# Essential Words for the TOEFL





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#### **LESSON 1**

abroad abrupt acceptable acclaim actually adverse advice attractive autonomous disapproval disruptive haphazardly ideal persistent wide

abroad adv. to or in another country

*Syn.* overseas, internationally

Louis Armstrong often traveled abroad.

Living <u>abroad</u> can be an educational experience.

**abrupt** adj. quick, without warning

adv. abruptly Syn. sudden

n. abruptness

There was an <u>abrupt</u> change in the weather. After the incident everyone left abruptly.

acceptable adj. allowable or satisfactory

v. accept Syn. permissible

adv. acceptably

n. acceptability

adj. accepting

The idea was <u>acceptable</u> to everyone.

The registrar <u>accepted</u> more applicants than he should have.

acclaim n. enthusiastic approval, applause

adj. acclaimed Syn. praise

n. acclamation

Isaac Stem has won acclaim abroad.

Acclaimed authors often win Pulitzer Prizes.

actually adv. being in existence, real or factual

adj. actual Syn. truly

They were actually very good soccer players.

The <u>actual</u> time allotted to complete the test is two hours.

adverse adj. displeasing, objectionable, or bad

adv. adversely *Syn.* unfavorable

n. adversity

n. adversary

<u>Adverse</u> weather conditions made it difficult to play the game.

His indecision adversely affected his job performance.

advice n. a recommendation given by someone not

v. advise associated with the problem or situation

adj. advisable Syn. suggestion

n. advisability

Good advice is hard to find.

It is not <u>advisable</u> to stay up late the night before a test.

attractive adj. calling attention to, pleasing, creating interest,

v. attract pretty

n. attraction Syn. appealing

n. attractiveness

adv. attractively

The idea of working four, 10-hour work days was attractive to the employees.

The major <u>attraction</u> of the show was a speech by the president.

ideal adj. having no flaw or mistake, excellent

adv. ideally Syn. perfect

n. ideal

The beach is an <u>ideal</u> place to relax.

Candidates for the job should <u>ideally</u> have five years experience in similar positions.

persistent adj. continuous, refusing to give up, firm in action or

decision

v. persist n. persistence adv. persistently Syn. constant

The attorney's persistent questioning weakened the witness.

Her persistence earned her a spot on the team.

wide adj. extending over a large area

adv. widely Syn. broad

n. wideness

Pine forests are found over a wide area of the Pacific Northwest.

The senator has traveled widely.

autonomous adj. by itself, with no association

adv. autonomously Syn. independent

Mexico became an autonomous state in 1817.

Although working closely with the government, all businesses function autonomously.

disapproval n. the act of disagreeing, not giving approval

v. disapprove

adv. disapprovingly Syn. objection

Their disapproval of the plan caused the experiment to be abandoned.

The students disapproved of the plan of study.

#### disruptive

*adj.* causing confusion and interruption Syn. disturbing

v. disrupt

n. disruption

adv. disruptively

Frequent questions during lectures can be disruptive.

The storm caused a <u>disruption</u> in bus service.

#### haphazardly

adv. having no order or pattern, by chance

adj. haphazard Syn. arbitrarily, carelessly

n. haphazardness

It was obvious that the house was built haphazardly.

Susan completed the assignment in a haphazard way.

#### **MATCHING**

#### Choose the synonym.

- 1. widely
  - (A) broadly
  - (B) abroad
  - (C) secretly
  - (D) truly
- 2. autonomous
  - (A) independent
  - (B) sudden
  - (C) international
  - (D) abrupt
- 3. advice
  - (A) acclaim
  - (B) attention
  - (C) suggestion
  - (D) praise
- 4. attractive
  - (A) appealing
  - (B) adverse
  - (C) arbitrary
  - (D) perfect
- 5. disapproval
  - (A) attraction
  - (B) attention
  - (C) objection
  - (D) persistence

- 6. haphazardly
  - (A) suddenly
  - (B) secretly
  - (C) carelessly
  - (D) constantly
- 7. constant
  - (A) disruption
  - (B) acceptable
  - (C) abrupt
  - (D) persistent
- 8. perfect
  - (A) attractive
  - (B) ideal
  - (C) actual
  - (D) abrupt
- 9. unfavorably
  - (A) attractively
  - (B) haphazardly
  - (C) acceptably
  - (D) adversely
- 10. disturbing
  - (A) perfect
  - (B) disruptive
  - (C) persistent
  - (D) attractive

#### **TEST QUESTIONS**

Choose the word or phrase that is closest in meaning to the underlined word or phrase.					
1. As a government official, Benjamin Franklin often traveled <u>abroad.</u>					
(A) widely					
(B) secretly					
(C) alone					
(D) overseas					
2. American poet James Merrily received critical <u>acclaim</u> for his work entitled					
Jim's Book.					
(A) advice					
(B) disapproval					
(C) praise					

3. A revolution in women's fashion during the second half of the twentieth century made trousers <u>acceptable</u> for almost all activities.

(D) attention

- (A) available
- (B) permissible
- (C) attractive
- (D) ideal
- 4. No fan, electric or otherwise, actually cools the air.
  - (A) truly
  - (B) haphazardly
  - (C) persistently
  - (D) continuously
- 5. The climate of Chicago is subject to <u>abrupt</u> changes of weather.
  - (A) sudden
  - (B) extreme
  - (C) adverse
  - (D) disruptive

#### **LESSON 2**

advanced advantage advent agile albeit allow appealing celebrated contemporary distribute encourage energetic frail refine worthwhile

advanced adj. ahead of current thought or practice forward

thinking, new

v. advance

n. advancement Syn. progressive

Advanced technology is changing the world.

His <u>advancement</u> to captain came unexpectedly.

advantage n. something that may help one to be successful or to

gain something

adv. advantageously Syn. benefit

adj. advantageous

Is there any <u>advantage</u> in arriving early?

He was <u>advantageously</u> born into a rich family.

advent n. the coming or appearance of something

*Syn.* arrival

With the advent of computers, many tasks have been made easier.

The newspapers announced the advent of the concert season.

agile adj. able to move in a quick and easy way

adv. agilely Syn. nimble

n. agileness n. agility

Deer are very agile animals.

She moved <u>agilely</u> across the stage.

albeit conj. in spite of the facts, regardless of the fact

*Syn.* although

His trip was successful, albeit tiring.

Albeit difficult at times, speaking another language is rewarding.

allow v. to agree to let something happen, not to interfere

with an action

n. allowance Syn. permit

adj. allowable
adv. allowable

Arthur's natural agility will <u>allow</u> him to excel in sports.

The extra money <u>allowed</u> us to stay abroad another day.

appealing adj. attractive or interesting, able to move

v. appeal feelings

n. appeal Syn. alluring

adv. appealingly

Working abroad is <u>appealing</u> to many people.

Through his speeches, the candidate <u>appealed</u> to the voters.

**celebrated** adj. acclaimed, well-known, and popular

Syn. renown

The <u>celebrated</u> pianist will give a concert this weekend. San Francisco is <u>celebrated</u> for its multicultural makeup.

contemporary adj. modern, up-to-date; also a person living at the

same time as another person

n. contemporary Syn. current

Contemporary architecture makes very good use of space.

Cervantes was a <u>contemporary</u> of Shakespeare.

**distribute** v. to divide among people or to give out

n. distribution Syn. dispense

Many publishers distribute their newspapers directly to homes in their area.

The <u>distribution</u> of seeds is very quick with this new machine.

**encourage** v. to give courage or hope to someone

n. encouragement Syn. inspire

adj. encouraging
adv. encouragingly

Even though the runner finished second, he was <u>encouraged</u> by his performance.

His teacher gave him the encouragement that he needed to learn the material.

energetic adj. full of life, action, or power

n. energy Syn. vigorous

adv. energetically

Sam hasn't been as <u>energetic</u> as he usually is.

There's a lot of <u>energy</u> in these batteries.

frail adj. weak in health or in body

n. trade Syn. fragile

The frail wings of the newborn bird could not lift it off the ground.

One of the <u>frailties</u> of human beings is laziness.

refine v. to make pure, to improve

n. refinement Syn. perfect (v.)

adj. refined

Factories must to <u>refine</u> oil before it can be used as fuel.

A squirt of lime juice is the perfect <u>refinement</u> to cola.

worthwhile

adj. value in doing something

*Syn.* rewarding

It was <u>worthwhile</u> waiting 10 hours in line for the tickets. It's <u>worthwhile</u> to prepare for the TOEFL.

#### **MATCHING**

#### Choose the synonym.

- 1.inspire
  - (A) celebrate
  - (B) attract
  - (C) encourage
  - (D) appeal
- 2.advantage
  - (A) benefit
  - (B) persistence
  - (C) nimbleness
  - (D) allure
- 3.fragile
  - (A) modern
  - (B) famous
  - (C) allowable
  - (D) frail
- 4.contemporary
  - (A) timing
  - (B) current
  - (C) well-known
  - (D) perfect
- 5.appealing
  - (A) refined
  - (B) encouraging
  - (C) alluring
  - (D) popular

- 6. renown
  - (A) unknown
  - (B) celebrated
  - (C) adverse
  - (D) disapprove
- 7. worthwhile
  - (A) rewarding
  - (B) acceptable
  - (C) agile
  - (D) permitted
- 8. vigorous
  - (A) attractive
  - (B) beautiful
  - (C) energetic
  - (D) advantageous
- 9. refine
  - (A) persist
  - (B) value
  - (C) perfect
  - (D) divide
- 10. distribute
  - (A) disappoint
  - (B) disrupt
  - (C) discourage
  - (D) dispense

#### **TEST QUESTIONS**

Choose the word or phrase that is closest in meaning to the underlined word or phrase.

- 1. Swallows are among the most agile passerine birds.
- (A) energetic
- (B) frail
- (C) beautiful
- (D) nimble
- 2. Shrimping in Mississippi's tidal areas is not <u>allowed</u> during the summer months.
- (A) worthwhile
- (B) permitted
- (C) encouraged
- (D) appealing
- 3. With the <u>advent</u> of cable television and the use of satellites for broadcasting, television reception improved.
- (A) arrival
- (B) refinement
- (C) distribution
- (D) advantage
- 4. Most tadpoles are vegetarians, <u>albeit</u> those of some species are carnivorous.
- (A) although
- (B) simply
- (C) supposedly
- (D) since
- 5. <u>Advanced</u> scientific disciplines like solar cell technology and genetic engineering are exploding with possibilities.
- (A) valued
- (B) celebrated
- (C) new
- (D) appealing

#### **LESSON 3**

alter analyze ancient annoying anticipate conform defect enrich intensify intolerable observe ongoing propose restore vital

alter

v. to change or make different

v. altered Syn. modify

n. alteration

adj. alterable adv. alterably

I Will the starlit <u>alter</u> its course and miss the coast? Gloria hasn't altered her plans to return to school.

analyze

v. to study something carefully, to separate

n. analyzed into parts for study

n. analysis *Syn.* examine Scientists must <u>analyze</u> problems thoroughly.

Analysis of the substance confirms the presence of nitrogen.

ancient

adj. something from a long time ago, very old.

Syn. old

Archaeologists analyze ancient civilizations.

Dave found an ancient Roman coin.

annoying

adj. a slight bother, disturbing to a person

n. annoyance Syn. bothersome

v. annoy adv. annoyingly

Mosquitoes can be an <u>annoying</u> part of a vacation at the beach.

She <u>annoyed</u> her parents by coming home late.

anticipate

v. to think about or prepare for something ahead of

adj. anticipatory

time

n. anticipation

Syn. predict

No one can anticipate the results of the games.

They planned their vacation with anticipation.

conform

v. to follow established rules or patterns of

n. conformitybehaviorn. conformistSyn. adapt

Yon must conform to the rules or leave the club.

She has always been a conformist.

detect

v. to find out, to observe something

n. detection

*Syn.* notice

n. detective

He detected a smile on his girlfriend's face.

They are the best <u>detectives</u> on the police force.

enrich

v. to make rich, to make something of

n. enrichment

greater value

adj. enriching

*Syn.* enhance

The fine arts <u>enrich</u> our lives.

The discovery of oil was an enrichment for the country.

intensify

v. to make stronger in feeling or quality

n. intensity

Syn. heighten

adj. intense

adj. intensive

adv. intensely

adv. intensively

The importance of the test will sometimes <u>intensify</u> the nervousness of the students.

The chess match was played with great intensity.

intolerable

adj. difficult or painful to experience, not

n. intolerance

able to accept different ways of thought

adv. intolerably

or behavior

adv. intolerantly

adj. intolerant

*Syn.* unbearable

Any opposition to the rules is intolerable.

His boss was intolerant of his tardiness.

observe

v. to see and watch carefully, to examine

n. observation

Syn. notice

n. observer

adj. observant

adj. observable

Human beings like to observe the behavior of monkeys.

I made the observation that you are not happy.

ongoing

adj. continuing

Syn. current

The tutoring project is an ongoing program of the school.

Maintaining roads is an ongoing job.

propose

v. to suggest or plan to do something

n. proposal

Syn. suggest

n. proposition

adj. proposed

The governor is going to <u>propose</u> new taxes. Her <u>proposal</u> was well accepted.

restore v. to give back or bring back something; to

n. restoration return to the original condition

adj. restored Syn. revitalize

He <u>restored</u> my confidence in hint.

It is a beautiful <u>restoration</u> of the old table.

vital adj. of great importance, full of life

n. vitality Syn. indispensable

adv. vitally

Money is <u>vital</u> to the success of the program.

His intense vitality was easily observable.

#### **MATCHING**

#### Choose the synonym.

1.	indispensable (A) abrupt (B) abroad (C) vital (D) frail	6.	observe (A) alter (B) notice (C) anticipate (D) modify
2.	restore (A) appeal (B) revitalize (C) attract (D) disrupt	7.	intense (A) strong (B) intolerant (C) vitally (D) allowable
3.	conform (A) annoy (B) divide (C) encourage (D) adapt	8.	enrich (A) alter (B) dispense (C) disrupt (D) enhance
4.	notice (A) observe (B) refine (C) distribute (D) analyze	9.	unbearable (A) inspiring (B) unfavorable (C) intolerable (D) ancient
5.	current (A) energetic (B) ideal (C) ongoing (D) intense	10.	proposal (A) question (B) attention (C) benefit (D) suggestion

#### **TEST QUESTIONS**

Choose the word or phrase that is closest in meaning to the underlined word or phrase

- 1. The composition of heavenly bodies can be discovered by <u>analyzing</u> the light they emit.
- (A) detecting
- (B) examining
- (C) intensifying
- (D) observing
- 2. In 1985, the Coca-Cola Company <u>altered</u> the secret formula of the drink's ingredients.
- (A) modified
- (B) proposed
- (C) enriched
- (D) restored
- 3. Aside from simply being <u>annoying</u>, loud noises can permanently damage the ear.
- (A) unwelcome
- (B) bothersome
- (C) detected
- (D) intolerable
- 4. Building construction is an ancient human activity.
- (A) an old
- (B) a vital
- (C) an ongoing
- (D) a contemporary
- 5. Manitoba's leaders <u>anticipated</u> the changing economic environment during the early part of the twentieth century.
- (A) welcomed
- (B) predicted
- (C) made use of
- (D) conformed to

#### **LESSON 4**

ambiguous apparent arbitrary assert astounding astute authorize deceptively determined elicit forbid petition relinquish resilient tempt

ambiguous adj. of unclear meaning, something that can be

understood in more than one way

adv. ambiguously Syn. vague

n. ambiguity

The men received an <u>ambiguous</u> message from their boss.

His letter was full of ambiguities.

apparent adj. to be clear in meaning or open to view, easily

understood

adv. apparently Syn. visible

It was apparent that he needed to rest.

No one apparently knew to solve the problem.

arbitrary adj. an action or decision made with little

adv. arbitrarily thought, order, or reason

n. arbitrariness Syn. haphazard

Her choice of clothing seemed arbitrary.

The teacher arbitrarily decided to give the class a test.

assert n. to express or defend oneself strongly, to

adv. assertively state positively

n. assertiveness Syn. declare

n. assertion adj. assertive

The government <u>asserted</u> its control over the banking system.

The company president is an assertive individual.

astounding adj. very surprising

v. astound Syn. astonishing

adv. astoundingly

The scientists made an <u>astounding</u> discovery.

The fans were <u>astounded</u> by their team's success.

astute adj. very intelligent, smart, clever

adj. astutely Syn. perceptive

n. astuteness

He was an astute worker, finishing in half the time it took the others to finish.

They <u>astutely</u> determined that there would be no chance to finish on time.

authorize v. to give permission or power to do

adj. authorized something

n. authority

*Syn* . empower

Only authorized employees are allowed in the laboratory.

The dean has the <u>authority</u> to resolve academic problem of students.

**deceptively** adv. to make someone think that something is

adj. deceptive true or good when it is false or bad

v. deceive Syn. misleadingly

n. deception

The magician <u>deceptively</u> made the rabbit disappear.

Richard deceived Joe about the cost of the coat.

**determined** adj. to be strong in one's opinion, to be firm in

 $\begin{array}{ll} \text{n. determination} & \text{conviction} \\ \text{v. determine} & \textit{Syn. resolute} \end{array}$ 

They were <u>determined</u> to go to graduate school. The judge determined that the man was lying.

elicit v. to get the facts, to draw out, to evoke

n. elicitation Syn. extract

A lawyer will elicit all the facts necessary to prove her case.

Elicitation of the truth can be difficult at times.

**forbid** v. to command not to do something

adj. forbidden to have a dangerous look, bad feeling

adj. forbidding

adv. forbiddingly Syn. ban His father will <u>forbid</u> him to use the car. The cave looks forbidding let's not go in.

**petition** v. to make a request

n. petition Syn. appeal

Canada <u>petitioned</u> the United Nations to consider its case.

The student's petition was denied.

relinquish v. to give up control

n. relinquishment Syn. abdicate

The troubled executive <u>relinquished</u> his control of the company.

The <u>relinquishment</u> of his claim to the building will allow the building to be sold.

resilient adj. strong enough to recover from difficulty or

adv. resiliently disease

n. resilience Syn. tenacious

She has a <u>resilient</u> personality and will soon feel better.

The doctor was surprised by his patient's <u>resilience</u>.

tempt v. to make it attractive to do something

adv. temptingly wrong

n. temptation

adj. tempting Syn. entice

The idea of getting rich quickly <u>tempted</u> him to invest his life savings.

Desserts are more <u>tempting</u> when one is on a diet.

#### **MATCHING**

#### Choose the synonym.

- 1. appeal
  - (A) detect
  - (B) assert
  - (C) petition
  - (D) allow
- 2 astounding
  - (A) celebrated
  - (B) astonishing
  - (C) visible
  - (D) energetic
- 3. ban
  - (A) forbid
  - (B) empower
  - (C) intensify
  - (D) restore
- 4. elicit
  - (A) declare
  - (B) authorize
  - (C) conform
  - (D) extract
- 5. abdicate
  - (A) relinquish
  - (B) alter
  - (C) encourage
  - (D) heighten

- a. misleadingly
  - (A) abruptly
  - (B) deceptively
  - (C) progressively
  - (D) truly
- 7 resolute
  - (A) determined
  - (B) perfect
  - (C) renown
  - (D) perceptive
- 8. resilient
  - (A) bothersome
  - (B) vital
  - (C) unbearable
  - (D) tenacious
- 9. tempt
  - (A) entice
  - (B) divide
  - (0 discourage
  - (D) notice
- 10. vague
  - (A) intolerable
  - (B) adverse
  - (C) beautiful
  - (D) ambiguous

#### **TEST QUESTIONS**

Choose the word or phrase that is closest in meaning to the underlined word or phrase.

- 1. Not until 1946 did the world chess governing body, FIDE, <u>assert</u> its control over international championship play.
- (A) declare
- (B) relinquish
- (C) petition
- (D) decrease
- 2. All classifications of human societies and cultures are arbitrary.
- (A) useful
- (B) haphazard
- (C) insufficient
- (D) ambiguous
- 3. Paul Newman's <u>apparently</u> effortless acting skill has enabled him to play a variety of characters.
- (A) seemingly
- (B) extremely
- (C) visibly
- (D) deceptively
- 4. The Monroe Doctrine <u>authorized</u> the United States to intervene in the affairs of Latin American countries in case of foreign invasion.
- (A) empowered
- (B) forbade
- (C) elicited
- (D) tempted
- 5. J. Edgar Hoover was an <u>astute</u> professional who served as director of the FBI for 48 years.
- (A) perceptive
- (B) resilient
- (C) astounding
- (D) determined

#### **LESSON 5**

amaze baffle bear block blur brilliant caution challenge delicate enhance intrigue persuade replace shed unique

amaze v. to fill with great surprise

adv. amazingly Syn. astonish

n. amazement

adj. amazing

I was amazed that I received an A on the calculus test.

The actor gave an amazing performance.

baffle v. to confuse to a point at which no

adj. baffling progress can be made

n. bafflement Syn. puzzle

The causes of many harmful diseases have baffled doctors for centuries.

That was a baffling question.

bear v. to produce, to carry; to show; to endure

adj. bearably

adj. bearable Syn. yield

This orchard bears many fine harvests of apples.

Although stock prices declined, losses have been bearable for most investors.

**block** v. to prevent movement progress, or

n. blockage success

adj. blocked Syn. obstruct

The government <u>blocked</u> the sale of the airline.

The streets were flooded due to a <u>blockage</u> in the pipes.

blur v. to make something difficult to see

adj. blurred Syn. cloud

n. blur

The rain <u>blurred</u> everyone's view of the valley.

The whole accident is just a <u>blur</u> in my mine.

**brilliant** adj. intensely bright or colorful, intelligent

adv. brilliantly Syn. radiant

n. brilliance

Einstein was a brilliant thinker.

She brilliantly produced a solution to the problem.

caution v. to alert someone of danger, the act of

adj. cautious taking care of, or paying attention to,

adj. cautionary something

adv. cautiously

n. caution Syn. warn

The office <u>cautioned</u> the motorist to slow down.

They entered into the negotiations <u>cautiously</u>.

challenge n. an invitation to complete, something that demands competitive action or much thought

v. challenge Syn. dare

Finishing the 26-mile race was a <u>challenge</u> for most of the participants.

It was a <u>challenging</u> math problem.

**delicate** adj. needing careful treatment, sensitive,

adv. delicately easily broken

Syn. fragile

Because of its controversial nature, it was a challenge to discuss such a <u>delicate</u> issue in public.

You must handle the antique delicately.

enhance v. to increase in a positive way, such as in

n. enhancement value, power, or beauty

adj. enhanced Syn. strengthen

Passing the exam should <u>enhance</u> your chances of being, admitted to college.

The computer enhanced our productivity.

intrigue a. to interest greatly

adj. intriguing Syn. fascinate

adv. intriguingly

n. intrigue

He was intrigued by the acclaim flat he received.

The intriguing question baffled historians.

persuade v. to change a belief or behavior by

adv. persuasively argument or reason adj. persuasive Svn. convince

n. persuasion

They couldn't <u>persuade</u> their critics to see their point of view.

John presented a <u>persuasive</u> argument for his salary increase.

replace v. to change for another thing; to take

adj. replaceable the place of

n. replacement Syn. substitute

They have <u>replaced</u> all of the old office equipment.

The new employee was the <u>replacement</u> for Mr. Topper, who retired last month.

**shed** v. to throw off naturally, to give out

Syn. discard

In order to grow, crabs must shed their shells.

The experiments shed no new information on the cause of the disease.

unique adj. to be the only one of a kind; special

adv. uniquely Syn. rare

n. uniqueness

He was presented with a <u>unique</u> opportunity to attend the conference.

His style of writing is <u>uniquely</u> his own.

#### **MATCHING**

5.

delicate

(A) ambiguous (B) vital

(C) fragile (D) resilient

Choo 1.	se the synonym. confront (A) astonish (B) challenge (C) petition (D) forbid	6.	convince (A) assert (B) persuade (C) restore (D) yield
2.	obstruct (A) warn (B) tempt (C) enhance (D) block	7.	Rare (A) determined (B) ideal (C) vague (D) unique
3.	intrigue (A) fascinate (B) elicit (C) intensify (D) enrich	8.	shed (A) discard (B) refine (C) alter (D) cloud
4.	substitute (A) advantage (B) replacement (C) blockage (D) frail	9.	enhance (A) entice (B) strengthen (C) relinquish (D) encourage

10.

puzzled (A) advanced

(B) assertive

(C) baffled (D) astute

#### **TEST QUESTIONS**

Choose the word or phrase that is closest in meaning to the underlined word or phrase.

- 1. Custer was <u>cautioned</u> by his advisors not to underestimate the strength of his opponent.
- (A) challenged
- (B) persuaded
- (C) known
- (D) warned
- 2. Bright feathers have been used for ornamentation since early times.
- (A) Long
- (B) Unique
- (C) Delicate
- (D) Brilliant
- 3. Telescopic images from outer space are often <u>blurred</u> by atmospheric conditions.
- (A) clouded
- (B) limited
- (C) enhanced
- (D) blocked
- 4. The narrow, green-grey leaves of the sweet alyssum are untoothed and usually <u>bear</u> many silvery hairs.
- (A) carry
- (B) yield
- (C) replace
- (D) hide
- 5. For many years, scientists were baffled by the small size of the atom.
- (A) amazed
- (B) limited
- (C) puzzled
- (D) fascinated

#### **LESSON 6**

- chiefly coarse commonplace comparatively complex
- conventional curious exceedingly exclusively immense
- indeed rigid routinely sufficiently visibly

chiefly adv. most importantly or most commonly

adj. chief Syn. mostly

Houses are made chiefly of wood products.

Corn is the <u>chief</u> crop of the Midwest.

coarse adj. not fine or smooth, not delicate

adv. coarsely Syn. rough

n. coarseness

Sandpaper is an extremely <u>coarse</u> material.

Wool clothing has certain coarseness in texture.

**commonplace** *adj.* ordinary

Syn. frequent

Soon it will be <u>commonplace</u> to see the person to whom you are talking on the phone. Female lawyers are <u>commonplace</u> in the United States.

**comparatively** adv. being measured or judged by comparison

adj. comparative Syn. relatively

v. compare

n. comparison

It was <u>comparatively</u> easy for him to learn baseball because he had been a cricket player.

If you <u>compare</u> algebra and trigonometry, you'll discover that algebra is less complex.

complex adj. difficult to understand or explain;

n. complexity having many parts

*Syn.* complicated

The businessmen astutely approached the <u>complex</u> production problem.

The universe has a **complexity** beyond comprehension.

**conventional** adj. following accepted rules or standards

adv. conventionally Syn. traditional

n. convention

Professor Canfield agreed with the <u>conventional</u> theory about the origin of the Basque language.

To become integrated into a society, you must learn the conventions of that society.

curious adj. odd or strange; eager to learn

adv. curiously Syn. peculiar

n. curiosity

A <u>curious</u> object was discovered in the remains.

Sally was <u>curiously</u> interested in the history of Alaska.

**exceedingly** adv. very; to an unusual degree

v. exceed Syn. extremely

n. excess adj. excessive

adv. excessively

In tropical zones, it is <u>exceedingly</u> hot and humid.

It is not safe to <u>exceed</u> the speed limit.

**exclusively** adv. no one else; nothing else; not shared

adj. exclusive with others

n. exclusion *Syn.* restrictively

v. exclude

This room is used <u>exclusively</u> by the faculty.

They <u>excluded</u> everyone under age 21 from the contest.

**immense** *adj.* extremely large

adv. immensely Syn. massive

n. immensity

From the mountaintop you can see the <u>immense</u> valley.

She was <u>immensely</u> interested in the idea of teaching a foreign language.

indeed adv. certainly; really (used to make a statement

stronger) *Syn.* truly

Did he indeed go to the infirmary.

It is very hot indeed.

rigid adj. not easy to bend; firm, inflexible

adv. rigidly Syn. stiff

The teacher was very <u>rigid</u> in his ideas about class attendance.

He adhered <u>rigidly</u> to his opinions about marriage.

routinely adv. regularly, usually done

adj. routine Syn. ordinarily

n. routine

She <u>routinely</u> gets a physical examination.

It is <u>routine</u> for students to become homesick at times.

**sufficiently** adv. enough, in a satisfying manner

n. sufficiency Syn. adequately

adj. sufficient

v. suffice

Jenny is <u>sufficiently</u> mature to make her own decisions. Her income is <u>sufficient</u> for her needs.

visibly adv. can be seen

adj. visible \* power of imagination or wisdom, n. vision\* especially with regard to the future

v. view

adj. visionary\* Syn. noticeably

Ken was <u>visibly</u> upset about his performance evaluation.

Stars are more <u>visible</u> on a clear fall evening.

#### **MATCHING**

#### Choose the synonym.

- 1. stiff
- (A) delicate
- (B) agile
- (C) rigid
- (D) astute
- 2. traditional
- (A) arbitrary
- (B) astounding
- (C) conventional
- (D) frequent
- 3. indeed
- (A) truly
- (B) albeit
- (C) abroad
- (D) only
- 4. curious
- (A) apparent
- (B) brilliant
- (C) peculiar
- (D) enhanced
- 5. adequately
- (A) sufficiently
- (B) deceptively
- (C) intensely
- (D) amazingly

- 6. immense
- (A) abrupt
- (B) massive
- (C) ongoing
- (D) complicated
- 7. exceedingly
- (A) resiliently
- (B) extremely
- (C) assertively
- (D) resolutely
- 8. visibly
- (A) noticeably
- (B) frequently
- (C) persuasively
- (D) encouragingly
- 9. ordinarily
- (A) restrictively
- (B) coarsely
- (C) cautiously
- (D) routinely
- 10. restrictively
- (A) exclusively
- (B) adversely
- (C) roughly
- (D) relatively

#### **TEST QUESTIONS**

Choose the word or phrase that is closest in meaning to the underlined word or phrase.

- 1. Water is easily the most <u>complex</u> of all the familiar substances that are single chemical compounds.
- (A) conventional
- (B) curious
- (C) valuable
- (D) complicated
- 2. Contrary to popular opinion, the origin of the circus is <u>comparatively</u> recent, having little in common with ancient Roman circuses.
- (A) apparently
- (B) relatively
- (C) exceedingly
- (D) sufficiently
- 3. The cotton gin was commonplace on many nineteenth-century farms.
- (A) often required
- (B) sorely needed
- (C) frequently seen
- (D) visibly absent
- 4. Under the microscope, cultivated silk fibers look coarse.
- (A) rough
- (B) rigid
- (C) delicate
- (D) immense
- 5. The sweet potato is <u>chiefly</u> grown in the southern United States.
- (A) exclusively
- (B) mostly
- (C) rarely
- (D) successfully

#### **LESSON 7**

■ appropriate ■ clarify ■ conceal ■ confirm ■ constantly

■ convenient ■ core ■ critical ■ distort ■ diverse

■ prosperous ■ purposefully ■ reveal ■ scarcely ■ theoretically

appropriate adj. correct or good for the purpose

n. appropriateness Syn. proper

adv. appropriately

It is not appropriate to cheat on tests.

She was dressed appropriately in a suit for the job interview.

clarify v. to make more easily understood, to

n. clarification make clear

*Syn.* explain

Chapter 2 in the textbook clarifies the process of osmosis.

A <u>clarification</u> of the government's position on this matter is necessary.

**conceal** v. to prevent from being seen or discovered

n. concealment Syn. hide

The students <u>concealed</u> their feelings about the course.

His <u>concealment</u> of the evidence made his case more difficult to prove.

**confirm** v. to make certain, given support

adj. confirmed Syn. prove

n. confirmation

The director confirmed that the meeting would be on the tenth.

We have just received confirmation of your reservation on the flight to Los Angeles.

constantly adv. in an unchanging manner; happening all

adj. constant the time

*Syn.* continually

Philosophy constantly questions the nature of human existence.

The speed of light is constant at 186,000 miles a second.

**convenient** adj. easy to reach, near; suitable to one's needs

adv. conveniently Syn. practical

n. convenience

The student union is convenient to the physical sciences building.

For the <u>convenience</u> of the student body, the library is located in a central location.

core adj. the central or most important part

n. core Syn. chief

The <u>core</u> of the curriculum consists of courses that are required of all students.

They are loyal to the <u>core</u>.

critical

adj. very serious or requiring careful

v.critique

judgment; finding fault

n. criticism

*Syn.* dangerous

n. critic

adv. critically

It is <u>critical</u> to follow the directions for the experiment exactly as the instructor indicates.

The runner accepted criticism from his coach very well.

distort

v. to change from the original shape or condition, usually in an unnatural way

adj. distorted

Svn. deform

Time and space are <u>distorted</u> when traveling at the speed of light. Distortion of the image from a microscope can be caused by low light.

diverse

adj. various; distinct from others

adv. diversely

Syn. Different

 ${\tt n.}$  diversity

n. distortion

v. diversify

Freud had many diverse interests in psychology.

The <u>diversity</u> of life forms on Earth makes zoology an interesting area of study.

prosperous

adj. successful, wealthy

adv. prosperously

Syn. thriving

v. prosper

n. prosperity

In the early 1900s, San Francisco was a prosperous city.

Bacteria <u>prosper</u> under the proper conditions.

purposefully

adv. done for a special reason

adj. purposeful

*Syn.* deliberately

adv. purposely

n. purpose

The course syllabus was designed <u>purposefully</u> to be easy to follow.

He was authorized to spend the money for business purposes.

reveal

v. to uncover, to expose

adv. revealingly

Syn. disclose

adj. revealing

n. revelation

The president <u>revealed</u> some of his ideas before he gave his speech.

The report made some revelations about the nature of the conflict.

scarcely

adv. almost not

adj. scarce

*Syn.* hardly

n. scarcity

The woman scarcely spoke a word of English.

Due to a scarcity of water, a rationing plan was established.

theoretically adv. according to a reasoned, but not

adj. theoretical proven, point of view

n. theory Syn. hypothetically

v. theorize

His argument was theoretically appealing but not realistic.

Leonardo da Vinci theorized that the Earth was not the center of the universe.

#### Matching

#### Choose the synonym.

- 1. deform (A) hide (B) distort (C) amaze (D) block
- 2. scarcely(A) delicately(B) visibly(C) continually(D) hardly
- 3. proper(A) appropriate(B) practical(C) rigid(D) complex
- 4. clarify
  (A) shed
  (B) enhance
  (C) explain
  (D) elicit
- 5. dangerous (A) chief (B) deceptive (C) critical (D) routine

- 6. thriving(A) prosperous(B) resilient(C) convenient(D) tolerable
- 7. purposefully(A) comparatively(B) deliberately(C) constantly(D) sufficiently
- 8. different
  (A) noticeable
  (B) diverse
  (C) conventional
  (D) curious
- 9. hypothetically(A) exceedingly(B) haphazardly(C) theoretically(D) routinely
- 10. reveal
  (A) disclose
  (B) baffle
  (C) conceal
  (D) confirm

Choose the word or phrase that is closest in meaning to the under-lined word or phrase.

- 1. Industrial cities appeared after the full development of industrial capitalism in the <u>core</u> nation-states of the eighteenth century.
- (A) chief
- (B) prosperous
- (C) smallest
- (D) diverse
- 2. For calculating a calendar, it is convenient to use the tropical solar year.
- (A) practical
- (B) critical
- (C) necessary
- (D) appropriate
- 3. All things consist of atoms and molecules that are <u>constantly</u> in motion.
- (A) definitely
- (B) always
- (C) hardly
- (D) uniquely
- 4. Fossil evidence <u>confirms</u> that the ancient cuttlefish has existed in its present form for more than 20 million years.
- (A) proves
- (B) suggests
- (C) clarifies
- (D) reveals
- 5. The first swimsuit concealed the shape of the human body.
- (A) hid
- (B) flattered
- (C) distorted
- (D) revealed

### **LESSON 8**

- accelerate crack create creep crush cultivate
- dictate distinguish flaw harvest
- mirror obtain particle settle transport

### accelerate

v. to go faster

n. acceleration

Syn. hasten

n. accelerator

The action of molecules <u>accelerates</u> when they are heated.

The poor condition of the motor made <u>acceleration</u> difficult.

crack

n. a thin opening caused by breaking, a flaw

v. crack

Syn. fracture

Cracks in the ice allowed for fishing.

The wall <u>cracked</u> due to poor construction.

#### create

v. to make something new

adj. creative

Syn. produce

adv. creatively

n. creation

n. creator

n. creativity

n. creativeness

Thomas Edison <u>created</u> numerous inventions.

Jonas Salk was an extremely creative scientist.

creep

v. to move slowly and quietly close to the

adj. creeping

ground; to begin to happen

Svn. crawl

Some mistakes are beginning to creep into his work.

Ivy is a <u>creeping</u> variety of plant.

crush

v. to press together so as to completely

adj. crushing

distort the shape or nature of the object

n. crush

Syn. grind

The machine <u>crushes</u> corn to produce corn meal.

Passage of the legislation was a <u>crushing</u> blow to the president's program.

cultivate

v. to plant and raise a crop; to encourage growth of a relationship or friendship

adj. cultivated

Syn. grow

n. cultivation

The professionals had common interests that allowed them to <u>cultivate</u> a working relationship with each other.

The <u>cultivation</u> of diverse crops in pre-Columbian America is well documented.

dictate v. to state demands with the power to enforce

adj. dictatorial Syn. impose

n. dictator

The workers were not in a position to <u>dictate</u> demands to management.

His boss resembled a dictator.

**distinguish** v. to hear, see, or recognize differences

adj. distinguishable Syn. discriminate

adj. distinguished
adj. distinguishing

Some people cannot <u>distinguish</u> colors well.

Anteaters are <u>distinguished</u> by their long noses.

flaw n. a small sign of damage that makes an

adj. flawed item imperfect

Syn. defect

There is a flaw in his theory.

They noticed that the contract was flawed.

*n.* the act of collecting a crop; the crops

adj. harvested gathered

v. harvest Syn. gather

The United States had a comparatively good grain harvest this year.

They were able to <u>harvest</u> the crop before the rain.

w. to show, as in a mirror

n. mirror Syn. reflect

The results of the study mirror public opinion.

The strength of the economy is <u>mirrored</u> in the standard of living of the people.

**obtain** v. to gain or secure something

adj. obtainable Syn. gain

The university obtained a new particle accelerator.

The painting by Whistler was not obtainable.

particle n. a very small piece of something

Syn. fragment

Particles of dust can destroy electronic instruments.

Small particles of matter hold the keys to understanding the origin of life.

settle v. to establish a home; to resolve a

adj. settled disagreement

n. settlement Svn. colonize

People arriving from the south <u>settled</u> in California.

The lawyers <u>settled</u> their differences and came to an agreement.

### transport

*v*. to move from one place to another

adj. transportable

Syn. carry

adj. transported

n. transportation

Flying is not always the fastest way to <u>transport</u> passengers to their destination.

The <u>transportation</u> expenses of products increase their final cost.

### **MATCHING**

### Choose the synonym.

- flaw
   particle
   agile
   defect
   creation
- 2. dictate(A) transport(B) create(C) grow(D) impose
- 3. hasten(A) crawl(B) crush(C) conceal(D) accelerate
- 4. crop(A) harvest(B) advice(C) mirror(D) settlement
- 5. fragment(A) authorization(B) particle(C) cultivation(D) advantage

- 6. transport (A) reveal (B) carry (C) clarify (D) restore
- 7. obtain (A) gain (B) allow (C) baffle (D) assert
- 8. discriminate (A) enhance (B) persuade (C) distinguish (D) distort
- 9. reflect
  (A) mirror
  (B) confirm
  (C) produce
  (D) grind
- 10. colonize
  (A) crawl
  (B) cultivate
  (C) replace
  (D) settle

Choose the word or phrase that is closest in meaning to the under-lined word or

phrase.	
1. Corn and soybeans are cultivated on Maryland's eastern shore.	

- (A) grown
- (B) found
- (C) cooked
- (D) acquired
- 2. Querns have been used for centuries to crush grains.
- (A) harvest
- (B) transport
- (C) grind
- (D) distinguish
- 3. Rows of suction-like tube feet enable the starfish to creep along the ocean floor.
- (A) crawl
- (B) feed
- (C) race
- (D) settle
- 4. In the 1930s, the poor business environment created a lack of confidence in the economy.
- (A) dictated
- (B) produced
- (C) mirrored
- (D) accelerated
- 5. The vivid colors of the opal are produced by impurities or small <u>cracks</u> in the stone.
- (A) particles
- (B) fractures
- (C) flaws
- (D) dents

### **LESSON 9**

■ accurate ■ classify ■ currency ■ deep ■ dense

■ depend on ■ dim ■ display ■ exports ■ gigantic

■ impressive ■ lasting ■ treasury ■ uniform ■ vibrant

accurate adj. careful and exact

adv. accurately Syn. precise

n. accuracy

She was able to make <u>accurate</u> observations with the new telescope.

Experiments must be conducted with <u>accuracy</u>.

classify v. to place into groups according to type

adj. classified Syn. arrange

n. classification

Biologists classify life forms into many phyla.

The library's catalog is a classification of books in the library.

currency n. monetary unit

*Syn.* money

The purchase must be paid for in the national currency.

The French <u>currency</u> is gaining strength.

**deep** adj. far below the surface; complete

adv. deeply understanding

n. depth

v. deepen Syn. thorough

Lake Baikal is the deepest lake in the world.

The <u>depth</u> of his understanding of math is remarkable.

dense adj. closely packed or crowded, difficult to

adv. densely see through n. density Syn. thick

The boating accident was caused by the dense fog.

Hong Kong is one of the most <u>densely</u> populated cities in the world.

**depend on** v. to count on; to be supported by

adv. dependably Syn. trust

adj. dependable

n. dependence

n. dependency

n. dependent

The farmers <u>depend on</u> rain to produce a good harvest.

His dependency on alcohol destroyed his marriage.

dim adj. not bright or clear

adv. dimly Syn. faint

v. dim

n. dimness

The light was too <u>dim</u> for studying. The stars <u>dimly</u> lit the evening sky.

**display** v. to show, reveal

n. display Syn. exhibit

The model <u>displayed</u> the details of the human hand. The candidate's <u>display</u> of anger was unfortunate.

exports n. products sold abroad

adj. exported Syn. foreign sales

v. export

Until recently the United States' exports exceeded its imports.

Exported goods are usually high in qualify.

gigantic adj. very large square syn. enormous

Reaching the Moon was a <u>gigantic</u> step in space exploration for mankind. New methods of farming offer gigantic advantages over the old methods.

impressive adj. causing admiration because of an adv. impressively object's importance, size, or quality

v. impress Syn. imposing

n. impression

Lincoln's power of persuasion was <u>impressive</u>. Everyone left with a good impression of the play.

lasting adj. forever, without end

v. last *Syn.* enduring

Kennedy left a <u>lasting</u> impression on the people who heard his inaugural address.

The introduction of robots will have a <u>lasting</u> effect on industry.

treasury n. the agency that controls and spends adj. treasured money; a collection of valued things

v. treasure Syn. bank

The <u>treasury</u> was under pressure to lower interest rates.

Encyclopedias are a <u>treasury</u> of information.

**uniform** adj. every part being the same.

adv. uniformly Syn. consistent

n. uniformity

Bread has a uniform texture.

The grades on the test were <u>uniformly</u> poor.

vibrant adj. lively, powerful, full of action, bright

adv. vibrantly Syn. brilliant

n. vibrancy

His <u>vibrant</u> personality made him well liked by everyone.

The <u>vibrancy</u> of the city is attractive to many individuals.

### **MATCHING**

Choose the synonym.

1. enormous6. uniform(A) prosperous(A) rigid(B) appropriate(B) diverse(C) gigantic(C) complex(D) classified(D) consistent

2. foreign sales

(A) flaws (A) fragment (B) money (B) treasury (C) treasury (C) settle (D) exports (D) advent

7.bank

3. vibrant 8.lasting
(A) brilliant (A) enduring
(B) critical (B) enriching
(C) paint (C) energetic
(D) deep (D) enhancing

4. depend on
(A) distort
(B) trust
(C) settle
(D) conceal
9. precise
(A) accurate
(B) gigantic
(C) thick
(D) prosperous

5. imposing 10. classify
(A) impressive (A) trust
(B) creative (B) learn
(C) intriguing (C) create
(D) ambiguous (D) arrange

Choose the word or phrase that is closest in meaning to the under-lined word or phrase.

- 1. In the field of artificial intelligence, scientists study methods for developing computer programs that <u>display</u> aspects of intelligent behavior.
- (A) exhibit
- (B) classify
- (C) depend on
- (D) conform to
- 2. The <u>dim</u> appearance of the Milky Way results from the combined light of stars too far away to be seen with the naked eye.
- (A) faint
- (B) unique
- (C) immense
- (D) curious
- 3. Thistle plants have dense heads of small, pink or purple flowers.
- (A) gigantic
- (B) fragile
- (C) thick
- (D) vibrant
- 4. No <u>deep</u> understanding of the solar system can be achieved without an appreciation of the basic properties of the Sun.
- (A) accurate
- (B) lasting
- (C) thorough
- (D) uniform
- 5. The value of a nation's <u>currency</u> normally fluctuates, depending upon the strength of its economy and its trade balance.
- (A) exports
- (B) money
- (C) products
- (D) treasury

### LESSON 10

- distinct dominant dormant drab dramatic
- elaborate exceptional hazardous minuscule prime
- rudimentary sensitive superficial terrifying vigorous

**distinct** adj. clearly noticed; different

adv. distinctly Syn. definite

adj. distinctive n. distinct

There was a <u>distinct</u> aroma of coffee in the restaurant.

The two theories are <u>distinctly</u> different from each other.

**dominant** adj. primary or principal; having or

adv. dominantly exercising control over something

v. dominate Syn. major

n. domination

The <u>dominant</u> life forms of the paleozoic era lived in the water.

The skyscraper dominated the skyline.

**dormant** adj. not growing or producing; asleep

n. dormitory Syn. inactive

The volcano had been dormant for hundreds of years before the eruption last month.

The seniors live in the new <u>dormitory</u>.

drab adj. lacking color; uninteresting, boring

adv. drably Syn. colorless

n. drabness

Their clothing was quite drab.

The drabness of the desert made driving less interesting.

**dramatic** adj. something that captures the imagination;

exciting

adv. dramatically Syn. emotional

n. dramav. dramatize

The <u>dramatic</u> finish to the game left us speechless.

The hurricane dramatically changed the coastline.

elaborate adj. something with a large number of

adv. elaborately parts; full of details

v. elaborate

n. elaboration Syn. complex

An elaborate headdress indicated rank within the Aztec community.

His elaboration of the issue was quite thorough.

**exceptional** adj. unusual in a positive way

adv. exceptionally Syn. phenomenal

The orchestra's performance was exceptional.

The North Star is exceptionally bright.

hazardous adj. very risky, unsafe

adv. hazardously Syn. dangerous

n. hazard

Handling flammable liquids is <u>hazardous</u>.

There are many <u>hazards</u> involved with starting a business.

minuscule adj. of little consequence; very small

adj. minute Syn. tiny

n. minitia

The sale of the building had a minuscule effect on the profits of the corporation.

Some leaves are covered with <u>minute</u> hairs.

**prime** *v*. to make ready;

adj. primed \* first in importance or in time

adj. prime\*

n. prime Syn. prepare

The directors <u>primed</u> the actors before the performance.

Mozart passed away in the prime of his life.

**rudimentary** *adj.* simple; not complex

n. rudiment Syn. basic

He has a <u>rudimentary</u> knowledge of computers.

The <u>rudiments</u> of grammar are taught in all English classes.

sensitive adj. easily affected

adv. sensitively Syn. delicate

n. sensitivity

Film varies according to its <u>sensitivity</u> to light.

This equipment is very <u>sensitive</u> to changes in temperature.

**superficial** adj. simple; not deep; near the surface

adv. superficially Syn. shallow

The inspector determined that the crack in the bridge was only superficial.

You should not try to answer the question superficially.

terrifying adj. filled with fear adv. terrifyingly Syn. frightening

v. terrify

To be in a violent storm is a <u>terrifying</u> experience.

They are <u>terrified</u> by dogs.

vigorous

adj. powerful, full of action

adv. vigorously n. vigor

Syn. strong

His <u>vigorous</u> defense of the issues impressed everyone.

He approached his work with vigor.

### **MATCHING**

### Choose the synonym.

- 1.exceptional
- (A) dominant
- (B) dense
- (C) phenomenal
- (D) acceptable
- 2.terrify
- (A) distort
- (B) frighten
- (C) challenge
- (D) settle
- 3.prepare
- (A) create
- (B) display
- (C) depend
- (D) prime
- 4.delicate
- (A) vibrant
- (B) distinct
- (C) diverse
- (D) sensitive
- 5.dangerous
- (A) hazardous
- (B) rigid
- (C) commonplace
- (D) intolerable

- 6. elaborate
- (A) gigantic
- (B) impressive
- (C) complex
- (D) dramatic
- 7. minuscule
- (A) tiny
- (B) dim
- (C) drab
- (D) major
- 8. superficial
- (A) emotional
- (B) lasting
- (C) shallow
- (D) curious
- 9. rudimentary
- (A) dormant
- (B) ideal
- (C) basic
- (D) arbitrary
- 10. vigorous
- (A) dominant
- (B) convenient
- (C) uniform
- (D) strong

Choose the word or phrase that is closest in meaning to the underlined word or phrase.

- 1. Because much collective behavior is <u>dramatic</u> and unpredictable, theories of such behavior are more evaluative than analytic.
- (A) hazardous
- (B) unexpected
- (C) terrifying
- (D) emotional
- 2. In contrast to their springtime nuptial plumage, ninny songbirds revert to a <u>drab</u> plumage during the winter.
- (A) sensitive
- (B) elaborate
- (C) different
- (D) colorless
- 3. A seed is dormant at the time it is shed by its parent.
- (A) primed
- (B) inactive
- (C) minuscule
- (D) harvested
- 4. The newspaper trip and the comic book represent the <u>dominant</u> graphic mythology of the twentieth century.
- (A) major
- (B) magical
- (C) familiar
- (D) routine
- 5. The vast majority of animals exhibit a distinct symmetrical form.
- (A) definite
- (B) superficial
- (C) familiar
- (D) rudimentary

### LESSON 11

- amenity destroy disperse dwelling element
- elementary eliminate emphasize encircle erratic
- exaggerate mention pier prevalent release

amenity n. something that makes life easier or more

enjoyable

Syn. convenience

She had all the amenities of home when she went camping.

One expects many amenities at a five-star hotel.

**destroy** v. to put an end to the existence of something

adj. destructive Syn. ruin

adv. destructively

n. destructiveness

n. destruction

n. destroyer

The factory was <u>destroyed</u> by the fire.

The destruction of the old landmark was opposed by a concerned group of citizens.

disperse v. to cause to move in many different

adj. dispersed directions

Syn. circulate

The high winds and rain <u>dispersed</u> the crowd.

After the hurricane, <u>dispersed</u> belongings cluttered the street.

**dwelling** n. where people live

n. dweller Syn. house

v. dwell

Cave-like dwellings have been discovered throughout the world.

City dwellers often have trouble adjusting to life in the country.

element *n*. a part of the whole

n. element\* \*environment adj. elemental \*Syn. component

City dwellers are out of their <u>element</u> in the country.

Hard work and perseverance are the basic <u>elements</u> of success.

**elementary** adj. simple in structure, easy to do

*Syn.* primary

The solution to the problem was actually quite <u>elementary</u>.

You must take Elementary Physics before you can enroll in the advanced course.

eliminate

v. to remove, free oneself of something

n. elimination

adj. eliminated

Syn. delete

Mistakes must be eliminated before you hand in a term paper.

The <u>elimination</u> of the runner from the race was decided by the judge.

emphasize

v. to show that something is especially

adj. emphatic

important or exceptional

n. emphasis

adv. emphatically

*Syn.* highlight

The professor emphasized certain aspects of the historical period.

When asked if they would like to leave class early, the students answered with an <a href="mailto:emphatic">emphatic</a> "yes".

encircle

v. to make a circle around

adj. encircled

*Syn.* surround

The players <u>encircled</u> their coach after winning the big game. The encircled celebrity actually became afraid of her fans.

erratic

*adj*. no regular pattern in thinking or movement; changeable without reason

Syn. inconsistent

The artist's paintings have an <u>erratic</u> qualify, some being excellent, and others mediocre.

The unstable chemical reacted erratically.

exaggerate

v. to make something more than what it is

adj. exaggerated

adv. erratically

Svn. overstate

n. exaggeration

The federal government <u>exaggerated</u> the success of its programs. To say that his business is successful would be an exaggeration.

mention

v. to say; relate in written form

adj. mentioned

Syn. remark

n. mention

Theater-goers often mention that they enjoy watching movies on a large screen.

The book <u>mentioned</u> today was included in the bibliography that was handed out in class last week.

pier

n. a place where boats arrive to take on or unload

cargo and passengers

Syn. dock

The submarine arrived at the <u>pier</u> on time.

The goods were unloaded onto the pier.

**prevalent** adj. existing widely or commonly

n. prevalence Syn. commonplace

Comfortable trade winds are <u>prevalent</u> in the Caribbean islands.

There is a <u>prevalence</u> of disease where poor sanitation conditions exist.

release v. to allow to come out; to give freedom

n. release Syn. free

A new movie was just released.

The <u>release</u> of the records was expected today.

# **MATCHING**

# Choose the synonym.

1. amenity	6. disperse
(A) advice	(A) circulate
(B) convenience	(B) classify
(C) element	(C) distort
(D) emphasis	(D) encircle

2. ruin	7. release
(A) destroy	(A) free
(B) conform	(B) replace
(C) forbid	(C) settle
D) baffle	(D) block

3. mention	8. inconsistent
(A) surround	(A) destructive
(B) remark	(B) emphatic
(C) assert	(C) circulated
(D) clarify	(D) erratic

1. emphasize	9. commonplace
A) frighten	(A) elementary
B) highlight	(B) rudimentary
C) delete	(C) prevalent
D) persuade	(D) uniform

5. exaggerate	10. pier
(A) impress	(A) depth
(B) dominate	(B) crack
(C) elaborate	(C) dock
(D) overstate	(D) prime

Choose the word or phrase that is closest in meaning to the underlined word or phrase.

- 1. Kapok is made from the silky fibers that <u>encircle</u> the seeds of the tropical silk-cotton tree.
- (A) release
- (B) destroy
- (C) surround
- (D) circulate
- 2. Evidence suggests that the rumor process <u>eliminates</u> the most improbable accounts of an event.
- (A) elicits
- (B) deletes
- (C) emphasizes
- (D) exaggerates
- 3. The most <u>elementary</u> type of convection can be explained by the fact that heat rises.
- (A) Mentioned
- (B) erratic
- (C) prevalent
- (D) primary
- 4. The thermostat is <u>an element</u> in some types of fire detection devices.
- (A) a problem
- (B) an amenity
- (C) a component
- (D) an advantage
- 5. Poorly constructed dwellings cannot withstand severe storms.
- (A) Houses
- (B) piers
- (C) boats
- (D) roads

### **LESSON 12**

- benefit blind broaden burgeon conspicuously
- demand endorse enormous entirely erode
- evaporate recover reportedly shift suffer

benefit

v. to be useful or helpful

adv. beneficially

Syn. assist

adj. beneficial

n. benefit

n. beneficiary

Use of solar power will <u>benefit</u> all mankind. It is extremely beneficial to prepare for a test.

blind

adj. unable to see or understand, to conceal;

adv. blindly

showing poor judgment or understanding

n. blindness

Syn. unaware

They were blind to the fact that they had little chance to succeed.

He went into the job blindly, with no previous experience.

broaden

v. to make larger or greater

adv. broadly

*Syn.* enlarge

adj. broad

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n. breadth

Education will broaden your opportunities to land a good job.

The <u>breadth</u> of his knowledge is impressive.

burgeon

v. grow at a fast pace

adj. burgeoning

Syn. thrive

The <u>burgeoning</u> population of major cities is creating a demand for more services.

His talent as a pianist <u>burgeoned</u> at the age of 14.

conspicuously

adv. attracting attention

adj. conspicuous

Syn. noticeably

His name was <u>conspicuously</u> absent from the list of winners.

The attorneys were <u>conspicuous</u> for their aggressive manner in the courtroom.

demand

v. to ask for something in a strong way

adv. demandingly

Syn. insist

adj. demanding

n. demand

She demanded to know the truth.

The employees' demands for better working conditions caused the work stoppage.

endorse

*v*. to express approval

n. endorsement

*Syn.* support

The union endorsed the new contract.

The president's <u>endorsement</u> of the project guaranteed its funding.

enormous

adj. very large

adv. enormously

Syn. Tremendous

n. enormity

His enormous wealth allows him to contribute to many charities.

A diet with many fruits and vegetables is <u>enormously</u> beneficial to the body.

entirely

adv. completely

adj. entire

Syn. Thoroughly

n. entirety

They are entirely right about the economy.

The president released the speech in its <u>entirety</u> before the news conference.

erode

v. to wear away, disappear slowly

n. erosion

Syn. deteriorate

The senator's support is <u>eroding</u> because of his unpopular positions on the major issues.

It took millions of years of erosion for nature to form the Grand Canyon.

evaporate

v. to vanish

n. evaporation

Syn. disappear

The chances of the two sides reaching an agreement have evaporated.

The evaporation of the funds was unexplainable.

recover

v. to get back; to have something returned

adj. recovered

*Syn.* retrieve

adj. recoverable

n. recovery

The NASA team was unable to <u>recover</u> the space capsule.

The <u>recovered</u> objects had not been damaged.

reportedly

adv. to know by report; unconfirmed; supposedly

adj. reported

Syn. Rumored

v. report

n. report

The students reportedly sent a representative, but she has not arrived yet.

The reported tornado has not been confirmed.

shift

n. change in position or direction

adj. shifting

Syn. Switch

v. shift

adj. shifty

The <u>shift</u> in the wind was helpful to the sailors.

Earthquakes are caused by shifting in layers of earth along faults.

Suffer v. to experience difficulty; to worsen in

adj. suffering quality; to experience pain

n. suffering Syn. endure

n. sufferer

The old man <u>suffers</u> from loss of memory.

Many families experience the <u>suffering</u> of difficult economic times.

### **MATCHING**

### Choose the synonym.

- benefit
   prosper
   demand
   assist
   distinguish
- 2. noticeably(A) constantly(B) enormously(C) conspicuously(D) broadly
- 3. rumored(A) routinely(B) purposefully(C) comparatively(D) reportedly
- 4. blind
  (A) oblivious
  (B) visible
  (C) sensitive
  (D) shifting
- 5. thrive
  (A) exaggerate
  (B) burgeon
  (C) dominate
  (D) endorse

- 6. endure(A) suffer(B) erode(C) release(D) disappear
- 7. broaden (A) impress (B) elicit (C) reveal (D) enlarge
- 8. switch
  (A) enrich
  (B) shift
  (C) propose
  (D) support
- 9. retrieve(A) recover(B) deteriorate(C) disperse(D) relinquish
- 10. insist (A) demand (B) mention (C) disperse (D) intrigue

Choose the word or phrase that is closest in meaning to the under-lined word or phrase.

- 1. The candidate's support <u>evaporated</u> after the announcement of his program reached the newspapers and televisions news programs.
- (A) burgeoned
- (B) suffered
- (C) broadened
- (D) disappeared
- 2. The president's popularity has <u>eroded</u> since the publication of a recent newspaper article.
- (A) recovered
- (B) shifted
- (C) intensified
- (D) deteriorated
- 3. The natural forest vegetation has entirely disappeared from the landscape.
- (A) slowly
- (B) reportedly
- (C) completely
- (D) conspicuously
- 4. Lightning is electricity that is discharged as <u>an enormous</u> spark, hitting the closest spot on the ground.
- (A) a mighty
- (B) a tremendous
- (C) a blinding
- (D) a terrifying
- 5. The trade unions worked hard for an agreement that would be <u>endorsed by</u> their members.
- (A) demanded by
- (B) supported by
- (C) attractive to
- (D) of benefit to

### **LESSON 13**

■ dignitary ■ crucial ■ elude ■ evident ■ exhaust

■ extensive ■ extremely ■ face ■ facet ■ hero

■ inaccessible ■ obviously ■ predictably ■ solve ■ suitable

dignitary n. a very important or famous person, usually

associated with a high position in government

Syn. notable

Every dignitary in Washington was invited to the wedding.

All of the high ranking dignitaries attended the economic summit.

crucial adj. of great importance; extremely necessary

adv. crucially Syn. critical

Favorable weather is <u>crucial</u> to a good harvest.

Having all the information necessary to make a good decision is <u>crucially</u> important.

elude v. to escape in a tricky way

adj. elusive Syn. evade

n. elusiveness

The criminal has <u>eluded</u> the police for months.

Success has been elusive for the team.

**Evident** adj. easy to see, usually because of some proof

adv. evidently Syn. apparent

n. evidence

It is evident that you are not feeling.

All the evidences point to the presence of hydrogen.

**exhaust** v. to use completely; to expend all energy;

adv. exhaustively very thorough adj. exhaustive Syn. deplete

They exhausted their energy in 10 minutes.

The exhaustive report was acclaimed by everyone.

extensive adj. large in area or number adv. extensively \*to offer; to make longer.

v. extend\* \*\* an extending; an additional part

n. extension Syn. comprehensive

The <u>extensive</u> snowfall caused problems throughout the city.

The professor <u>extended</u> a warm welcome to the new student.

**extremely** adv. very; to the very end, the highest extent

adj. extreme Syn. highly

adj. extremist

n. extreme

n. extremist

When the concert was canceled, some customers became <u>extremely</u> upset. He will go to any <u>extreme</u> to get what he wants.

face v. to be in the presence of an oppose

Syn. confront

The mountain climbers faced grave danger on the cliff.

He finds it difficult to <u>face</u> his problems.

**Facet** *n*. element or component

adj. faceted Syn. aspect

The proposal had many beneficial <u>facets</u>.

It was a multi faceted problem that challenged the entire student body.

**n.** a person remembered for an act of

adv. heroically goodness or bravery

adj. heroic Syn. idol

n. heroine (female)

n. heroics

He is a <u>hero</u> in the eyes of his admirers.

They gave a heroic effort to no avail.

inaccessible adj. something that cannot be reached or

n. inaccessibility communicated with

adv. inaccessibly Syn. remote

The summit of the mountain was <u>inaccessible</u>.

The dignitary's inaccessibility frustrated the reporter.

**obviously** adv. in a clear, easy to understand way

adj. obvious Syn. evidently

It had obviously rained.

It was obvious that he had not practiced his oral report.

**Predictably** adv. in a way that foretells future events

adj. predictable Syn. expectedly

v. predict

n. prediction

She <u>predictably</u> forgot to do her assignment.

The government's predictions were accurate.

**Solve** v. to find the answer

n. solution Syn. resolve

They <u>solved</u> the problem in a way that benefited the entire neighborhood. The <u>solution</u> to the problem was elusive.

**Suitable** *adj.* appropriate, correct; convenient

adv. suitably Syn. appropriate

v. suit

Her dress was not <u>suitable</u> for the occasion.

The agreement <u>suits</u> all the members of the negotiating team.

### **MATCHING**

### Choose the synonym.

1. Solve	
(A) restore	
(B) resolve	
(C) confront	
(D) exhaust	

- 2.Critical
  (A) prevalent
  (B) elusive
  (C) prime
  (D) crucial
  3.Predictably
  (A) extremely
  (B) expectedly
  (C) conspicuously
  (D) extensively
- 4. Hero
  (A) idol
  (B) amenity
  (C) benefit
  (D) mention
- 5.Inaccessible (A) depleted (B) apparent (C) remote (D) enormous

- 6 Elude
  (A) erode
  (B) evade
  (C) endorse
  (D) enrich
- 7. Extensive
  (A) sensitive
  (B) impressive
  (C) comprehensive
  (D) disruptive
  8. Celebrity
  (A) treasury
  (B) dignitary
  (C) element
  (D) dweller
- 9. Evidently(A) routinely(B) entirely(C) exceptionally(D) obviously
- 10. suitable(A) appropriate(B) annoying(C) ambiguous(D) astute

Choose the word or phrase that is closest in meaning to the underlined word or phrase.

- 1. Exacting standards and rigorous early training are <u>evident</u> where dance has become an art performed before an audience.
- (A) Emphasized
- (B) Suitable
- (C) Crucial
- (D) Apparent
- 2. It is known from past experience that ore deposits can be exhausted.
- (A) Depleted
- (B) Extensive
- (C) Elusive
- (D) Inaccessible
- 3. A preference for a certain color is and extremely personal matter.
- (A) A highly
- (B) An annoyingly
- (C) A fairly
- (D) An obviously
- 4. Once the English colonies became independent state, they <u>faced</u> the problem of giving themselves a fresh political organization.
- (A) eluded
- (B) solved
- (C) confronted
- (D) Anticipated
- 5. Pop art aimed to portray all facets of modern culture.
- (A) Heroes
- (B) Celebrities
- (C) Problems
- (D) Aspects

### **LESSON 14**

■ ample ■ arid ■ avoid ■ defy ■ enact ■ even ■ feign

■ fertile ■ freshly ■ function ■ fundamental

■ indiscriminate ■ selective ■ spacious ■ withstand

ample adj. more than enough

adv. amply Syn. sufficient

There is <u>ample</u> evidence that the young man was speeding when the accident occurred.

She was amply paid for the work she completed.

arid adj. having little rain or water

*Syn.* dry

The area known as the Sahara Desert is one of the most <u>arid</u> place in the world.

The valley on the leeward side of the mountain was extremely <u>arid</u>.

avoid v. to miss or keep away from

adj. avoidable Syn. avert

n. avoidance

She could not avoid letting her feelings show.

The incident would have been <u>avoidable</u> if he had told the truth.

**defy** v. to show little fear or regard for rules or

adv. defyingly established norms; to challenge

adj. defying Syn. resist

I <u>defy</u> you to find that book in the library's collection.

The circus performer demonstrated her death - <u>defying</u> routine.

enact v. to pass a law adj. enacted Syn. Legislate

n. enactment

Congress enacted the legislation during its last session.

The enactment of the laws was in the hands of the Senate.

even adj. regular, smooth; in equal parts

adv. evenly Syn. Equitable

n. evenness

The sound isn't <u>even</u> turn up the left speaker.

The profits were divided <u>evenly</u> among the investors.

**feign** v. to pretend, make believe

adj. feigned Syn. simulate

She <u>feigned</u> illness when it was time to visit the dentist.

Her unhappiness was feigned.

fertile

adj. able to produce abundantly

v. fertilize Syn. Rich

n. fertility

n. fertilizer

The delta areas of rivers are known for their <u>fertile</u> soil.

<u>Fertilizers</u> are used on crops to increase yields.

freshly

adv. caught or produced not long ago

adj. fresh

Syn. recently

v. freshen

n. freshness

<u>Freshly</u> harvested produce is hard to find in the winter months.

The product's <u>freshness</u> depends on an efficient transportation system to bring it to market.

**function** 

n. the normal purpose of something

adv. functionally

Syn. Role

adj. functional

v. function

It is the <u>function</u> of the director to organize and lead the department.

Most appliances cannot <u>function</u> without electricity.

fundamental

adj. a primary or basic element

adv. fundamentally

*Syn.* essential

The student government promised <u>fundamental</u> changes in the registration process. He is fundamentally strong in his area of expertise.

indiscriminate

adj. not chosen carefully; unplanned

adv. indiscriminately

Syn. arbitrary

The <u>indiscriminate</u> arrangement of the products made the store confusing.

The book's chapters seem to be organized indiscriminately.

selective

adj. carefully chosen

adv. selectively

Syn. discriminating

adj. select

v. select

n. selection

n. selectivity

They were very <u>selective</u> when they chose the members of the academic team.

He selected Spanish as his language class.

spacious

adj. having a lot of room

adj. spaciously

Syn. expansive

n. space

n. spaciousness

The <u>spacious</u> plains of the Midwest make up the nation's breadbasket.

# A vacuum is an empty space.

withstand

v. to fight without surrender; to persist

*Syn.* survive

She cannot withstand the pressures of her job.

The old building <u>withstood</u> the terrible storm.

### **MATCHING**

### Choose the synonym.

- 1. Sufficient
  (A) Crucial
  (B) Essential
  (C) Ample
  (D) Extensive
- 2. Survive
  (A) Erode
  (B) Weaken
  (C) Elude
  (D) Withstand
- 3. Defy(A) Resist(B) Demand(C) Simulate(D) Discriminate
- 4.Indiscriminate
  (A) Predictable
  (B) Arbitrary
  (C) Functional
  (D) Constant
- 5. Arid (A) dry (B) Fertile (C) Fresh (D) Drab

- 6. Avoid (A) Avert (B) Amaze (C) Assert (D) Allow
- 7. Selective(A) Inaccessible(B) Rich(C) Recent
- (D) Discriminating
- 8. Even(A) Fundamental(B) Erratic(C) Evident(D) Equitable
- 9. Spacious(A) Sensitive(B) Superficial(C) Minuscule(D) Expansive
- 10. legislate(A) Enact(B) Feign(C) Solve(D) Exhaust

Choose the word or phrase that is closest in meaning to the underlined word or phrase.

- 1. The Constitution of the United defines the fundamental rights of its citizens.
- (A) Essential
- (B) Selective
- (C) Enacted
- (D) Ample
- 2. Many organisms change their function from one season to another.
- (A) Diet
- (B) size
- (C) Role
- (D) Shape
- 3. <u>Freshly</u> cut wood must he completely dry before it can be used for construction.
- (A) Evenly
- (B) Haphazardly
- (C) Coarsely
- (D) Recently
- 4. Due to large deposits of debris left by glaciers, the midwestern plain of the United States is an extremely <u>fertile</u> area for farming.
- (A) Level
- (B) Rich
- (C) Spacious
- (D) Arid
- 5. When threatened, the opossum often feigns death.
- (A) Simulates
- (B) Withstands
- (C) Avoids
- (D) Confronts

- durable favor gain generate halt handle
- harbor harmful insignificant mysterious
- perilous postpone promote reject substantial

durable adj. something that lasts a long time

n. durability \* time during which something lasts

n. duration Syn. sturdy

It was a <u>durable</u> refrigerator, but it finally broke.

The <u>durability</u> of tires is a key factor in determining their quality.

**favor** v. to prefer

adv. favorably \* advantageous

adj. favorable

adj. favorite Syn. support

n. favor

The supervisor <u>favored</u> the first of the two plans.

The weather was <u>favorable</u> for the contest.

gain n. to obtain something needed or useful; to

adj. gainful increase the amount of something

n. gain Syn. attain

He gained a lot of experience working as a volunteer.

His gain in knowledge was impressive.

generate v. to produce

adj. generated Syn. create

n. generationn. generator

The appearance of the dance troupe generated a lot of excitement.

The generator provides power to the building during a blackout.

halt v. to stop or discontinue

adv. haltingly Syn. stop

adj. halting n. halt

Bus service to the city was <u>halted</u> due to poor road conditions.

The supervisor put a <u>halt</u> to the tardiness of the employees.

handle v. to deal with or control

n. handle Syn. manage

They <u>handled</u> themselves very well given the circumstances.

They president's <u>handling</u> of the crisis was widely applauded.

harbor v. to give protection; not to express a desire or

opinion, usually bad

Syn. shelter

He <u>harbors</u> ill feelings for her.

They <u>harbored</u> the political refugee in their home.

harmful adj. something that causes pain or damage

adv. harmfully Syn. unhealthy

v. hair n. harm

Excessive radiation is <u>harmful</u> to the body.

Bleach <u>harms</u> certain fabrics.

**insignificant** adj. not important; of little value

adv. insignificantly Syn. Meaningless

n. insignificance

The amount of rainfall this summer has been insignificantly.

The <u>insignificance</u> of his comment became apparent with the passing of time.

mysterious adj. not easily understood or figured out

adv. mysteriously Syn. baffling

n. mystery

n. mysteriousness

He had a mysterious effect on everyone who heard him speak.

The man's disappearance was a mystery.

perilous adj. threatening or risky; harmful

adv. perilously Syn. Dangerous

n. peril

It is perilous to exceed the speed limit.

There are ample <u>perils</u> in the sport of mountain climbing.

postpone v. reschedule at a later time; put off

n. postponement Syn. delay

The teacher <u>postponed</u> the lab experiment.

The <u>postponement</u> of the fight for three hours was unavoidable.

**promote** v. to encourage or advertise; to elevate in

n. promoter rank or grade
n. promotion Syn. boost

Many nations <u>promote</u> tourism to lure foreign currency.

The customers responded favorably to the half-price promotion.

reject v. to refuse

n. rejection Syn. refuse

The insurance company <u>rejected</u> the claim.

The <u>rejection</u> of his work was difficult for him to understand.

**substantial** *adj.* important; strongly made; of value

adv. substantial Syn. significant

adj. substantive

The discovery of a vaccine for smallpox was a <u>substantial</u> medical achievement.

This <u>substantive</u> article will change your opinion of rock music.

## **MATCHING**

## Choose the synonym.

- 1.favor
  (A) manage
  (B) support
  (C) feign
  (D) conform
- 2.halt
  (A) evaporate
  (B) avoid
  (C) defy
  (D) stop
- 3. postpone (A) attain (B) delay (C) harbor (D) elude
- 4.durable
  (A) ample
  (B) crucial
  (C) dominant
  (D) sturdy
- 5.create
  (A) generate
  (B) gain
  (C) release
  (D) solve

- 6. substantial(A) haphazard(B) diverse(C) significant(D) perilous
- 7. promote (A) shelter (B) boost (C) harm (D) face
- 8. mysterious (A) unhealthy (B) dangerous (C) dramatic (D) baffling
- 9. insignificant(A) meaningless(B) rudimentary(C) vigorous(D) spacious
- 10. refuse(A) recover(B) exhaust(C) reject(D) withstand

# **TEST QUESTIONS**

Choose the word or phrase that is closest in meaning to the underlined word or phrase.

- 1. Lindbergh's flight across the Atlantic was extremely perilous.
- (A) Exhausting
- (B) Expensive
- (C) Dangerous
- (D) Effective
- 2. Some toxic contaminants in urban water supplies have been found to occur in harmful amounts.
- (A) Substantial
- (B) Unhealthy
- (C) Insignificant
- (D) Mysterious
- 3. Presumably desolate desert and tundra areas actually <u>harbor</u> many forms of life.
- (A) Favor
- (B) Halt
- (C) Generate
- (D) Shelter
- 4. Modern commercial practice relies to a growing extent on arbitration to <u>handle</u> disputes.
- (A) Avoid
- (B) Manage
- (C) Postpone
- (D) Intensify
- 5. Martin Luther King gained recognition for his use of nonviolent methods.
- (A) Earned
- (B) Rejected
- (C) Enhanced
- (D) Promoted

■ conscientious ■ convey ■ encompass ■ expansion ■ heighten
 ■ highlight ■ inadvertently ■ inevitable ■ infancy ■ miraculously
 ■ retrieve ■ systematically ■ unlikely ■ unwarranted ■ zenith

**conscientious** *adj.* showing serious purpose; one who adv. conscientiously works carefully and with enthusiasm

Syn. meticulous

She is a <u>conscientious</u> representative of the student body.

They approached the task <u>conscientiously</u>.

**convey** v. to make something known to others; to

communicate *Syn.* communicate

The manager of the store conveyed his displeasure directly to the workers.

He was able to <u>convey</u> his message to the audience with ease.

**encompass** *v.* to surround completely; to envelop

*Syn.* include

Her plan of the study <u>encompasses</u> every aspect of computer science. The course <u>encompasses</u> all the literature of the nineteenth century.

**expansion** *n*. the act of making larger

adj. expandable Syn. growth

v. expandn. expansion

Expansion occurs when matter is heated.

The laboratory is expanding its capacity to produce computer chips.

**heighten** *v.* to cause to become greater

adj. heightened Syn. intensify

n. height

A very successful interview can heighten a candidate's chances to get a job.

The public teas in a <u>heightened</u> state of nervousness as the hurricane approached.

highlight v. to emphasize the part of a greater whole

n. highlight Syn. emphasize

The manual highlights basic operation of the videotape player.

The final goal was the highlight of the game.

**inadvertently** adv. by accident; without paying attention;

adj. inadvertent unexpectedly

Syn. carelessly

The reporters had inadvertently failed to include the name of one of the dignitaries.

His <u>inadvertent</u> calculation caused him to derive the wrong answer.

inevitable adj. something that cannot be prevented

adv. inevitably from happening n. inevitability Svn. unavoidable

When two weather systems meet, unsettled weather conditions are inevitable.

The <u>inevitability</u> of the outcome made the challenge less exciting.

*n.* in the beginning stages of development

adj. infantile Syn. beginning

n. infant

The new theory is in its <u>infancy</u> and will be thoroughly tested by its critics. Certain head injuries can cause infantile behavior.

miraculously adv. caused by something that cannot be

adj. miraculous explained by the laws of nature.

n. miracle Syn. astonishingly

Miraculously, he was unharmed after being hit by lightning.

Given the extent of her injuries, it is almost a miracle that she is still alive.

retrieve v. to find and bring back

adj. retrieve Syn. recover

n. retrieval

Will Detroit <u>retrieve</u> its status as the car manufacturing center of the world? This computerized information <u>retrieval</u> system is the most up-to-date system available.

systematically adv. done according to a plan

adj. systematic Syn. methodically

 ${\tt n.}$  system

The plan was developed <u>systematically</u> by a team of experts. <u>Systematic</u> changes in foreign policy have been proposed.

unlikely *adj.* not probable

Svn. doubtful

Rain is <u>unlikely</u> during the summer.

It is <u>unlikely</u> that he will want to attend the conference.

**unwarranted** adj. without good reason or cause; inappropriate

*Syn.* unjustified

His negative reaction was unwarranted.

The motorist felt that the ticket for the infraction was <u>unwarranted</u>.

**zenith** *n*. the highest point

Syn. apex
He reached the zenith of his profession at a very young age.
The publication of the book represented the zenith of his career.

## **MATCHING**

Choose the synonym.

- 1. convey
- (A) intensify
- (B) promote
- (C) communicate
- (D) solve
- 2. unlikely
- (A) suitable
- (B) persistent
- (C) doubtful
- (D) inevitable
- 3. growth
- (A) expansion
- (B) function
- (C) highlight
- (D) recover
- 4. meticulously
- (A) haphazardly
- (B) conscientiously
- (C) inadvertently
- (D) conspicuously
- 5. retrieve
- (4)
- (A) generate (B) recover
- (C) accelerate
- (D) broaden

- 6. encompass
- (A) emphasize
- (B) gain
- (C) heighten
- (D) include
- 7. apex
- (A) facet
- (B) zenith
- (C) pier
- (D) flaw
- S. systematically
- (A) unexpectedly
- (B) persuasively
- (C) astoundingly
- (D) methodically
- 9. unwarranted
- (A) insignificant
- (B) unjustified
- (C) unacceptable
- (D) unappealing
- 10. miraculously
- (A) exceedingly
- (B) astonishingly
- (C) theoretically
- (D) appropriately

# **TEST QUESTIONS**

Choose the word or phrase that is closest in meaning to the underlined word or phrase.

- 1. Great technological advances were made during the infancy of the United Stages' industrial growth.
- (A) Zenith
- (B) Expansion
- (C) Beginning
- (D) Recovery
- 2. Many cross-cultural communication difficulties can be attributed to <u>inevitable</u> blunders in behavior or speech.
- (A) Unwarranted
- (B) Unlikely
- (C) Unavoidable
- (D) Unpleasant
- 3. Teflon was <u>inadvertently</u> discovered by two scientists who were working with synthetic resins.
- (A) Unexpectedly
- (B) Miraculously
- (C) Systematically
- (D) Conscientiously
- 4. The sport of basketball <u>highlights</u> the athletic qualities of endurance, agility, and skill.
- (A) Demands
- (B) Encompasses
- (C) Emphasizes
- (D) Develops
- 5. Daniel Webster applied the oratorical skill he had mastered as a lawyer to <u>heighten</u> his appeal for an end to slavery.
- (A) Intensify
- (B) Convey
- (C) Retrieve
- (D) Popularize

- agitate confidential delighted discreetly documented
- gradually influence inordinate instantly intentionally
- intrinsic inundate involve nominal presumably

### agitate

v. to shake or move; to cause worry

n. agitation

Syn. disturb

n. agitator

The fact that she had not arrived by midnight <u>agitated</u> her parents. He was known as a political agitator.

### confidential

adj. to be said or written in secret

v. confide

Syn. secret

We were told that the information is strictly confidential.

She <u>confided</u> to me that she had always wanted to be a movie star.

## delighted

adj. to be satisfied; very happy

adv. delightfully

*Syn.* elated

adj. delightful

n. delight

He was <u>delighted</u> with the result of the experiment.

It was a delightful afternoon.

### discreetly

adv. in a careful, polite manner

adj. discreet

*Syn.* cautiously

n. discretion

The teacher <u>discreetly</u> told the parents about her problems.

You can count on me to be <u>discreet</u>.

#### documented

adj. proven with written evidence

adj. documentary

*Syn.* proven

v. document

n. documentation

He had <u>documented</u> proof that the bank had made an error.

The car's documentation was in order.

## gradually

adv. slowly but surely

adj. gradual

*Syn.* steadily

The bay has gradually deteriorated over the years.

There has been a gradual change in the climate over the past decade.

#### influence

v. to have an effect on a person's point of view

adj. influential or behavior; to change the course of events

n. influence Syn. affect

He was unable to influence his friend's decision.

The drought was due to the <u>influence</u> of a warm water current called "el nino".

inordinate adj. a large amount or quality; more than

adv. inordinately reasonable

Syn. excessive

The airlines had to cancel an <u>inordinate</u> number of flights due to the fog. There was an inordinately large number of whales off the coast.

instantly adv. happening immediately; in a short

adj. instantaneous period of time Syn. immediately

n. instant

The computer finished the job <u>instantly</u>.

It happened in an instant.

intentionally adv. with definite purpose and planning

adj. intentional Syn. deliberately

n. intentionn. intent

The machine was left on <u>intentionally</u>.

Her action was an <u>indication</u> of her good intentions.

intrinsic adj. belonging to the essential nature of

adv. intrinsically something

Syn. inherent

A penny has little intrinsic value.

The forests of the Northwest are intrinsically rich in natural resources.

inundate v. to flood

n. inundation Syn. overwhelm

The radio stations were inundated with reports of a severe traffic accident.

The foundation experienced an <u>inundation</u> of requests for money.

involve v. to become concerned with or connected to

adj. involved Syn. include

n. involvement

She <u>involved</u> herself in many activities to meet new friends. His involvement in right-wing politics is well documented.

**nominal** adj. very small; in form but not in substance

adv. nominally Syn. moderate

The office building was sold at a <u>nominal</u> price.

She was <u>nominally</u> successful as an actress.

presumably

adv. reported but not confirmed

adj. presumable

*Syn.* supposedly

v. presume

n. presumption

The old wreck was <u>presumably</u> located to the southwest of Florida. I <u>presume</u> that you have been camping before.

## **MATCHING**

Choose the synonym.

- 1. influence
- (A) affect
- (B) include
- (C) gain
- (D) overwhelm
- 2. secretly
- (A) conscientiously
- (B) confidentially
- (C) comparatively
- (D) constantly
- 3. documented
- (A) proven
- (B) intrinsic
- (C) substantial
- (D) durable
- 4. nominal
- (A) moderate
- (B) inherent
- (C) inevitable
- (D) harmful
- 5. excessive
- (A) impressive
- (B) lasting
- (C) deliberate
- (D) inordinate

- 6. discreetly
- (A) obviously
- (B) cautiously
- (C) unlikely
- (D) deceptively
- 7. agitate
- (A) heighten
- (B) reject
- (C) inundate
- (D) disturb
- 8. steadily
- (A) evenly
- (B) uniquely
- (C) intentionally
- (D) immediately
- 9. presumably
- (A) supposedly
- (B) actually
- (C) obviously
- (D) instantly
- 10. delighted
- (A) involved
- (B) elated
- (C) overwhelm
- (D) highlight

# **TEST QUESTIONS**

Choose the word or phrase that is closest in meaning to the underlined word or phrase.

- 1. Modes of suggestion are usually verbal or visual and sometimes may <u>involve</u> the other senses.
- (A) Enhance
- (B) Influence
- (C) Include
- (D) Disrupt
- 2. After the War of the Worlds broadcast, law enforcement agencies were <u>inundated</u> by the numerous inquiries they received.
- (A) Agitated
- (B) Overwhelm
- (C) Astonished
- (D) Delighted
- 3. Nowadays coins lack <u>intrinsic</u> value and bills can no longer be converted to gold.
- (A) Inherent
- (B) Nominal
- (C) Documented
- (D) Inordinate
- 4. Because their presence can upset normal markets, some products with commercial potential are intentionally kept off the market-place.
- (A) Confidentially
- (B) Constantly
- (C) Arbitrarily
- (D) Deliberately
- 5. Anaximander argued that human beings are so helpless at birth that they would almost <u>instantly</u> die if put into the world on their own.
- (A) Gradually
- (B) Presumably
- (C) Immediately
- (D) Discreetly

- absurd abuse allocation balanced conservation
- fallacious feasible lack limber means
- narrow preconception robust steady swift

absurd adj. clearly false, without reason

adv. absurdly Syn. ridiculous

n. absurdity

Confidentially, I think his suggestion is <u>absurd</u>.

They are <u>absurdly</u> irrational about the issue.

abuse n. the act of using or treating things in an

adv. abusively incorrect way

adj. abusive

v. abuse Syn. misuse

The constant <u>abuse</u> of the environment will have grave consequences in the future.

He received an <u>abusive</u> letter from an irate citizen.

allocation n. a share; a part set aside for a special adj. allocated purpose; an assignment of portions

v. allocate Syn. distribution

His <u>allocation</u> of materials was gradually used up.

Allocating office space in the building was a difficult task.

balanced adj. a state where everything is of the same

v. balance size or weight; an element on one side

n. balance that counters an equal element on the other

Syn. equalized

He made a <u>balanced</u> presentation of both points of view.

The museum contains a pleasant <u>balance</u> of paintings from the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

conservation n. the act of using carefully; setting aside

v. conserve for future use

n. conservative\* \* favoring traditional values

n. conservationist

n. conservatism\* Syn. preservation

Conservation of forest land is the primary objective of the National Forest Service.

The Republican party is generally known to be more <u>conservative</u> than the Democratic party.

fallaciousadj. having errorsadv. fallaciouslySyn. incorrect

n. fallacy

Her <u>fallacious</u> argument could not be defended.

It is a <u>fallacy</u> to think that money will bring you happiness.

**feasible** adj. able to be done

adv. feasibly Syn. possible

n. feasibility

It is a feasible design for the high-rise building.

Before they begin the project, a study must be done of its <u>feasibility</u>.

lack n. a need for; an insufficient amount

v. lack Syn. shortage

There was an inordinate <u>lack</u> of rain last fall.

The mathematician <u>lacked</u> communication skills.

limber adj. to be stretched, easily shaped

Syn. flexible

The dancer has a limber body.

She was able to make the <u>limber</u> movements that are required of gymnasts.

means n. ways

Syn. methods

He was told to finish the joy by any means available to him.

The most convenient means of communicating with someone is by phone.

narrow adj. small from one side to the other; limited

adv. narrowly Syn. thin

n. narrowness

The canal was extremely <u>narrow</u>.

The driver <u>narrowly</u> escaped injury when his car went off the road.

**preconception** *n*. an opinion formed in advance without

adj. preconceived experience or knowledge of something

v. preconceive Syn. bias

It is difficult to overcome preconceptions if we are not open to new ideas.

His <u>preconceived</u> notions about Los Angeles disappeared after he visited the city.

robust adj. showing good health; in good shape

adv. robustly Syn. energetic

n. robustness

The <u>robust</u> economy is expected to continue growing quickly.

The new product is selling <u>robustly</u>.

steady adj. firm; in a fixed position; without change;

adv. steadily reliable, dependable

v. steady

n. steadiness Syn. constant

<u>Steady</u> growth is projected for companies involved in genetic engineering. The secretary has <u>steadily</u> earned respect for her work.

n. swiftness

The contestants were <u>swift</u> thinkers.

They <u>swiftly</u> agreed with the conclusion of the report.

## **MATCHING**

Choose the synonym.

- 1. Preconception
  - (A) Expansion
  - (B) Bias
  - (C) Function
  - (D) Disapproval
- 2. Steady
  - (A) Constant
  - (B) Ample
  - (C) Arid
  - (D) Nominal
- 3. Robust
  - (A) Energetic
  - (B) Flexible
  - (C) Narrow
  - (D) Ridiculous
- 4. Fast
  - (A) Swift
  - (B) Spacious
  - (C) Intrinsic
  - (D) Vital
- 5. Balanced
  - (A) Rigid
  - (B) Documented
  - (C) Fundamental
  - (D) Equalized

- 6. Distribution
  - (A) Shortage
  - (B) Allocation
  - (C) Methods
  - (D) Disapproval
- 7. Fallacious
  - (A) Inordinate
  - (B) Incorrect
  - (C) Unwarranted
  - (D) Inevitable
- 8. Conservation
  - (A) Preservation
  - (B) Exportation
  - (C) Agitation
  - (D) Documentation
- 9. Feasible
  - (A) Absurd
  - (B) Possible
  - (C) Limber
  - (D) Selective
- 10. Abuse
  - (A) Involve
  - (B) Agitate
  - (C) Misuse
  - (D) Disperse

# **TEST QUESTIONS**

Choose the word or phrase that is closest in meaning to the underlined word or phrase.

- 1. In a television receiver, a <u>narrow</u> beam of electrons bombards the back of a screen in a scanning motion.
- (A) Steady
- (B) Balanced
- (C) Thin
- (D) Negative
- 2. There are many means of converting mechanical energy into thermal energy.
- (A) Descriptions
- (B) Methods
- (C) Theories
- (D) Benefits
- 3. Many delegates to the First Continental Congress felt that it would have been <u>absurd</u> not to give a forceful response to England's closing of the port of Boston.
- (A) Ridiculous
- (B) Difficult
- (C) Feasible
- (D) Incorrect
- 4. Gymnasts perform athletic feats that requite a well-toned, <u>limber</u> body.
- (A) Flexible
- (B) Slender
- (C) Tiny
- (D) Strong
- 5. The lack of water has been a major factor in industrial growth.
- (A) Use
- (B) Abuse
- (C) Shortage
- (D) Distribution

- antiquated coherent develop fabricate
- investigation normally notice notion novel
- opposition record relate suspect unbiased varied

antiquated adj. too old to be presently useful; outmoded

n. antique Syn. old-fashioned

This <u>antiquated</u> machinery breaks down too frequently.

Their home is filled with antique furniture.

**coherent** adj. well reasoned; ideas that are clearly

adv. coherently presented

v. cohere \* sticking together as a group

n. coherence

adj. cohesive\* Syn. logical

n. cohesion

It was a well-balanced, <u>coherent</u> presentation.

There was a <u>cohesive</u> feeling among the new works.

**develop** v. to grow; to increase; to become more

adj. developing complete

n. development

n. developer Syn. evolve

The management team <u>developed</u> the idea over a period of years.

The country's prospects for rapid <u>development</u> depend on approval of the free trade agreement.

fabricate v. to make up, usually with an intent to fool or trick;

adj. fabricated to lie
n. fabrication Syn. invent

The executive <u>fabricated</u> the story about the merger. His alibi is the weakest fabrication I have ever heard.

investigation n. a careful examination in order to determine

adj. investigative facts

v. investigate

n. investigator Syn. probe

The comprehensive <u>investigation</u> of the bank revealed no illegal activity. Some members of the Senate wanted to appoint a special investigator.

**normally** adv. commonly, usually

adj. normal Syn. typically

v. normalize

n. normalization

n. norm

It is <u>normally</u> quite cold this time of the year.

The new treaty leads to a normalization of relations between the two countries.

**notice** v. to sense; to be aware

adv. noticeably Syn. observe

adj. noticeable n. notice

The doctor <u>noticed</u> a small fracture in the patient's finger.

The weather was <u>noticeably</u> cooler.

notion n. an idea, belief, or opinion

Syn. concept

She has the notion that she wants to become an architect.

Some outlandish <u>notions</u> about the origin of the solar system have been disproved.

**novel** adj. something unusual, uncommon; new

*Syn.* original

The physicist had some novel ideas about traveling at the speed of light.

The <u>novel</u> suggestions were implemented.

**opposition** *n*. the state of acting against; not being in

adj. oppositional agreement adj. oppositionary Syn. resistance

v. oppose

The students voiced their <u>opposition</u> to the rise in tuition.

The government <u>opposed</u> price controls.

record v. to make a written or oral notation; to copy

adj. recorded Syn. register

n. recordn. recordingn. recorder

The coldest temperatures in the United States have been <u>recorded</u> at International Falls, Minnesota.

Many businesses are using <u>recordings</u> to answer consumer questions.

relate v. to tell; to show a connection between two

adj. related things

n. relation *Syn.* communicate

n. relationship

Although they did not agree with the plan, they did not <u>relate</u> their opposition to it. What is the <u>relationship</u> between supply and demand?

**suspect** v. to think that something is true, but

adj. suspected

having no proof

n. suspicion

n. suspect

Syn. speculate

He <u>suspected</u> that the substance was not present in the compound. I have a <u>suspicion</u> that he will want to participate in the investigation.

## unbiased

adj. with no preconceptions

Syn. objective

Her <u>unbiased</u> analysis of the problem allowed her to find the solution more rapidly. Here is <u>unbiased</u> proof that nitrogen exists in this compound.

#### varied

adj. being of many different types

adv. variably

Syn. diverse

adj. variable
adj. various

v. vary

n. variant

n. variety

n. variation

n. variability

The class expressed <u>varied</u> opinions about the movie.

There are various ways to solve the problem.

#### **MATCHING**

Choose the synonym.

1. fabricate (A) observe (B) invent (C) agitate (D) convey

2. coherent (A) novel (B) original (C) logical (D) robust

3. resistance
(A) opposition
(B) preservation
(C) preconception
(D) allocation

4. evolve
(A) develop
(B) elude
(C) involve
(D) influence

5. varied
(A) diverse
(B) feasible
(C) hazardous
(D) nominal

6. register (A) harbor (B) notice

(C) encompass (D) record

7. probe(A) expansion(B) means(C) investigation

(D) -1----

(D) abuse

8. communicate
(A) inundate
(B) allocate
(C) relate
(D) oppose

9. suspect
(A) select
(B) confide
(C) speculate
(D) bias

10. unbiased (A) antiquated (B) postponed (C) exhausted (D) objective

# **TEST QUESTIONS**

Choose the word or phrase that is closest in meaning to the underlined word or phrase.

- 1. The fire salamander is so called because of an <u>antiquated</u> belief that it could withstand fire.
- (A) a well-developed
- (B) an old-fashioned
- (C) a carefully fabricated
- (D) a widely held
- 2. Because of his <u>novel</u> approaches to scientific problem, Edison was able to patent dozens of inventions.
- (A) original
- (B) varied
- (C) coherent
- (D) unbiased
- 3. The classical economic theory explaining consumer behavior is built on the <u>notion</u> of marginal utility.
- (A) investigation
- (B) concept
- (C) effectiveness
- (D) opposition
- 4. In deep water, tidal waves are so long and so slight that ships seldom <u>notice</u> their presence.
- (A) suspect
- (B) relate
- (C) record
- (D) observe
- 5. The human adult heart is <u>normally</u> the size of a clenched fist and weighs about 300 grams.
- (A) roughly
- (B) actually
- (C) scarcely
- (D) typically

- accentuate disguise finance initiate innovative
- narrate nevertheless occasionally omit outlandish
- overcome partially pass portray submit

#### accentuate

v. to highlight; to give more importance to

adj. accentuated

Syn. emphasize

n. accentuation

The colorful dress <u>accentuated</u> the joy of the occasion.

The supervisor <u>accentuated</u> her preference for hard-working employees during the performance appraisal.

## disguise

v. to hide the usual appearance of something

adj. disguised

Syn. conceal

n. disguise

It is hard to disguise the fact that business is slow.

Everyone saw through his disguise.

#### finance

v. to provide money

adv. financially

Syn. fund

adj. financial

v. financed

n. finance

n. finances

The art exhibition was **financed** by a private foundation.

The college was <u>financially</u> independent.

#### initiate

v. to begin; to establish; to take decisive

adj. initiated

action without help

n. initiation

n. initiative

Syn. launch

The newcomer <u>initiated</u> the long citizenship process.

Their work shows a lot of initiative.

## **Innovative**

adj. something newly introduced; creative

n. innovator

Syn. creative

*Syn.* relate

n. innovation

This <u>innovative</u> project is worthy of support.

There have been many <u>innovations</u> in the field of genetic engineering.

#### narrate

v. to tell a story; relate

adj. narrative

n. narrative

n. narration

n. narrator

Walter Cronkite <u>narrated</u> the documentary film.

Her fabricated <u>narrative</u> generated a lot of excitement.

nevertheless conj. in spite of that

Syn. nonetheless

She was quite sick; nevertheless, she attended all of her classes.

His project was flawed; nevertheless it won second prize.

occasionally adv. now and then; once in a while

adj. occasional Syn. sometimes

n. occasion

Extreme heat <u>occasionally</u> causes health problems.

They were very fine students who, on <u>occasion</u>, experienced problems with pop quizzes.

omit v. to leave out, not include

adj. omitted Syn. neglect

n. omission

He inadvertently <u>omitted</u> some important data from the report.

His paper had several notable omissions.

outlandish adj. strange and unpleasant; beyond accepted norms

adv. outlandishly Syn. bizarre

His <u>outlandish</u> dens demonstrated his creativity.

Rebellious youth in many countries dress outlandishly.

overcome v. to defeat, fight with success; to take control of an

individual *Syn.* conquer

The young woman was <u>overcome</u> with emotion when she learned she had won a scholarship.

The family <u>overcame</u> many obstacles to purchase the house.

partially adv. a part of the whole; incomplete

adv. partly Syn. somewhat

adj. partial n. part

The clerk was only <u>partially</u> responsible for the error.

The business venture was only a <u>partial</u> success.

pass v. to accept formally by vote

adj. passable *Syn.* approve

n. passage

The proposed amendment passed unanimously.

The passage of the resolution is in doubt.

**portray** *v*. to represent; to act

n. portrayal Syn. depict

The girl portrayed an orphan.

The book's portrayal of Mozart as a calm, mature individual is absurd.

**submit** v. to turn in, offer for evaluation

n. submission Syn. propose

The architects had to <u>submit</u> plans reflecting the new specifications. The <u>submission</u> of the application must be made by February 13.

## **MATCHING**

## Choose the synonym.

- Launch
   (A) Overcome
   (B) Initiate
   (C) Persuade
   (D) Investigate
- 2. Occasionally(A) Suitably(B) Outlandishly(C) Partially(D) Sometimes
- 3. Submit
  (A) Approve
  (B) Propose
  (C) Omit
  (D) Develop
- 4. Creative(A) Fallacious(B) Coherent(C) Innovative(D) Conspicuous
- 5. Finance
  (A) Fund
  (B) Develop
  (C) Fabricate
  (D) Oppose

- 6. Relate
  (A) Restore
  (B) Record
  (C) Narrate
  (D) Balance
- 7. Nevertheless
  (A) Nonetheless
  (B) Albeit
  (C) Although
  (D) Presumably
- 8. Disguise
  (A) Delight
  (B) Neglect
  (C) Feign
  (D) Conceal
- 9. Emphasize
  (A) Accentuate
  (B) Conquer
  (C) Suspect
  (D) Select
- 10. Portray(A) Refine(B) Depict(C) Pass(D) Abuse

# **TEST QUESTIONS**

Choose the word or phrase that is closest in meaning to the underlined word or phrase.

- 1. President Ford was a frequent opponent of inflationary spending measures <u>passed</u> by Congress.
- (A) Approved
- (B) Submitted
- (C) Financed
- (D) Initiated
- 2. The evolution of life on Earth may be <u>partially</u> typical of the evolution of life on many other planets.
- (A) Somewhat
- (B) Exceptionally
- (C) Nevertheless
- (D) Occasionally
- 3. Sword swallowers must first <u>overcome</u> their fear of projecting the sharp sword down their throat.
- (A) Disguise
- (B) Conquer
- (C) Treat
- (D) Accentuate
- 4. The popular singer Madonna is known for her songs with <u>outlandish</u> lyrics.
- (A) Innovative
- (B) Bizarre
- (C) Relaxing
- (D) Melodical
- 5. Many nature films <u>omit</u> information about the breeding, parenting, and fishing behavior of the Pel fishing owl.
- (A) Portray
- (B) Contribute
- (C) Neglect
- (D) Narrate

- decline gather motion partisan pattern
- phenomena philanthropic placid plentiful
- reaction rhythm scenic shallow sheltered vanishing

**decline** v. to move from good to bad, or from much

n. decline to little, to refuse

Syn. decrease

The old man's health has <u>declined</u> since he retired.

Serious communicable diseases are on the decline in most parts of the world.

gather v. to collect

n. gathering Syn. collect

He carefully gathered his thoughts just before the interview.

A gathering of citizens developed outside the courthouse.

motion n. the state of changing one's position

v. motion\* \* to direct by moving

Syn. movement

The motion of the flame was hypnotic.

They motioned her to leave the area.

partisan adj. strongly supporting a group or point of view

Syn. biased

<u>Partisan</u> political infighting caused Congress's influence to decline.

His views reflected his <u>partisan</u> bins.

pattern n. a regular, repeated arrangement or action

adj. patterned Syn. habit

v. pattern

The bright pattern of the monarch butterfly distracts its predators.

The new stadium was patterned after the old traditional ballparks.

**Phenomena** *n.* natural events or facts; strange or notable

adv. phenomenally happenings adj. phenomenal Syn. events

n. phenomenon

Rain showers are almost unknown phenomena in the Atacama Desert of Chile.

The musician's <u>phenomenal</u> performance was applauded by the critics.

**philanthropic** adj. a feeling of love for people, usually

n. philanthropist resulting in financial aid to worthy causes

n. philanthropy *Syn.* humanitarian

The <u>philanthropic</u> work of the foundation benefits all sectors of society.

His <u>philanthropy</u> is recognized around the world.

placid adj. quiet, not easily upset

adv. placidly Syn. calm

The <u>placid</u> nature of her personality made her easy to work with.

The waves moved <u>placidly</u> toward shore.

plentiful adj. more than sufficient

adv. plentifully Syn. abundant

n. plenty

Examples of Miro's art plentiful.

A balanced diet normally provides <u>plenty</u> of the necessary vitamins.

reaction n. a reply; a change that occurs when

adv. reactively substances are mixed

adj. reactive Syn. response

v. react adj. reactionary

When chlorine and ammonia are mixed, the chemical <u>reaction</u> causes chlorine gas.

They reacted to the report by making some swift changes in management.

rhythm n. a regular pattern, usually in music

adv. rhythmically Syn. pulse

adj. rhythmic

The rhythm of the rain hitting the roof put him to sleep.

She noticed the <u>rhythmic</u> beating of her heart as the moment of truth arrived.

scenic adj. concerning pleasant natural surroundings

adv. scenically Syn. picturesque

n. scenery n. scene

The <u>scenic</u> route to the summit is much more interesting than the fastest route.

The scenery in rural Japan is impressive.

**shallow** adj. not far from top to bottom

adv. shallowly Syn. superficial

n. shallowness

Estuaries are typically **shallow** bodies of water.

The result of their research demonstrated the <u>shallowness</u> of the hypothesis.

**sheltered** *adj.* protected from harmful elements;

v. shelter isolated from reality

n. shelter Syn. protected

She has led a <u>sheltered</u> life since her parents have done everything for her.

Everyone looked for shelter from the blazing sun.

# vanishing

adj. going out of sight

v. vanish

Syn. disappearing

The red squirrel is a <u>vanishing</u> species that needs a protected habitat to survive. No one knows with certainty what caused the dinosaurs to <u>vanish</u> from the face of the earth.

## **MATCHING**

## Choose the synonym.

1.	picturesque
т.	picturesque

- (A) scenic
- (B) calm
- (C) outlandish
- (D) fertile
- 2. partisan
- (A) patterned
- (B) bizarre
- (C) abundant
- (D) biased
- 3. decrease
- (A) disguise
- (B) decline
- (C) omit
- (D) halt
- 4. disappear
- (A) vary
- (B) vanish
- (C) reject
- (D) fabricate
- 5. shallow
- (A) swift
- (B) substantial
- (C) placid
- (D) superficial

- 6. gather
- (A) broaden
- (B) collect
- (C) distribute
- (D) enhance
- 7. reaction
- (A) allocation
- (B) investigation
- (C) response
- (D) means
- 8. motion
- (A) innovation
- (B) narration
- (C) reaction
- (D) movement
- 9. protected
- (A) plentiful
- (B) phenomenal
- (C) sheltered
- (D) passable
- 10. rhythm
- (A) pulse
- (B) pattern
- (C) function
- (D) notion

# **TEST QUESTIONS**

Choose the word or phrase that is closest in meaning to the underlined word or phrase.

- 1. Mollusks, crustaceans, and fish are plentiful in the Chesapeake Bay.
- (A) vanishing
- (B) abundant
- (C) gathered
- (D) declining
- 2. The coast of California is marked by a rugged mountain range and <u>placid</u> bays.
- (A) calm
- (B) scenic
- (C) sheltered
- (D) shallow
- 3. The Carnegie Foundation is one of the major <u>philanthropic</u> organizations in the United States.
- (A) partisan
- (B) governmental
- (C) humanitarian
- (D) international
- 4. From the beginning of the twentieth century, dance <u>phenomena</u> became extremely prolific and colorful.
- (A) rhythm
- (B) fashion
- (C) events
- (D) expression
- B. Mollusks have a wide range of locomotory patterns.
- (A) Habits
- (B) Motions
- (C) Controls
- (D) Reactions

■ account ■ archaic ■ hasten ■ hue ■ illustration

■ inactive ■ intricate ■ magnitude ■ oblige ■ overlook

■ poll ■ position ■ practical ■ predominant ■ prompt

account 

n. a report of an event; money kept in a adj. accountable bank; a statement of something used or

v. account received, usually a financial report

n. accounting

n. accountant Syn. story

His account of the incident varied from that of the other witnesses.

We need an <u>accounting</u> of all the money that was spent.

archaic adj. very old, old-fashioned; no longer used

Syn. ancient

These archaic methods of farming must be brought up to date.

His speech was full of archaic expressions.

hasten v. to cause to go faster; move forward more

adv. hastily quickly

adj. hasty Syn. accelerate

n. hastiness

After notifying his family of the accident, he <u>hastened</u> to add that he had not been hurt.

You should not make important decisions hastily.

hue n. color

Syn. color

The hue of the sunset was beautiful.

The hue of the room gave it a warm feeling.

illustration n. a visual image, typically used to explain

adj. illustrated Syn. picture

adj. illustrative

v. illustrate

n. illustrator

The illustration makes the process of condensation more understandable.

This experiment illustrates how certain chemicals can react violently when combined.

inactive adj. not moving; not involved

n. inaction Syn. idle

n. inactivity

The virus remains <u>inactive</u> for a long period of time.

Her inaction has caused her to miss many opportunities to advance her career.

intricate adj. having many parts; finely detailed

adv. intricately Syn. complex

n. intricacy

The <u>intricate</u> design of the vase made it a valuable piece for her collection.

I cannot begin to understand all of the <u>intricacies</u> of modern automobile motors.

magnitude n. of great size or importance

adv. magnificently \* to increase adj. magnificant Syn. dimension

v. magnify

n. magnification

The <u>magnitude</u> of shock waves determines the damage that occurs during an earthquake.

The invention of the telephone was a <u>magnificent</u> achievement for mankind.

**oblige** v. to have to do something

adv. obligingly Syn. require

adj. obliging

adj. obligatory

n. obligation

She <u>obliged</u> he friend to choose a new lab partner.

Payment of the student activity fee was obligatory.

**overlook** v. to ignore or neglect

adj. overlooked Syn. disregard

Scientists must not <u>overlook</u> any aspect of experimental procedure.

The overlooked error raised his score on the test.

**Poll** *n.* questionnaire; a vote of public opinion

n. polling

n. pollster Syn. survey

The <u>poll</u> indicated that conservation of the environment was the number one issue with college students.

The <u>pollster</u> asked the questions in a nonpartisan manner.

position n. place where something can be found; job

Syn. location

He held a very high position in the firm.

The <u>position</u> of aircraft wings causes the lift that allows the plane to leave the ground.

practical adj. convenient or effective

n. practicality Syn. functional

Her ambitious plan was not very practical.

Three fundamental issues in measurement are reliability, validity, and practicality.

### predominant

adj. the most noticeable or powerful element

adv. predominantly

*Syn.* principal

v. predominate

n. predominance

The <u>predominant</u> export of the Middle East is petroleum. Many cities in the southwest are <u>predominantly</u> hispanic.

prompt

v. to cause something to happen; to do

adv. promptly

quickly; to be on time

n. promptness

*Syn.* induce

His emotional plea <u>prompted</u> the director to give him a second chance.

Promptness is an important factor in many societies.

#### **MATCHING**

#### Choose the synonym.

- intricate
   functional
   complex
   predominant
   inordinate
- 2. disregard (A) overcome (B) disperse (C) decline (D) overlook
- 3. idle
  (A) initiated
  (B) inundated
  (C) inactive
  (D) intrinsic
- 4. archaic (A) plentiful (B) ancient (C) placid (D) absurd
- 5. hasten (A) accelerate (B) shelter (C) heighten (D) generate

- 6. picture (A) position (B) zenith
- (C) preconception(D) illustration
- 7. size
- (A) allocation(B) magnitude(C) expand(D) advent
- 8. color (A) hue
- (B) illustration(C) facet(D) scenery
- 9. require
  (A) survey
  (B) induce
  (C) oblige
  (D) relinquish
- 10. account (A) currency (B) poll (C) treasury (D) story

## **TEST QUESTIONS**

Choose the word or phrase that is closest in meaning to the underlined word or phrase.

- 1. The production of steel and the mining of coal are the <u>predominant</u> industries of Pennsylvania.
- (A) principal
- (B) inactive
- (C) archaic
- (D) overlooked
- 2. Curiosity prompted Leonardo da Vinci to become the world's greatest designer.
- (A) hastened
- (B) defied
- (C) induced
- (D) obliged
- 3. The first <u>practical</u> calendar was developed by the Egyptians.
- (A) functional
- (B) accurate
- (C) standard
- (D) intricate
- 4. In order to detect the <u>position</u> of a particle, light must be reflected from it.
- (A) hue
- (B) location
- (C) magnitude
- (D) existence
- 5. In a recent newspaper <u>poll</u>, the compact disc was mentioned as the most popular medium of recorded music.
- (A) survey
- (B) account
- (C) illustration
- (D) convention

#### **LESSON 23**

- analogous approximately compel formidable intrusive
- periodically prone prophetic proportions readily reliably
- reluctantly renown sacrifice triumph

analogous adj. alike in some way

n. analogy Syn. similar to

The action of light waves is <u>analogous</u> to the action of sound waves.

The <u>analogy</u> between the behavior of the bacteria in the lab and in the human body is not clear.

**approximately** adv. almost correct; not exact

adj. approximate Syn. around

v. approximaten. approximation

There are approximately 100 billion galaxies in the universe.

The results of this study approximate those of a previous study.

compel v. to make something happen by necessity

adv. compellingly or force adj. compelling Syn. obliged

The representatives were <u>compelled</u> to vote in favor of the legislation despite their personal opposition to it.

The lawyer's plea was made in a compelling manner.

formidable adj. difficult; causing worry or fear

adv. formidably Syn. overwhelming

Their formidable enperants gave no sign of weekness

Their <u>formidable</u> opponents gave no sign of weakness.

The man's voice echoed <u>formidably</u> throughout the hallway.

intrusive adj. the state of being inside or upon something

adj. intrusively when not desired to be there by others

v. intrude

n. intrusion Syn. annoying

n. intruder

The intrusive bacteria caused his condition to worsen.

The intrusion of the hazardous gas made it difficult to live in the house.

periodically adv. happening repeatedly, occurring at

adj. periodic regular intervals

adj. periodical \* Something published at regular intervals

n. periodical\* Syn. sometimes

Some materials periodically demonstrate unusual behavior when frozen.

She has <u>periodic</u> desires to get a job.

prone

adj. likely to do something

Syn. inclined to

Most liquids are <u>prone</u> to contract when frozen.

She is <u>prone</u> to study hard the night before her tests.

## prophetic

adj. correctly telling about future events

adv. prophetically

Syn. predictive

v. prophesy

n. prophecy

n. prophet

His <u>prophetic</u> power were investigated by a team of psychologists.

The brilliant student fulfilled his teacher's <u>prophecy</u> that he would be a successful doctor.

#### proportions

*n*. relationship of size or importance when

adv. proportionally

compared to another object or person.

adj. proportional

Syn. dimensions

adj. proportionate

adv. proportionately

The goal of establishing a space station will take a team effort of major <u>proportions</u>. The pilot's salary is <u>proportional</u> to that of pilots of other airlines.

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readily

adv. willingly; easily

adj. ready

Syn. freely

v. ready

n. readiness

The workers <u>readily</u> complained about the food in the cafeteria.

Her <u>readiness</u> to cooperate was an important factor in the investigation.

#### reliably

adv. in a trusted way

adj. reliable

Syn. dependably

adj. reliant

v. rely

n. reliability

n. reliance

An appliance must perform its task <u>reliably</u> to be popular with consumers.

Satellite photos show the smallest details with great <u>reliability</u>.

#### reluctantly

adv. unwillingly

adj. reluctant

*Syn.* hesitatingly

n. reluctance

Although not completely satisfied with the contract, the officials <u>reluctantly</u> agreed to sign it.

The electrician was reluctant to estimate the cost of the repair work.

**renown** n. fame

adj. renowned Syn. prominence

This school is of great renown.

The <u>renowned</u> conductor made a guest appearance at the concert.

sacrifice v. to give up something of value for the

adj. sacrificial common good n. sacrifice Syn. concession

He <u>sacrificed</u> his day off to help clean up the neighborhood. She made <u>sacrifices</u> in order to be able to attend the university.

triumph n. a victory; a success

adv. triumphantly Syn. achievement

adj. triumphant adj. triumphal v. triumph

His career was characterized by one triumph after another.

He triumphed over all of his difficulties.

#### **MATCHING**

#### Choose the synonym.

- 1. intrusive (A) inactive (B) intricate (C) predictive (D) annoying
- 2. obliged(A) distorted(B) dependable(C) compelled(D) settled
- 3. sacrifice
  (A) reliance
  (B) proportion
  (C) concession
  (D) recovery
- 4. formidable(A) predictive(B) overwhelming(C) functional(D) practical
- 5. similar to (A) unlike (B) analogous (C) archaic (D) prone

- 6. around
  (A) obviously
  (B) likely
  (C) entirely
- (D) approximately
- 7. hesitatingly
  (A) reluctantly
  (B) readily
  (C) compellingly
  (D) practically
- 8. achievements(A) triumphs(B) phenomena(C) dimensions(D) approximation
- 9. sometimes
  (A) routinely
  (B) actually
  (C) periodically
  (D) gradually
- 10. renown(A) domination(B) prophecy(C) prominence(D) position

## **TEST QUESTIONS**

Choose the word or phrase that is closest in meaning to the underlined word or phrase.

- 1. Growth rings in a log are often so clearly visible that they can <u>reliably</u> indicate age.
- (A) periodically
- (B) dependably
- (C) approximately
- (D) ordinarily
- 2. Organic compounds often contain special groups of atoms, called functional groups, that <u>readily</u> undergo chemical reaction.
- (A) freely
- (B) reluctantly
- (C) repeatedly
- (D) occasionally
- 3. The construction of the Saint Lawrence seaway was an undertaking of great proportions.
- (A) triumphs
- (B) renown
- (C) dimensions
- (D) sacrifice
- 4. Folklore holds that mermaids are natural beings who have prophetic powers.
- (A) formidable
- (B) intrusive
- (C) predictive
- (D) analogous
- 5. Faced with the numerous problems brought on by the new industrial age, wage earners were <u>prone</u> to solve their problems through organization.
- (A) fortunate
- (B) compelled
- (C) cautioned
- (D) inclined

#### **LESSON 24**

■ affordable ■ contaminated ■ discernible ■ flourishing ■ maintain

■ mediocre ■ negligible ■ parallel ■ peculiar ■ potent ■ remarkable

■ scattered ■ solid ■ somewhat ■ tedious

**affordable** adj. able to be done, usually refers to adv. affordably something you can do without damage

v. afford or loss

Syn. economical

The new dictionary is quite affordable.

He could afford the house because of current low interest rates.

**contaminated** adj. to make something impure by adding

v. contaminate something dirty or a poisonous substance

n. contamination Syn. pollute

This <u>contaminated</u> water supply must be closed to the public. Bacteria and insects are frequently agents of food <u>contamination</u>.

discernible adj. noticeable; easily seen

adv. discernibly Syn. detectable

v. discern

n. discernment

A feeling of anxiety was <u>discernible</u> among the members of the team. The new student was unable to <u>discern</u> the humor of the teacher's joke.

**flourishing** adj. active and growing; healthy

v. flourish Syn. thriving

Small <u>flourishing</u> companies would be harmed by an increase in the minimum wage. A young mind will flourish with the proper guidance.

maintain v. to support; to keep in good condition

n. maintenance Syn. preserve

The building had to be renovated because it was not well maintained.

Proper <u>maintenance</u> of a car's engine will preserve its performance and value.

mediocre adj. of average quality; not good or bad

n. mediocrity Syn. average

This is a mediocre research report.

The mediocrity of his work was disappointing.

**negligible** adj. hardly noticeable; scarcely detectable

adv. negligibly \* to ignore; to give little attention

adj. neglected Syn. insignificant

adj. neglectful\*
adj. negligent\*
 n. neglect\*
 n. negligence\*

The presence of the first person singular in the poem was almost <u>negligible</u>. His <u>negligence</u> caused him to lose all of the work he had done on the computer.

parallel adj. being almost of the same type or time;

v. parallel comparable n. parallel Syn. similar

We have lead <u>parallel</u> lives. Her background <u>parallels</u> mine.

peculiar adj. unusual; uncommon

adv. peculiarly Syn. strange

n. peculiarity

This plastic has a <u>peculiar</u> texture.

The puffin has many <u>peculiarities</u> not shared by other birds.

potent adj. very strong

Syn. powerful

He gave a <u>potent</u> speech at the convention.

The venom of the coral snake is extremely potent.

remarkable adj. worthy of mention; uncommon

adv. remarkably Syn. exceptional

The invention of the radio was a <u>remarkable</u> achievement. The actor was remarkably calm before his performance.

**scattered** adj. to be spread out or separated widely

v. scatter Syn. dispersed

Hurricane Andrew left debris scattered throughout Miami.

The crowd <u>scattered</u> when it began to rain heavily.

solid adj. having good quality, being well made;

adv. solidly firm; not a gas or liquid

v. solidify Syn. steady

n. solidification

The lawyer for the defense portrayed his client as a man of <u>solid</u> integrity. The union attempted to <u>solidify</u> its position in the workplace.

somewhat adj. a little

Syn. slight

They feel somewhat tired after the mile run.

Buying food at a convenience store can be somewhat expensive.

tedious

*adj*. long and tiring *Syn*. monotonous

adv. tediously n. tedium

The <u>tedious</u> lecture bored most of the audience.

Some people become frustrated by the <u>tedium</u> of daily living.

#### **MATCHING**

#### Choose the synonym.

- discernible
   exceptional
   detectable
- (C) solid
- (D) negligent
- 2. average (A) ample
- (B) approximate
- (C) slight (D) mediocre
- 3. preserve(A) maintain(B) disperse(C) contaminate
- (D) compel
- 4. potent
  (A) powerful
  (B) reliable
  (C) firm
  (D) durable
- 5. affordable (A) remarkable (B) formidable (C) economical (D) proportional

- 6 similar
  (A) prophetic
  (B) substantial
  (C) parallel
  (D) varied
- 7. strange
  (A) peculiar
  (B) vanishing
  (C) somewhat
  (D) renowned
- 8. negligible
  (A) exceptional
  (B) intricate
  (C) insignificant
  (D) scattered
- 9. thriving
  (A) flourishing
  (B) vanishing
  (C) polluting
  (D) astounding
- 10. monotonous(A) ambiguous(B) hazardous(C) prosperous(D) tedious

## **TEST QUESTIONS**

Choose the word or phrase that is closest in meaning to the underlined word or phrase.

- 1. There is a somewhat random character to the evolutionary process.
- (A) potent
- (B) unique
- (C) slight
- (D) peculiar
- 2. Mankind has made solid progress in the eradication of many harmful illnesses.
- (A) sluggish
- (B) negligible
- (C) mediocre
- (D) substantial
- 3. The inner harbor of Baltimore was once a contaminated part of the city.
- (A) an affordable
- (B) a polluted
- (C) a secure
- (D) a flourishing
- 4. The Inuit live in <u>scattered</u> settlements throughout the northern reaches of Canada.
- (A) well-maintained
- (B) very primitive
- (C) highly organized
- (D) widely dispersed
- 5. The history of human thought on the nature of the cosmos offers a number of remarkable lessons.
- (A) inspiring
- (B) identical
- (C) exceptional
- (D) enlightening

#### **LESSON 25**

- briefly circulate consistently exhibit found improperly
- impulsively infrequently isolated overtly profoundly
- sharply situated subsequently unmistakable

briefly adv. short, usually in time

adj. brief Syn. concisely

n. brevity

The visiting professor spoke <u>briefly</u> at the faculty meeting.

Solar eclipses are <u>brief</u> moments when the Earth and Moon cross the Sun's fixed position in the solar system.

v. to cause to move along a fixed path; to

adj. circulatory move freely n. circulation Syn. distribute

The news of the president's visit <u>circulated</u> quickly throughout the city. A dollar bill remains in <u>circulation</u> for approximately one and a half years.

**consistently** *adv.* without changing; keeping the same

adj. consistent principles, ideas, or quality

v. consist Syn. dependably

n. consistency

The temperature must be maintained consistently at 75° centigrade.

The policy of the government concerning unemployment has been consistent.

**exhibit** *v.* to show or demonstrate

n. exhibit Syn. display

n. exhibitionn. exhibitor

The compound exhibits the qualities of an acid.

It was the best exhibition of talent that I have ever seen.

**found** v. to establish, start up

n. foundation\* \* a philanthropic organization

n. founder Syn. establish

The wealthy woman founded a hospital in her home town.

The foundation maintained a number of philanthropic activities.

improperly adv. not following established rules; not

adj. improper desirable

n. impropriety Syn. inappropriately

The disappointing outcome was a result of an improperly prepared petri dish.

There was an impropriety with the way the funds were spent.

impulsively adv. acting without thinking

adj. impulsive Syn. capriciously

n. impulse

n. impulsiveness

She reacted <u>impulsively</u> to the loud noise.

Many shoppers buy items on <u>impulse</u>.

infrequently adj. almost never

adj. infrequent Syn. rarely

n. infrequency

Tornadoes occur <u>infrequently</u> in the eastern part of the United States.

Deserts are characterized by their <u>infrequent</u> rainfall.

isolated adj. kept separated from others

v. isolate Syn. secluded

n. isolation

The failure of the communications system left the towns isolated.

The doctors were unable to isolate the cause of the epidemic.

overtly adv. in a way clearly seen; not done secretly

adj. overt Syn. openly

He <u>overtly</u> disregarded the regulations.

Her overt attempt to take control of the discussion failed.

**profoundly** adv. in a deep way; showing deep knowledge

adj. profound of a subject

n. profundity Syn. significantly

Everyone was <u>profoundly</u> impressed by the news reports.

The Nobel Prize is a profound recognition of outstanding achievement.

**sharply** adv. showing sensitivity or quick thinking;

adj. sharp showing a quick change in direction

v. sharpen Syn. quickly

n. sharpness

Car prices rose sharply over the past year.

There was a sharp change in the humidity after the storm.

situated adj. being found in a certain place

n. situation\* \* a current condition

v. situate Syn. located

The resort town of Cancun is <u>situated</u> in the northern part of the Yucatan Peninsula.

They found themselves in a very difficult <u>situation</u>.

subsequently adv. following; coming after something

adj. subsequent Syn. afterwards

The public applauded the president's actions, and <u>subsequently</u> his ratings in the polls improved.

This report, and all <u>subsequent</u> reports, must be written in the appropriate style.

**unmistakable** adj. clearly able to be determined

adj. unmistakably Syn. indisputable

The markings of the insect provided an <u>unmistakable</u> identification of the species.

It is <u>unmistakably</u> clear that the report must be finished by noon.

#### **MATCHING**

#### Choose the synonym.

- consistently
   dependably
   significantly
   readily
   extremely
- 2. capriciously(A) impulsively(B) profoundly(C) reluctantly(D) scarcely
- 3. subsequently (A) unmistakably (B) around
- (B) around (C) swiftly (D) afterwards
- 4. circulated (A) sharpened (B) distributed (C) maintained (D) encircled
- 5. briefly
  (A) rarely
  (B) reliably
  (C) concisely
  (D) severely

- 6. exhibited(A) displayed(B) founded(C) located(D) highlighted
- 7 overtly
  (A) entirely
  (B) openly
  (C) evenly
  (D) actually
- 8. inappropriately(A) disapprovingly(B) approximately(C) improperly(D) unintentionally
- 9. secluded
  (A) situated
  (B) isolated
  (C) established
  (D) shifted
- 10. indisputably(A) severely(B) infrequently(C) significantly(D) unmistakably

## **TEST QUESTIONS**

Choose the word or phrase that is closest in meaning to the underlined word or phrase.

- 1. The colossal Statue of Liberty is <u>situated</u> in New York Harbor on a small island park within sight of Ellis Island.
- (A) visited
- (B) exhibited
- (C) isolated
- (D) located
- 2. Astrology contends that the position of constellations at the moment of your birth <u>profoundly</u> influences your future.
- (A) subsequently
- (B) significantly
- (C) unmistakably
- (D) consistently
- 3. After doubling the wages of his employees, Henry Ford was <u>sharply</u> criticized for his action.
- (A) severely
- (B) overtly
- (C) impulsively
- (D) improperly
- 4. Most species of birds walk long distances infrequently.
- (A) rarely
- (B) briefly
- (C) selectively
- (D) continually
- 5. The major American comic publishing houses were <u>founded</u> during the early nineteenth century.
- (A) altered
- (B) circulated
- (C) criticized
- (D) established

#### **LESSON 26**

- chaotic characteristic controversial exemplify
- gratifying interpret launch legitimate particular
- radiant ridge span spontaneous stream striking

#### chaotic

adj. being in complete disorder and confusion

n. chaos

Syn. disorganized

The traffic in Seoul is often chaotic.

There was complete <u>chaos</u> when the world champions arrived at the airport.

#### characteristic

adj. an easily recognized quality of something

adv. characteristically

Syn. typical

- v. characterize
- n. characteristic
- n. characterization

The markings on that butterfly are <u>characteristic</u> of the monarch butterfly. I would <u>characterize</u> him as a diligent professional.

#### controversial

adj. something that causes disagreement or

v. controversially argument.

n. controversy Syn. debatable

The governor made a <u>controversial</u> decision to raise taxes.

The <u>controversy</u> was caused by the proposal to build an airport in the area.

#### exemplify

v. to give an example

adj. exemplary

Syn. symbolize

The recent downturn in the housing industry <u>exemplifies</u> the poor economic conditions.

Her <u>exemplary</u> academic achievement is representative of most students at this institution.

#### gratifying

adj. giving pleasure or a feeling of

adv. gratefully

accomplishment; showing thanks

adj. grateful

v. gratify

Syn. satisfying

n. gratification

n. gratefulness

Studying abroad can be a very gratifying experience.

She was grateful for all the work he had done for her.

#### interpret

v. to understand the meaning of something

n. interpretern. interpretation

*Syn.* clarify

ii. iiiterpretatioii

v. interpreting

The ambiguous speech was very difficult to interpret.

Their <u>interpretation</u> of the story generated some interesting discussion.

launch

v. to cause something to begin

n. launch

*Syn.* initiate

n. launching

The company <u>launched</u> a new program to attract more clients.

The <u>launching</u> of the first Soviet satellite, Sputnik, created concern among the American public.

legitimate

adj. reasonable, lawful

adv. legitimately

Syn. authentic

n. legitimacy

The engineer had a <u>legitimate</u> reason for changing the design of the building.

The legitimacy of the theory has yet to be determined.

particular

adj. a certain way or thing; unusual; hard to please

adv. particularly\*

\* especially

Syn. specific

The speaker has a <u>particular</u> way of persuading his audience.

That group of workers is <u>particularly</u> difficult to satisfy.

radiant

adj. sending out in all directions, especially

adv. radiantly

heat or light

n. radiance

Syn. bright

n. radiationn. radiator

The actor's <u>radiant</u> smile captivated the audience.

The <u>radiance</u> of the fire prevented the firefighters from entering the house.

ridge

n. the top of a mountain range; a raised part of any

surface

Syn. crest

A bald eagle stood on the <u>ridge</u> of the tall office building.

The mountain <u>ridge</u> was heavily forested.

span

v. the length of time or distance from one

n. span

limit to the other; to cross

Syn. cover

The old man's life <u>spanned</u> two centuries.

The <u>span</u> of the bridge is three miles.

spontaneous

adj. unplanned; uncontrolled

adv. spontaneously

Syn. instinctive

n. spontaneity

The <u>spontaneous</u> combustion inside the cylinder creates the power of the motor. The crowd reacted <u>spontaneously</u> to the danger.

stream n. a natural flow of something; a pouring out

v. stream Syn. river

There was a constant <u>stream</u> of information coming from the White House. Water <u>streamed</u> from the dam as workers attempted to make the repairs.

**striking** adj. drawing special attention to

adv. strikingly Syn. remarkable

His striking proposal saved the company from bankruptcy.

That was a <u>strikingly</u> convincing argument that the speaker delivered.

#### **MATCHING**

#### Choose the synonym.

- gratifying
   spontaneous
- (B) thriving
- (C) satisfying (D) analogous
- 2. disorganized
- (A) disrupted
- (B) chaotic
- (C) instinctive
- (D) discernible
- 3. controversial
- (A) conventional
- (B) intolerable
- (C) consistent
- (D) debatable
- 4. launch
- (A) initiate
- (B) isolate
- (C) compel
- (D) stream
- 5. typical
- (A) practical
- (B) parallel
- (C) characteristic
- (D) mediocre

- 6. symbolize
- (A) radiate
- (B) exemplify
- (C) span
- (D) synthesize
- 7. legitimate
- (A) peculiar
- (B) authentic
- (C) sharp
- (D) subsequent
- 8. ridge
- (A) crest
- (B) current
- (C) stream
- (D) radiance
- 9. interpret
- (A) specify
- (B) investigate
- (C) clarify
- (D) initiate
- 10. radiant
- (A) covered
- (B) bright
- (C) potent
- (D) tedious

## **TEST QUESTIONS**

Choose the word or phrase that is closest in meaning to the underlined word or phrase.

- 1. Streams were always a problem for stagecoach drivers.
- (A) rivers
- (B) storms
- (C) ridges
- (D) bandits
- 2. Quebec is a <u>striking</u> example of the challenges produced when two diverse groups of people live together.
- (A) controversial
- (B) characteristic
- (C) legitimate
- (D) remarkable
- 3. Crowd behavior is characterized as a <u>spontaneous</u> collective reaction to a publicly observed event.
- (A) a chaotic
- (B) a gratifying
- (C) an instinctive
- (D) an uninterrupted
- 4. Some languages do not contain separate words for particular colors.
- (A) all
- (B) radiant
- (C) uncommon
- (D) specific
- 5. Joseph Haydn was undoubtedly the most prolific of all symphony writers, and his works spanned what has been called the Classical era.
- (A) exemplified
- (B) covered
- (C) launched
- (D) interpreted

#### LESSON 27

■ aptly ■ demonstration ■ ingredients ■ involuntarily ■ marvel

■ measurable ■ moderate ■ odd ■ reflection ■ supposedly

■ sustained ■ symbols ■ synthesis ■ tangible ■ tightly

aptly adv. having a tendency to do something;

adj. apt likely

n. aptness Syn. appropriately

It was an aptly timed remark.

Emotional problems are <u>apt</u> to damage personal relationships.

**demonstration** *n*. a show or exhibit

adv. demonstrably \* overtly showing emotion

v. demonstrate

adj. demonstrative\* Syn. display

adj. demonstrable

The demonstration clarified the procedure for everyone.

The lawyer was <u>demonstrative</u> in making his impassioned plea before the jury.

ingredients n. things combined to make something; the contents

of something *Syn*. elements

The <u>ingredients</u> of the product are kept secret.

Good style, punctuation and grammar are important <u>ingredients</u> of a good essay.

involuntarily adv. in an unthinking manner; not chosen

adj. involuntary Syn. automatically

He involuntarily agreed to work overtime.

Reflexes are involuntary reactions to external stimuli.

*n.* something that surprises or impresses

adv. marvelously Syn. wonder

adj. marvelous

The Great Wall of China is one of the world's marvels.

The weather was marvelous for an afternoon get-together in the park.

measurable adj. able to determine how much or how many

adv. measurably Syn. assessable

v. measure
n. measurement

Some personal characteristics, such as good teaching, are hardly <u>measurable</u>.

A yardstick is used to <u>measure</u> lengths up to three feet.

moderate adj. not too much, not too little

adv. moderately \* to reduce

v. moderate\*

n. moderation Syn. medium

She made the best of her <u>moderate</u> dancing ability.

The Broadway play was moderately successful.

oddadj. unusualadv. oddlySyn. strange

n. oddity

It is <u>odd</u> to find a person who speaks many languages.

The moon rock is an oddity available at the museum for all to view.

reflection n. a picture or element cast back

adj. reflected Syn. image

v. reflect

His bright smile was a <u>reflection</u> of his satisfaction.

In order to perceive something visually, light must be <u>reflected</u> from the object's surface.

**supposedly** adv. according to reports or hearsay; widely

adj. supposed believed or accepted v. suppose Syn. presumably

n. supposition

The new trains can supposedly reach speeds of 150 miles per hour.

The stockbroker's supposition is that the economy will improve.

sustained adj. continuing in a constant way; remaining

v. sustain strong

adj. sustenance Syn. consistent

Sustained rainfall is the only hope they have for relief from the drought.

The trees could not sustain the attack of the locusts.

symbols n. a sign or object that represents something

adv. symbolically or somebody marks

adj. symbolic Syn. marks

v. symbolize

The strange <u>symbols</u> found in Egyptian tombs have intrigued historians for centuries. I think this painting symbolizes the universal themes of humanity.

synthesis n. the mixing of separate things to form a

adv. synthetically\* whole

adj. synthetic\* \* not made by nature v. synthesize \* Syn. combination

The language of Papiamento is a <u>synthesis</u> of Dutch and native Indian languages of Curacao.

Vitamins are <u>synthetically</u> produced.

tangible adj. real; that which can be felt

adv. tangibly *Syn.* concrete

n. tangibility

The work of a teacher seldom produces <u>tangible</u> results until years after a student has graduated.

The solution to this problem can be tangibly demonstrated.

tightly adv. being fixed in place; close; leaving no

adj. tight freedom

v. tighten

n. tightness Syn. firmly

The shirt fits too tightly.

The government is <u>tightening</u> the regulations on the use of seat belts.

#### **MATCHING**

#### Choose the synonym.

- marvel
   ridge
   chaos
   wonder
   combination
- 2. display(A) disperse(B) decline(C) disguise
- (D) demonstration
- 3. oddly(A) symbolically(B) presumably(C) tightly(D) strangely
- 4. appropriately(A) supposedly(B) aptly(C) tangibly(D) durably
- 5. moderate (A) sustained (B) medium (C) sharp (D) periodic

- 6.involuntary(A) infrequent(B) substantial(C) automatic(D) immeasurable
- 7. elements
  (A) ingredients
  (B) measurements
  (C) marks
- 8. assessable
  (A) tangible
  (B) legitimate
  (C) accountable
  (D) measurable

(D) spans

- 9.reflection
  (A) image
  (B) synthesis
  (C) solid
  (D) tightness
- 10. tangible(A) firm(B) consistent(C) concrete(D) tedious

## **TEST QUESTIONS**

Choose the word or phrase that is closest in meaning to the underlined word or phrase.

- 1. Any insect landing on the Venus flytrap touches trigger hairs that cause the trap to close <u>tightly</u>.
- (A) quickly
- (B) mercilessly
- (C) firmly
- (D) involuntarily
- 2. The cultural life of New Orleans is a <u>synthesis</u> of contributions by both blacks and whites.
- (A) product
- (B) demonstration
- (C) reflection
- (D) combination
- 3. The Twin Towers are familiar symbols of the New York City sky-line.
- (A) buildings
- (B) landmarks
- (C) marvels
- (D) ingredients
- 4. <u>Sustained</u> industrial growth and strong consumer spending must be present in order for an economy to grow.
- (A) tangible
- (B) consistent
- (C) moderate
- (D) measurable
- 5. The Sweetwater River was <u>supposedly</u> named by General William Ashley in 1823 because its water tasted sweet to his trappers.
- (A) presumably
- (B) oddly
- (C) aptly
- (D) predictably

#### **LESSON 28**

■ aggravating ■ amusement ■ conceivably ■ convert ■ curative

■ debilitating ■ deplete ■ finite ■ perceive ■ security

■ toxic ■ tranquility ■ trap ■ undeniably ■ underestimated

## aggravating

adj. making worse; annoying

n. aggravation Syn. irritating

v. aggravate

The <u>aggravating</u> delay was caused by road repairs.

The shortage of work <u>aggravated</u> the crisis in the small town.

#### amusement

*n*. something that holds interest and is

adv. amusingly

adj. amusing

v. amuse Syn. diversion

We listened in <u>amusement</u> as he tried to convince his friend to lend him \$50.

enjoyable

His <u>amusing</u> comment made everyone laugh.

#### conceivably

adv. feasibly; believable

adj. conceivable

*Syn.* possibly

v. conceive

They could <u>conceivably</u> earn first place with their science project.

It is <u>conceivable</u> that humans will travel to distant planets one day.

#### convert

v. to change from one form or state to another

adj. convertible

Syn. alter

n. conversion

When boiled, liquids convert to gases.

The conversion from Fahrenheit to centigrade can be easily made.

#### curative

adj. being able to restore to good condition

n. cure

*Syn.* healing.

The <u>curative</u> properties of certain plants have been well documented.

There is no simple <u>cure</u> for the ills of society.

#### debilitating

adj. weakening

v. debilitate

*Syn.* weakening

n. debility

The lack of investment savings has a <u>debilitating</u> effect on the economy.

The patient's <u>debility</u> restricted him to the room.

#### deplete

v. to use up; to reduce greatly

adj. depleted

Syn. consume

n. depletion

She <u>depleted</u> all of her savings to buy the word processor.

The <u>depletion</u> of the Earth's oil reserves poses a threat to our current style of life.

finite adj. of a certain amount; having an end; not infinite

Syn. limited

There were a finite number of explanations for the unusual reactions.

Is there a finite number of stars in the universe?

perceive v. to sense; to become aware of

adv. perceptibly Syn. observe

We perceive major differences between the two political parties.

Porpoises are very <u>perceptive</u> mammals.

security *n*. the feeling of freedom from danger,

adv. securely doubt, or worry adj. secure Syn. safety

v. secure

Her sense of <u>security</u> increased as her grades improved. We secured all of the doors of the lab before leaving.

toxic adj. harmful; capable of being fatal

n. toxicity Syn. poisonous

Disposal of toxic wastes is an ongoing problem.

This product has the highest toxicity of any known to science.

tranquility n. calm; quietness

adv. tranquilly Syn. peacefulness

adj. tranquil

v. tranquilize

The <u>tranquility</u> of the lake at sunrise inspired a profound sense of well-being.

His <u>tranquil</u> manner of expression made us all feel more secure.

trap v. to catch and hold onto, usually by trickery;

adj. trapped deceived n. trap Syn. retain

I was trapped into paying for the meal.

The <u>trapped</u> animals were released after being tagged by the wildlife conservationists.

**undeniably** *adv.* clearly true adj. undeniable *Syn.* absolutely

Of all the planets in our solar system, Earth is <u>undeniably</u> the most conducive to supporting life.

It is <u>undeniable</u> that he has skill, but he needs to show more initiative.

**underestimated** adj. guessed lower than the actual quality or

v. underestimate quantity

Syn. miscalculated

The <u>underestimated</u> demand for tickets made the theater manager plan better for the next performance.

The treasurer <u>underestimated</u> the cost of the new furniture.

#### **MATCHING**

#### Choose the synonym.

- 1. curative (A) healing (B) gratifying
- (C) toxic
- (D) conceivable
- 2. limited
  (A) sustained
  (B) ample
  (C) finite
- (D) approximate
- 3. amusement(A) peacefulness(B) demonstration(C) diversion(D) marvel
- 4. security
  (A) power
  (B) safety
  (C) trap
  (D) cure
- 5. debilitating (A) convincing (B) formidable (C) accelerating (D) weakening

- 6. aggravate(A) irritate(B) convert(C) isolate(D) initiate
- 7. conceivably(A) absolutely(B) aptly(C) possibly(D) tranquilly
- 8. alter
  (A) sustain
  (B) launch
  (C) detect
  (D) convert
- 9. depleted(A) retained(B) consumed(C) polluted(D) inundated
- 10. perceive (A) deny
- (B) miscalculate(C) observe(D) estimate

## **TEST QUESTIONS**

Choose the word or phrase that is closest in meaning to the underlined word or phrase.

- 1. <u>Underestimated</u> tax revenues caused the severe budget crunches that plagued local governments during the early 1970s.
- (A) depleted
- (B) finite
- (C) disappointing
- (D) miscalculated
- 2. Casey Stengel was <u>undeniably</u> one of the most successful coaches in the history of baseball.
- (A) absolutely
- (B) unexpectedly
- (C) conceivably
- (D) likely
- 3. The power of the sun is <u>trapped</u> by the leaves of plants and used to produce food by a process called photosynthesis.
- (A) perceived
- (B) reflected
- (C) retained
- (D) converted
- 4. Some people find <u>tranquility</u> when they are far away from the hustle and bustle of city life.
- (A) peacefulness
- (B) amusement
- (C) fulfillment
- (D) security
- 5. All Cnidarians have the potential to affect human physiology owing to the <u>toxic</u> nature of their nematocysts.
- (A) curative
- (B) debilitating
- (C) poisonous
- (D) aggravating

## LESSON 29

■ acknowledge ■ acquire ■ assimilate ■ assortment ■ caliber

■ condensed ■ contradictory ■ disregard ■ precious ■ prominent

■ requisite ■ unravel ■ vague ■ vast ■ volume

acknowledge v. to know, remember, and accept the

n. acknowledgment existence of something

adj. acknowledged Syn. recognize

The foreman <u>acknowledged</u> the fact that there had been a mistake in the design of the house.

The promotion he received was an <u>acknowledgment</u> of his excellent work.

acquire v. to gain or come to possess

adj. acquisitive Syn. obtain

n. acquisition

He <u>acquired</u> two beautiful paintings during his visit to Taipei.

The office's most recent <u>acquisition</u> was a new photocopier.

**assimilate** v. to become a part of

n. assimilation Syn. incorporate

The United States of America has <u>assimilated</u> people from all parts of the world.

Assimilation of a new cultural environment can be difficult.

assortment n. a variety adj. assorted Syn. selection

You have an <u>assortment</u> of elective courses from which to choose.

He bought a box of <u>assorted</u> books at the book fair.

*n.* the standard of; the degree of goodness

*Syn.* quality

The high <u>caliber</u> of her work earned her a raise in pay.

Only parts of the highest caliber can be used to make repairs on the spacecraft.

**condensed** *adj.* made smaller; shortened; merged

v. condense Syn. summarized

This is a condensed version of the original research report.

Try to condense the two chapters into one.

**contradictory** adj. not agreeing with the facts or previous

v. contradict statements made on the subject; declared wrong

n. contradiction Syn. inconsistent

It is <u>contradictory</u> to say that you know French after only studying it for three months.

The expert <u>contradicted</u> himself during his presentation.

**disregard** v. to pay no attention

n. disregard Syn. ignore

They <u>disregarded</u> the no parking signs and were ticketed by the police. His disregard of the lab instructions caused him to make many errors.

precious adj. having much monetary or sentimental value;

beautiful

Syn. cherished

This golden ring is my most <u>precious</u> possession.

The <u>precious</u> stone was one of a kind.

**prominent** adj. famous; having a high position

adv. prominently Syn. renowned

n. prominence

Their talent for locating oil deposits made them <u>prominent</u> geologists in the corporation.

He gained <u>prominence</u> through his television appearances.

requisite adj. needed for a specific purpose

v. require \* a formal request n. requirement Syn. demanded

n. requisition\*
v. requisition

Here is the list of <u>requisite</u> courses for the master's degree in biology.

The project team made a <u>requisition</u> for a new set of reference books.

**unravel** v. to organize; to make clear

n. unraveling *Syn.* separate

The detective was not able to <u>unravel</u> the mystery of the missing money.

The <u>unraveling</u> of the Soviet Union took place in the span of a few months.

vague adj. not clear; ambiguous

adv. vaguely Syn. unclear

n. vaqueness

She only has vague memories of her childhood.

The vagueness of his directions caused us to get lost.

vast adj. very much; very large

adv. vastly Syn. huge

I have noticed a vast improvement in your English vocabulary.

Unfortunately, the water quality has deteriorated <u>vastly</u> since my last visit here.

volume n. the amount of something contained in a space

adv. voluminously\* \* holding a lot adj. voluminous \* Syn. quantity

The <u>volume</u> of information that a computer diskette can hold is astounding. This <u>voluminous</u> report will erase your doubt about the financial condition of the company.

#### **MATCHING**

#### Choose the synonym

- 1. caliber (A) volume (B) marvel (C) quality (D) acclaim
- 2. ignore(A) disregard(B) separate(C) deplete(D) withstand
- 3. acknowledged (A) exaggerated (B) recognized (C) exemplified (D) accentuated
- 4. assortment (A) assertion (B) selection (C) pattern (D) ingredient
- 5. obtain (A) acquire (B) unravel (C) demand (D) perceive

- 6. precious(A) cherished(B) substantive(C) vague(D) tangible
- 7. condensed (A) summarized (B) emphasized (C) legitimized (D) authorized
- 8. assimilate
  (A) illustrate
  (B) incorporate
  (C) investigate
  (D) isolate
- 9. renown(A) reaction(B) vast(C) prominent(D) requisite
- 10. contradictory(A) ambiguous(B) requisite(C) inconsistent(D) disregarded

## **TEST QUESTIONS**

Choose the word or phrase that is closest in meaning to the underlined word or phrase.

- 1. The <u>volume</u> of music contained in the archives of the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers is extraordinary.
- (A) sound
- (B) quantity
- (C) caliber
- (D) assortment
- 2. Technical curricula are <u>requisite</u> in a wide range of fields.
- (A) assimilated
- (B) promoted
- (C) demanded
- (D) acquired
- 3. Pioneers traveling to the west found a <u>vast</u> treasury of natural resources.
- (A) a prominent
- (B) a precious
- (C) an elaborate
- (D) a huge
- 4. Evidence concerning the origins of the native people living in the coastal areas of western Canada is vague.
- (A) contradictory
- (B) abundant
- (C) acknowledged
- (D) unclear
- 5. History consists of a complex weave of social, cultural, and economic forces that are not easily unraveled.
- (A) separated
- (B) disregarded
- (C) illustrated
- (D) condensed

#### **LESSON 30**

■ charisma ■ clever ■ convince ■ endure ■ forfeit

■ precarious ■ severe ■ sporadic ■ superior ■ wanton

■ weak ■ widespread ■ wisdom ■ witticism ■ woo

charisma n. a special quality that endears other people

adj. charismatic to the person who has this quality

Syn. appeal

She has a <u>charisma</u> that no other candidate possesses.

John F. Kennedy was known for his charismatic personality.

clever adj. intelligent; resourceful

adv. cleverly Syn. astute

n. cleverness

Everyone appreciated their <u>clever</u> idea.

His cleverness enabled him to rise quickly in the organization.

**convince** v. to make someone see things your way

adv. convincingly Syn. persuade

adj. convincing

They could not <u>convince</u> the girls to go to the dance with them.

The video made a <u>convincing</u> argument for the recycling of paper and plastic materials.

endure v. to last; to suffer pain

adj. endurable *Syn.* persevere

adj. enduring

n. endurance

How he is able to endure living next to the airport is beyond my comprehension.

The <u>endurance</u> displayed by the athlete gave evidence of his rigorous training.

forfeit v. to give up; to have something taken away,

n. forfeit usually by rule or regulation

Syn. relinquish

Usually you must <u>forfeit</u> your native country's citizenship to become a citizen of another country.

The forfeit occurred because not enough players showed up.

precarious adj. not safe, firm, or steady

adv. precariously Syn. hazardous

The diver put himself in a <u>precarious</u> situation among the sharks. The cup was positioned precariously on the edge of the table.

severe *adj.* extreme; harmful

v. severely *Syn.* intense

n. severity

The weather service issued a severe storm warning for most of Michigan.

The severity of his condition will not be known until the test results are studied.

sporadic adj. not consistent; irregular

adv. sporadically Syn. erratic

The radio communications were subject to sporadic sunspot interference.

Violent storms occur sporadically in the southwest.

superior adj. excellent quality; above all the rest

n. superiority Syn. exceptional

This is a superior fossil of a trilobite.

The restaurant's <u>superiority</u> was established shortly after it opened.

wanton adj. done without thought or consideration

adv. wantonly Syn. senseless

Her wanton disregard of the rules was unexplainable.

The jealous man was <u>wantonly</u> impolite to the winner.

weak adj. not strong; incapable

adv. weakly Syn. ineffective

v. weaken

n. weakness

The weak light was inadequate for reading.

Most people have at least one area of weakness.

widespread *adj.* found everywhere

Svn. extensive

There is a widespread rumor that there will be no class next Thursday.

The political influence of the developed countries of the world is widespread.

wisdom n. knowledge and understanding

adv. wisely Syn. insight

adj. wise

It is often said that <u>wisdom</u> is the product of experience.

It was a wise decision for you to buy a car.

witticism n. a joke; a funny story

adv. wittily Syn. humor

adj. witty

n. wit

n. wittiness

His witticisms captivated the audience.

Mark Twain was famous for his sharp wit.

v. to make efforts to attain or gain something Syn. attract

The directors tried to woo the support of the union.

The opponents of the proposed highway wooed nearby residents to defend their position.

woo

#### **MATCHING**

### Choose the synonym.

- 1.astute
- (A) acknowledge
- (B) extensive
- (C) clever
- (D) weak
- 2.sporadic
- (A) prophetic
- (B) intrinsic
- (C) erratic
- (D) archaic
- 3.relinquish
- (A) recover
- (B) disperse
- (C) forfeit
- (D) deplete
- 4.persevering
- (A) enduring
- (B) ineffective
- (C) secure
- (D) sincere
- 5. superior
- (A) prosperous
- (B) sustained
- (C) superficial
- (D) exceptional

- 6. appeal
- (A) wit
- (B) charisma
- (C) impression
- (D) wisdom
- 7. precarious
- (A) peculiar
- (B) dangerous
- (C) widespread
- (D) aggravating
- 8. persuade
- (A) convince
- (B) conform
- (C) confirm
- (D) conceal
- 9. wisdom
- (A) acceleration
- (B) insight
- (C) caution
- (D) marvel
- 10. intense
- (A) instant
- (B) hazardous
- (C) severe
- (D) robust

## **TEST QUESTIONS**

Choose the word or phrase that is closest in meaning to the underlined word or phrase.

- 1. Politicians often  $\underline{woo}$  voters by proposing sweeping reforms of governmental policy.
- (A) forfeit
- (B) attract
- (C) convince
- (D) deceive
- 2. Davy Crockett was well known for his witticisms and story telling skills.
- (A) humor
- (B) charisma
- (C) endurance
- (D) wisdom
- 3. When <u>widespread</u> thunderstorms occur, the sky is commonly overcast with many intermingled layers of clouds of various types.
- (A) severe
- (B) powerful
- (C) extensive
- (D) hazardous
- 4. Although jellyfish move by jet propulsion, most are <u>weak</u> swimmers.
- (A) ineffective
- (B) clever
- (C) superior
- (D) impressive
- 5. The disappearance of tropical rain forests is a direct result of <u>wanton</u> disregard of this valuable resource by mankind.
- (A) precarious
- (B) sporadic
- (C) senseless
- (D) troubling

#### **ANSWERS TO EXERCISES**

LESSON 1 **TEST QUESTIONS** MATCHING 1.A 2.A 3.C 4.A5.C 1.D 2.C 3.B 4.A 5.A 6.C 7.D 8.B 9.D 10.B LESSON 2 MATCHING **TEST QUESTIONS** 1.C 2.A 3.D 4.B 5.C 1.D 2.B 3.A 4.A 5.C 6.B 7.A 8.C 9.C 10.D LESSON 3 **TEST QUESTIONS** MATCHING 1.B 2.A 3.B 4.A 5.B 1.C 2.B 3.D 4.A 5.C 6.B 7.A 8.D 9.C 10.D LESSON 4 **TEST QUESTIONS** MATCHING 1.C 2.B 3.A 4.D 5.A 1,A 2.B 3.A 4.A 5.A 6.B 7.A 8.D 9.A 10.D LESSON 5 MATCHING **TEST QUESTIONS** 1.B 2.D 3.A 4.B 5.C 1.D 2.D 3.A 4.B 5.C 6.B 7.D 8.A 9.B 10.C LESSON 6 MATCHING **TEST QUESTIONS** 1.C 2.C 3.A 4.C 5.A 1.D 2.B 3.C 4.A 5.B 6.B 7.B 8.A 9.D 10.A LESSON 7 MATCHING **TEST QUESTIONS** 1.B 2.U 3.A 4.C 5.C 1.A 2.A 3.B 4.D 5.A 6.A 7.B 8.B 9.C 10.A LESSON 8 **TEST QUESTIONS** MATCHING 1.C 2.D 3.D 4.A 5.B 1.A 2.C 3.A 4.B 5.B 6.B 7.A 8.C 9.A 10.D LESSON 9 **TEST QUESTIONS** MATCHING 1.C 2.D 3.A 4.B 5.A 1.A 2.A3.C 4.C 5.B 6.D 7.B 8.A 9.A 10.D LESSON 10 MATCHING **TEST QUESTIONS** 1.C 2.B 3.A 4.D 5.A 1.D 2.D 3.B 4.A 5.A 6.C 7.A 8.C 9.C 10.D LESSON 11 MATCHING TEST QUESTIONS 1.B 2.A 3.B 4.B 5.D 1.C 2.B 3.D 4.C 5.A 6.A 7.A 8.D 9.C 10.C LESSON 12 **TEST QUESTIONS** MATCHING 1.C 2.C 3.D 4.A 5.B 1.D 2.D 3.C 4.B 5.B 6.A 7.D 8.B 9.A 10.A LESSON 13 **TEST QUESTIONS** MATCHING 1.B 2.D 3.B 4.A 5.C 1.D 2.A 3.A 4.C 5.D 6.B 7.C 8.B 9.D 10.A LESSON 14 MATCHING **TEST QUESTIONS** 1.C 2.D 3.A 4.B 5.A 1.A 2.C 3.D 4.B 5.A 6.A 7.D 8.D 9.D 10.A LESSON 15 MATCHING **TEST QUESTIONS** 1.B 2.D 3.B 4.D 5.A 1.C 2.B 3.D 4.B 5.A 6.C 7.B 8.D 9.A 10.C

LESSON 16

MATCHING TEST QUESTIONS

1.C 2.C 3.A 4.B 5.B 1.C 2.C 3.A 4.C 5.A

6.D 7.B 8.D 9.B 10.B

LESSON 17

MATCHING TEST QUESTIONS

1.A 2.B 3.A 4.A 5.D 1.C 2.B 3.A 4.D 5.C

6.B 7.D 8.A 9.A 10.B

LESSON 18

MATCHING TEST QUESTIONS

1.B 2.A 3.A 4.A 5.D 1.C 2.B 3.A 4.A 5.C

6.B 7.B 8.A 9.B 10.C

LESSON 19

MATCHING TEST QUESTIONS

1.B 2.C 3.A 4.A 5.A 1.B 2.A 3.B 4.D 5.D

6.D 7.C 8.C 9.C 10.D

LESSON 20

MATCHING TEST QUESTIONS

1.B 2.D 3.B 4.C 5.A 1.A 2.A 3.B 4.B 5.C

6.C 7.A 8.D 9.A 10.B

LESSON 21

MATCHING TEST QUESTIONS

1.A 2.D 3.B 4.B 5.D 1.B 2.A 3.D 4.C 5.A

6.B 7.C 8.D 9.C 10.B

LESSON 22

MATCHING TEST QUESTIONS

1.B 2.D 3.C 4.B 5.A 1.A 2.C 3.A 4.B 5.A

6.D 7.B 8.A 9.C 10.D

LESSON 23

MATCHING TEST QUESTIONS

1 .D 2.C 3.C 4.B 5.B 1.B 2.A 3.C 4.C 5.D

6.D 7.A 8.A 9.C 10.C

LESSON 24

MATCHING TEST QUESTIONS

1.B 2.D 3.A 4.A 5.C 1.C 2.D 3.B 4.D 5.C

6.C 7.A 8.C 9.A 10.D

LESSON 25

MATCHING TEST OUESTIONS

1.A 2.A 3.D 4.B 5.C 1.D 2.B 3.A 4.A 5.D

6.A 7.B 8.C 9.B 10.D

LESSON 26

MATCHING TEST QUESTIONS

1.C 2.B 3.D 4.A 5.C 1.A 2.D3.C 4.D 5.B

6.B 7.B 8.A 9.C 10.B

LESSON 27

MATCHING TEST QUESTIONS

1.C 2.D 3.D 4.B 5.B 1.C 2.A 3.B 4.B 5.A

6.C 7.A 8.D 9.A 10.C

LESSON 28

MATCHING TEST QUESTIONS

1.A 2.C 3.C 4.B 5.D 1.D 2.A 3.C 4.A 5.C

6.A 7.C 8.D 9.B 10.C

LESSON 29

MATCHING TEST QUESTIONS

1.C 2.A 3.B 4.B 5.A 1.B 2.C 3.D 4.D 5.A

6.A 7.A 8.B 9.C 10.C

LESSON 30

MATCHING TEST QUESTIONS

1.C 2.C 3.C 4.A 5.D 1.B 2.A 3.C 4.A 5.C

6.B 7.B 8.A 9.B 10.C



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