

- _____ 7–8. The readings in the course were ____: old and new, from many cultures, by both women and men. But they all had the same theme—growing up—with no peripheral° or ____ topics.
- _____ 9–10. A bonsai is a(n) ____ tree that is made tiny by special cultivation. When her parents got one, three-year-old Lani was ____ enough to see where it belonged: She put it contiguous° to the front porch of her dollhouse.

Final Check: *Weird Facts*

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

“The world is so full of a number of things, I’m sure we should all be as happy as kings.” These lines were written by the poet Robert Louis Stevenson more than a hundred years ago. The world is full of a number of things, many of them strange, some of them wonderful, some funny, some nearly unbelievable. Some are basic to everyone’s education; others are (1) _____ but still fun to know. Here is a(n) (2) _____ collection of facts, taken from fields including science, psychology, and just plain silliness:



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- Albert Einstein was known as one of the most discerning°, (3) _____ thinkers of all time. He had a remarkable understanding of such (4) _____ topics as time and space. Yet when Einstein was nine years old, he still couldn’t speak fluently. His parents thought he might have a learning disability.
- If you’re going into an area where there are lots of mosquitoes, be (5) _____ about eating bananas. Assiduous° research has found that mosquitoes are attracted to people who have recently eaten this fruit.
- You probably know already that the penguin must be a(n) (6) _____ bird to survive in the fierce cold of Antarctica. Did you know, though, that a penguin can jump six feet in the air?
- Donald Duck comics were banned in Finland because Donald doesn’t wear pants.
- The famous psychiatrist Sigmund Freud had such a(n) (7) _____ to ferns that he could not stay in the same room with one.
- There are more plastic flamingos in the United States than real ones.
- When opossums “play possum,” they are not actually playing. Oddly enough, terror has a(n) (8) _____ effect on possums. Fright makes them go to sleep.
- A duck’s quack does not echo. (No one knows the reason for this phenomenon°.)
- Mosquitoes have teeth. Since mosquitoes are so tiny, imagine how (9) _____ their teeth must be!
- Snakes are occasionally born with two heads. A two-headed snake is extremely (10) _____. Not only is it pugnacious° toward other animals, but its two heads fight each other for food.
- Thomas Edison was afraid of the dark. (Do you suppose that’s why he invented the light bulb?)

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CHAPTER 27

abstract
archaic
engender
erudite
fervor

iconoclast
laudable
painstaking
pompous
renown

Ten Words in Context

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

1 abstract
(ăb' străkt')
- *adjective*

___ *Abstract* means

- For a person who has been blind since birth, color is just an **abstract** idea.
- A couple may believe in the **abstract** idea of "commitment," but they find out what true commitment is only when they face difficult experiences together.

A. vague. B. absurd. C. temporary.

2 archaic
(ăr-kă' ik)
- *adjective*

___ *Archaic* means

- Computer software changes so rapidly that within a couple years, a "new" program is already **archaic**.
- Marriage vows used to include the bride's promise to obey her husband. Today many couples consider this **archaic** and leave it out of the ceremony.

A. old-fashioned. B. necessary. C. permanent.

3 engender
(ĕn-jĕn' dər)
- *verb*

___ *Engender* means

- An introductory music course in school can **engender** a lifelong love of music.
- Ken's rivalry with his cousin was **engendered** long ago, when they were in the same kindergarten class and competed to see who would learn the alphabet first.

A. to endanger. B. to complete. C. to begin.

4 erudite
(ĕr'yə-dīt')
- *adjective*

___ *Erudite* means

- Zahra has earned several graduate degrees, although no one else in her family went to college. Her parents are proud of their **erudite** daughter.
- You don't have to be **erudite** to enjoy action movies—they are designed to entertain you, not make you think.

A. unskilled. B. learned. C. kindhearted.

5 fervor
(fūr' vər)
- *noun*

___ *Fervor* means

- Before the game, the coach talked to her players with great **fervor**, making them feel excited and determined to win.
- You can tell that Christy really loves the piano by the **fervor** with which she practices.

A. fear. B. humor. C. passion.

6 iconoclast
(ī-kŏn' ə-klăst')
- *noun*

___ *Iconoclast* means

- Many people regarded Steve Jobs, founder of Apple, as a brilliant **iconoclast** for the way he overthrew established beliefs about the personal computer industry.
- It's always risky to have Grandma and Jeff in the same room. Grandma is a very traditional Italian Catholic, while Jeff is an **iconoclast** who makes jokes about the Pope and questions the teachings of Catholicism.

A. a conservative. B. a rebel. C. a criminal.

- 7 laudable**
(lô' də-bəl)
- adjective
- ___ *Laudable* means
- The work of the Prom Committee was really **laudable**. As people entered the ballroom and saw the magnificent decorations, many burst into applause.
 - Divers did a **laudable** job of rescuing an entire youth soccer team trapped in a cave a half-mile underground.
- A. admirable. B. insufficient. C. undesirable.
- 8 painstaking**
(pānz' tā' kɪŋ)
- adjective
- ___ *Painstaking* means
- The **painstaking** effort that went into the century-old patchwork quilt is hard to imagine. There are thousands of tiny patches, each stitched patiently by hand.
 - Lynn loves decorating the Christmas tree, but she doesn't enjoy the **painstaking** process of removing and carefully packing up the fragile ornaments.
- A. causing harm. B. done with great care. C. very enjoyable.
- 9 pompous**
(pŏm' pəs)
- adjective
- ___ *Pompous* means
- The ship's captain was so **pompous** that he would not eat at the same table with his officers. Instead, he sat in solitary splendor at a special table set with the ship's best china.
 - "Do you expect me wait in line with all these people?" the man asked in a **pompous** voice. "Don't you realize who I am and how valuable my time is?"
- A. self-important. B. modest. C. cruel.
- 10 renown**
(rɪ-noun')
- noun
- ___ *Renown* means
- The artist Vincent van Gogh was unknown in his lifetime, but after his death, he gained great **renown**.
 - Throughout our neighborhood, Mrs. Lewis has won **renown** for her fabulous chocolate-chip cookies.
- A. criticism. B. reality. C. fame.

Matching Words with Definitions

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

1. _____ Having or showing wide knowledge
2. _____ Great warmth or intensity of emotion
3. _____ To cause or produce; bring into existence
4. _____ Worthy of praise; deserving admiration
5. _____ Showing much care, effort, and hard work; diligent
6. _____ Having an inflated idea of one's own importance; arrogant
7. _____ Widespread honor and praise; acclaim
8. _____ Someone who attacks traditional ideas; someone who considers nothing sacred
9. _____ No longer current; out-of-date
10. _____ Theoretical; not applied; not practical

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Sentence Check 1

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

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|---------------|-------------|----------------|------------|-----------|
| A. abstract | B. archaic | C. engender | D. erudite | E. fervor |
| F. iconoclast | G. laudable | H. painstaking | I. pompous | J. renown |

- _____ 1. Dave and his brother Barry are very different. Dave is down-to-earth and practical, while Barry loves to discuss ___ concepts like infinity and time.
- _____ 2. I knew that Tai would feel strongly about our change of plans, but I didn't expect him to respond with such _____. His emotional tirade^o lasted half an hour.
- _____ 3. Year after year, the school concert was very traditional until the new music teacher—a real _____—decided to have the children perform a rap song as well as one accompanied by sign language.
- _____ 4. We are lucky to have such a(n) ___ speaker with us today. Dr. Diaz holds three doctoral degrees and has taught at some of the world's most prestigious^o universities.
- _____ 5. Today, most people communicate through text, email, or social media. The idea of actually writing and mailing a letter seems _____.
- _____ 6. "It's ___ to go out and help clean up the neighborhood streets," Mother told us, "but it would also be praiseworthy for you to clean up your rooms."
- _____ 7. That restaurant enjoys such ___ that it's almost impossible to get a reservation there—the tables are booked months in advance.
- _____ 8. After winning a diminutive^o part in a Broadway show, the actor became so ___ and supercilious^o that he wouldn't speak to his old friends. "I don't have time for little people," he said.
- _____ 9. The new biography of Emily Dickinson won high praise. "The author's ___ research has revealed many details about the poet that were not previously known," one reviewer wrote.
- _____ 10. Little things can often ___ long-standing hostility. My aunts were on bad terms for years because one of them turned down a dinner invitation from the other. They were never able to rectify^o this injury to their cordial^o relationship.

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Sentence Check 2

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

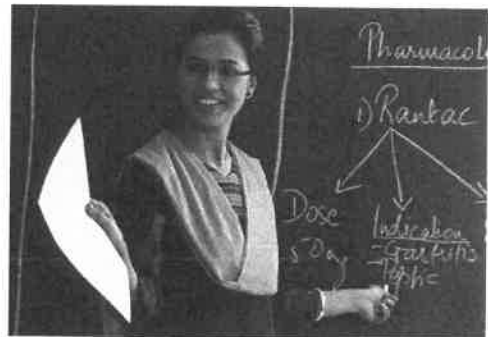
- _____ 1–2. The lecturer was certainly ____, but despite her vast knowledge, she was hard to follow because her talk was too _____. She spoke about intangible^o theories and abstruse^o principles without ever giving concrete, specific examples.

- _____ 3-4. Is it ___ for parents to say “yes” every time their kids ask for something? I don’t think it’s praiseworthy at all; it will just ___ in the children a sense that the world owes them a living.
- _____ 5-6. Completing the crossword puzzle took hours of ___ work because many of the answers were ___ words—terms so old they weren’t in my dictionary.
- _____ 7-8. Marya gained ___ as a(n) ___ in third grade, when she drew a moustache and an eye patch on Washington’s picture in the auditorium. Today she’s still known as a rebel and a heretic°.
- _____ 9-10. Adoring fans greeted the movie star with great ___, but she simply gave them a ___ smirk and said, “I don’t do autographs.”

Final Check: *The Scholar*

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

New students at a university are usually cognizant° of an important fact about the faculty: that these people are more than just teachers—they are scholars. But some students with narrow, parochial° outlooks have formed a mistaken notion of scholarship; they think of a scholar as stuffy and (1) _____, as having only impractical, (2) _____ ideas and being out of touch with reality. They dismiss scholarship as (3) _____, something left over from the distant, stagnant° past. The truth is quite different, though.



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Scholarship has three aspects, each (4) _____ and admirable. First, there is learning. Scholars are (5) _____; they know all about their own field, and often a great deal about others. Second is teaching. Scholars are expected to pass their knowledge along to the next generation. They also hope to whet° students’ interest in their field by conveying their own (6) _____ for the subject—and eventually to (7) _____ in their students a similar passion and commitment. Third, scholars are expected to make a contribution to their subject, to add to the body of knowledge. This involves rigorous°, (8) _____, often lengthy research and writing. This writing cannot be haphazard° or colloquial°; scholars are expected to present their findings in an organized, formal framework. Also, scholars must write clearly enough to make their otherwise inscrutable° subject matter understandable.

So, to recapitulate°, scholars may win (9) _____ for their knowledge, for inspired teaching, for exemplary° writing—or for all three. Occasionally, such fame is a source of controversy: A scholar whose approach is highly original may become known as a(n) (10) _____ and may even set off an intellectual revolution!

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CHAPTER 28

convivial
equanimity
lassitude
listless
mollify

paradigm
profusion
recalcitrant
resigned
surmise

Ten Words in Context

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

1 **convivial**

(kən-vīv'ē-əl)
- adjective

___ *Convivial* means

- Dawn and Freddy's date at the candlelit restaurant was not as romantic as they hoped. They had to shout at each other to be heard over the loud laughter and singing of the **convivial** group at the next table.
- Playing the part of Santa at the local mall can be exhausting; it requires being **convivial** and jolly with small children all day long.

A. dull. B. argumentative. C. sociable.

2 **equanimity**

(ĕ'kwə-nīm'ī-tē)
- noun

___ *Equanimity* means

- We can usually react to misfortune with **equanimity** when it happens to someone else. When it happens to us, we tend to be much more distressed.
- As one of the first black players in Major League Baseball, Jackie Robinson often had to maintain his **equanimity** and focus on the game despite racist insults from the stands.

A. equality. B. calmness. C. grief.

3 **lassitude**

(lās'ī-tōōd')
- noun

___ *Lassitude* means

- **Lassitude**, a strange drowsiness or lack of vigor, is one symptom of spring fever.
- It used to be thought that people in southern climates were naturally lazy. In fact, their apparent **lassitude** was caused by a widespread disease, malaria.

A. illness. B. tiredness. C. resistance.

4 **listless**

(lĭst'lĭs)
- adjective

___ *Listless* means

- Children who seem **listless** on school mornings, complaining of pains or nausea, may actually have "school phobia." They're not really sick; they're afraid.
- Depression often goes undiagnosed in the elderly because people assume—mistakenly—that being **listless** and weary is just part of being old.

A. without energy. B. lonely. C. refusing to obey.

5 **mollify**

(mōl'ə-fī')
- verb

___ *Mollify* means

- Theo is furious when anyone disagrees with him. We've learned to **mollify** him by saying, "You're right. We were just tossing ideas around."
- When Ruben forgot to show up for their date, Jillian was enraged. But she was **mollified** when he sent her candy and flowers and begged her to forgive him.

A. to mislead. B. to calm down. C. to reject.

6 **paradigm**

(pār'ə-dīm')
- noun

___ *Paradigm* means

- The Constitution of the United States became a **paradigm** for several emerging democracies, which based their own governments on it.
- The "disease model" of mental illness—seeing it as comparable to physical illness—has become a **paradigm** for other conditions, such as addiction.

A. a pattern to follow. B. a puzzle to solve. C. a descendant.

7 profusion
(prə-fyoo'zhən)
- noun

___ *Profusion* means

- After the success of one TV series about zombies, a **profusion** of similar shows appeared on TV.
 - When Paco returned from his summer vacation, he found his yard overgrown with a **profusion** of weeds.
- A. a large quantity. B. a shortage. C. a probability.

8 recalcitrant
(ri-käl'si-trənt)
- adjective

___ *Recalcitrant* means

- As other shoppers watched with amusement, a father tried to persuade his child to climb out of the dress rack she was hiding in, while the **recalcitrant** child cried, "No—you climb in!"
 - A truly **recalcitrant** person would not do well in the army—soldiers must be willing to follow orders.
- A. disobedient. B. disappointed. C. dishonest.

9 resigned
(ri-zīnd')
- adjective

___ *Resigned to* means

- Scott had become **resigned** to being the shortest boy in his class, but during the summer, he grew four inches.
 - Although Nina has never liked spinach, she has become **resigned** to eating it once in a while.
- A. refusing to believe in. B. agreeing to without protest. C. eager about.

10 surmise
(sər-mīz')
- verb

___ *Surmise* means

- Archaeologists in the year 2998, digging up the ruins of a baseball stadium, find a hand-lettered banner: KILL THE UMPIRE! They write: "We **surmise** that this place was used for human sacrifices."
 - At soccer tryouts, Roger tripped in front of the coach and shot only one goal. "I **surmise** that I won't make the team," he told his friends.
- A. to express surprise. B. to deny. C. to suppose.

Matching Words with Definitions

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

1. _____ A lack of energy or interest; weariness; fatigue
2. _____ To soothe the temper of
3. _____ An abundance; a rich supply
4. _____ Stubbornly refusing to obey
5. _____ To infer; guess
6. _____ Unresisting; passively accepting; accepting as inevitable
7. _____ An example that serves as a model for others
8. _____ The quality of staying calm and even-tempered
9. _____ Fond of social pleasures; merry; festive
10. _____ Lacking energy or interest; sluggish

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Sentence Check 1

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

A. convivial
F. paradigm

B. equanimity
G. profusion

C. lassitude
H. recalcitrant

D. listless
I. resigned

E. mollify
J. surmise

- _____ 1. Ray has trouble keeping a job because he tends to be _____. He doesn't understand that a worker has to assent^o to and carry out the boss's orders.
- _____ 2. Johanna's ____ neighbor hosts a party every weekend.
- _____ 3. Each spring the meadow is filled with a(n) ____ of wildflowers.
- _____ 4. For months after his father's death, Kareem felt ____: He was uninterested in his usual activities and seemed incapable of exerting any effort.
- _____ 5. The biology teacher's ____ was tested when a lab rat escaped from its cage and ran up his pant leg. He attempted to remain calm, but the beads of sweat on his forehead revealed his trepidation^o.
- _____ 6. My neighbor just put a suitcase in his car's trunk and a surfboard on its roof. I ____ that he's going on a beach vacation.
- _____ 7. The Hoof 'n' Claw Restaurant advertised a special lobster dinner and then ran out of lobster. The manager tried to ____ the angry customers by offering them free steaks.
- _____ 8. There's a good reason why we feel so sleepy after Thanksgiving dinner. Turkey is soporific^o—it contains a chemical that produces ____ in many people.
- _____ 9. "I'm handing out a sample research paper," said the instructor. "You can use its footnotes and references as a(n) ____ for your own."
- _____ 10. The leader of the insurgents^o never grew ____ to being in jail. Every day, his resolution^o to escape and rejoin the rebel forces grew stronger.

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Sentence Check 2

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

- _____ 1–2. When his fiancée broke off their engagement, Joe reacted with stoic^o _____. "I had a premonition^o this would happen," he said calmly, "and I'm ____ to it."
- _____ 3–4. Most people experience ____ during a heat wave—they have little energy. But for me, cold weather, rather than hot weather, has a debilitating^o effect: I feel ____ and enervated^o when it's freezing out.
- _____ 5–6. To avoid a(n) ____ of different methods for teaching gifted children, the board of education developed one model program that would serve as a(n) ____ for all schools statewide.

- _____ 7–8. Bill keeps getting into trouble in the navy by refusing to obey orders. I _____
 _____ that he must also have been _____ as a child.
- _____ 9–10. The _____ people in the upstairs apartment do a lot of entertaining, but to _____
 _____ their neighbors, they try to keep the noise to a minimum.

Final Check: A Case of Depression

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

Gina is known to her friends as an outgoing, (1) _____ person who responds with exuberance° to any invitation: "Sounds like fun! Let's go!" So when Gina stopped going to parties, movies, and nights out last year, it seemed strange. "You go," she would tell her friends. "I'm tired. I just don't feel like it."

"She's just a little blue," her friends told one another. "She'll snap out of it." But she didn't. Weeks turned into months, and Gina's (2) _____ attitude persisted. She had no appetite, and she told her friends that she couldn't sleep. They were concerned, but Gina didn't appear to have enough energy to worry. She seemed (3) _____ to the idea that she would spend the rest of her life as a morose°, tired recluse°. Luckily, her friends kept insisting that she see a doctor. To (4) _____ them, she agreed.

Despite her (5) _____, Gina made an appointment and dragged herself to it. Her doctor quickly confirmed what her friends had (6) _____ (e)d: Gina was suffering from serious depression. He suggested that she try an antidepressant medication. At first Gina was (7) _____—she stubbornly insisted that she should be able to "tough it out" on her own. Her doctor listened and then said something that made sense to her. "Nobody goes through life in a state of total (8) _____," he said. "Ups and downs are perfectly normal. But the kind of depression that you're experiencing is not normal. It's an aberration°, and it's not something you can control. It's a sign that something's gone wrong with the chemistry of your brain. The (9) _____ I like to use is diabetes: If you were diabetic, it would be erroneous° to think you should 'tough it out' without insulin."

There is a(n) (10) _____ of antidepressant medications available these days, and it took a few tries to find the one that worked well for Gina. But a few weeks into her treatment, she realized that the dark cloud of depression had lifted. She was once again eagerly looking forward to all life had to offer. Today she continues to take her medication, knowing that it is something her body needs. "I had a disease called depression," she tells anyone who asks. "But it didn't have me."



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CHAPTER 29

ambivalence
anomaly
biased
credulous
despot

incipient
nefarious
prodigious
servile
temper

Ten Words in Context

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

1 **ambivalence**

(ăm-bīv' ə-ləns)

- *noun*

___ *Ambivalence* means

- Ramona and Felipe have broken their engagement three times now. If they feel such **ambivalence** about getting married, why do you think they stay together?
 - Many people approach a job change with **ambivalence**. They want the new job's challenges and rewards, but they dislike giving up the security of the old job.
- A. conflicting feelings. B. ambition. C. ignorance.

2 **anomaly**

(ə-nŏm' ə-lē)

- *noun*

___ *Anomaly* means

- Dena's poor grade on the math test was an **anomaly**; she usually does very well in math.
 - A colored diamond is an **anomaly**; most diamonds are colorless or bluish-white.
- A. an annoyance. B. a source of anxiety. C. an abnormality.

3 **biased**

(bī' əst)

- *adjective*

___ *Biased* means

- Studies show that names influence how we react to other people. For instance, a group of teenaged boys expected that any girl named "Michelle" would be attractive, while they were **biased** against anyone named "Helga."
 - Every human group seems to be **biased** against some other group. For example, the French tell jokes about the Belgians, and people in Quebec make fun of people from Newfoundland.
- A. having a good opinion. B. having an opinion beforehand. C. having no opinion.

4 **credulous**

(krĕj' ə-ləs)

- *adjective*

___ *Credulous* means

- Maya reads her horoscope every day but insists that she's not **credulous**. "It's just for fun," she says. "I never take it seriously."
 - Sheila was so **credulous**, she trusted a stranger who called and said he worked at her bank. He turned out to be a scammer.
- A. too trustful. B. too skeptical. C. too frustrated.

5 **despot**

(dĕs' pət)

- *noun*

___ *Despot* means

- During the American Revolution, the British king, George III, was seen as an unjust **despot**, but history has dealt more kindly with him in recent years.
 - Coach Watkins is more like a **despot** than a coach. He constantly barks out harsh commands and makes ridiculously unfair rules.
- A. an elected official. B. an oppressive ruler. C. a revolutionary.

6 **incipient**

(ĭn-sĭp' ē-ənt)

- *adjective*

___ *Incipient* means

- Are Kenyon and Rasheedah just friends, or is there an **incipient** romance developing?
 - "Precancerous" cells are an **incipient** tumor—a cancer that may be starting to develop.
- A. coming to an end. B. coming into existence. C. fully grown.

7 nefarious
(nə-fâr'ē-əs)
- adjective

___ *Nefarious* means

- The name of Jack the Ripper, whose **nefarious** murders shocked 19th-century England, has become almost a synonym for a brutal killer.
 - At first, opioids seemed like a wonder drug for pain, but they have a **nefarious** side: They are dangerously addictive—and potentially deadly.
- A. praiseworthy. B. amusing. C. evil.

8 prodigious
(prə-dij'əs)
- adjective

___ *Prodigious* means

- This week the lottery prize is a **prodigious** amount of money—almost \$200 million dollars.
 - It takes a **prodigious** supply of patience to put together a 5,000-piece jigsaw puzzle.
- A. huge. B. unknown. C. small.

9 servile
(sûr'vîl or
sûr'vəl)
- adjective

___ *Servile* means

- In the play, Roberto portrayed a fawning, **servile** hotel clerk who would do anything to please the hotel's clients.
 - The spoiled celebrity likes to surround herself with **servile** people who do whatever she wants and constantly tell her how fabulous she is.
- A. bossy. B. acting like a slave. C. powerful.

10 temper
(tĕm'pĕr)
- verb

___ *Temper* means

- “**Temper** justice with mercy”—a phrase from Milton's *Paradise Lost*—suggests that we need to remember to be kind, even when we are punishing someone.
 - Dad's apology for missing Emily's play was so heartfelt that it **tempered** her anger and made her forgive him.
- A. to reinforce. B. to tone down. C. to continue.

Matching Words with Definitions

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

1. _____ Prejudiced; having a preconceived opinion
2. _____ Mixed feelings; uncertainty; indecisiveness
3. _____ Beginning; early; in the earliest stages (of)
4. _____ Humbly obedient
5. _____ To reduce in intensity, especially by mixing in some other quality; moderate; soften
6. _____ Someone who rules with absolute power; a tyrant
7. _____ Enormous
8. _____ Very wicked; villainous
9. _____ Tending to believe too readily; easily convinced
10. _____ Something different, odd, or peculiar

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Sentence Check 1

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

A. ambivalence
F. incipient

B. anomaly
G. nefarious

C. biased
H. prodigious

D. credulous
I. servile

E. despot
J. temper

- _____ 1. Jen takes an aspirin at the first sign of a(n) ___ headache. Lin, by contrast, resists taking medicine even when she's really sick.
- _____ 2. In our neighborhood, almost everyone drives a battered second-hand car. Cecil's shiny new Corvette is a real ___.
- _____ 3. There are two kinds of waiters I dislike: the zany° ones who keep making jokes and the sycophants° who, hoping for a bigger tip, are overly ___.
- _____ 4. Amy feels some ___ about spending the holidays alone in her new apartment. On the one hand, she thinks celebrating there will make her new place feel more like home. On the other hand, she will miss her family.
- _____ 5. Sandra is very funny, but she needs to ___ her humor with kindness—sometimes her jokes can hurt others.
- _____ 6. Thomas Jefferson was a man of ___ talent. Not only was he President of the United States, but he was also an inventor, an erudite° and eloquent° writer, and an architect.
- _____ 7. Shelley's famous poem "Ozymandias" is about a cruel ___ whose statue lies broken and whose kingdom has vanished in the desert sands. Its tacit° message is that all of us, even pompous° tyrants, are ephemeral°—nothing can survive the inexorable° forces of nature and time.
- _____ 8. "Sorry," said Professor Chiu. "I am not ___ enough to believe that your dog actually ate your homework."
- _____ 9. The thriller was the kind of book you can't put down—it traced a(n) ___ plan by a malevolent° scientist to turn his neighbors into zombies.
- _____ 10. It's silly to be ___ against all red-haired people just because you had one bad date with a redhead. You should try to overcome your aversion° to redheads.

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Sentence Check 2

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

- _____
_____ 1–2. Uriah Heep is a famous fictional villain created by the novelist Charles Dickens. The evil Heep conceals his ___ plans by acting very ___; he constantly describes himself as "humble."

- _____ 3-4. The people's attitude toward the _____ who ruled them was one of _____. They hated him for his cruelty, but they also felt reverent^o toward him for making their nation rich and powerful.
- _____ 5-6. People are always looking for ways to _____ the effects of a(n) _____ cold. Some swear by certain vitamins and herbs to keep the cold from getting worse.
- _____ 7-8. The report was _____: the authors included only the evidence supporting their theory and left out the contrary evidence that would have negated^o its findings. But although the report was spurious^o, _____ people simply accepted it without examining the facts.
- _____ 9-10. The term "child prodigy" describes a(n) _____: someone who is very young but already shows _____ knowledge, talent, or skill in a particular area. Mozart, a piano virtuoso^o at age 6, is an example.

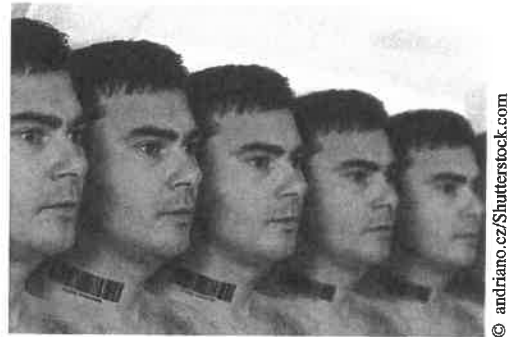


Final Check: *Scientific Discoveries*

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Students in a biology class were arguing about some recent developments in science and what they might mean to the world.

"I love science, so I am (1) _____ in favor of scientific discoveries. I tend to think they are laudable^o and wonderful," said Ms. Kirschfeld, the teacher. "But even I feel some (2) _____ about certain discoveries and how they might be used. For instance, scientists have been able to clone animals that are exact copies of other animals. There is a(n) (3) _____ amount of research being conducted on cloning. What do you think, class?"



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"Cloning scares me," said Eileen. "Imagine some evil (4) _____ who wants a country full of people who will do exactly what he tells them to do. He could clone a population of (5) _____ citizens who obeyed his every command."

"But cloning is just one part of a field that is full of wonderful discoveries," said Nguyen. "Every day, scientists are learning more about how they can eliminate certain diseases and disorders, like Down syndrome or sickle-cell anemia, which are caused by a(n) (6) _____ in the genes. And other (7) _____ breakthroughs are on the way. Imagine a person who is badly burned and needs a skin graft, or someone who needs a heart transplant. Someday, scientists might be able to grow skin or a heart from the person's own genetic material."

"Don't be so (8) _____," Brad said. "You have too much faith that any discovery will be put only to good use. Evil people often have (9) _____ plans for new discoveries. As Eileen said, some nut could decide to produce an army of submissive^o people who would do anything he wanted."

"Clearly, these discoveries have good and bad possibilities," said Ms. Kirschfeld. "Let's hope that scientists will be circumspect^o and (10) _____ their fervor^o about what they are learning with caution about its future use."

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CHAPTER 30

arduous
ascetic
blithe
deprecate
didactic

eulogy
gratuitous
raze
tawdry
unimpeachable

Ten Words in Context

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

1 arduous
(är' jōō-əs)
- adjective

___ *Arduous* means

- According to the ancient myth, the hero Hercules had to perform 12 **arduous** tasks, including killing a serpent with nine heads.
 - By the time she finished the fifth bridesmaid's gown, Martha wished she had not taken on the **arduous** task of making all the dresses for her daughter's wedding.
- A. effortless. B. demanding great effort. C. useless.

2 ascetic
(ə-sět' ik)
- adjective

___ *Ascetic* means

- Monks live a very **ascetic** life. Their rooms, for example, have plain white walls, a single bed, and one hard-backed chair.
 - Many religious people believe in being **ascetic**. They feel that too many luxuries and possessions get in the way of their relationship with God.
- A. self-denying. B. selfish. C. lazy.

3 blithe
(blīth)
- adjective

___ *Blithe* means

- At the amusement park, the **blithe** children ran excitedly from one ride to the next, laughing and shouting to one another.
 - The students were in a **blithe** mood after their teacher canceled the midterm exam.
- A. bitter. B. tragic. C. joyful.

4 deprecate
(dēp' rī-kăt')

___ *Deprecate* means

- Many researchers **deprecate** social media as a harmful influence on teenagers, linking it to increased feelings of depression and unhappiness.
 - The Italian chef on television **deprecated** store-bought pasta, saying it tasted like cardboard. "Make your own fresh pasta!" she urged. "You'll love it."
- A. to condemn. B. to appreciate. C. to describe.

5 didactic
(dī-dăk' tīk)
- adjective

___ *Didactic* means

- Fables such as "The Boy Who Cried Wolf" are **didactic**; they are meant to teach kids important moral lessons.
 - Tests and examinations are not given just to annoy students. They have a **didactic** purpose as part of the learning process.
- A. twofold. B. educational. C. secret.

6 eulogy
(yōō' lə-jē)
- noun

___ *Eulogy* means

- When Rosa Parks died in 2005, Oprah Winfrey stated in her **eulogy** that Parks "made life better for us all."
 - In a touching children's book called *The Tenth Good Thing about Barney*, a little boy creates a **eulogy** for his dead cat, listing ten things he loved about the cat.
- A. a statement of praise. B. an attack. C. a plan.

7 gratuitous
(grə-tōō'ī-təs)
- adjective

— *Gratuitous* means

- In some very good movies, violence is an important part of the story, but many other movies include **gratuitous** violence just to sell tickets.
 - Mark makes a lot of **gratuitous** comments about how much money he has. Even if money isn't the topic of conversation, he wants everyone to know he is rich.
- A. showing gratitude. B. unnecessary. C. unclear.

8 raze
(rāz)
- verb

— *Raze* means

- More than a dozen homes were **razed** to make way for the new shopping mall.
 - The children spent hours building houses out of popsicle sticks, **razing** them with a toy bulldozer, then building them again.
- A. to build. B. to repair. C. to wreck.

9 tawdry
(tō'drē)
- adjective

— *Tawdry* means

- Katia has no taste in clothes and always chooses something **tawdry**. Her gold prom dress was trimmed with red and purple feathers and covered with silver studs.
 - The restaurant looked **tawdry**: The pink velvet curtains were grimy; the white carpet was stained; the crystal chandelier—actually plastic—was covered with dust.
- A. old-fashioned. B. sleazy. C. elegant.

10 unimpeachable
(ūn'īm-pē'chə-bəl)
- adjective

— *Unimpeachable* means

- Janos said, "My mother's parenting has been **unimpeachable**. You can tell she was an excellent parent simply by the fact that I have turned out so well."
 - "I expect your conduct on the playing field to be **unimpeachable**," the coach told the team. "Everything you do should bring credit and honor to the school."
- A. without fault. B. difficult to see. C. inadequate.

Matching Words with Definitions

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

1. _____ Cheerful and lighthearted
2. _____ Difficult to do; strenuous
3. _____ Designed to teach; instructive
4. _____ Uncalled for; without any good reason
5. _____ Practicing self-denial; austere
6. _____ To tear down completely; demolish
7. _____ Tastelessly showy; cheap and gaudy; vulgar
8. _____ A spoken or written tribute, especially to someone who has died
9. _____ Blameless; beyond reproach; beyond criticism
10. _____ To express disapproval of; criticize

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Sentence Check 1

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

A. arduous

B. ascetic

C. blithe

D. deprecate

E. didactic

F. eulogy

G. gratuitous

H. raze

I. tawdry

J. unimpeachable

- _____ 1. The work of the auto parts factory has been _____. In the latest shipment of 55,000 parts, there was not a single defect.
- _____ 2. Before the invention of the modern printing press, publishing books was a(n) _____ and painstaking^o task—it required copying every word by hand.
- _____ 3. My mom can't stand reality shows about the rich and famous: "I hate seeing the _____ flaunting of wealth when there are so many needy people in the world."
- _____ 4. Student teachers take some classes in specific subjects, such as math, and some in _____ methods, such as "Teaching the Elementary-School Child."
- _____ 5. Although the older children were upset about moving, their four-year-old sister was her usual _____ self. She said, "This will be fun!"
- _____ 6. Dr. Krankheit _____s prescribing antibiotics for every case of the sniffles. "Let nature take its course," he says.
- _____ 7. The Walkers have adopted a(n) _____ lifestyle in order to remember the many people in the world who are hungry. They often have only a little rice and some beans for dinner.
- _____ 8. A big crowd gathered to watch the demolition crew _____ the old department store. It was strange to see the huge building crumble like a house of cards.
- _____ 9. For his wedding, Bert wore a powder-blue tuxedo with fake leopard lapels. "It may be _____," he said, "but it's more fun than quiet good taste."
- _____ 10. At the music teacher's funeral, one student spoke the _____, and then several others offered a musical tribute, singing some of her favorite choruses.

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Sentence Check 2

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

- _____ 1–2. A character in a play may make "asides"—extraneous^o comments that seem to be off the main point. Don't assume, however, that these are _____ and can be ignored; they may have a(n) _____ purpose.
- _____ 3–4. I don't _____ the town council's decision to _____ the old theater—I'm resigned^o to the fact that some old buildings must come down. But I do feel ambivalence^o about it; I wish we could preserve more landmarks from our past.

- _____ 5-6. Cognizant° of her own affinity° for ____, cheap-looking furnishings, Lorna hired a decorator for her new apartment. But his taste was so ____ that she now thinks the place looks stark and bare.
- _____ 7-8. Eleanor's brother delivered an eloquent° ____ at her funeral. He said she had been a(n) ____ spirit; her joyfulness and levity° would always remain with her family and friends.
- _____ 9-10. "Your performance on this ____ assignment has been ____," the instructor told the research group. "You achieved perfection on a formidable° task."



Final Check: Saint Francis of Assisi

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

Saints are generally thought of as, well, saintly. It's easy to surmise° that anyone who became a saint must have been born that way. But such congenital° holiness was not true of the man who became known as Saint Francis of Assisi.

Francis was born into a wealthy family in Assisi, Italy, in the year 1182. A convivial°, fun-loving young man, he was known as the life of the party. He neglected his studies, enjoyed practical jokes, and ran around with a fast crowd. Serving as a soldier at the age of 20, he was captured and held as a prisoner of war. After he was released, he was seriously ill for many months. When he recovered, Francis had changed. He (1) _____ (e)d his former frivolous° life and renounced° its meaningless, (2) _____ pleasures. He began to be more concerned about doing good, and so he decided to rebuild an old church that had been (3) _____ (e)d. When Francis's father learned of this, he objected. In turn, Francis gave up any claim to his father's prodigious° wealth. He sold his property, even gave away his shoes, and began the (4) _____ life of a barefoot monk. He wandered through Italy, caring for the poor. He spoke with all he met, telling them that money and possessions were (5) _____ and extolling° the blessings of the spirit. Throughout his travels, he impressed people with his joyous presence. His (6) _____ personality attracted many followers, and eventually he founded the Franciscan order of monks and the Poor Clares, an order of nuns. Francis preached to thousands in his lifetime, teaching them to love and care for the poor; but while his talks were (7) _____, they were never dull. He was a natural teacher, preaching even to the birds, whom he called "my little sisters," and reminding them always to praise and exalt° God. According to legend, Francis was so kind to animals that wild rabbits ran to him for protection.

Francis's faith in God was so strong that he once undertook a(n) (8) _____ 40-day fast on a mountain, where he prayed and meditated. Such acts brought him renown° as a man of (9) _____ goodness, simplicity, and love. He died at the age of 45 and was declared a saint by the Catholic Church two years later. After Francis's death, the artist Giotto painted a famous picture of the joyful saint preaching to the birds—a tribute more fitting than any spoken (10) _____ for the modest man who called himself "little brother Francis."



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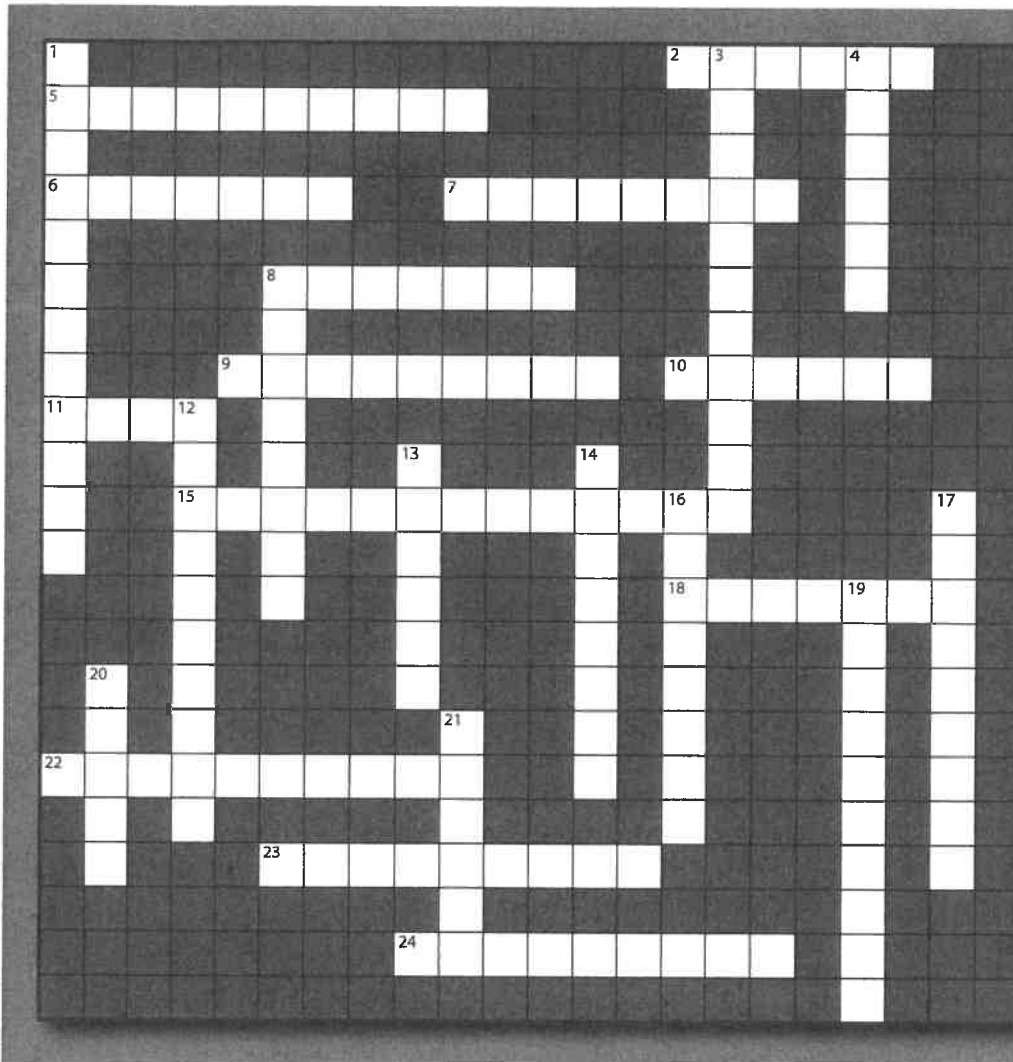
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UNIT SIX: Review

The box at the right lists 25 words from Unit Six. Using the clues at the bottom of the page, fill in these words to complete the puzzle that follows.



ambivalence
 anomaly
 archaic
 astute
 aversion
 credulous
 deprecate
 despot
 eclectic
 equanimity
 extraneous
 fervor
 gratuitous
 hardy
 iconoclast
 laudable
 listless
 nefarious
 profusion
 raze
 recalcitrant
 renown
 surmise
 tawdry
 unimpeachable

ACROSS

2. Cheap and gaudy
5. Not essential; irrelevant
6. No longer current; out-of-date
7. Coming from many sources
8. Something different or odd
9. Very wicked
10. Someone who rules with absolute power; a tyrant
11. To tear down completely
15. Blameless
18. To infer; guess

22. Uncalled for; without good reason
23. An abundance; rich supply
24. To express disapproval of; criticize

DOWN

1. Stubbornly refusing to obey
3. Mixed feelings
4. Widespread honor and praise; acclaim
8. An intense dislike
12. The quality of staying calm
13. Great warmth or intensity of emotion
14. Worthy of praise; deserving admiration
16. Lacking energy or interest; sluggish
17. Easily convinced
19. Someone who attacks traditional ideas
20. Tough; strong
21. Clever; perceptive



UNIT SIX: Test 1

PART A

Choose the word that best completes each item and write it in the space provided.

- _____ 1. When you write a paper, stick to your point. Don't introduce any ____ topics.
A. extraneous B. nefarious C. didactic D. diminutive
- _____ 2. As soon as the convicted movie star walked out of the courthouse, a ____ of reporters and photographers swarmed around him.
A. paradigm B. iconoclast C. eulogy D. profusion
- _____ 3. Instead of having the preacher deliver the usual ____, friends of the woman who had died took turns speaking about her and her wonderful qualities.
A. eulogy B. paradigm C. profusion D. despot
- _____ 4. "This book," wrote the critic, "could be sold as a sleeping aid—it is that ____."
A. soporific B. unimpeachable C. recalcitrant D. credulous
- _____ 5. Although the new supervisor is ____ and young-looking, he quickly earned the respect of everyone in the office.
A. tawdry B. diminutive C. extraneous D. eclectic
- _____ 6. The discovery of life on another planet would ____ tremendous excitement among both scientists and the general population.
A. deprecate B. surmise C. raze D. engender
- _____ 7. To me, geese always look ____, strutting around with their chests puffed out and their heads held high in the air.
A. servile B. credulous C. gratuitous D. pompous
- _____ 8. "Are you comfortable? Can I get you something to eat? You're looking awfully pretty today. Would you like a pillow for your head?" my brother asked me, making me very suspicious. Why was he being so ____?
A. resigned B. incipient C. listless D. servile
- _____ 9. "Dost thou take this woman to be thy lawfully wedded wife?" the preacher asked. Amused by the ____ language, the couple couldn't help giggling.
A. recalcitrant B. soporific C. archaic D. resigned
- _____ 10. Hoping to sound ____ to his date, Len spent the afternoon reading the *Wall Street Journal*, the *New York Times*, and some online articles.
A. hardy B. credulous C. erudite D. incipient

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- _____ 11. To many of his students, Professor Oppenheimer was the ___ of a teacher: kind, wise, generous, and insightful.
A. iconoclast B. profusion C. paradigm D. despot
- _____ 12. The aging billionaire thinks his fake tan and flashy clothes make him look classy, but they actually make him look _____.
A. erudite B. prodigious C. listless D. tawdry
- _____ 13. People are arguing about what to do with the beautiful but run-down old town hall: ___ it and build a new one, or spend a lot of money restoring it?
A. surmise B. temper C. engender D. raze

PART B

Write **C** if the italicized word is used **correctly**. Write **I** if the word is used **incorrectly**.

- ___ 14. The doctor tried to calm the frightened child, but everything he said only *mollified* her, making her shriek and cry even more.
- ___ 15. The Wilsons were delighted by their son's engagement to a girl they all loved. "We're not losing a son," said Mr. Wilson. "We're gaining the most *nefarious* daughter we could have ever hoped for."
- ___ 16. I like to order a very spicy curry in my favorite Indian restaurant, but I also like to *temper* its fiery heat with a side order of cool, plain yogurt.
- ___ 17. Jaime has very *eclectic* tastes in music. He listens to everything from Mozart to bluegrass to hip-hop to reggae.
- ___ 18. Holidays at Mrs. Miller's house are always exactly the same. She's such an *iconoclast*—everything has to be done according to old family traditions.
- ___ 19. Try to get to the refreshment table before my *abstemious* uncle does. He'll eat anything that isn't nailed down.
- ___ 20. Mrs. Reyes does the hiring at her workplace. But when her nephew applied for a job, she asked a coworker to do the interview: "If Rafael is hired, I don't want anyone saying I was *biased* in his favor."
- ___ 21. This morning Roseanne worked silently at her desk, frowning and snapping "Yes" or "No" when anyone asked her a question. I have no idea what's making her so *blithe*.
- ___ 22. When asked what he wants for dinner, my indecisive brother usually responds with great *fervor*: "Whatever. I don't know."
- ___ 23. Fans cheered when the boxer knocked his opponent down, but then booed when he delivered a *gratuitous* punch to the fallen man.
- ___ 24. Unlike some flowers, such as marigolds, which are tough and easy to grow, orchids are *hardy* and need very delicate care in order to do well.
- ___ 25. The second-grade teacher noticed an *incipient* dislike developing between two boys who sat beside each other, so she changed the seating arrangement to keep the problem from going any further.

Score (Number correct) _____ x 4 = _____ %

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PART A

On the answer line, write the word from the box that completes each item below. Use each word once.

- | | | | | |
|-----------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|---------------|
| A. anomaly | B. arduous | C. ascetic | D. astute | E. despot |
| F. didactic | G. equanimity | H. listless | I. painstaking | J. prodigious |
| K. recalcitrant | L. surmise | M. unimpeachable | | |

- _____ 1. Good parenting is ___ work. Anyone planning to have a baby should realize that the job of being a parent is a difficult one.
- _____ 2. Children’s TV shows like *Sesame Street* are designed to be both entertaining and ____, keeping kids amused as they learn colors, numbers, and ABCs.
- _____ 3. I know it’s silly to think of a machine as having human motives, but I still believe my computer is ____. Sometimes it seems to say, “I won’t obey that command, and there’s nothing you can do to make me.”
- _____ 4. Paul Bunyan, a hero of American folktales, was known for his ___ appetite. Breakfast for Paul might be three dozen eggs, six pounds of bacon, and all the bread a bakery could produce in a day.
- _____ 5. When a usually energetic child becomes ____, parents often suspect that he or she is getting sick.
- _____ 6. Tamika did a(n) ___ job of braiding her sister’s hair. Her hours of long, careful work showed—every braid was perfect and beautiful.
- _____ 7. Reading through the online ads for live-in babysitters, Cara was attracted to one that said, “Are you friendly and cheerful? Is your honesty ___? Do you want to become a member of a loving family?”
- _____ 8. We make all kinds of assumptions every day. For instance, when we see the lights on in a friend’s house, we ___ that the friend is at home.
- _____ 9. The teacher was so amused by my excuse for not handing in my paper that he gave me a compliment. “Anyone ___ enough to see that I’d enjoy an excuse like that is also smart enough to write a good paper,” he said.
- _____ 10. A(n) ___ person and a person who loves luxury are not suited as housemates. One is trying to scale down his or her standard of living, while the other is trying to raise it.
- _____ 11. My father’s eyes are a(n) ___—one is brown and the other is blue.
- _____ 12. Ivan the Terrible was a(n) ___ in 16th-century Russia. This ruler was so violent and power-mad that he would slaughter an entire village if he thought one resident was disloyal.
- _____ 13. As he waited to hear whether he’d gotten a part in a Broadway play, the young actor had trouble maintaining his ___—one minute he’d feel cheerful and confident, and the next he was in despair.

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PART B

Write **C** if the italicized word is used **correctly**. Write **I** if the word is used **incorrectly**.

- ___ 14. At present I have just an *abstract* idea of the house I'd like to build some day. To get a more realistic idea of what it would be like, I'd have to work with an architect and draw up some plans.
- ___ 15. The school dance was a disaster. The students were so *convivial* that they stood silently against the wall, staring at their phones and ignoring one another all evening.
- ___ 16. That little boy's *aversion* to spinach is so great that he can't even bear to see it on the table, much less taste it.
- ___ 17. Charles is a writer of such *renown* that hardly anyone has ever heard of him or his books.
- ___ 18. Although she is behind in the race, the candidate is *resigned* to losing. She will work desperately to earn votes until Election Day arrives.
- ___ 19. Just before leaving for her job interview, Eva felt *ambivalence* about what she was wearing. She liked her suit but wondered if the skirt was too short. She asked herself if her floral print dress would have been a better choice.
- ___ 20. Even on the phone, Wes's depression is obvious. His voice is full of *lassitude*, making him sound sad, tired, and sick.
- ___ 21. Theresa worked hard on her dinner party, and her appreciative guests *deprecated* her efforts, praising the food and decorations to the skies.
- ___ 22. Lyla is a beautiful horse, but she is too *intractable* for anyone but the most experienced riders to control.
- ___ 23. You have to be pretty *credulous* to believe some of the stories in the tabloids: "Blind Man Can Smell Colors" or "Aliens Built Mount Rushmore."
- ___ 24. The instructions for the children's new board game were so *abstruse* that the kids gave up in frustration and went outside to ride their bikes.
- ___ 25. The judge spoke sternly to the convicted man. "Your offenses against the community are so *laudable* that I am going to give you the most severe punishment available to me."

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UNIT SIX: Test 3

PART A: Synonyms

In the space provided, write the letter of the choice that is most nearly the **same** in meaning as the **boldfaced** word.

- | | | | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| ___ 1. lassitude | A. talent | B. eagerness | C. resistance | D. weariness |
| ___ 2. fervor | A. disturbance | B. passion | C. illness | D. insight |
| ___ 3. eulogy | A. a tribute | B. a visit | C. an excuse | D. a loss |
| ___ 4. equanimity | A. calmness | B. aggressiveness | C. weight | D. vision |
| ___ 5. engender | A. to prove | B. to force | C. to cause | D. to defeat |
| ___ 6. eclectic | A. handed down over generations | B. not provable | C. from multiple sources | D. from one source |
| ___ 7. didactic | A. intended to deceive | B. educational | C. cheerful | D. sympathetic |
| ___ 8. despot | A. a tyrant | B. a piece of furniture | C. a period of rest | D. a comrade |
| ___ 9. aversion | A. hatred | B. explanation | C. nuisance | D. absence |
| ___ 10. astute | A. shy | B. recent | C. violent | D. clever |
| ___ 11. anomaly | A. a vegetarian | B. an oddity | C. a weakness | D. a preventive measure |
| ___ 12. abstruse | A. brightly colored | B. confined | C. complicated | D. broken |
| ___ 13. abstract | A. theoretical | B. clear | C. made up of many parts | D. common |
| ___ 14. unimpeachable | A. blameless | B. bearing fruit | C. hairless | D. common |
| ___ 15. temper | A. to excite | B. to explain | C. to tone down | D. to pull back |
| ___ 16. tawdry | A. useless | B. without cause | C. cheap and vulgar | D. lasting a long time |
| ___ 17. surmise | A. to hide | B. to guess | C. to refuse | D. to attack |
| ___ 18. sedative | A. suspicious | B. teasing | C. amusing | D. causing sleep |
| ___ 19. resigned | A. furious | B. unresisting | C. valuable | D. curious |
| ___ 20. renown | A. fame | B. absence | C. location | D. waste |
| ___ 21. recalcitrant | A. worthless | B. stubborn | C. excited | D. reckless |
| ___ 22. raze | A. to allow | B. to rebuild | C. to withdraw | D. to destroy |
| ___ 23. prodigious | A. huge | B. perfect | C. expert | D. annoyed |
| ___ 24. paradigm | A. something abnormal | B. a pleasant surprise | C. an ideal | D. a trick |
| ___ 25. mollify | A. to resent | B. to lie to | C. to soothe | D. to destroy |

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PART B: Antonyms

In the space provided, write the letter of the choice that is most nearly **opposite** in meaning to the **boldfaced** word.

- ___ 26. **extraneous** A. complicated B. essential C. thorough D. frantic
- ___ 27. **erudite** A. protected B. ignorant C. legal D. jealous
- ___ 28. **diminutive** A. amusing B. huge C. wealthy D. narrow
- ___ 29. **deprecate** A. to complain B. to approve of C. to look for D. to reduce
- ___ 30. **credulous** A. unstable B. respected C. highly educated D. disbelieving
- ___ 31. **convivial** A. lazy B. honest C. unsociable D. talented
- ___ 32. **blithe** A. empty B. easily broken C. depressed D. not complete
- ___ 33. **biased** A. open-minded B. normal C. stubborn D. not decorated
- ___ 34. **ascetic** A. unknown B. self-indulgent C. pleasant D. loose
- ___ 35. **arduous** A. brief B. graceful C. romantic D. easy
- ___ 36. **archaic** A. very large B. hidden C. up-to-date D. violent
- ___ 37. **ambivalence** A. the ability to use either the left or the right hand B. generosity
C. acceptance D. decisiveness
- ___ 38. **abstemious** A. unrestrained B. self-important C. peaceful D. observant
- ___ 39. **servile** A. sickly B. worried C. faithful D. proud
- ___ 40. **profusion** A. lack of interest B. scarcity C. obedience D. arrogance
- ___ 41. **pompous** A. humble B. aggressive C. hard-working D. sarcastic
- ___ 42. **painstaking** A. careless B. bad-tempered C. distrustful D. angry
- ___ 43. **nefarious** A. bored B. well-dressed C. grateful D. saintly
- ___ 44. **listless** A. easily angered B. energetic C. fair D. moist
- ___ 45. **laudable** A. dull B. worried C. careless D. deserving blame
- ___ 46. **intractable** A. obedient B. scarce C. excited D. restless
- ___ 47. **incipient** A. fully developed B. badly planned C. without reason D. stubborn
- ___ 48. **iconoclast** A. a talkative person B. an athlete C. a traditionalist D. a supervisor
- ___ 49. **hardy** A. varied B. fragile C. bossy D. numerous
- ___ 50. **gratuitous** A. level B. necessary C. proud D. forced

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