

Essential  
Words for the  
TOEFL



v. advise associated with the problem or situation  
adj. advisable *Syn.* suggestion  
n. advisability

Good advice is hard to find.

It is not advisable to stay up late the night before a test.

**attractive** *adj.* calling attention to, pleasing, creating interest,  
pretty  
v. attract *Syn.* appealing  
n. attraction  
n. attractiveness  
adv. attractively

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

The major attraction 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 ideal place to relax.

Candidates for the job should ideally 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**

v. disrupt

n. disruption

adv. disruptively

*adj.* causing confusion and interruption*Syn.* disturbingFrequent questions during lectures can be disruptive.The storm caused a disruption in bus service.**haphazardly**

adj. haphazard

n. haphazardness

*adv.* having no order or pattern, by chance*Syn.* arbitrarily, carelessly

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 abroad.
  - (A) widely
  - (B) secretly
  - (C) alone
  - (D) overseas
2. American poet James Merrily received critical acclaim for his work entitled Jim's Book.
  - (A) advice
  - (B) disapproval
  - (C) praise
  - (D) attention
3. A revolution in women's fashion during the second half of the twentieth century made trousers acceptable for almost all activities.
  - (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 abrupt changes of weather.
  - (A) sudden
  - (B) extreme
  - (C) adverse
  - (D) disruptive



**appealing**

v. appeal  
 n. appeal  
 adv. appealingly

*adj.* attractive or interesting, able to move feelings  
*Syn.* alluring

Working abroad is appealing to many people.  
 Through his speeches, the candidate appealed to the voters.

**celebrated**

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

*adj.* acclaimed, well-known, and popular  
*Syn.* renown

**contemporary**

Contemporary architecture makes very good use of space.  
 Cervantes was a contemporary of Shakespeare.

*adj.* modern, up-to-date; also a person living at the same time as another person  
*Syn.* current

**distribute**

Many publishers distribute their newspapers directly to homes in their area.  
 The distribution of seeds is very quick with this new machine.

*v.* to divide among people or to give out  
*Syn.* dispense

**encourage**

Even though the runner finished second, he was encouraged by his performance.  
 His teacher gave him the encouragement that he needed to learn the material.

*v.* to give courage or hope to someone  
*Syn.* inspire

**energetic**

Sam hasn't been as energetic as he usually is.  
 There's a lot of energy in these batteries.

*adj.* full of life, action, or power  
*Syn.* vigorous

**frail**

The frail wings of the newborn bird could not lift it off the ground.  
 One of the frailties of human beings is laziness.

*adj.* weak in health or in body  
*Syn.* fragile

**refine**

Factories must to refine oil before it can be used as fuel.

*v.* to make pure, to improve  
*Syn.* perfect (v.)



A squirt of lime juice is the perfect refinement to cola.

**worthwhile**

*adj.* value in doing something

*Syn.* rewarding

It was worthwhile waiting 10 hours in line for the tickets.

It's worthwhile 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 allowed during the summer months.

- (A) worthwhile
- (B) permitted
- (C) encouraged
- (D) appealing

3. With the advent 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, albeit those of some species are carnivorous.

- (A) although
- (B) simply
- (C) supposedly
- (D) since

5. Advanced scientific disciplines like solar cell technology and genetic engineering are exploding with possibilities.

- (A) valued
- (B) celebrated
- (C) new
- (D) appealing



**detect**

n. detection  
n. detective

v. to find out, to observe something

*Syn.* notice

He detected a smile on his girlfriend's face.

They are the best detectives on the police force.

**enrich**

n. enrichment  
adj. enriching

v. to make rich, to make something of greater value

*Syn.* enhance

The fine arts enrich our lives.

The discovery of oil was an enrichment for the country.

**intensify**

n. intensity  
adj. intense  
adj. intensive  
adv. intensely  
adv. intensively

v. to make stronger in feeling or quality

*Syn.* heighten

The importance of the test will sometimes intensify the nervousness of the students.

The chess match was played with great intensity.

**intolerable**

n. intolerance  
adv. intolerably  
adv. intolerantly  
adj. intolerant

*adj.* difficult or painful to experience, not able to accept different ways of thought or behavior

*Syn.* unbearable

Any opposition to the rules is intolerable.

His boss was intolerant of his tardiness.

**observe**

n. observation  
n. observer  
adj. observant  
adj. observable

v. to see and watch carefully, to examine

*Syn.* notice

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**

n. proposal  
n. proposition  
adj. proposed

v. to suggest or plan to do something

*Syn.* suggest

The governor is going to propose new taxes.  
Her proposal 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 restored my confidence in him.  
It is a beautiful restoration of the old table.

**vital** *adj.* of great importance, full of life  
n. vitality *Syn.* indispensable  
adv. vitally

Money is vital to the success of the program.  
His intense vitality was easily observable.

## MATCHING

Choose the synonym.

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

- (A) detecting
- (B) examining
- (C) intensifying
- (D) observing

2. In 1985, the Coca-Cola Company altered the secret formula of the drink's ingredients.

- (A) modified
- (B) proposed
- (C) enriched
- (D) restored

3. Aside from simply being annoying, 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 anticipated 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

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**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 ambiguous 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 thought, order, or reason

adv. arbitrarily                      *Syn.* haphazard  
n. arbitrariness

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 state positively

adv. assertively                      *Syn.* declare  
n. assertiveness  
n. assertion

adj. assertive  
The government asserted 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 astounding discovery.  
The fans were astounded 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 astutely determined that there would be no chance to finish on time.

**authorize** v. to give permission or power to do something  
adj. authorized  
n. authority

*Syn.* empower

Only authorized employees are allowed in the laboratory.  
The dean has the authority to resolve academic problem of students.

**deceptively** *adv.* to make someone think that something is true or good when it is false or bad  
adj. deceptive  
v. deceive  
n. deception  
*Syn.* misleadingly

The magician deceptively 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 conviction  
n. determination  
v. determine  
*Syn.* resolute

They were determined 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  
adj. forbidding  
adv. forbiddingly  
to have a dangerous look, bad feeling  
*Syn.* ban

His father will forbid 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 petitioned 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 relinquished his control of the company.  
The relinquishment 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 resilient personality and will soon feel better.

The doctor was surprised by his patient's resilience.

**tempt**

v. to make it attractive to do something

adv. temptingly

wrong

n. temptation

adj. tempting

*Syn.* entice

The idea of getting rich quickly tempted him to invest his life savings.

Desserts are more tempting when one is on a diet.

## MATCHING

Choose the synonym.

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| 1. appeal<br>(A) detect<br>(B) assert<br>(C) petition<br>(D) allow                 | a. misleadingly<br>(A) abruptly<br>(B) deceptively<br>(C) progressively<br>(D) truly |
| 2. astounding<br>(A) celebrated<br>(B) astonishing<br>(C) visible<br>(D) energetic | 7. resolute<br>(A) determined<br>(B) perfect<br>(C) renown<br>(D) perceptive         |
| 3. ban<br>(A) forbid<br>(B) empower<br>(C) intensify<br>(D) restore                | 8. resilient<br>(A) bothersome<br>(B) vital<br>(C) unbearable<br>(D) tenacious       |
| 4. elicit<br>(A) declare<br>(B) authorize<br>(C) conform<br>(D) extract            | 9. tempt<br>(A) entice<br>(B) divide<br>(C) discourage<br>(D) notice                 |
| 5. abdicate<br>(A) relinquish<br>(B) alter<br>(C) encourage<br>(D) heighten        | 10. vague<br>(A) intolerable<br>(B) adverse<br>(C) beautiful<br>(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, assert 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 apparently effortless acting skill has enabled him to play a variety of characters.

- (A) seemingly
- (B) extremely
- (C) visibly
- (D) deceptively

4. The Monroe Doctrine authorized 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 astute professional who served as director of the FBI for 48 years.

- (A) perceptive
- (B) resilient
- (C) astounding
- (D) determined



adj. cautious                    taking care of, or paying attention to,  
adj. cautionary                something  
adv. cautiously  
n. caution                      *Syn.* warn

The office cautioned the motorist to slow down.  
They entered into the negotiations cautiously.

**challenge**                      *n.* an invitation to complete, something that  
adj. challenging                demands competitive action or much thought  
v. challenge                      *Syn.* dare

Finishing the 26-mile race was a challenge for most of the participants.  
It was a challenging 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 delicate 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 enhance 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 that he received.  
The intriguing question baffled historians.

**persuade**                         *v.* to change a belief or behavior by  
adv. persuasively                argument or reason  
adj. persuasive                      *Syn.* convince  
n. persuasion

They couldn't persuade their critics to see their point of view.  
John presented a persuasive 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 replaced all of the old office equipment.

The new employee was the replacement 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 unique opportunity to attend the conference.

His style of writing is uniquely his own.



## MATCHING

Choose the synonym.

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|--|---|
| 1. confront<br>(A) astonish<br>(B) challenge<br>(C) petition<br>(D) forbid     | 6. convince<br>(A) assert<br>(B) persuade<br>(C) restore<br>(D) yield         |
| 2. obstruct<br>(A) warn<br>(B) tempt<br>(C) enhance<br>(D) block               | 7. Rare<br>(A) determined<br>(B) ideal<br>(C) vague<br>(D) unique             |
| 3. intrigue<br>(A) fascinate<br>(B) elicit<br>(C) intensify<br>(D) enrich      | 8. shed<br>(A) discard<br>(B) refine<br>(C) alter<br>(D) cloud                |
| 4. substitute<br>(A) advantage<br>(B) replacement<br>(C) blockage<br>(D) frail | 9. enhance<br>(A) entice<br>(B) strengthen<br>(C) relinquish<br>(D) encourage |
| 5. delicate<br>(A) ambiguous<br>(B) vital<br>(C) fragile<br>(D) resilient      | 10. puzzled<br>(A) advanced<br>(B) assertive<br>(C) baffled<br>(D) astute     |

## TEST QUESTIONS

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

1. Custer was cautioned 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 blurred 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 bear 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
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**chiefly** *adv.* most importantly or most commonly  
*adj.* chief *Syn.* mostly  
Houses are made chiefly of wood products.  
Corn is the chief crop of the Midwest.

**coarse** *adj.* not fine or smooth, not delicate  
*adv.* coarsely *Syn.* rough  
*n.* coarseness  
Sandpaper is an extremely coarse material.  
Wool clothing has certain coarseness in texture.

**commonplace** *adj.* ordinary  
*Syn.* frequent  
Soon it will be commonplace to see the person to whom you are talking on the phone.  
Female lawyers are commonplace in the United States.

**comparatively** *adv.* being measured or judged by comparison  
*adj.* comparative *Syn.* relatively  
*v.* compare  
*n.* comparison  
It was comparatively easy for him to learn baseball because he had been a cricket player.  
If you compare 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 complex 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 conventional 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 curious object was discovered in the remains.

Sally was curiously interested in the history of Alaska.

**exceedingly**

v. exceed

n. excess

adj. excessive

adv. excessively

*adv.* very; to an unusual degree

*Syn.* extremely

In tropical zones, it is exceedingly hot and humid.

It is not safe to exceed the speed limit.

**exclusively**

adj. exclusive

n. exclusion

v. exclude

*adv.* no one else; nothing else; not shared with others

*Syn.* restrictively

This room is used exclusively by the faculty.

They excluded everyone under age 21 from the contest.

**immense**

adv. immensely

n. immensity

*adj.* extremely large

*Syn.* massive

From the mountaintop you can see the immense valley.

She was immensely 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**

adv. rigidly

*adj.* not easy to bend; firm, inflexible

*Syn.* stiff

The teacher was very rigid in his ideas about class attendance.

He adhered rigidly to his opinions about marriage.

**routinely**

adj. routine

n. routine

*adv.* regularly, usually done

*Syn.* ordinarily

She routinely gets a physical examination.

It is routine for students to become homesick at times.

**sufficiently**

n. sufficiency

adj. sufficient

*adv.* enough, in a satisfying manner

*Syn.* adequately

v. suffice

Jenny is sufficiently mature to make her own decisions.

Her income is sufficient for her needs.

**visibly**

adj. visible

n. vision\*

v. view

adj. visionary\*

*adv.* can be seen

\* power of imagination or wisdom,  
especially with regard to the future

*Syn.* noticeably

Ken was visibly upset about his performance evaluation.

Stars are more visible 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 complex 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 comparatively 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 chiefly 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
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**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 clarification 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 concealed their feelings about the course.

His concealment 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 convenience 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 core of the curriculum consists of courses that are required of all students.

They are loyal to the core.



**critical**

v. critique  
 n. criticism  
 n. critic  
 adv. critically

*adj.* very serious or requiring careful judgment; finding fault  
*Syn.* dangerous

It is critical to follow the directions for the experiment exactly as the instructor indicates.

The runner accepted criticism from his coach very well.

**distort**

adj. distorted  
 n. distortion

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

Time and space are distorted when traveling at the speed of light.

Distortion of the image from a microscope can be caused by low light.

**diverse**

adv. diversely  
 n. diversity  
 v. diversify

*adj.* various; distinct from others  
*Syn.* Different

Freud had many diverse interests in psychology.

The diversity of life forms on Earth makes zoology an interesting area of study.

**prosperous**

adv. prosperously  
 v. prosper  
 n. prosperity

*adj.* successful, wealthy  
*Syn.* thriving

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

Bacteria prosper under the proper conditions.

**purposefully**

adj. purposeful  
 adv. purposely  
 n. purpose

*adv.* done for a special reason  
*Syn.* deliberately

The course syllabus was designed purposefully to be easy to follow.

He was authorized to spend the money for business purposes.

**reveal**

adv. revealingly  
 adj. revealing  
 n. revelation

*v.* to uncover, to expose  
*Syn.* disclose

The president revealed some of his ideas before he gave his speech.

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

**scarcely**

adj. scarce

*adv.* almost not  
*Syn.* hardly

n. scarcity

The woman scarcely spoke a word of English.

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

**theoretically**

adj. theoretical

n. theory

v. theorize

*adv.* according to a reasoned, but not  
proven, point of view

*Syn.* hypothetically

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

## TEST QUESTIONS

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 core 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 constantly in motion.

- (A) definitely
- (B) always
- (C) hardly
- (D) uniquely

4. Fossil evidence confirms 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

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**accelerate** v. to go faster  
n. acceleration *Syn.* hasten  
n. accelerator

The action of molecules accelerates when they are heated.  
The poor condition of the motor made acceleration difficult.

**crack** n. a thin opening caused by breaking, a flaw  
v. crack *Syn.* fracture

Cracks in the ice allowed for fishing.  
The wall cracked 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 created 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  
*Syn.* crawl

Some mistakes are beginning to creep into his work.  
Ivy is a creeping 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 crushes corn to produce corn meal.  
Passage of the legislation was a crushing blow to the president's program.

**cultivate** v. to plant and raise a crop; to encourage  
adj. cultivated growth of a relationship or friendship  
n. cultivation *Syn.* grow

The professionals had common interests that allowed them to cultivate a working relationship with each other.  
The cultivation 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 dictate 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 distinguish colors well.  
Anteaters are distinguished 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.

**harvest** 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 harvest the crop before the rain.

**mirror** v. to show, as in a mirror  
n. mirror *Syn.* reflect

The results of the study mirror public opinion.  
The strength of the economy is mirrored 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 *Syn.* colonize

People arriving from the south settled in California.

The lawyers settled 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 transport passengers to their destination.

The transportation expenses of products increase their final cost.

## MATCHING

Choose the synonym.

1. flaw  
(A) particle  
(B) agile  
(C) defect  
(D) 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



## TEST QUESTIONS

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 cracks 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

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### **accurate**

adv. accurately  
n. accuracy

*adj.* careful and exact  
*Syn.* precise

She was able to make accurate observations with the new telescope.  
Experiments must be conducted with accuracy.

### **classify**

adj. classified  
n. classification

*v.* to place into groups according to type  
*Syn.* arrange

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 currency is gaining strength.

### **deep**

adv. deeply  
n. depth  
*v.* deepen

*adj.* far below the surface; complete understanding  
*Syn.* thorough

Lake Baikal is the deepest lake in the world.  
The depth of his understanding of math is remarkable.

### **dense**

adv. densely  
n. density

*adj.* closely packed or crowded, difficult to see through  
*Syn.* thick

The boating accident was caused by the dense fog.  
Hong Kong is one of the most densely populated cities in the world.

### **depend on**

adv. dependably  
adj. dependable  
n. dependence  
n. dependency  
n. dependent

*v.* to count on; to be supported by  
*Syn.* trust

The farmers depend on 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 dim for studying.  
The stars dimly lit the evening sky.

**display** *v.* to show, reveal  
n. display *Syn.* exhibit

The model displayed the details of the human hand.  
The candidate's display 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 quality.

**gigantic** *adj.* very large  
adv. gigantically *Syn.* enormous  
Reaching the Moon was a gigantic 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 impressive.  
Everyone left with a good impression of the play.

**lasting** *adj.* forever, without end  
v. last *Syn.* enduring  
Kennedy left a lasting impression on the people who heard his inaugural address.  
The introduction of robots will have a lasting effect on industry.

**treasury** *n.* the agency that controls and spends  
adj. treasured money; a collection of valued things  
v. treasure *Syn.* bank

The treasury was under pressure to lower interest rates.  
Encyclopedias are a treasury 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 uniformly poor.

**vibrant**

adv. vibrantly

n. vibrancy

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

*Syn.* brilliant

His vibrant personality made him well liked by everyone.

The vibrancy of the city is attractive to many individuals.

## **MATCHING**

Choose the synonym.

- |                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| 1. enormous      | 6. uniform     |
| (A) prosperous   | (A) rigid      |
| (B) appropriate  | (B) diverse    |
| (C) gigantic     | (C) complex    |
| (D) classified   | (D) consistent |
| <br>             |                |
| 2. foreign sales | 7. bank        |
| (A) flaws        | (A) fragment   |
| (B) money        | (B) treasury   |
| (C) treasury     | (C) settle     |
| (D) exports      | (D) advent     |
| <br>             |                |
| 3. vibrant       | 8. lasting     |
| (A) brilliant    | (A) enduring   |
| (B) critical     | (B) enriching  |
| (C) paint        | (C) energetic  |
| (D) deep         | (D) enhancing  |
| <br>             |                |
| 4. depend on     | 9. precise     |
| (A) distort      | (A) accurate   |
| (B) trust        | (B) gigantic   |
| (C) settle       | (C) thick      |
| (D) conceal      | (D) prosperous |
| <br>             |                |
| 5. imposing      | 10. classify   |
| (A) impressive   | (A) trust      |
| (B) creative     | (B) learn      |
| (C) intriguing   | (C) create     |
| (D) ambiguous    | (D) arrange    |

## TEST QUESTIONS

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 display aspects of intelligent behavior.

- (A) exhibit
- (B) classify
- (C) depend on
- (D) conform to

2. The dim 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 deep 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 currency 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
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**distinct** *adj.* clearly noticed; different  
adv. distinctly *Syn.* definite  
adj. distinctive  
n. distinct

There was a distinct aroma of coffee in the restaurant.  
The two theories are distinctly different from each other.

**dominant** *adj.* primary or principal; having or  
adv. dominantly exercising control over something  
v. dominate *Syn.* major  
n. domination

The dominant 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 dormitory.

**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. drama  
v. dramatize

The dramatic 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 hazardous.  
There are many hazards 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 minute hairs.

**prime** *v.* to make ready;  
adj. primed \* first in importance or in time  
adj. prime\*  
n. prime *Syn.* prepare

The directors primed 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 rudimentary knowledge of computers.  
The rudiments of grammar are taught in all English classes.

**sensitive** *adj.* easily affected  
adv. sensitively *Syn.* delicate  
n. sensitivity

Film varies according to its sensitivity to light.  
This equipment is very sensitive 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 terrifying experience.



They are terrified by dogs.

**vigorous**

adv. vigorously

n. vigor

*adj.* powerful, full of action

*Syn.* strong

His vigorous 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

## TEST QUESTIONS

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

1. Because much collective behavior is dramatic 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, niny songbirds revert to a drab 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 dominant 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
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**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  
*Syn.* ruin  
*adj.* destructive  
*adv.* destructively  
*n.* destructiveness  
*n.* destruction  
*n.* destroyer

The factory was destroyed 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 directions  
*Syn.* circulate  
*adj.* dispersed

The high winds and rain dispersed the crowd.  
After the hurricane, dispersed belongings cluttered the street.

**dwelling** *n.* where people live  
*Syn.* house  
*n.* dweller  
*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  
*\*environment*  
*n.* element\*  
*adj.* elemental  
*Syn.* component

City dwellers are out of their element in the country.  
Hard work and perseverance are the basic elements of success.

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

The solution to the problem was actually quite elementary.  
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 elimination of the runner from the race was decided by the judge.

**emphasize** v. to show that something is especially important or exceptional

adj. emphatic

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 emphatic "yes".

**encircle** v. to make a circle around

adj. encircled *Syn.* surround

The players encircled 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  
adv. erratically *Syn.* inconsistent

The artist's paintings have an erratic quality, some being excellent, and others mediocre.

The unstable chemical reacted erratically.

**exaggerate** v. to make something more than what it is

adj. exaggerated

n. exaggeration

*Syn.* overstate

The federal government exaggerated 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

n. mention

*Syn.* remark

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

The book mentioned 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 pier on time.

The goods were unloaded onto the pier.

**prevalent**

n. prevalence

*adj.* existing widely or commonly

*Syn.* commonplace

Comfortable trade winds are prevalent in the Caribbean islands.

There is a prevalence of disease where poor sanitation conditions exist.

**release**

n. release

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

*Syn.* free

A new movie was just released.

The release of the records was expected today.

## MATCHING

Choose the synonym.

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| 1. amenity<br>(A) advice<br>(B) convenience<br>(C) element<br>(D) emphasis     | 6. disperse<br>(A) circulate<br>(B) classify<br>(C) distort<br>(D) encircle         |
| 2. ruin<br>(A) destroy<br>(B) conform<br>(C) forbid<br>(D) baffle              | 7. release<br>(A) free<br>(B) replace<br>(C) settle<br>(D) block                    |
| 3. mention<br>(A) surround<br>(B) remark<br>(C) assert<br>(D) clarify          | 8. inconsistent<br>(A) destructive<br>(B) emphatic<br>(C) circulated<br>(D) erratic |
| 4. emphasize<br>(A) frighten<br>(B) highlight<br>(C) delete<br>(D) persuade    | 9. commonplace<br>(A) elementary<br>(B) rudimentary<br>(C) prevalent<br>(D) uniform |
| 5. exaggerate<br>(A) impress<br>(B) dominate<br>(C) elaborate<br>(D) overstate | 10. pier<br>(A) depth<br>(B) crack<br>(C) dock<br>(D) prime                         |

## TEST QUESTIONS

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 encircle the seeds of the tropical silk-cotton tree.

- (A) release
- (B) destroy
- (C) surround
- (D) circulate

2. Evidence suggests that the rumor process eliminates the most improbable accounts of an event.

- (A) elicits
- (B) deletes
- (C) emphasizes
- (D) exaggerates

3. The most elementary type of convection can be explained by the fact that heat rises.

- (A) Mentioned
- (B) erratic
- (C) prevalent
- (D) primary

4. The thermostat is an element 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

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**benefit** v. to be useful or helpful  
adv. beneficially *Syn.* assist  
adj. beneficial  
n. benefit  
n. beneficiary

Use of solar power will benefit 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  
n. breadth

Education will broaden your opportunities to land a good job.  
The breadth of his knowledge is impressive.

**burgeon** v. grow at a fast pace  
adj. burgeoning *Syn.* thrive  
The burgeoning population of major cities is creating a demand for more services.  
His talent as a pianist burgeoned at the age of 14.

**conspicuously** *adv.* attracting attention  
adj. conspicuous *Syn.* noticeably  
His name was conspicuously absent from the list of winners.  
The attorneys were conspicuous 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 endorsement 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 enormously 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 entirety before the news conference.

**erode** v. to wear away, disappear slowly  
n. erosion *Syn.* deteriorate

The senator's support is eroding 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 recover the space capsule.

The recovered 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 shift in the wind was helpful to the sailors.

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

**Suffer**

adj. suffering

n. suffering

n. sufferer

v. to experience difficulty; to worsen in quality; to experience pain

*Syn.* endure

The old man suffers from loss of memory.

Many families experience the suffering of difficult economic times.

## MATCHING

Choose the synonym.

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|--|---|
| 1. benefit<br>(A) prosper<br>(B) demand<br>(C) assist<br>(D) distinguish               | 6. endure<br>(A) suffer<br>(B) erode<br>(C) release<br>(D) disappear            |
| 2. noticeably<br>(A) constantly<br>(B) enormously<br>(C) conspicuously<br>(D) broadly  | 7. broaden<br>(A) impress<br>(B) elicit<br>(C) reveal<br>(D) enlarge            |
| 3. rumored<br>(A) routinely<br>(B) purposefully<br>(C) comparatively<br>(D) reportedly | 8. switch<br>(A) enrich<br>(B) shift<br>(C) propose<br>(D) support              |
| 4. blind<br>(A) oblivious<br>(B) visible<br>(C) sensitive<br>(D) shifting              | 9. retrieve<br>(A) recover<br>(B) deteriorate<br>(C) disperse<br>(D) relinquish |
| 5. thrive<br>(A) exaggerate<br>(B) burgeon<br>(C) dominate<br>(D) endorse              | 10. insist<br>(A) demand<br>(B) mention<br>(C) disperse<br>(D) intrigue         |

## TEST QUESTIONS

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

1. The candidate's support evaporated 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 eroded 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 an enormous 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 endorsed by 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
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**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 crucial to a good harvest.  
Having all the information necessary to make a good decision is crucially important.

**elude** *v.* to escape in a tricky way  
*adj.* elusive *Syn.* evade  
*n.* elusiveness

The criminal has eluded 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  
*adj.* exhausting  
*adj.* exhausted  
*n.* exhaustion

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 extensive snowfall caused problems throughout the city.  
The professor extended a warm welcome to the new student.

**extremely**

adj. extreme

adj. extremist

n. extreme

n. extremist

*adv.* very; to the very end, the highest extent*Syn.* highlyWhen the concert was canceled, some customers became extremely upset.He will go to any extreme to get what he wants.**face***v.* to be in the presence of an oppose*Syn.* confrontThe mountain climbers faced grave danger on the cliff.He finds it difficult to face his problems.**Facet***n.* element or component

adj. faceted

*Syn.* aspectThe proposal had many beneficial facets.It was a multi faceted problem that challenged the entire student body.**hero***n.* a person remembered for an act of goodness or bravery*adv.* heroically

adj. heroic

*Syn.* idoln. heroine (*female*)

n. heroics

He is a hero in the eyes of his admirers.They gave a heroic effort to no avail.**inaccessible***adj.* something that cannot be reached or communicated with

n. inaccessibility

*adv.* inaccessibly*Syn.* remoteThe summit of the mountain was inaccessible.The dignitary's inaccessibility frustrated the reporter.**obviously***adv.* in a clear, easy to understand way

adj. obvious

*Syn.* evidentlyIt 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 predictably forgot to do her assignment.The government's predictions were accurate.**Solve***v.* to find the answer

n. solution

*Syn.* resolve

They solved the problem in a way that benefited the entire neighborhood.

The solution to the problem was elusive.

**Suitable**

*adj.* appropriate, correct; convenient

adv. suitably

*Syn.* appropriate

v. suit

Her dress was not suitable for the occasion.

The agreement suits 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

## TEST QUESTIONS

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

1. Exacting standards and rigorous early training are evident 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 faced 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

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### **ample**

adv. amply

*adj.* more than enough

*Syn.* sufficient

There is ample 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 arid place in the world.

The valley on the leeward side of the mountain was extremely arid.

### **avoid**

*adj.* avoidable

*n.* avoidance

*v.* to miss or keep away from

*Syn.* avert

She could not avoid letting her feelings show.

The incident would have been avoidable if he had told the truth.

### **defy**

*adv.* defyingly

*adj.* defying

*v.* to show little fear or regard for rules or established norms; to challenge

*Syn.* resist

I defy you to find that book in the library's collection.

The circus performer demonstrated her death - defying routine.

### **enact**

*adj.* enacted

*n.* enactment

*v.* to pass a law

*Syn.* Legislate

Congress enacted the legislation during its last session.

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

### **even**

*adv.* evenly

*n.* evenness

*adj.* regular, smooth; in equal parts

*Syn.* Equitable

The sound isn't even turn up the left speaker.

The profits were divided evenly among the investors.

### **feign**

*adj.* feigned

*v.* to pretend, make believe

*Syn.* simulate

She feigned illness when it was time to visit the dentist.

Her unhappiness was feigned.

**fertile**

v. fertilize  
 n. fertility  
 n. fertilizer

*adj.* able to produce abundantly*Syn.* Rich

The delta areas of rivers are known for their fertile soil.

Fertilizers are used on crops to increase yields.

**freshly**

*adj.* fresh  
 v. freshen  
 n. freshness

*adv.* caught or produced not long ago*Syn.* recently

Freshly harvested produce is hard to find in the winter months.

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

**function**

*adv.* functionally  
*adj.* functional  
 v. function

*n.* the normal purpose of something*Syn.* Role

It is the function of the director to organize and lead the department.

Most appliances cannot function without electricity.

**fundamental***adv.* fundamentally*adj.* a primary or basic element*Syn.* essential

The student government promised fundamental changes in the registration process.

He is fundamentally strong in his area of expertise.

**indiscriminate***adv.* indiscriminately*adj.* not chosen carefully; unplanned*Syn.* arbitrary

The indiscriminate arrangement of the products made the store confusing.

The book's chapters seem to be organized indiscriminately.

**selective**

*adv.* selectively  
*adj.* select  
 v. select  
 n. selection  
 n. selectivity

*adj.* carefully chosen*Syn.* discriminating

They were very selective when they chose the members of the academic team.

He selected Spanish as his language class.

**spacious**

*adj.* spaciously  
 n. space  
 n. spaciousness

*adj.* having a lot of room*Syn.* expansive

The spacious 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 withstood 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

## TEST QUESTIONS

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. Freshly cut wood must be 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 fertile 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

## **LESSON 15**

- durable ■ favor ■ gain ■ generate ■ halt ■ handle
  - harbor ■ harmful ■ insignificant ■ mysterious
  - perilous ■ postpone ■ promote ■ reject ■ substantial
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**durable** *adj.* something that lasts a long time  
n. durability \* time during which something lasts  
n. duration *Syn.* sturdy

It was a durable refrigerator, but it finally broke.  
The durability 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 favored the first of the two plans.  
The weather was favorable 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. generation  
n. 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 halted due to poor road conditions.  
The supervisor put a halt to the tardiness of the employees.

**handle** *v.* to deal with or control  
n. handle *Syn.* manage

They handled themselves very well given the circumstances.  
They president's handling of the crisis was widely applauded.



**harbor** v. to give protection; not to express a desire or opinion, usually bad  
*Syn.* shelter

He harbors ill feelings for her.  
They harbored the political refugee in their home.

**harmful** *adj.* something that causes pain or damage  
*Syn.* unhealthy  
adv. harmfully  
v. harm  
n. harm

Excessive radiation is harmful to the body.  
Bleach harms certain fabrics.

**insignificant** *adj.* not important; of little value  
*Syn.* Meaningless  
adv. insignificantly  
n. insignificance

The amount of rainfall this summer has been insignificantly.  
The insignificance of his comment became apparent with the passing of time.

**mysterious** *adj.* not easily understood or figured out  
*Syn.* baffling  
adv. mysteriously  
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  
*Syn.* Dangerous  
adv. perilously  
n. peril

It is perilous to exceed the speed limit.  
There are ample perils in the sport of mountain climbing.

**postpone** v. reschedule at a later time; put off  
*Syn.* delay  
n. postponement

The teacher postponed the lab experiment.  
The postponement of the fight for three hours was unavoidable.

**promote** v. to encourage or advertise; to elevate in rank or grade  
*Syn.* boost  
n. promoter  
n. promotion

Many nations promote tourism to lure foreign currency.  
The customers responded favorably to the half-price promotion.

**reject** v. to refuse  
*Syn.* refuse  
n. rejection

The insurance company rejected the claim.

The rejection of his work was difficult for him to understand.

**substantial**

adv. substantial

adj. substantive

*adj.* important; strongly made; of value

*Syn.* significant

The discovery of a vaccine for smallpox was a substantial medical achievement.

This substantive article will change your opinion of rock music.

## MATCHING

Choose the synonym.

- |               |                  |
|---------------|------------------|
| 1. favor      | 6. substantial   |
| (A) manage    | (A) haphazard    |
| (B) support   | (B) diverse      |
| (C) feign     | (C) significant  |
| (D) conform   | (D) perilous     |
| 2. halt       | 7. promote       |
| (A) evaporate | (A) shelter      |
| (B) avoid     | (B) boost        |
| (C) defy      | (C) harm         |
| (D) stop      | (D) face         |
| 3. postpone   | 8. mysterious    |
| (A) attain    | (A) unhealthy    |
| (B) delay     | (B) dangerous    |
| (C) harbor    | (C) dramatic     |
| (D) elude     | (D) baffling     |
| 4. durable    | 9. insignificant |
| (A) ample     | (A) meaningless  |
| (B) crucial   | (B) rudimentary  |
| (C) dominant  | (C) vigorous     |
| (D) sturdy    | (D) spacious     |
| 5. create     | 10. refuse       |
| (A) generate  | (A) recover      |
| (B) gain      | (B) exhaust      |
| (C) release   | (C) reject       |
| (D) solve     | (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 harbor many forms of life.  
(A) Favor  
(B) Halt  
(C) Generate  
(D) Shelter
4. Modern commercial practice relies to a growing extent on arbitration to handle 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

## **LESSON 16**

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

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### **conscientious**

adv. conscientiously

*adj.* showing serious purpose; one who works carefully and with enthusiasm  
*Syn.* meticulous

She is a conscientious representative of the student body.  
They approached the task conscientiously.

### **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 convey his message to the audience with ease.

### **encompass**

*v.* to surround completely; to envelop  
*Syn.* include

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

### **expansion**

*adj.* expandable  
*v.* expand  
*n.* expansion

*n.* the act of making larger  
*Syn.* growth

Expansion occurs when matter is heated.

The laboratory is expanding its capacity to produce computer chips.

### **heighten**

*adj.* heightened  
*n.* height

*v.* to cause to become greater  
*Syn.* intensify

A very successful interview can heighten a candidate's chances to get a job.  
The public was in a heightened state of nervousness as the hurricane approached.

### **highlight**

*n.* highlight

*v.* to emphasize the part of a greater whole  
*Syn.* emphasize

The manual highlights basic operation of the videotape player.  
The final goal was the highlight of the game.

### **inadvertently**

*adj.* inadvertent

*adv.* by accident; without paying attention; unexpectedly  
*Syn.* carelessly

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

His inadvertent calculation caused him to derive the wrong answer.

**inevitable** *adj.* something that cannot be prevented  
from happening  
*adv.* inevitably  
*n.* inevitability *Syn.* unavoidable

When two weather systems meet, unsettled weather conditions are inevitable.  
The inevitability of the outcome made the challenge less exciting.

**infancy** *n.* in the beginning stages of development  
*adj.* infantile  
*n.* infant *Syn.* beginning

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

**miraculously** *adv.* caused by something that cannot be  
explained by the laws of nature.  
*adj.* miraculous  
*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  
*n.* retrieval *Syn.* recover

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

**systematically** *adv.* done according to a plan  
*adj.* systematic  
*n.* system *Syn.* methodically

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

**unlikely** *adj.* not probable  
*Syn.* doubtful

Rain is unlikely during the summer.  
It is unlikely 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 unwarranted.

**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.

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|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1. convey           | 6. encompass      |
| (A) intensify       | (A) emphasize     |
| (B) promote         | (B) gain          |
| (C) communicate     | (C) heighten      |
| (D) solve           | (D) include       |
| 2. unlikely         | 7. apex           |
| (A) suitable        | (A) facet         |
| (B) persistent      | (B) zenith        |
| (C) doubtful        | (C) pier          |
| (D) inevitable      | (D) flaw          |
| 3. growth           | 8. systematically |
| (A) expansion       | (A) unexpectedly  |
| (B) function        | (B) persuasively  |
| (C) highlight       | (C) astoundingly  |
| (D) recover         | (D) methodically  |
| 4. meticulously     | 9. unwarranted    |
| (A) haphazardly     | (A) insignificant |
| (B) conscientiously | (B) unjustified   |
| (C) inadvertently   | (C) unacceptable  |
| (D) conspicuously   | (D) unappealing   |
| 5. retrieve         | 10. miraculously  |
| (A) generate        | (A) exceedingly   |
| (B) recover         | (B) astonishingly |
| (C) accelerate      | (C) theoretically |
| (D) broaden         | (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 States' industrial growth.  
(A) Zenith  
(B) Expansion  
(C) Beginning  
(D) Recovery
2. Many cross-cultural communication difficulties can be attributed to inevitable blunders in behavior or speech.  
(A) Unwarranted  
(B) Unlikely  
(C) Unavoidable  
(D) Unpleasant
3. Teflon was inadvertently discovered by two scientists who were working with synthetic resins.  
(A) Unexpectedly  
(B) Miraculously  
(C) Systematically  
(D) Conscientiously
4. The sport of basketball highlights 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 heighten his appeal for an end to slavery.  
(A) Intensify  
(B) Convey  
(C) Retrieve  
(D) Popularize

## **LESSON 17**

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

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### **agitate**

n. agitation  
n. agitator

*v.* to shake or move; to cause worry  
*Syn.* disturb

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

### **confidential**

*v.* confide  
adj. confidential  
adv. confidentially  
n. confidant

*adj.* to be said or written in secret  
*Syn.* secret

We were told that the information is strictly confidential.  
She confided to me that she had always wanted to be a movie star.

### **delighted**

adv. delightfully  
adj. delightful  
n. delight

*adj.* to be satisfied; very happy  
*Syn.* elated

He was delighted with the result of the experiment.  
It was a delightful afternoon.

### **discreetly**

adj. discreet  
n. discretion

*adv.* in a careful, polite manner  
*Syn.* cautiously

The teacher discreetly told the parents about her problems.  
You can count on me to be discreet.

### **documented**

adj. documentary  
*v.* document  
n. documentation

*adj.* proven with written evidence  
*Syn.* proven

He had documented proof that the bank had made an error.  
The car's documentation was in order.

### **gradually**

adj. gradual

*adv.* slowly but surely  
*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 influence of a warm water current called "el nino".

**inordinate** *adj.* a large amount or quality; more than reasonable  
adv. inordinately *Syn.* excessive

The airlines had to cancel an inordinate 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 period of time  
adj. instantaneous  
adj. instant *Syn.* immediately  
n. instant

The computer finished the job instantly.

It happened in an instant.

**intentionally** *adv.* with definite purpose and planning  
adj. intentional *Syn.* deliberately  
n. intention  
n. intent

The machine was left on intentionally.

Her action was an indication of her good intentions.

**intrinsic** *adj.* belonging to the essential nature of something  
adv. intrinsically *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 inundation of requests for money.

**involve** *v.* to become concerned with or connected to  
adj. involved *Syn.* include  
n. involvement

She involved 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 nominal price.

She was nominally successful as an actress.

**presumably**

adj. presumable

v. presume

n. presumption

*adv.* reported but not confirmed

*Syn.* supposedly

The old wreck was presumably located to the southwest of Florida.

I presume that you have been camping before.

## **MATCHING**

Choose the synonym.

- |                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1. influence        | 6. discreetly     |
| (A) affect          | (A) obviously     |
| (B) include         | (B) cautiously    |
| (C) gain            | (C) unlikely      |
| (D) overwhelm       | (D) deceptively   |
| <br>                |                   |
| 2. secretly         | 7. agitate        |
| (A) conscientiously | (A) heighten      |
| (B) confidentially  | (B) reject        |
| (C) comparatively   | (C) inundate      |
| (D) constantly      | (D) disturb       |
| <br>                |                   |
| 3. documented       | 8. steadily       |
| (A) proven          | (A) evenly        |
| (B) intrinsic       | (B) uniquely      |
| (C) substantial     | (C) intentionally |
| (D) durable         | (D) immediately   |
| <br>                |                   |
| 4. nominal          | 9. presumably     |
| (A) moderate        | (A) supposedly    |
| (B) inherent        | (B) actually      |
| (C) inevitable      | (C) obviously     |
| (D) harmful         | (D) instantly     |
| <br>                |                   |
| 5. excessive        | 10. delighted     |
| (A) impressive      | (A) involved      |
| (B) lasting         | (B) elated        |
| (C) deliberate      | (C) overwhelm     |
| (D) inordinate      | (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 involve the other senses.

- (A) Enhance
- (B) Influence
- (C) Include
- (D) Disrupt

2. After the War of the Worlds broadcast, law enforcement agencies were inundated by the numerous inquiries they received.

- (A) Agitated
- (B) Overwhelm
- (C) Astonished
- (D) Delighted

3. Nowadays coins lack intrinsic 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 instantly die if put into the world on their own.

- (A) Gradually
- (B) Presumably
- (C) Immediately
- (D) Discreetly

## **LESSON 18**

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

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**absurd** *adj.* clearly false, without reason  
adv. absurdly *Syn.* ridiculous  
n. absurdity

Confidentially, I think his suggestion is absurd.  
They are absurdly 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 abuse of the environment will have grave consequences in the future.  
He received an abusive 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 allocation 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 balanced presentation of both points of view.  
The museum contains a pleasant balance 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 conservative than the Democratic party.

**fallacious** *adj.* having errors  
adv. fallaciously *Syn.* incorrect  
n. fallacy

Her fallacious argument could not be defended.  
It is a fallacy 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 feasibility.

**lack** *n.* a need for; an insufficient amount  
v. lack *Syn.* shortage

There was an inordinate lack of rain last fall.  
The mathematician lacked communication skills.

**limber** *adj.* to be stretched, easily shaped  
*Syn.* flexible

The dancer has a limber body.  
She was able to make the limber movements that are required of gymnasts.

**means** *n.* ways  
*Syn.* methods

He was told to finish the job 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 narrow.  
The driver narrowly 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 preconceived 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 robust economy is expected to continue growing quickly.  
The new product is selling robustly.

**steady** *adj.* firm; in a fixed position; without change;  
adv. steadily reliable, dependable  
v. steady



n. steadiness

*Syn.* constant

Steady growth is projected for companies involved in genetic engineering.

The secretary has steadily earned respect for her work.

**swift**

*adj.* quick

adv. swiftly

*Syn.* fast

n. swiftness

The contestants were swift thinkers.

They swiftly 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 narrow 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 absurd 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 require a well-toned, limber 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

## **LESSON 19**

- antiquated ■ coherent ■ develop ■ fabricate
  - investigation ■ normally ■ notice ■ notion ■ novel
  - opposition ■ record ■ relate ■ suspect ■ unbiased ■ varied
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**antiquated** *adj.* too old to be presently useful; outmoded  
n. antique *Syn.* old-fashioned  
This antiquated machinery breaks down too frequently.  
Their home is filled with antique furniture.

**coherent** *adj.* well reasoned; ideas that are clearly presented  
*adv.* coherently  
v. cohere  
n. coherence  
*\* sticking together as a group*  
*adj.* cohesive\* *Syn.* logical  
n. cohesion

It was a well-balanced, coherent presentation.  
There was a cohesive feeling among the new works.

**develop** v. to grow; to increase; to become more complete  
*adj.* developing  
n. development  
n. developer *Syn.* evolve

The management team developed the idea over a period of years.  
The country's prospects for rapid development depend on approval of the free trade agreement.

**fabricate** v. to make up, usually with an intent to fool or trick; to lie  
*adj.* fabricated  
n. fabrication *Syn.* invent  
The executive fabricated the story about the merger.  
His alibi is the weakest fabrication I have ever heard.

**investigation** n. a careful examination in order to determine facts  
*adj.* investigative  
v. investigate  
n. investigator *Syn.* probe

The comprehensive investigation 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 normally 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 noticed a small fracture in the patient's finger.

The weather was noticeably cooler.

**notion**

n. an idea, belief, or opinion

*Syn.* concept

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

Some outlandish notions 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 novel suggestions were implemented.

**opposition**

n. the state of acting against; not being in agreement

adj. oppositional

adj. oppositionary

*Syn.* resistance

v. oppose

The students voiced their opposition to the rise in tuition.

The government opposed price controls.

**record**

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

adj. recorded

*Syn.* register

n. record

n. recording

n. recorder

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

Many businesses are using recordings to answer consumer questions.

**relate**

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

adj. related

n. relation

*Syn.* communicate

n. relationship

Although they did not agree with the plan, they did not relate their opposition to it.

What is the relationship 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 suspected that the substance was not present in the compound.  
I have a suspicion that he will want to participate in the investigation.

**unbiased**                      *adj.* with no preconceptions  
*Syn.* objective

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

**varied**                      *adj.* being of many different types  
*Syn.* diverse  
adv. variably  
adj. variable  
adj. various  
v. vary  
n. variant  
n. variety  
n. variation  
n. variability

The class expressed varied opinions about the movie.  
There are various ways to solve the problem.

## MATCHING

Choose the synonym.

- |                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. fabricate      | 6. register       |
| (A) observe       | (A) harbor        |
| (B) invent        | (B) notice        |
| (C) agitate       | (C) encompass     |
| (D) convey        | (D) record        |
| 2. coherent       | 7. probe          |
| (A) novel         | (A) expansion     |
| (B) original      | (B) means         |
| (C) logical       | (C) investigation |
| (D) robust        | (D) abuse         |
| 3. resistance     | 8. communicate    |
| (A) opposition    | (A) inundate      |
| (B) preservation  | (B) allocate      |
| (C) preconception | (C) relate        |
| (D) allocation    | (D) oppose        |
| 4. evolve         | 9. suspect        |
| (A) develop       | (A) select        |
| (B) elude         | (B) confide       |
| (C) involve       | (C) speculate     |
| (D) influence     | (D) bias          |
| 5. varied         | 10. unbiased      |
| (A) diverse       | (A) antiquated    |
| (B) feasible      | (B) postponed     |
| (C) hazardous     | (C) exhausted     |
| (D) nominal       | (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 antiquated 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 novel 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 notion 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 notice their presence.

- (A) suspect
- (B) relate
- (C) record
- (D) observe

5. The human adult heart is normally the size of a clenched fist and weighs about 300 grams.

- (A) roughly
- (B) actually
- (C) scarcely
- (D) typically



## **LESSON 20**

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

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### **accentuate**

adj. accentuated  
n. accentuation

v. to highlight; to give more importance to  
*Syn.* emphasize

The colorful dress accentuated the joy of the occasion.

The supervisor accentuated her preference for hard-working employees during the performance appraisal.

### **disguise**

adj. disguised  
n. disguise

v. to hide the usual appearance of something  
*Syn.* conceal

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

Everyone saw through his disguise.

### **finance**

adv. financially  
adj. financial  
v. financed  
n. finance  
n. finances

v. to provide money  
*Syn.* fund

The art exhibition was financed by a private foundation.

The college was financially independent.

### **initiate**

adj. initiated  
n. initiation  
n. initiative

v. to begin; to establish; to take decisive  
action without help

*Syn.* launch

The newcomer initiated the long citizenship process.

Their work shows a lot of initiative.

### **Innovative**

n. innovator  
n. innovation

*adj.* something newly introduced; creative  
*Syn.* creative

This innovative project is worthy of support.

There have been many innovations in the field of genetic engineering.

### **narrate**

adj. narrative  
n. narrative  
n. narration  
n. narrator

v. to tell a story; relate  
*Syn.* relate

Walter Cronkite narrated the documentary film.  
Her fabricated narrative 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 occasionally causes health problems.  
They were very fine students who, on occasion, experienced problems with pop quizzes.

**omit** *v.* to leave out, not include  
*adj.* omitted *Syn.* neglect  
*n.* omission

He inadvertently omitted 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 outlandish 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 overcome with emotion when she learned she had won a scholarship.  
The family overcame 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 partially responsible for the error.  
The business venture was only a partial 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**

n. portrayal

v. to represent; to act

*Syn.* depictThe girl portrayed an orphan.The book's portrayal of Mozart as a calm, mature individual is absurd.**submit**

n. submission

v. to turn in, offer for evaluation

*Syn.* proposeThe architects had to submit plans reflecting the new specifications.The submission of the application must be made by February 13.

## **MATCHING**

Choose the synonym.

1. 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 passed by Congress.

- (A) Approved
- (B) Submitted
- (C) Financed
- (D) Initiated

2. The evolution of life on Earth may be partially typical of the evolution of life on many other planets.

- (A) Somewhat
- (B) Exceptionally
- (C) Nevertheless
- (D) Occasionally

3. Sword swallowers must first overcome 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 outlandish lyrics.

- (A) Innovative
- (B) Bizarre
- (C) Relaxing
- (D) Melodical

5. Many nature films omit information about the breeding, parenting, and fishing behavior of the Pel fishing owl.

- (A) Portray
- (B) Contribute
- (C) Neglect
- (D) Narrate

## **LESSON 21**

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

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**decline** v. to move from good to bad, or from much to little, to refuse  
n. decline *Syn.* decrease

The old man's health has declined 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

Partisan political infighting caused Congress's influence to decline.  
His views reflected his partisan bias.

**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 happenings  
*adv.* phenomenally *Syn.* events  
*adj.* phenomenal  
n. phenomenon

Rain showers are almost unknown phenomena in the Atacama Desert of Chile.  
The musician's phenomenal performance was applauded by the critics.

**philanthropic** *adj.* a feeling of love for people, usually *resulting* in financial aid to worthy causes  
n. philanthropist *Syn.* humanitarian  
n. philanthropy

The philanthropic work of the foundation benefits all sectors of society.

His philanthropy is recognized around the world.

**placid** *adj.* quiet, not easily upset  
adv. placidly *Syn.* calm

The placid nature of her personality made her easy to work with.  
The waves moved placidly toward shore.

**plentiful** *adj.* more than sufficient  
adv. plentifully *Syn.* abundant  
n. plenty

Examples of Miro's art plentiful.

A balanced diet normally provides plenty 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 reaction 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 rhythmic 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 scenic 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 shallowness of the hypothesis.

**sheltered** *adj.* protected from harmful elements;  
v. shelter isolated from reality  
n. shelter *Syn.* protected

She has led a sheltered life since her parents have done everything for her.  
Everyone looked for shelter from the blazing sun.

**vanishing**

v. vanish

*adj.* going out of sight

*Syn.* disappearing

The red squirrel is a vanishing species that needs a protected habitat to survive.

No one knows with certainty what caused the dinosaurs to vanish from the face of the earth.



## MATCHING

Choose the synonym.

1. 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 placid bays.  
(A) calm  
(B) scenic  
(C) sheltered  
(D) shallow
  
  3. The Carnegie Foundation is one of the major philanthropic organizations in the United States.  
(A) partisan  
(B) governmental  
(C) humanitarian  
(D) international
  
  4. From the beginning of the twentieth century, dance phenomena 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

## **LESSON 22**

- account ■ archaic ■ hasten ■ hue ■ illustration
  - inactive ■ intricate ■ magnitude ■ oblige ■ overlook
  - poll ■ position ■ practical ■ predominant ■ prompt
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**account** *n.* a report of an event; money kept in a bank; a statement of something used or received, usually a financial report  
*adj.* accountable  
*v.* account  
*n.* accounting  
*n.* accountant *Syn.* story

His account of the incident varied from that of the other witnesses.  
We need an accounting 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 quickly  
*adv.* hastily  
*adj.* hasty  
*n.* hastiness *Syn.* accelerate

After notifying his family of the accident, he hastened 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  
*adj.* illustrative  
*v.* illustrate  
*n.* illustrator *Syn.* picture

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  
*n.* inactivity *Syn.* idle

The virus remains inactive 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  
*Syn.* complex  
adv. intricately  
n. intricacy

The intricate design of the vase made it a valuable piece for her collection.  
I cannot begin to understand all of the intricacies of modern automobile motors.

**magnitude** *n.* of great size or importance  
*Syn.* dimension  
adv. magnificently  
\* to increase  
adj. magnificent  
v. magnify  
n. magnification

The magnitude of shock waves determines the damage that occurs during an earthquake.  
The invention of the telephone was a magnificent achievement for mankind.

**oblige** *v.* to have to do something  
*Syn.* require  
adv. obligingly  
adj. obliging  
adj. obligatory  
n. obligation

She obliged her friend to choose a new lab partner.  
Payment of the student activity fee was obligatory.

**overlook** *v.* to ignore or neglect  
*Syn.* disregard  
adj. overlooked  
Scientists must not overlook any aspect of experimental procedure.  
The overlooked error raised his score on the test.

**Poll** *n.* questionnaire; a vote of public opinion  
*Syn.* survey  
n. polling  
n. pollster  
The poll indicated that conservation of the environment was the number one issue with college students.  
The pollster 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 position of aircraft wings causes the lift that allows the plane to leave the ground.

**practical** *adj.* convenient or effective  
*Syn.* functional  
n. practicality  
Her ambitious plan was not very practical.  
Three fundamental issues in measurement are reliability, validity, and practicality.

**predominant**

adv. predominantly  
v. predominate  
n. predominance

*adj.* the most noticeable or powerful element

*Syn.* principal

The predominant export of the Middle East is petroleum.

Many cities in the southwest are predominantly hispanic.

**prompt**

adv. promptly  
n. promptness

*v.* to cause something to happen; to do quickly; to be on time

*Syn.* induce

His emotional plea prompted the director to give him a second chance.

Promptness is an important factor in many societies.

## MATCHING

Choose the synonym.

1. intricate  
(A) functional  
(B) complex  
(C) predominant  
(D) 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 predominant 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 practical calendar was developed by the Egyptians.

- (A) functional
- (B) accurate
- (C) standard
- (D) intricate

4. In order to detect the position of a particle, light must be reflected from it.

- (A) hue
- (B) location
- (C) magnitude
- (D) existence

5. In a recent newspaper poll, 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

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### **analogous**

n. analogy

*adj.* alike in some way

*Syn.* similar to

The action of light waves is analogous to the action of sound waves.

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

### **approximately**

*adj.* approximate

*v.* approximate

*n.* approximation

*adv.* almost correct; not exact

*Syn.* around

There are approximately 100 billion galaxies in the universe.

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

### **compel**

*adv.* compellingly

*adj.* compelling

*v.* to make something happen by necessity

or force

*Syn.* obliged

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

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

### **formidable**

*adv.* formidably

*adj.* difficult; causing worry or fear

*Syn.* overwhelming

Their formidable opponents gave no sign of weakness.

The man's voice echoed formidably throughout the hallway.

### **intrusive**

*adj.* intrusively

*v.* intrude

*n.* intrusion

*n.* intruder

*adj.* the state of being inside or upon something when not desired to be there by others

*Syn.* annoying

The intrusive bacteria caused his condition to worsen.

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

### **periodically**

*adj.* periodic

*adj.* periodical

*n.* periodical\*

*adv.* happening repeatedly, occurring at regular intervals

\* Something published at regular intervals

*Syn.* sometimes

Some materials periodically demonstrate unusual behavior when frozen.

She has periodic desires to get a job.



**prone** *adj.* likely to do something  
*Syn.* inclined to

Most liquids are prone to contract when frozen.  
She is prone to study hard the night before her tests.

**prophetic** *adj.* correctly telling about future events  
*Syn.* predictive  
adv. prophetically  
v. prophesy  
n. prophecy  
n. prophet

His prophetic power were investigated by a team of psychologists.  
The brilliant student fulfilled his teacher's prophecy that he would be a successful doctor.

**proportions** *n.* relationship of size or importance when compared to another object or person.  
*Syn.* dimensions  
adv. proportionally  
adj. proportional  
adj. proportionate  
adv. proportionately

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

**readily** *adv.* willingly; easily  
*Syn.* freely  
adj. ready  
v. ready  
n. readiness

The workers readily complained about the food in the cafeteria.  
Her readiness to cooperate was an important factor in the investigation.

**reliably** *adv.* in a trusted way  
*Syn.* dependably  
adj. reliable  
adj. reliant  
v. rely  
n. reliability  
n. reliance

An appliance must perform its task reliably to be popular with consumers.  
Satellite photos show the smallest details with great reliability.

**reluctantly** *adv.* unwillingly  
*Syn.* hesitatingly  
adj. reluctant  
n. reluctance

Although not completely satisfied with the contract, the officials reluctantly agreed to sign it.  
The electrician was reluctant to estimate the cost of the repair work.

**renown**

adj. renowned

This school is of great renown.The renowned conductor made a guest appearance at the concert.*n.* fame*Syn.* prominence**sacrifice**

adj. sacrificial

*n.* sacrificeHe sacrificed his day off to help clean up the neighborhood.She made sacrifices in order to be able to attend the university.*v.* to give up something of value for the common good*Syn.* concession**triumph**

adv. triumphantly

adj. triumphant

adj. triumphal

*v.* triumphHis career was characterized by one triumph after another.He triumphed over all of his difficulties.*n.* a victory; a success*Syn.* achievement

## MATCHING

Choose the synonym.

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| 1. intrusive<br>(A) inactive<br>(B) intricate<br>(C) predictive<br>(D) annoying        | 6. around<br>(A) obviously<br>(B) likely<br>(C) entirely<br>(D) approximately            |
| 2. obliged<br>(A) distorted<br>(B) dependable<br>(C) compelled<br>(D) settled          | 7. hesitatingly<br>(A) reluctantly<br>(B) readily<br>(C) compellingly<br>(D) practically |
| 3. sacrifice<br>(A) reliance<br>(B) proportion<br>(C) concession<br>(D) recovery       | 8. achievements<br>(A) triumphs<br>(B) phenomena<br>(C) dimensions<br>(D) approximation  |
| 4. formidable<br>(A) predictive<br>(B) overwhelming<br>(C) functional<br>(D) practical | 9. sometimes<br>(A) routinely<br>(B) actually<br>(C) periodically<br>(D) gradually       |
| 5. similar to<br>(A) unlike<br>(B) analogous<br>(C) archaic<br>(D) prone               | 10. renown<br>(A) domination<br>(B) prophecy<br>(C) prominence<br>(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 reliably indicate age.

- (A) periodically
- (B) dependably
- (C) approximately
- (D) ordinarily

2. Organic compounds often contain special groups of atoms, called functional groups, that readily 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 prone 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

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### **affordable**

adv. affordably  
v. afford

*adj.* able to be done, usually refers to something you can do without damage or loss  
*Syn.* economical

The new dictionary is quite affordable.

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

### **contaminated**

v. contaminate  
n. contamination

*adj.* to make something impure by adding something dirty or a poisonous substance  
*Syn.* pollute

This contaminated water supply must be closed to the public.

Bacteria and insects are frequently agents of food contamination.

### **discernible**

adv. discernibly  
v. discern  
n. discernment

*adj.* noticeable; easily seen  
*Syn.* detectable

A feeling of anxiety was discernible among the members of the team.

The new student was unable to discern the humor of the teacher's joke.

### **flourishing**

v. flourish

*adj.* active and growing; healthy  
*Syn.* thriving

Small flourishing companies would be harmed by an increase in the minimum wage.

A young mind will flourish with the proper guidance.

### **maintain**

n. maintenance

v. to support; to keep in good condition  
*Syn.* preserve

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

Proper maintenance of a car's engine will preserve its performance and value.

### **mediocre**

n. mediocrity

*adj.* of average quality; not good or bad  
*Syn.* average

This is a mediocre research report.

The mediocrity of his work was disappointing.

### **negligible**

adv. negligibly  
adj. neglected

*adj.* hardly noticeable; scarcely detectable  
\* to ignore; to give little attention  
*Syn.* insignificant

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

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

**parallel** *adj.* being almost of the same type or time;  
comparable  
v. parallel  
n. parallel *Syn.* similar

We have lead parallel lives.  
Her background parallels mine.

**peculiar** *adj.* unusual; uncommon  
adv. peculiarly *Syn.* strange  
n. peculiarity

This plastic has a peculiar texture.  
The puffin has many peculiarities not shared by other birds.

**potent** *adj.* very strong  
*Syn.* powerful

He gave a potent 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 remarkable 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 scattered when it began to rain heavily.

**solid** *adj.* having good quality, being well made;  
firm; not a gas or liquid  
adv. solidly *Syn.* steady  
v. solidify  
n. solidification

The lawyer for the defense portrayed his client as a man of solid integrity.  
The union attempted to solidify 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**

adv. tediously

n. tedium

*adj.* long and tiring

*Syn.* monotonous

The tedious lecture bored most of the audience.

Some people become frustrated by the tedium of daily living.

## MATCHING

Choose the synonym.

1. discernible  
(A) exceptional  
(B) 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 scattered 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

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**briefly** *adv.* short, usually in time  
adj. brief *Syn.* concisely  
n. brevity

The visiting professor spoke briefly at the faculty meeting.  
Solar eclipses are brief moments when the Earth and Moon cross the Sun's fixed position in the solar system.

**circulate** *v.* to cause to move along a fixed path; to move freely  
adj. circulatory *Syn.* distribute  
n. circulation

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

**consistently** *adv.* without changing; keeping the same principles, ideas, or quality  
adj. consistent *Syn.* dependably  
*v.* consist  
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. exhibition  
n. 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 desirable  
adj. improper *Syn.* inappropriately  
n. impropriety

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 impulsively to the loud noise.  
Many shoppers buy items on impulse.

**infrequently** *adj.* almost never  
adj. infrequent *Syn.* rarely  
n. infrequency

Tornadoes occur infrequently in the eastern part of the United States.  
Deserts are characterized by their infrequent 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 overtly 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 profoundly 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 situated in the northern part of the Yucatan Peninsula.  
They found themselves in a very difficult situation.

**subsequently** *adv.* following; coming after something  
adj. subsequent *Syn.* afterwards

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

This report, and all subsequent 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 unmistakable identification of the species.

It is unmistakably clear that the report must be finished by noon.

## MATCHING

Choose the synonym.

1. consistently  
(A) dependably  
(B) significantly  
(C) readily  
(D) extremely

2. capriciously  
(A) impulsively  
(B) profoundly  
(C) reluctantly  
(D) scarcely

3. subsequently  
(A) unmistakably  
(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 situated 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 profoundly influences your future.

- (A) subsequently
- (B) significantly
- (C) unmistakably
- (D) consistently

3. After doubling the wages of his employees, Henry Ford was sharply 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 founded 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
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**chaotic** *adj.* being in complete disorder and confusion  
n. chaos *Syn.* disorganized

The traffic in Seoul is often chaotic.

There was complete chaos 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 characteristic of the monarch butterfly.

I would characterize him as a diligent professional.

**controversial** *adj.* something that causes disagreement or  
v. controversially argument.  
n. controversy *Syn.* debatable

The governor made a controversial decision to raise taxes.

The controversy 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 exemplifies the poor economic conditions.

Her exemplary 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. interpreter *Syn.* clarify  
n. interpretation  
v. interpreting

The ambiguous speech was very difficult to interpret.  
Their interpretation of the story generated some interesting discussion.

**launch** v. to cause something to begin  
n. launch *Syn.* initiate  
n. launching

The company launched a new program to attract more clients.  
The launching 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 legitimate 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 particular way of persuading his audience.  
That group of workers is particularly difficult to satisfy.

**radiant** *adj.* sending out in all directions, especially  
adv. radiantly heat or light  
n. radiance *Syn.* bright  
n. radiation  
n. radiator

The actor's radiant smile captivated the audience.  
The radiance 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 ridge of the tall office building.  
The mountain ridge was heavily forested.

**span** v. the length of time or distance from one limit to the other; to cross  
n. span *Syn.* cover

The old man's life spanned two centuries.  
The span of the bridge is three miles.

**spontaneous** *adj.* unplanned; uncontrolled  
adv. spontaneously *Syn.* instinctive  
n. spontaneity



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

**stream** *n.* a natural flow of something; a pouring out  
v. stream *Syn.* river

There was a constant stream of information coming from the White House.  
Water streamed 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 strikingly convincing argument that the speaker delivered.

## MATCHING

Choose the synonym.

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|--|---|
| 1. gratifying<br>(A) spontaneous<br>(B) thriving<br>(C) satisfying<br>(D) analogous        | 6. symbolize<br>(A) radiate<br>(B) exemplify<br>(C) span<br>(D) synthesise    |
| 2. disorganized<br>(A) disrupted<br>(B) chaotic<br>(C) instinctive<br>(D) discernible      | 7. legitimate<br>(A) peculiar<br>(B) authentic<br>(C) sharp<br>(D) subsequent |
| 3. controversial<br>(A) conventional<br>(B) intolerable<br>(C) consistent<br>(D) debatable | 8. ridge<br>(A) crest<br>(B) current<br>(C) stream<br>(D) radiance            |
| 4. launch<br>(A) initiate<br>(B) isolate<br>(C) compel<br>(D) stream                       | 9. interpret<br>(A) specify<br>(B) investigate<br>(C) clarify<br>(D) initiate |
| 5. typical<br>(A) practical<br>(B) parallel<br>(C) characteristic<br>(D) mediocre          | 10. radiant<br>(A) covered<br>(B) bright<br>(C) potent<br>(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 striking 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 spontaneous 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

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### **aptly**

adj. apt  
n. aptness

*adv.* having a tendency to do something;  
likely  
*Syn.* appropriately

It was an aptly timed remark.

Emotional problems are apt to damage personal relationships.

### **demonstration**

*adv.* demonstrably  
v. demonstrate  
adj. demonstrative\*  
adj. demonstrable

*n.* a show or exhibit  
\* overtly showing emotion

*Syn.* display

The demonstration clarified the procedure for everyone.

The lawyer was demonstrative in making his impassioned plea before the jury.

### **ingredients**

*n.* things combined to make something; the contents  
of something  
*Syn.* elements

The ingredients of the product are kept secret.

Good style, punctuation and grammar are important ingredients of a good essay.

### **involuntarily**

adj. involuntary

*adv.* in an unthinking manner; not chosen  
*Syn.* automatically

He involuntarily agreed to work overtime.

Reflexes are involuntary reactions to external stimuli.

### **marvel**

*adv.* marvelously  
adj. marvelous

*n.* something that surprises or impresses  
*Syn.* wonder

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**

*adv.* measurably  
v. measure  
n. measurement

*adj.* able to determine how much or how many  
*Syn.* assessable

Some personal characteristics, such as good teaching, are hardly measurable.

A yardstick is used to measure 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 moderate dancing ability.  
The Broadway play was moderately successful.

**odd**                                   *adj.* unusual  
adv. oddly                         *Syn.* strange  
n. oddity

It is odd 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 reflection of his satisfaction.  
In order to perceive something visually, light must be reflected 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 symbols 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 synthesis of Dutch and native Indian languages of Curacao.

Vitamins are synthetically produced.

**tangible**

adv. tangibly

n. tangibility

*adj.* real; that which can be felt

*Syn.* concrete

The work of a teacher seldom produces tangible results until years after a student has graduated.

The solution to this problem can be tangibly demonstrated.

**tightly**

adj. tight

v. tighten

n. tightness

*adv.* being fixed in place; close; leaving no freedom

*Syn.* firmly

The shirt fits too tightly.

The government is tightening the regulations on the use of seat belts.

## MATCHING

Choose the synonym.

1. marvel  
(A) ridge  
(B) chaos  
(C) wonder  
(D) 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  
(D) spans

8. assessable  
(A) tangible  
(B) legitimate  
(C) accountable  
(D) measurable

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 tightly.

- (A) quickly
- (B) mercilessly
- (C) firmly
- (D) involuntarily

2. The cultural life of New Orleans is a synthesis 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. Sustained 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 supposedly 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

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**aggravating** *adj.* making worse; annoying  
n. aggravation *Syn.* irritating  
v. aggravate

The aggravating delay was caused by road repairs.  
The shortage of work aggravated the crisis in the small town.

**amusement** *n.* something that holds interest and is enjoyable  
adv. amusingly  
adj. amusing  
v. amuse *Syn.* diversion

We listened in amusement as he tried to convince his friend to lend him \$50.  
His amusing comment made everyone laugh.

**conceivably** *adv.* feasibly; believable  
adj. conceivable *Syn.* possibly  
v. conceive

They could conceivably earn first place with their science project.  
It is conceivable 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 curative properties of certain plants have been well documented.  
There is no simple cure for the ills of society.

**debilitating** *adj.* weakening  
v. debilitate *Syn.* weakening  
n. debility

The lack of investment savings has a debilitating effect on the economy.  
The patient's debility restricted him to the room.

**deplete** *v.* to use up; to reduce greatly  
adj. depleted *Syn.* consume  
n. depletion

She depleted all of her savings to buy the word processor.  
The depletion 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  
*Syn.* observe  
*adv.* perceptibly  
*adj.* perceivable  
*adj.* perceptive  
*adv.* perceptively  
*n.* perception

We perceive major differences between the two political parties.  
Porpoises are very perceptive mammals.

**security** *n.* the feeling of freedom from danger,  
doubt, or worry  
*adv.* securely  
*adj.* secure  
*v.* secure  
*Syn.* safety

Her sense of security 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  
*adj.* tranquil  
*v.* tranquilize  
*Syn.* peacefulness

The tranquility of the lake at sunrise inspired a profound sense of well-being.  
His tranquil manner of expression made us all feel more secure.

**trap** *v.* to catch and hold onto, usually by trickery;  
deceived  
*adj.* trapped  
*n.* trap  
*Syn.* retain

I was trapped into paying for the meal.  
The trapped 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 undeniably the most conducive to supporting life.

It is undeniable that he has skill, but he needs to show more initiative.

**underestimated**

v. underestimate

*adj.* guessed lower than the actual quality or quantity

*Syn.* miscalculated

The underestimated demand for tickets made the theater manager plan better for the next performance.

The treasurer underestimated 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. Underestimated 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 undeniably 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 trapped 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 tranquility 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 toxic 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

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### **acknowledge**

n. acknowledgment

adj. acknowledged

v. to know, remember, and accept the  
existence of something

*Syn.* recognize

The foreman acknowledged the fact that there had been a mistake in the design of the house.

The promotion he received was an acknowledgment of his excellent work.

### **acquire**

adj. acquisitive

n. acquisition

v. to gain or come to possess

*Syn.* obtain

He acquired two beautiful paintings during his visit to Taipei.

The office's most recent acquisition was a new photocopier.

### **assimilate**

n. assimilation

v. to become a part of

*Syn.* incorporate

The United States of America has assimilated people from all parts of the world.

Assimilation of a new cultural environment can be difficult.

### **assortment**

adj. assorted

n. a variety

*Syn.* selection

You have an assortment of elective courses from which to choose.

He bought a box of assorted books at the book fair.

### **caliber**

n. the standard of; the degree of goodness

*Syn.* quality

The high caliber 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**

v. condense

*adj.* made smaller; shortened; merged

*Syn.* summarized

This is a condensed version of the original research report.

Try to condense the two chapters into one.

### **contradictory**

v. contradict

n. contradiction

*adj.* not agreeing with the facts or previous

statements made on the subject; declared wrong

*Syn.* inconsistent

It is contradictory to say that you know French after only studying it for three months.

The expert contradicted himself during his presentation.

**disregard** v. to pay no attention  
n. disregard *Syn.* ignore

They disregarded 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 precious possession.  
The precious 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 prominent geologists in the corporation.  
He gained prominence 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 requisite courses for the master's degree in biology.  
The project team made a requisition for a new set of reference books.

**unravel** v. to organize; to make clear  
n. unraveling *Syn.* separate

The detective was not able to unravel the mystery of the missing money.  
The unraveling of the Soviet Union took place in the span of a few months.

**vague** *adj.* not clear; ambiguous  
adv. vaguely *Syn.* unclear  
n. vagueness

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 vastly 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 volume of information that a computer diskette can hold is astounding.

This voluminous report will erase your doubt about the financial condition of the company.



## **MATCHING**

Choose the synonym

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|--|--|
| 1. caliber<br>(A) volume<br>(B) marvel<br>(C) quality<br>(D) acclaim                       | 6. precious<br>(A) cherished<br>(B) substantive<br>(C) vague<br>(D) tangible               |
| 2. ignore<br>(A) disregard<br>(B) separate<br>(C) deplete<br>(D) withstand                 | 7. condensed<br>(A) summarized<br>(B) emphasized<br>(C) legitimized<br>(D) authorized      |
| 3. acknowledged<br>(A) exaggerated<br>(B) recognized<br>(C) exemplified<br>(D) accentuated | 8. assimilate<br>(A) illustrate<br>(B) incorporate<br>(C) investigate<br>(D) isolate       |
| 4. assortment<br>(A) assertion<br>(B) selection<br>(C) pattern<br>(D) ingredient           | 9. renown<br>(A) reaction<br>(B) vast<br>(C) prominent<br>(D) requisite                    |
| 5. obtain<br>(A) acquire<br>(B) unravel<br>(C) demand<br>(D) perceive                      | 10. contradictory<br>(A) ambiguous<br>(B) requisite<br>(C) inconsistent<br>(D) disregarded |

## TEST QUESTIONS

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

1. The volume 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 requisite in a wide range of fields.

- (A) assimilated
- (B) promoted
- (C) demanded
- (D) acquired

3. Pioneers traveling to the west found a vast 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

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### **charisma**

adj. charismatic

*n.* a special quality that endears other people to the person who has this quality  
*Syn.* appeal

She has a charisma that no other candidate possesses.

John F. Kennedy was known for his charismatic personality.

### **clever**

adv. cleverly

*n.* cleverness

*adj.* intelligent; resourceful

*Syn.* astute

Everyone appreciated their clever idea.

His cleverness enabled him to rise quickly in the organization.

### **convince**

adv. convincingly

adj. convincing

*v.* to make someone see things your way

*Syn.* persuade

They could not convince the girls to go to the dance with them.

The video made a convincing argument for the recycling of paper and plastic materials.

### **endure**

adj. endurable

adj. enduring

*n.* endurance

*v.* to last; to suffer pain

*Syn.* persevere

How he is able to endure living next to the airport is beyond my comprehension.

The endurance displayed by the athlete gave evidence of his rigorous training.

### **forfeit**

*n.* forfeit

*v.* to give up; to have something taken away, usually by rule or regulation

*Syn.* relinquish

Usually you must forfeit your native country's citizenship to become a citizen of another country.

The forfeit occurred because not enough players showed up.

### **precarious**

adv. precariously

*adj.* not safe, firm, or steady

*Syn.* hazardous

The diver put himself in a precarious 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 superiority 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 wantonly 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

*Syn.* 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 wisdom 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.

**woo**

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.

## 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 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 widespread 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 weak swimmers.  
(A) ineffective  
(B) clever  
(C) superior  
(D) impressive
5. The disappearance of tropical rain forests is a direct result of wanton disregard of this valuable resource by mankind.  
(A) precarious  
(B) sporadic  
(C) senseless  
(D) troubling

## ANSWERS TO EXERCISES

### LESSON 1

#### MATCHING TEST QUESTIONS

1.A 2.A 3.C 4.A 5.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

#### MATCHING TEST QUESTIONS

1.C 2.B 3.D 4.A 5.C 1.B 2.A 3.B 4.A 5.B  
6.B 7.A 8.D 9.C 10.D

### LESSON 4

#### MATCHING TEST QUESTIONS

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

#### MATCHING TEST QUESTIONS

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

#### MATCHING TEST QUESTIONS

1.C 2.D 3.A 4.B 5.A 1.A 2.A 3.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

#### MATCHING TEST QUESTIONS

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

#### MATCHING TEST QUESTIONS

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 QUESTIONS

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.D 3.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