his ___ was, "So get a ladder!"

Final Check: *Our Headstrong Baby*

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Before our child was born, we truly believed we would be (1) _____ from many of the restrictions of our friends who were parents. Being novices° at parenthood, we were sure a baby and a nicely decorated home could be (2) _____. We thought we could just explain to the baby in a calm, (3) _____ manner that certain objects in the house were not to be touched. But now we are parents, and our illusions° about babies are gone. Now we are in (4) _____ of a tiny infant's amazing abilities. We've learned that when an adult and a baby disagree, the baby will almost always (5) _____. We've learned, too, that a child who can't even crawl can somehow (6) _____ her little body over to an object that attracts her. Each day brought another "accident," for which, of course, we blamed our baby. It took us a while to admit defeat—we could (7) _____ examples of vases broken and books chewed into pulp. But we finally gave up and realized we had to stop turning our child into a scapegoat°. It was up to us, not the baby, to avert° daily destruction. We look at our formerly attractive house now and see that every surface which is (8) _____ to the baby has been cleared of everything but toys. So now, when our childless friends laugh at us as we (9) _____ our belongings from the uppermost shelves of the house, this is our (10) _____: "We'll listen to you when you have a kid of your own."



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A. certain. B. unsure. C. happy.

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___ *Ecstatic* means

- I wouldn't be just glad if I won the five-million-dollar lottery; I'd be absolutely **ecstatic**.
- The smallest thing, like an ice cream cone on a hot day, a train ride, or a ladybug in the grass, can make a child **ecstatic**.

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___ *Encounter* means

- I never expected to **encounter** anyone I knew at the crowded concert, but my friend Jeff sat just two rows in front of me.
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___ *Fallacy* means

- It is a **fallacy** for people to think that they can drink and still manage to drive safely.
- To opponents of nuclear energy, the idea that nuclear power plants are safe for humans is a **fallacy**.

A. a useful idea. B. an error. C. a goal.

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___ *Fictitious* means

- The characters in novels are usually totally **fictitious**, but some are based on real people.
- Violence in TV movies may frighten very young children, who have not learned the difference between true and **fictitious** events.

A. unreal. B. future. C. active.

7 gullible
(gŭl'ə-bəl)
-adjective

 Gullible means

- Candace is so **gullible** that she believed me when I told her the White House is really yellow.
 - You might think I'm **gullible** enough to fall for that old line, but you can't fool me that easily.
- A. suspicious. B. mean. C. easily fooled.

8 liable
(lī'ə-bəl)
-adjective

 Liable means

- If you lie to me once, I will think you're **liable** to lie to me again.
 - I'm **liable** to start overeating again if I let myself have even one candy bar, cupcake, or cookie, so I'm careful not to give in, even for a moment.
- A. likely. B. unable. C. unlikely.

9 miserly
(mī'zēr-lē)
-adjective

 Miserly means

- In Charles Dickens's *A Christmas Carol*, Scrooge at first hated to spend money, but he later regretted his **miserly** ways.
 - My rich uncle was so **miserly** that he never gave money to charity.
- A. lazy. B. stingy. C. bossy.

10 pessimist
(pēs'ə-mīst)
-noun

 Pessimist means

- A **pessimist** can see a bad side to even the best situation.
 - My family is very balanced: my father sees the best in everything, but my mother is usually a **pessimist**.
- A. a pest. B. one who expects the worst. C. one who is wise.

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1. _____ Imaginary; made-up
2. _____ To change gradually; develop
3. _____ To meet, especially unexpectedly
4. _____ In a state of great joy; overjoyed
5. _____ Likely (to experience or do something unpleasant or dangerous)
6. _____ A person who tends to see the bad side of things
7. _____ Doubtful
8. _____ Stingy and greedy
9. _____ A mistaken idea
10. _____ Easily fooled

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1. Our grandmother is so _____ that all she ever gives us for our birthdays is a card.
2. If you tease the dog too much, he's _____ to bite you.
3. Many children have _____ friends—people or animals who exist only in their imaginations.
4. I am _____ about Emmet's ability to do the job alone, but I am willing to give him a try.
5. As I stepped into the garage, I _____(e)d an unexpected visitor—a raccoon.
6. "I'm _____," said Christine on the day of her college graduation. "I wasn't this happy even on my wedding day."
7. Don't be such a(n) _____. Just because you did poorly on the midterm doesn't mean you won't pass the course.
8. It is a(n) _____ that reading without good light ruins your eyesight. Actually, reading in dim light does not harm your vision at all.
9. Surprising Miguel on his birthday was easy. He's so _____ that we knew he'd believe whatever story we told him.
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- 1-2. When my sister visited California, she _____(e)d Denzel Washington in a department store. Despite feelings of awe^o, she managed to get up enough nerve to ask him for his autograph, and she has been _____ ever since.
- 3-4. Alma is so _____ that her friends often tell her totally _____ stories and then tease her about believing them.
- 5-6. A _____ person is _____ to end up with lots of money and few friends.

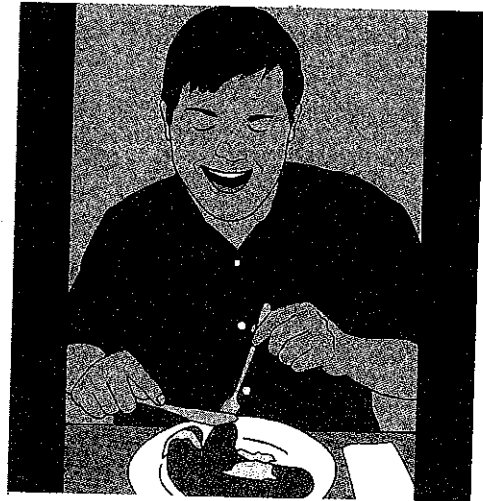
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9-10. At first I was ___ about the prospects° of our school's basketball team; I did not think that they would win even one game. But as the season progressed, the team surpassed° all my expectations and ___(e)d into championship material.

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Kathy was (1) _____ as she told me that she had (2) _____ (e)d the "perfect man," as she called him. She insisted he didn't have one single defect°. But I was (3) _____ right from the start. Contrary° to Kathy's view, my own opinion is that "perfection" is a(n) (4) _____ —I've never met anyone who was perfect. I must admit that, because of my own bad luck in dating, I am (5) _____ to be more of a (6) _____ than most on this subject. I dated one guy who was so (7) _____ that, when we went to the movies, we had to stay in the theater after the film had ended so he could supplement° his income—by searching under the seats for dropped coins. Another was addicted to sausages. He ate sausages for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. His strange eating habits alienated° me, and our relationship quickly (8) _____ (e)d from bad to "wurst." Then there were all those fellows who couldn't quite tell the truth. They disclosed° so many (9) _____ details about their lives that they should have been novelists. To cite° a few examples, they told me they were in college (they weren't), they had jobs (they didn't), and they had gotten perfect scores on their SATs (they hadn't). So you can see why I'm apprehensive° about encouraging Kathy, who is so (10) _____ that she believes anything anyone says. I can't wait to meet Mr. Perfect. He's probably either a liar or a lunatic. And I'm not sure which is worse.



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— *Gullible* means

- Candace is so **gullible** that she believed me when I told her the White House is really yellow.
- You might think I'm **gullible** enough to fall for that old line, but you can't fool me that easily.

A. suspicious. B. mean. C. easily fooled.

8 liable
(lī'ə-bəl)
-adjective

— *Liable* means

- If you lie to me once, I will think you're **liable** to lie to me again.
- I'm **liable** to start overeating again if I let myself have even one candy bar, cupcake, or cookie, so I'm careful not to give in, even for a moment.

A. likely. B. unable. C. unlikely.

9 miserly
(mī'zēr-lē)
-adjective

— *Miserly* means

- In Charles Dickens's *A Christmas Carol*, Scrooge at first hated to spend money, but he later regretted his **miserly** ways.
- My rich uncle was so **miserly** that he never gave money to charity.

A. lazy. B. stingy. C. bossy.

10 pessimist
(pēs'ə-mīst)
-noun

— *Pessimist* means

- A **pessimist** can see a bad side to even the best situation.
- My family is very balanced: my father sees the best in everything, but my mother is usually a **pessimist**.

A. a pest. B. one who expects the worst. C. one who is wise.

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. _____ Imaginary; made-up
2. _____ To change gradually; develop
3. _____ To meet, especially unexpectedly
4. _____ In a state of great joy; overjoyed
5. _____ Likely (to experience or do something unpleasant or dangerous)
6. _____ A person who tends to see the bad side of things
7. _____ Doubtful
8. _____ Stingy and greedy
9. _____ A mistaken idea
10. _____ Easily fooled

CAUTION: Do not go any further until you are sure the above answers are correct. Then you can use the definitions to help you in the following practices. Your goal is eventually to know the words well enough so that you don't need to check the definitions at all.

Sentence Check 1

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

A. dubious
F. fictitious

B. ecstatic
G. gullible

C. encounter
H. liable

D. evolve
I. miserly

E. fallacy
J. pessimist

- _____ 1. Our grandmother is so _____ that all she ever gives us for our birthdays is a card.
- _____ 2. If you tease the dog too much, he's _____ to bite you.
- _____ 3. Many children have _____ friends—people or animals who exist only in their imaginations.
- _____ 4. I am _____ about Emmet's ability to do the job alone, but I am willing to give him a try.
- _____ 5. As I stepped into the garage, I _____(e)d an unexpected visitor—a raccoon.
- _____ 6. "I'm _____," said Christine on the day of her college graduation. "I wasn't this happy even on my wedding day."
- _____ 7. Don't be such a(n) _____. Just because you did poorly on the midterm doesn't mean you won't pass the course.
- _____ 8. It is a(n) _____ that reading without good light ruins your eyesight. Actually, reading in dim light does not harm your vision at all.
- _____ 9. Surprising Miguel on his birthday was easy. He's so _____ that we knew he'd believe whatever story we told him.
- _____ 10. Interest in the environment has _____(e)d from a simple love of nature into a troubled awareness that we might be destroying our planet.

NOTE: Now check your answers to these items by turning to page 178. Going over the answers carefully will help you prepare for the next two practices, for which answers are not given.

Sentence Check 2

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

- _____ 1-2. When my sister visited California, she _____(e)d Denzel Washington in a department store. Despite feelings of awe^o, she managed to get up enough nerve to ask him for his autograph, and she has been _____ ever since.
- _____ 3-4. Alma is so _____ that her friends often tell her totally _____ stories and then tease her about believing them.
- _____ 5-6. A _____ person is _____ to end up with lots of money and few friends.

7-8. An extreme ___ believes that bad luck can't be escaped and that it is a ___ to expect good luck. If such a person were the recipient° of a million dollars, he or she would complain about the taxes.

9-10. At first I was ___ about the prospects° of our school's basketball team; I did not think that they would win even one game. But as the season progressed, the team surpassed° all my expectations and ___(e)d into championship material.

Final Check: Mr. Perfect?

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.

Kathy was (1) _____ as she told me that she had (2) _____(e)d the "perfect man," as she called him. She insisted he didn't have one single defect°. But I was (3) _____ right from the start. Contrary° to Kathy's view, my own opinion is that "perfection" is a(n) (4) _____—I've never met anyone who was perfect. I must admit that, because of my own bad luck in dating, I am (5) _____ to be more of a (6) _____ than most on this subject. I dated one guy who was so (7) _____ that, when we went to the movies, we had to stay in the theater after the film had ended so he could supplement° his income—by searching under the seats for dropped coins. Another was addicted to sausages. He ate sausages for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. His strange eating habits alienated° me, and our relationship quickly (8) _____(e)d from bad to "wurst." Then there were all those fellows who couldn't quite tell the truth. They disclosed° so many (9) _____ details about their lives that they should have been novelists. To cite° a few examples, they told me they were in college (they weren't), they had jobs (they didn't), and they had gotten perfect scores on their SATs (they hadn't). So you can see why I'm apprehensive° about encouraging Kathy, who is so (10) _____ that she believes anything anyone says. I can't wait to meet Mr. Perfect. He's probably either a liar or a lunatic. And I'm not sure which is worse.



Scores Sentence Check 2 _____ % Final Check _____ %

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