

Sentence Completion Tests

Grade 10

These tests correspond to the lessons listed in the **Word Lists**, as do the **Matching Tests**. They provide both a second method of testing the student's knowledge of the words and practice with sentence completion questions, one of the formats used on the PSAT/SAT.

As with the Matching Tests, each test on sentence completion consists of 20 words: ten newly introduced words and 10 previously introduced words. At no time will students be responsible for a time period of greater than four weeks. Repetitious study of the definitions will help the students to learn the words.

In order for a student to be successful with this program, he must keep all definitions either in a section in his binder or in a spiral notebook so that he can review definitions from previous lessons which will be on each vocabulary test.

These sentence completion questions are designed to assist the student in his learning process. Each sentence contains a key word or key phrase to help the student determine the correct word to complete the sentence. In most cases the sentences contain a form of the definition of the word needed. This type of structure will help to train students to look for key phrases in the questions created by the writers of the SAT/PSAT, as well as to reinforce the student's commitment to learn the definitions of each word.



Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 1

10th Grade



alchemist	allegory	augury	baseness	bestowed
conceit	confound	contaminants	covert	crave

1. The fortune teller was paid for the _____ she would present.
2. The competition called for the poets to use a _____ in their work, a fanciful elaborate metaphor.
3. The _____ worked many unsuccessful hours trying to get lead to turn into gold.
4. The C.I.A. worked undercover on their _____, secret activities, away from the eye of the general public.
5. The poisonous water had many _____ in it because the factories dumped their waste products into the river.
6. The author discussed the subject of economics under the guise of a farm through the use of _____.
7. The _____ of their relationship lies in the fact that it is strictly a vile one, lacking any spiritual dimension.
8. The problem is very difficult and can easily _____ you if you are not extremely careful.
9. The man began to _____ various foods during his diet; he had a strong desire for them.
10. His grandfather _____ many gifts upon him through a will.

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Lesson 1

10th Grade



enfranchisement	exalt	gravity	grievous	hideous
homage	instigation	kindle	knotty	malefactor

11. Though a criminal for most of his life, the _____ had a sudden change of heart and was working to redeem himself in the hearts of his earlier victims.
12. The congregation's reverent regard was evident as they paid _____ to the departing pastor through many gifts that were showered upon him.
13. There was severe suffering and sorrow as a result of the _____ actions of the boys; their behavior brought serious condemnation.
14. The _____ of the situation was apparent in the serious countenance of the woman; we could all tell how important the condition was.
15. Unable to move, the prince's horse was caught in the thicket, entangled in vines up to his neck. The rider could see no solution to the _____ problem of freeing him.
16. The _____ of women and minorities by giving them the right to vote is only a beginning. It is the responsibility of these groups to galvanize their power into a unified base.
17. The officer wanted to _____ the soldier for his bravery; he enjoyed praising his men for good work.
18. The young puppy was able to _____ energy, warmth and love in the old man's heart.
19. I look forward to your _____ of this new project; it takes special people to "get the ball rolling" and start things moving.
20. Some characters in the horror movie had _____ faces.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 2

10th Grade



alliteration

legacy

mettle

mirth

muse

mutinous

prodigious

prodigy

prostration

replicate

1. The millionaire left quite a _____ for his children; his reputation as a philanthropist and benefactor to the poor was known throughout the world.
2. The track star seemed to be suffering complete _____, but the doctor said the runner's vitality would return after a period of rest.
3. The playoffs will test the _____ of the young team; their courage and spirit will either grow and lead them to victory, or it will fail them and they will lose.
4. My teacher gave us a huge amount of homework, a _____ task by anyone's standards.
5. The king called in his jester, proclaiming, "What is needed in this court is _____. I want merriment and laughter."
6. The child _____ was an amazing individual; not only did he have exceptional talent, but he was also versatile in many fields.
7. The captain was not able to pacify the _____ crew before they attacked him and took over the ship.
8. The gypsy woman carefully laid out the cards that she had prepared for the auguries of the future, and then she sat silently in contemplation of them and began to _____.
9. The difference between the original painting and the forgery was obscure and hard to see; to _____ such a work involved copying even the style of brush strokes.
10. The author began several words in the sentence with a consonant sound. This _____ gave the poem a stunning sound effect.

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Lesson 2

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- Card reading is an _____ by which people attempt to make prophecies about the future.
- The poem contained a beautiful _____, an elaborate, fanciful metaphor.
- Whichever method an _____ uses to try to turn lead into gold, he will soon learn that the two will never combine into the desired product.
- Most _____ activities involving the C.I.A. are kept secret from the American people.
- The poisonous water had many _____ in it because the factories dumped their waste products into the river.
- The author discussed the subject of economics under the guise of a farm through the use of _____.
- The _____ of the criminal was obvious to all; lacking any sense of higher values, he was vile and vulgar.
- Calculus is so difficult that it can _____ even very intelligent people who are not easily confused.
- The man began to _____ various foods during his diet; he had a strong desire for them.
- The country _____ honor on Martin Luther King, Jr., by making his birthday a national holiday.

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Lesson 3

10th Grade



rhetoric

routed

soothsayer

spurn

sterile

taper

tarry

unassailable

vanquished

vouchsafed

1. The king should have listened to the _____; although the prophet foretold his future, the warning was not heeded.
2. The poor country had finally been _____; economic sanctions had overpowered the people, conquering the nation for the enemy.
3. A new means of insect control uses chemicals to render insects incapable of reproducing; once they are _____, no new generations can be bred.
4. The politician's speech was full of pompous _____, mere inflated language.
5. Jim was told to cut the wood so that it would _____, decreasing from a width of four inches to a width of two inches.
6. The woman did not _____ in the park; she stayed only five minutes before she left.
7. The troops _____ the invading army and expelled them from the fort.
8. My boss _____ my job, but I did not like the condescending manner of his guarantee.
9. Sam's childish behavior has caused his girlfriend to _____ him; she refuses to answer any of his calls.
10. The king's claim that his fortress was _____ was proven false when the bands of cutthroats conquered it, robbing and pillaging the place.

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gravity	grievous	homage	knotty	legacy
malefactor	mettle	mirth	prodigious	prostration

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Lesson 4

10th Grade



altruistic	ambivalent	angular	aversion	discern
disdain	disparaging	disparate	syntax	vulgarity

1. I cannot understand how anyone can be so _____ about this project; you either support it or you don't, but this constant changing of viewpoints is beyond my comprehension.
2. Even though the _____ programs had no similarities, they worked toward the same goals, and that made them compatible.
3. I met his subtle remarks with _____; I didn't appreciate his trying to hide his feelings. He should have been forthright, open and honest.
4. Her extended illness had resulted in her _____ look; she was so gaunt and lean that none of her clothes fit well.
5. The angry mob resorted to _____ as it shouted obscenities and clamored for the prisoner's release.
6. Because I have a natural _____ to hominy, I never eat the stuff; it is one food that I can't stand.
7. Because of his _____ remarks about me, the committee gave the job to another person; he had effectively ruined my reputation.
8. On hot summer days it is difficult to _____ the difference between a puddle of water and heat waves produced on the road.
9. Missionaries are considered _____ because they are unselfishly concerned for the welfare of others.
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Lesson 4

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rhetoric	soothsayer	sterile	taper	vanquished

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Lesson 5

10th Grade



allusion	embellish	engender	innocuous	insipid
laud	obscure	ostentatious	prodigal	repudiate

1. The girl's _____ conversation bored him to tears; he abhorred silly, meaningless chatter.
2. Certain passages of the book were so _____ that it was difficult to get a clear understanding of exactly what the author had intended to say.
3. It was hard to believe that her feelings could be hurt over such _____ remarks, for nothings he said was really harmful.
4. Her _____ to the literary figure made the point she wanted.
5. A few hints of sophistication began to appear in the woman's _____ apparel; she soon dropped the gaudy accessories and became a conservative dresser.
6. If you show respect for a person, you are likely to _____ a similar regard in that person to show respect for you.
7. The young girl tried to _____ her handwriting by adding swirls and curls to her letters.
8. To give praise to mental laziness is difficult for me, but to _____ students with quick minds is a pleasure.
9. He hired a team of lawyers to _____ the charge that he had embezzled any funds from the company.
10. The man never saved any money because of his _____ attitude; he has never been able to hold on to a dollar when it could be spent on something frivolous.

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replicate	routed	tarry	vouchsafed	vulgarity

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Lesson 6

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analogous	antithesis	ascend	austere	autonomous
banal	reticence	revere	subtle	superfluous

1. It was extremely unusual to see identical twins so vastly different; one seemed to be the very _____ of the other in every regard except appearance.
2. A simile is an _____ comparison which shows the likeness between one thing and another.
3. This paper is marred by _____ details that could have been left out.
4. The essay was marred by _____ comments that had already been made by thousands of uncreative students.
5. I met his _____ remarks with disdain. I didn't appreciate his trying to hide his feelings. He should have been forthright, open and honest.
6. The citizens of the small village longed to be _____, fully independent and self-contained.
7. The girl's _____ was not an asset to her; indeed, her inability to speak in public was like a curse.
8. The _____ life of a monk does not provide for luxury items.
9. In a society of increasing lawlessness, it seems that young children have not been taught to _____ authority and law.
10. The skillful mountain climbers were not afraid to _____ the towering cliff which hovered above them.

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Lesson 7

10th Grade



aphorism	benign	capricious	dawdle	defamation
esoteric	extolled	fastidious	furtive	taciturn

1. The woman is suing the magazine for _____ of character because she thinks that the publicized comments have ruined her reputation.
2. It was difficult to get the _____ girl to settle down and stay on one topic; her subjects of conversation changed as rapidly as her moods.
3. The woman was happy to learn that the tumor was _____ and would not cause her harm.
4. The _____ man said very little; he spoke only when spoken to, and even then he was direct and concise.
5. The woman's _____ housekeeping caused her family much discomfort; if they left anything out of place she became unreasonable.
6. The student was not able to hide his _____ glances at another child's paper; consequently, he received a zero on the test.
7. After her superb performance, the critics _____ her wonderful work; among the many things they praised was her sensitivity.
8. The boss of the company does not allow his employees to _____; he expects them to work quickly and efficiently.
9. Only those who go through initiation ceremonies of the cult understand the meaning of their _____ vows.
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Lesson 8

10th Grade



abstruse

apostrophe

gregarious

hypocrite

innate

lethargic

melancholy

opaque

prolific

reprove

1. The man was hailed as one of the most _____ writers of his time; he produced six complete novels in one year.
2. The woman sang a _____ song at the funeral.
3. The book was so _____ that after he had finished the first difficult chapter, he understood less than when he had begun.
4. Despite the overpowering sound of the bell, there was an _____ and natural tranquility about the church.
5. The boys tried to peek through the _____ window, but they could see nothing.
6. My younger sister has always been insincere; therefore, I feel justified in calling her a _____.
7. The _____ child could hardly keep his eyes open during the class; he was obviously lacking in energy.
8. The _____ boy was always the life of the party; he enjoyed being around large groups of people and would visit with everyone, even people he did not know.
9. His laziness led to a reduction in productivity, and eventually his boss had to _____ him for being so lazy.
10. Through the use of an _____ in the poem, the author addresses his dead mother.

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Lesson 9

10th Grade



affable	audacity	contrite	credulous	depravity
deprecates	didactic	dormant	enigmatic	tranquil

1. The _____ look on the woman's face betrayed her gullibility; she had a tendency to believe everything she heard.
2. My younger brother was always bold and daring; many times he had the _____ to talk back to my parents.
3. The woman's _____ expression convinced her husband that she was sorry for her harsh words.
4. The girl's _____ personality resulted in her being voted friendliest in her class.
5. Most flowers remain _____ in the winter and bloom in the spring.
6. _____ poems are especially interesting in that they often teach a moral as well as entertain.
7. The man has lost so many of his morals that he has fallen into a state of _____.
8. The _____ oaths in the ceremony were a mystery to everyone outside the brotherhood.
9. We feared that our peaceful, _____ valley would soon be ravaged by war.
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Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 10

10th Grade



antecedent	erudite	exotic	fuse	immutable
incorrigible	mitigate	nullify	pacifistic	pretentious

1. The furniture salesman bragged that only _____ woods from foreign lands were used in making the fine item that he was selling.
2. Because he was incapable of being reformed, the boy's _____ conduct could not be tolerated any longer.
3. His driving an extravagant and showy car does not necessarily mean that he is a _____ person.
4. While younger men are often belligerent, older and wiser men may set aside these war-like attitudes for a more _____ outlook.
5. In the sentence "When Mary saw Bob, she told him the story," "Bob" is the _____ of the pronoun "him."
6. Because the student had been voted the most scholarly in his class, the _____ language in his speech was not a surprise.
7. I am seeking to _____ the contract since he has not adhered to the terms upon which we agreed.
8. The lawyer was hoping the court would _____ the original sentence, but the judge seemed totally uninterested in lessening the prison term he had set.
9. With his skilled hands, the silversmith began to _____ the two pieces of metal into one beautiful shape.
10. The man's _____ faith in God could not be shaken; he was firm in his convictions.

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apostrophe	aphorism	audacity	contrite	credulous
dormant	esoteric	gregarious	hypocrite	lethargic

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Lesson 11

10th Grade



aesthetic	aloof	archaic	assuage	belied
contentious	prologue	recant	servile	trepidation

1. The submissiveness of the woman was easy to detect in her _____ manner.
2. The man's _____ interests led him to a life of culture, frequently in the surroundings of beauty and art.
3. Although the pink color of her skin appeared to be a sign of good health, the color deceived the doctor and _____ her true condition.
4. The patient grew more _____ every day; he argued and fought with the nurses every time they entered his room.
5. I experienced great _____ because we were isolated in a cabin during the snowstorm, and we had only a small portion of food; I was afraid we would starve before being rescued.
6. The first fight in the valley was but a _____ to one hundred years of war.
7. When the publisher discovered his error, he was anxious to _____ his previous statement.
8. It is a good idea to remain _____ from people who use drugs; it is safer not to be their friends.
9. Words such as "thou," which are no longer part of normal vocabulary, are _____.
10. Aspirin will surely _____ the pain of my toothache; I need something to lessen my suffering.

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exotic	incurable	pacifistic	pretentious	reprove

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15. The decisions made _____ to the Supreme Court's ruling were independent of each other; however, those made afterward were all related.
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Lesson 12

10th Grade



colloquial	daunt	debilitated	discord	dissemination
dogmatic	duplicity	egocentric	euphemism	vilify

1. When I accused him of _____, he demanded proof of his double-dealing.
2. Because term papers require formal writing, English teachers do not accept papers that contain _____ expressions.
3. That family is continually fighting and arguing; I have never seen such _____ among relatives.
4. Having to deal with _____ people who think of only themselves is the most disgusting aspect of this job.
5. His _____ remarks were biased; even though they were based on little evidence, he spoke them with the conviction of a fanatic.
6. Instead of the word “dying,” many people use the _____ “passing away.”
7. If I want immediate _____ of information, I will tell a well-known gossip who will quickly scatter the news.
8. Even in the midst of the terrible storm, the people maintained a spirit that could not be _____; they simply refused to lose hope.
9. Because the woman was so angry at what the man had said, she directed her anger at him and immediately began to _____ him in all her circles of friends.
10. _____ from his bout with the AIDS virus, the man could barely respond to the questions; he was so weak that he could not even speak.

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aesthetically	belied	contentious	deprecate	erudite
mitigate	nullify	servile	tranquil	trepidation

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Lesson 13

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acrimonious	connotation	mundane	ominous	petulance
pompous	precocious	slothful	verbose	virulent

1. The ex-spouses seldom talked to each other, and when they did, they used caustic, _____ language that expressed their anger.
2. We were all sick of his _____ attitude of thinking that he was so much better than the rest of us.
3. The _____ child began to read before the age of five and was always several years ahead of his peers.
4. Several types of medicine were prescribed in order to stop the _____ infection, which could easily have caused his death.
5. It took the _____ girl three hours to clean her room; she had left it cluttered for so long that it was a wonder she finished in only three hours.
6. His job became so routine and _____ that he longed for something exciting and unusual.
7. A rising tide and increasing winds are both _____ signs of an approaching hurricane.
8. Because of her _____ and irritability, the young girl was not always pleasant to be around.
9. The speaker was so _____ that her speech lasted forty minutes longer than it should have.
10. I did not understand the _____ you intended when you used that word. It implied something very different to me.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 13

10th Grade



aloof	colloquial	discord	dogmatic	duplicity
egocentric	fuse	immutable	prologue	recant

11. When I accused him of _____, he demanded proof of his double-dealing.
12. Because term papers require formal writing, English teachers do not accept papers that contain _____ expressions.
13. That family is continually fighting and arguing; I have never seen such _____ among relatives.
14. Having to deal with _____ people who think of only themselves is the most disgusting aspect of this job.
15. His _____ remarks were biased; even though they were based on little evidence, he spoke them with the conviction of a fanatic.
16. The first fight in the valley was but a _____ to one hundred years of war.
17. When the publisher discovered his error, he was anxious to _____ his previous statement.
18. It is a good idea to remain _____ from people who use drugs; it is safer not to be their friends.
19. With his skilled hands, the silversmith began to _____ the two pieces of metal into one beautiful shape.
20. The man's _____ faith in God could not be shaken; he was firm in his convictions.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 14

10th Grade



ameliorate	amenable	amorphous	buoyant	cajole
debase	denotation	efface	elucidate	volatile

1. Even though water was leaking in at an alarming rate, the vessel surprisingly remained _____.
2. The students were _____ to listening to the unbiased and usually helpful ideas of their teacher; they enjoyed what he had to say.
3. The _____ temper of the man caused him to explode in anger at the slightest provocation.
4. In the science fiction movie, the _____ mass terrorized the town; the giant amoeba consumed whatever it encircled.
5. Because constant handling will eventually _____ the intricate designs of the sculpture, the owner has placed it in a protective glass case.
6. The governor tried to _____ the conditions that had caused inflation to soar.
7. My teacher expected me to _____ the point and to make the thesis clear in my essay.
8. The child tried to _____ his mother into giving him another piece of candy; she was frequently unable to stand up to his persuasion.
9. In the early Puritan days of this country, the scaffold was used to publicly humiliate and _____ a person.
10. If you do not understand the _____ of that word, look at the definition in the dictionary. It should be taken very literally.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 14

10th Grade



acrimonious	archaic	assuage	daunted	dissemination
euphemism	pompous	precocious	slothful	virulent

11. The ex-spouses seldom talked to each other, and when they did, they used caustic, _____ language that expressed their anger.
12. We were all sick of his _____ attitude of thinking that he was so much better than the rest of us.
13. The _____ child began to read before the age of five and was always several years ahead of his peers.
14. Several types of medicine were prescribed in order to stop the _____ , deadly infection.
15. It took the _____ girl three hours to clean her room; she had left it cluttered for so long that it was a wonder she finished in only three hours.
16. Instead of the word “dying,” many people use the _____ “passing away.”
17. If I want immediate _____ of information, I will tell a well-known gossip who will quickly scatter the news.
18. Even in the midst of the terrible storm, the people maintained a spirit that could not be _____; they simply refused to lose hope.
19. Words such as “thou,” which are no longer part of normal vocabulary, are _____.
20. Aspirin will surely _____ the pain of my toothache; I need something to lessen my suffering.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 15

10th Grade



diction	ephemeral	ferocity	haughty	impervious
inane	indolence	infallible	inscrutable	languid

1. After being elected class president, Sally became _____ and arrogant; suddenly she seemed to consider everyone else beneath her.
2. The _____ passage was mysterious and difficult to understand.
3. Like me, she seemed _____ to his rude comments; I always treat such remarks with disdain and contempt and try to remain unaffected by them.
4. They once thought that their leader was _____, but they soon learned that he, too, made mistakes.
5. Because some of my writing has occasionally been meaningless, my teacher now considers all of it to be _____.
6. Her _____ mood of generosity was short-lived; she quickly reverted to her normal greedy behavior.
7. His _____ on the job led to his being fired; had he not been so lazy, he would have remained employed.
8. During the war some of the prisoners fought with the _____ of wild animals.
9. The man's _____ tone sounded like an old, weary traveler looking for a resting place.
10. The author's _____ sets a dreary mood when he uses words like "melancholy" and "bleak."

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 15

10th Grade



amenable	amorphous	buoyant	debilitated	efface
mundane	ominous	petulance	vilify	volatile

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17. A rising tide and increasing winds are both _____ signs of an approaching hurricane.
18. Because of her _____ and irritability, the young girl was not always pleasant to be around.
19. Because the woman was so angry at what the man had said, she directed her anger at him and immediately began to _____ him in all her circles of friends.
20. _____ from his bout with the AIDS virus, the man could barely respond to the questions; he was so weak that he could not even speak.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 16

10th Grade



antiquated	arable	ascendancy	atrophy	clandestine
malice	oblique	opulence	penitent	perfunctory

1. Because of his _____ examination of the machine, he did not see the loose bolt. Had he been more concerned, he would have looked more closely.
2. His _____ toward his ex-wife was shown in his attempt to cause her serious harm.
3. The _____ of one country often signals the decline of another.
4. Because the soil was so _____, the farmer had a surplus of good crops.
5. The _____ theory was rendered ineffective by the new discovery.
6. _____ activities are always an important part of secret groups such as the FBI and the CIA.
7. Only after he had become truly _____ was he able to ask for forgiveness.
8. Evasive, devious and misleading, her testimony was _____, full of answers that sought not to inform, but to deceive.
9. After months in a cast, his leg began to wither and _____.
10. The queen lived in incredible _____, even drinking from an ornate, golden cup.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 16

10th Grade



ameliorate	cajole	connotation	elucidate	haughty
impervious	inane	infallible	inscrutable	verbose

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19. The speaker was so _____ that her speech lasted forty minutes longer than it should have.
20. I did not understand the _____ you intended when you used that word. It implied something very different to me.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 17

10th Grade



conciliate	cursory	derision	enmity	extricate
forbearance	frivolous	garrulous	genre	impetuous

1. Deep-seated _____ and ill will caused the man to be bitter and antagonistic; indeed, he continued to hate the woman until he died.
2. He seems to like _____ girls; seriousness and intelligence in a woman apparently intimidate him.
3. The teacher showed _____ toward the student's poor performance by being patient.
4. When the man made his proposal to the crowd, he was met with _____ and ridicule.
5. The meaning of the note was hidden to a _____ reading but was revealed after a more careful examination.
6. Because the woman was so _____, he never had a chance to say anything while she was talking.
7. I wished only to _____ myself from the unfortunate situation; I cannot stand entanglements and must seek to free myself.
8. After the argument, the husband tried to _____ his wife with a gift of roses; he thought they might pacify her and reconcile their friendship.
9. If you would not be so _____ and rash, you would not make so many mistakes.
10. What type of _____ is your favorite? Is it poetry or biography?

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 17

10th Grade



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ephemeral	ferocity	indolence	malice	perfunctory

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18. During the war some of the prisoners fought with the _____ of wild animals.
19. In the early Puritan days of this country, the scaffold was used to publicly humiliate and _____ a person.
20. If you do not understand the _____ of that word, look at the definition in the dictionary. It should be taken very literally.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 18

10th Grade



infamous	insolence	levity	oblivion	paradoxical
perjury	rancor	sycophant	vacillating	vivid

1. Fortunately, the leader was not swayed by the flattery of the _____, and the group was able to hold together.
2. The _____ in the man's heart must be great if it leads him to hate so intensely someone who has merely insulted him; such bitterness and deep-seated ill will is horrible.
3. The pictures were so _____ and distinct that it was almost like seeing the scene in person.
4. She keeps _____ in her opinion of the man; one day she likes him, but the next day she doesn't.
5. We were shocked by the man's apparent _____ concerning the situation, but we later realized how seriously earnest he was in spite of his flippancy.
6. He was charged with _____ for lying to the grand jury.
7. He is considered an _____ traitor due to his disgraceful acts.
8. The teacher found the boy's _____ to be both insulting and contemptible.
9. The liberal politician's support for the death penalty is _____ since it seems to contradict all that he has previously endorsed.
10. The man was so senile that most of the time he existed in a state of _____, not knowing anything.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 18

10th Grade



clandestine	cursory	derision	diction	enmity
forbearance	frivolous	languid	oblique	penitent

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19. The man's _____ tone sounded like an old, weary traveler looking for a resting place.
20. The author's _____ sets a dreary mood when he uses words like "melancholy" and "bleak."

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 19

10th Grade



abhor	accolades	ascetic	bequeath	charlatan
conflagration	dearth	diffidence	effervescence	ethereal

1. Because they lack adequate medical care, there is a _____ of healthy natives in the region.
2. The San Francisco earthquake caused a _____ that burned many city blocks.
3. We marveled at the _____ quality of the scene; it looked so heavenly that we never wanted to leave.
4. The crowds were duped by the _____ who used deception and lies to convince the people that the sugared water was really a potent medicine.
5. The _____ life of a monk does not provide for luxury items.
6. At the end of the year, the students attaining the highest academic achievement were presented awards and _____ for their diligent work.
7. On Christmas morning all the children bubble with _____ over the gifts, food and fun.
8. My mother's _____ would not allow her to question the waiter; she was too shy to argue about the final bill.
9. The man intended to _____ his entire fortune to his daughter so that upon his death, she would not have to worry about money.
10. I absolutely _____ the thought of having to do this research; I can't think of anything I hate more.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 19

10th Grade



expunge	guile	implausible	incongruity	insularity
invective	placate	poignant	provincial	reiterate

11. His powerful _____ against the candidate left no doubt as to his opinion; it was obvious from such language that he hated the man.
12. The woman was the unfortunate victim of _____ and deceit when she lost her money to that swindler.
13. The father's _____ attitude about his daughter's dating caused her to leave home prematurely, looking for the freedom she had never known.
14. The _____ of one green sock in a drawer with white socks led to the conclusion that the green sock was there by mistake.
15. Although her story seemed _____ to me, the jury believed enough of it to find the woman not guilty.
16. It was a _____ movie, cutting to the truth with keen and incisive dialogue.
17. The _____ of the rich and powerful often gives them a surprisingly narrow minded, isolated view of the real world.
18. The wild man would not be appeased, and only a visit from his wife served to _____ him into a more passive attitude.
19. Having been threatened with removal from the play, the students knew the ushers would soon be there to _____ them for their rowdy behavior.
20. If you want to make yourself clearly understood, you must _____ your statement so that what you have to say can be heard a second time.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 20

10th Grade



acquiesce	affinity	blasphemous	buttress	circumspect
irony	spontaneous	synthesis	vigilant	voluble

1. However strong the _____ between two lovers, sometimes it is better for them to resist this attraction.
2. In order to destroy the building, the charges were set beside the _____; if the support could be destroyed, the wall would fall easily.
3. Because the committee was headed by the most _____ woman in the club, the meetings frequently ran overtime because it was difficult to get her to stop talking.
4. The woman was characterized by her _____ behavior after her divorce; she was hesitant to trust anyone again after having been hurt so badly.
5. We need to establish _____ before we end this project; let's try to combine some of these diverse parts into a unified whole.
6. The drama teacher encouraged us to be _____ with our actions, acting almost on impulse rather than planning them out beforehand.
7. The book was unjustly censured for containing what some people thought to be _____ remarks about the church.
8. The man saw that he was losing the argument and decided to _____ to his opponent's view.
9. Always alert, the _____ guard stood in front of the mayor's residence.
10. I was not blind to the _____ of the situation; it was the opposite of what one would expect.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 20

10th Grade



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Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 21

10th Grade



corroboration

deplete

despotic

emaciated

empirical

extraneous

fallow

homogeneous

hyperbole

incontrovertible

1. In the absence of _____ evidence, evidence based on specific facts, we may have to theorize about the results of the data we have gathered.
2. I depended upon my brother for _____ of my story to prove to my mother that I did not, in fact, break the vase.
3. The rich field had not been planted for two years; after this period of lying _____, the soil was even better than before.
4. These facts are simply _____; they cannot be argued.
5. None of the many parts were _____; if just one of the hundreds had been missing, the machine would not have worked.
6. We tried to maintain _____ grouping in the class; it is easier to teach when everyone in the room is at the same level.
7. Hitler's _____ rule was brought to an end after World War II.
8. If I continue to withdraw my money and not replace it, I will _____ my savings account in another month.
9. The _____ prisoner of war was near death as a result of his lack of nourishment.
10. I would rather not hear your _____; I prefer the exact truth to exaggerations like "I've told you a thousand times."

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 21

10th Grade



affinity	buttress	circumspect	guile	incongruity
invective	provincial	synthesis	voluble	implausible

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Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 22

10th Grade



inference	irascible	laconic	magnanimity	obsequious
proliferation	scrupulous	surreptitious	veracity	zeal

1. The _____ of insects in the garden was uncontrollable; they had already destroyed most of the vegetables and were still multiplying.
2. I do not doubt Tom's _____, but I have some questions as to his brother's devotion to the truth.
3. He approached the task with great _____, anxious to get the job done well.
4. Mother Theresa is known for her love and _____ toward the poor.
5. The _____ child had absolutely no control over his temper and was always angry.
6. The waiter's _____ manner ruined our meal; he would not leave us alone even for a minute because of his attentiveness.
7. Their _____ meetings could not be discovered; they had taken great care to keep them secret.
8. The president's _____ speech was brief, but to the point.
9. There was one man _____ enough to trust with the position; he alone had the integrity and the honesty to lead the people.
10. We can draw an _____ from the information we have that the man was extremely unhappy with his position at work.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 22

10th Grade



acquiesce	blasphemous	corroboration	empirical	expunge
extraneous	fallow	incontrovertible	reiterate	spontaneous

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Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 23

10th Grade



ambiguous

amiable

crass

discursive

docile

estranged

exonerate

gratuitous

indignation

metonymy

1. The brusque comments from the man caused a sense of _____ in the woman; she was not accustomed to such language and was quite insulted.
2. The man's coarse and crude language emphasized his _____ manners.
3. The dog was _____ and easily managed until a cat ran across his path.
4. The _____ millionaire would never deny anyone's request for aid; he was always friendly and never reluctant to give.
5. The man's _____ comments were unsolicited; he gave them freely without being asked for an opinion.
6. The professor's tests were extremely hard because of their _____ questions; one could never be sure exactly what he was asking because each question seemed to have two meanings.
7. There seemed to be no main idea behind his _____ statements; he just rambled aimlessly.
8. Having been separated for two years, his _____ wife finally divorced him.
9. The witness took the stand with the hope that he could _____ his friend from conviction of the crime.
10. The poem uses _____ when it refers to "the white house" to mean "the president."

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 23

10th Grade



deplete	despotic	homogeneous	irascible	irony
magnanimity	proliferation	veracity	vigilant	zeal

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Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 24

10th Grade



induce	intractable	introspective	lucid	meticulous
munificent	onomatopoeia	plagiarize	profuse	recluse

1. Before Stanley moved away from civilization to become a _____, he was gregarious, liking everyone whom he met.
2. Although the woman was burning with fever, she remained _____ and was able to give directions to the child about how to care for her.
3. The cutting of that artery will result in _____ bleeding; without immediate medical attention, she could bleed to death.
4. The _____ child was sent to the principal's office for the third time that day; he was totally unmanageable.
5. With everything neatly put away and in its proper place, the girl was _____ with how she kept her room.
6. The girl became rather _____ when she heard the news; she began to examine her own mind and thoughts about how she would deal with the information.
7. In the speech he tried to _____ a change in the people's attitude, but nothing he said could incite them to action.
8. The student carried the heavy books to his table and started to _____, stealing not only the words of the author but the ideas as well.
9. The _____ woman was giving gifts not only to relatives she knew but also to strangers she did not know, simply because she enjoyed giving things to people.
10. The author uses words like "hiss" and "buzz" in order to get the effect of actual sounds. Such figurative language is called _____.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 24

10th Grade



amiable	crass	docile	emaciated	gratuitous
hyperbole	indignation	laconic	obsequious	surreptitious

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Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 25

10th Grade



abstracted	adulation	adversity	burgeon	chimera
oxymoron	sated	terse	transient	virtuoso

1. He is not the _____ your fears have made him out to be; he is no monster.
2. That author's style is concise; he wastes no words in his _____, succinct sentences.
3. His new sonnet caused the poet to receive praise and _____ from many of his readers.
4. No matter how great _____ seems to be, it is better to fight against misfortune and hardship than to give in to it.
5. Being an avid opera fan, I cherish the memory of the operatic _____ who recently passed away.
6. Homeless people are usually _____, moving from place to place, never staying long.
7. The _____ look on the girl's face made me think that she was not paying attention.
8. The hungry man made several return trips to the buffet table before he was finally _____.
9. The plants in the garden began to _____ as soon as the spring rains came.
10. When the author used the phrase "cruel kindness," he was making use of a figure of speech called _____.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 25

10th Grade



ambiguous	discursive	estranged	inference	intractable
lucid	meticulous	profuse	recluse	scrupulous

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Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 26

10th Grade



culpable	decadent	entreaty	fatuous	indulgent
ineptness	ingrate	inundated	miser	parody

1. Contrary to the emotional _____ for help that was delivered by the last speakers, this woman's plea was rational but without sincerity.
2. The _____ did not even say "thank you" when I gave him my life savings.
3. The society had become so _____ that morality was a thing of the past, and people could not count on laws that had previously been part of their culture.
4. You will never prove me _____ of the crime; I am not guilty and do not deserve the blame.
5. The girl's _____ remarks were so silly that we nearly laughed her out of the room.
6. The comedian's skit was a _____ of the recent inaugural address; although it was intended to be funny, not many people laughed.
7. His _____ as a teacher was reflected in his students' poor test scores and in his inability to maintain discipline in class.
8. The reason the girl cannot lose any weight is that she is so _____ when it comes to food; she is so lenient with herself that she eats until she is stuffed at every meal.
9. It was strange to see the old _____ give money to the cause; he was usually so tight with his money that he wouldn't let go of a single penny.
10. The bridge collapsed when it was _____ by the flood waters.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 26

10th Grade



adulation	adversity	chimera	exonerate	induce
introspective	metonymy	plagiarize	terse	virtuoso

11. He is not the _____ your fears have made him out to be; he is no monster.
12. That author's style is concise; he wastes no words in his _____, succinct sentences.
13. His new sonnet caused the poet to receive praise and _____ from many of his readers.
14. No matter how great _____ seems to be, it is better to fight against misfortune and hardship than to give in to it.
15. Being an avid opera fan, I cherish the memory of the operatic _____ who recently passed away.
16. The girl became rather _____ when she heard the news; she began to examine her own mind and thoughts about how she would deal with the information.
17. In the speech he tried to _____ a change in the people's attitude, but nothing he said could incite them to action.
18. The student carried the heavy books to his table and started to _____, stealing not only the words of the author but the ideas as well.
19. The witness took the stand with the hope that he could _____ his friend from conviction of the crime.
20. The poem uses _____ when it refers to "the white house" to mean "the president."

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 27

10th Grade



nefarious	prattle	predilection	procrastinate	sarcasm
stoic	suffrage	transparent	turbulence	viable

1. The man's _____ attitude made loving him quite difficult; he seemed totally indifferent to any affection displayed toward him.
2. If you do not attend the study sessions, you must find a _____ alternative for learning the material before the test.
3. The _____, evil wizard crouched over the body of its victim.
4. When you begin to _____ like that, I can't understand a word you say; you babble just like a child.
5. Because of my _____ for classical music, I buy season tickets to the symphony each year.
6. The _____ curtains allowed light to enter the room so that the whole atmosphere was more pleasant.
7. _____, the right to vote, was slow in coming to women and minorities in America.
8. It is not a good idea to _____ on this project; if you postpone doing the work until a later date, you will be so far behind that you can't catch up.
9. The woman was hesitant to invite her husband to the meeting because she knew that his hostile attitude was likely to cause much _____ in the family.
10. His speech was full of _____; it had harsh and bitter derision in it.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 27

10th Grade



abstracted

culpable

decadent

entreaty

fatuous

ingrate

munificent

onomatopoeia

sated

transient

11. Contrary to the emotional _____ for help that was delivered by the last speakers, this woman's plea was rational but without sincerity.
12. The _____ did not even say "thank you" when I gave him my life savings.
13. The society had become so _____ that morality was a thing of the past, and people could not count on laws that had previously been part of their culture.
14. You will never prove me _____ of the crime; I am not guilty and do not deserve the blame.
15. The girl's _____ remarks were so silly that we nearly laughed her out of the room.
16. Homeless people are usually _____, moving from place to place, never staying long.
17. The _____ look on the girl's face made me think that she was not paying attention.
18. The hungry man made several return trips to the buffet table before he was finally _____.
19. The _____ woman was giving gifts not only to relatives she knew but also to strangers she did not know, simply because she enjoyed giving things to people.
20. The author uses words like "hiss" and "buzz" in order to get the effect of actual sounds. Such figurative language is called _____.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 28

10th Grade



abetting	agility	antidote	ascertain	desolate
din	dissuade	distend	enervation	satiric

1. The _____ of the old man was amazing; he was as graceful as a professional dancer.
2. The actor's sarcastic monologue ridiculed all of the political candidates; however, none of them seemed to take offense at the _____ comments.
3. As the man ran from the building, the police chased him into a _____ alley that was empty except for one trash can.
4. The man could not be heard above the _____ of the screams from the crowd.
5. The _____ to the poison must be given within one hour of the poison's entrance into the body; otherwise, it cannot relieve the effects of the toxin.
6. My friend will try to _____ me from taking calculus; she always tries to talk me out of taking difficult classes.
7. The boy was charged with _____ a criminal even though he himself did not commit the robbery; he merely drove the get away car.
8. The inhabitants living around the lake were horrified to think the water might _____ beyond the safety barriers; it had already swelled to an unprecedented level.
9. Though it was difficult to _____ what she meant in the letter, we tried to determine the meaning.
10. The toxic substance caused immediate _____; the first symptom of the man's poisoning was his total loss of energy and vitality.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 28

10th Grade



burgeon	indulgent	ineptness	nefarious	oxymoron
parody	prattle	predilection	stoic	viable

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15. Because of my _____ for classical music, I buy season tickets to the symphony each year.
16. The comedian's skit was a _____ of the recent inaugural address; although it was intended to be funny, not many people laughed.
17. His _____ as a teacher was reflected in his students' poor test scores and in his inability to maintain discipline in class.
18. The reason the girl cannot lose any weight is that she is so _____ when it comes to food; she is so lenient with herself that she eats until she is stuffed at every meal.
19. The plants in the garden began to _____ as soon as the spring rains came.
20. When the author used the phrase "cruel kindness," he was making use of a figure of speech called _____.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 29

10th Grade



eulogy	indelible	inert	malevolence	obliterate
ornate	paucity	piety	precarious	syllogism

1. India ink is _____ and cannot be removed from your clothes.
2. Because of the unsettled economy, the business was in a _____ position, perhaps facing bankruptcy.
3. The pilgrims came to the religious shrine to demonstrate their great _____ and reverence.
4. The man regarded the _____, fabulously decorated mansion as his home.
5. The _____ of the evil witch doctor was obvious to all as he deliberately caused the man to suffer.
6. The _____ was delivered to a large gathering of friends and relatives; but after the funeral only a few relatives came to the house.
7. It was quite alarming to find that we had to survive for an entire week with such a _____ of food; we actually had enough for only two days, not seven.
8. It was the task of the company to _____ the town completely; there seemed to be no concern that its total destruction would cause extreme suffering.
9. The drug, having sat so long on the shelf, lost all its active properties and became _____.
10. A _____ presents two valid premises that inevitably lead to a sound conclusion.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 29

10th Grade



agility	antidote	desolate	din	miser
procrastinate	satiric	suffrage	transparent	inundated

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16. The _____ curtains allowed light to enter the room so that the whole atmosphere was more pleasant.
17. _____, the right to vote, was slow in coming to women and minorities in America.
18. It is not a good idea to _____ on this project; if you postpone doing the work until a later date, you will be so far behind that you can't catch up.
19. It was strange to see the old _____ give money to the cause; he was usually so tight with his money that he wouldn't let go of a single penny.
20. The bridge collapsed when it was _____ by the flood waters.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 30

10th Grade



abridged	alacrity	antipathy	augment	bombastic
prosaic	quiescence	scintillating	squalid	vexation

1. Policemen generally have an _____ for crime and criminals; if they did not dislike these things so much, they would not have gone into the profession of law enforcement.
2. There was nothing _____ about that story; it was the most imaginative and creative piece that he had ever written.
3. The destitute family was living in a _____ apartment, full of filth and dirt.
4. The filthy surroundings caused the man much discomfort and distress, but it was more than the dirt and filth that caused his _____.
5. The noise of people in a crowded street was gone, replaced by the _____ of a village emptied by the national holiday.
6. The students approached the task of solving the problem with _____; they were anxious to solve it promptly.
7. The _____ brightness of Judy's engagement ring was noticeable to all her envious friends.
8. Because she needed more money, the woman tried to _____ her income by getting a second job.
9. The _____ version of the novel was not as thorough as the longer version; it left out the entire episode of the war.
10. The man's _____ speech did not impress me; I prefer someone more reserved and humble than he seemed to be with all his pompousness.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 30

10th Grade



abetting	dissuade	distend	indelible	malevolence
ornate	piety	precarious	sarcasm	turbulence

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- Because of the unsettled economy, the business was in a _____ position, perhaps facing bankruptcy.
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- The boy was charged with _____ a criminal even though he himself did not commit the robbery; he merely drove the get away car.
- The inhabitants living around the lake were afraid that the water might _____ beyond the safety barriers; it had already swelled to an unprecedented level.
- The woman was hesitant to invite her husband to the meeting because she knew that his hostile attitude was likely to cause much _____ in the family.
- His speech was full of _____; it had harsh and bitter derision in it.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 31

10th Grade



decry	eclectic	enhance	euphonious	fervid
impecunious	ingratiate	luxuriant	paltry	pedantry

1. The rain forest's _____ green growth is made possible by its climate and rainfall.
2. The man's _____ made others despise him for showing off; everyone knew he was smart, so it was quite unnecessary for him to flaunt it.
3. We heard the _____ cries of the evangelist; his impassioned voice endlessly urging us to sin no more.
4. His room was filled with _____ antiques that he had gathered from numerous places around the world.
5. The _____ sounds of the symphony were quite pleasing; the harmonious tones produced a most soothing effect.
6. He tried to _____ himself with the girl's parents by always being polite; he was sure he could make them like him.
7. The young woman tried to _____ her appearance with beautiful clothes and heavy make-up.
8. The preacher began to _____ the emphasis that the younger generation has put on drugs; his strong expression of disapproval could not go unheard by his congregation.
9. The man made only a _____ attempt at doing the job; what he accomplished was worthless and practically insignificant.
10. The prodigal child spent all his inheritance money, leaving him totally _____.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 31

10th Grade



antipathy

ascertain

enervation

eulogy

obliterate

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prosaic

quiescence

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17. It was the task of the company to _____ the town completely; there seemed to be no concern that its total destruction would cause extreme suffering.
18. Though it was difficult to _____ what she meant in the letter, we tried to determine the meaning.
19. The toxic substance caused immediate _____; the first symptom of the man's poisoning was his total loss of energy and vitality.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 32

10th Grade



placid

preclude

promontory

raze

secular

static

tact

torpid

vindicated

vindictive

1. The man handled the situation with such _____ that I could not help but be impressed; his diplomacy in such a delicate situation is to be admired.
2. The man was _____ when he was cleared of all charges of the crime.
3. Life in this small town is _____, having changed very little in twenty years.
4. The lighthouse sat on the _____ overlooking the sea, casting its beams of light on the dark waters far below.
5. The disenchanted priest left his religious calling for the _____ world and soon became a policeman.
6. Her inner peace and serenity were obvious from the _____ expression on her face.
7. Though he was cleared of all charges, the stranger's spiteful, _____ accusers vowed to get revenge against the man.
8. His _____ movements were the first indication that he was getting sick; because he is usually so active and full of vitality, we knew that something was wrong when he slowed down so much.
9. The people were afraid the invading army would completely _____ their village in its wake of destruction, so they tried to bury some valuables for protection.
10. It was unusual that he did so well on the test; however, we couldn't _____ the possibility that he did, in fact, study this time.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 32

10th Grade



alacrity	augment	eclectic	euphonious	fervid
inert	luxuriant	pedantry	scintillating	syllogism

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17. The _____ brightness of Judy's engagement ring was noticeable to all her envious friends.
18. Because she needed more money, the woman tried to _____ her income by getting a second job.
19. The drug, having sat so long on the shelf, had lost all its active properties and had become _____.
20. A _____ presents two valid premises that inevitably lead to a sound conclusion.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 33

10th Grade



allure	apathetic	auspicious	caricature	cosmopolitan
deplored	discrepant	ecstasy	empathy	symbolism

1. _____ and uncaring, the student filled his essay with nonsense.
2. The painting was a _____ which distorted the woman's nose so that it resembled that of an elephant.
3. The man's _____ attitudes obviously resulted from his many world-wide travels.
4. My wife's checkbook is almost always _____ with mine; we can never seem to get the two to match each other.
5. I was in a state of _____ as we flew over the Grand Canyon; never before had I been so excited about seeing something so incredible.
6. Seeing her ex-boyfriend wasn't an _____ event, but then she never seems to have any good luck where men are concerned.
7. The perfume is designed to _____ and entice men; as soon as the woman puts it on, she is supposed to get a man's eager attention.
8. The politician seemed to have no _____ with the poor people of the nation and could not identify with their problems.
9. The family _____ the untimely death of their loved ones.
10. The author used _____ to represent his complex ideas.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 33

10th Grade



abridged	bombastic	decry	enhance	ingratiate
promontory	secular	static (adj.)	tact	vindicated

11. The man handled the situation with such _____ that I could not help but be impressed; his diplomacy in such a delicate situation is to be admired.
12. Though he was cleared of all charges, the stranger's spiteful accusers vowed to get revenge against the recently _____ man.
13. Life in this small town is _____, having changed very little in twenty years.
14. The lighthouse sat on the _____ overlooking the sea, casting its beams of light on the dark waters far below.
15. The disenchanted priest left his religious calling for the _____ world and soon became a policeman.
16. He tried to _____ himself with the girl's parents by always being polite; he was sure he could make them like him.
17. The young woman tried to _____ her appearance with beautiful clothes and heavy make-up.
18. The preacher began to _____ the emphasis that the younger generation has put on drugs; his strong expression of disapproval could not go unheard by his congregation.
19. The _____ version of the novel was not as thorough as the longer version; it left out the entire episode of the war.
20. The man's _____ speech did not impress me; I prefer someone more reserved and humble than he seemed to be with all his pompousness.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 34

10th Grade



equivocal	expeditious	galvanize	implacable	inimitable
mutability	odious	parochial	penchant	ponderous

1. Sally's _____ for travel has helped her to become acquainted with foreign countries and customs; she has always had an inclination for world travel.
2. I don't mean to be _____ about the matter, but I simply can't make up my mind about what I want to do.
3. The evangelist expressed his contempt for the _____ pornography business in this country.
4. The government expects the people to be _____ about filing their income tax returns; there is a fine for those who don't file them on time.
5. The violinist's incredible style is _____; no one yet has been able to duplicate or imitate her style and technique.
6. The man is an _____ tyrant; nothing will appease him when he is angry.
7. His views on the subject were rather _____; they were narrow-minded and petty.
8. It is the _____ of man that allows for an ever-changing society such as ours.
9. The politician's skill in oratory enabled him to _____ the public support of his constituency; the people were finally stimulated into action.
10. The criminal was angered by having to drag the long, heavy, _____ chain that was fastened to his leg.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 34

10th Grade



apathetic	caricature	cosmopolitan	discrepant	ecstasy
impecunious	paltry	placid	torpid	vindictive

11. _____ and uncaring, the student filled his essay with nonsense.
12. The painting was a _____ which distorted the woman's nose so that it resembled that of an elephant.
13. The man's _____ attitudes obviously resulted from his many world-wide travels.
14. My wife's checkbook is almost always _____ with mine; we can never seem to get the two to match each other.
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18. His _____ movements were the first indication that he was getting sick; because he is usually so active and full of vitality, we knew that something was wrong when he slowed down so much.
19. The man made only a _____ attempt at doing the job; what he accomplished was worthless and practically insignificant.
20. The prodigal child spent all his inheritance money, leaving him totally _____.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 35

10th Grade



appended	apprised	ardent	cloistered	constricted
rectitude	rend	schisms	understate	uproarious

1. Two major _____ and several other minor divisions have separated the people into many groups.
2. The minister entered his religious service because of an _____ and zealous desire to help to improve other people's lives.
3. The _____ crowd applauded and yelled loudly at the outdoor concert; they were not in the least concerned about the noise that they were making.
4. Among the accolades the minister received for his _____ was a plaque honoring his moral integrity.
5. _____ to the end of the report about the terrorists' fanaticism was a note describing how they became so excessively zealous.
6. I _____ my husband of the situation, informing him of the conversation I had had with the teacher.
7. The nun had been secluded for a long time, _____ from early youth until her hair was white with age.
8. Paul has a tendency to _____ the seriousness of the problem; he often fails to give emphasis to the importance of things.
9. The warrior began to _____ the beast, cutting it into small pieces with his sword.
10. Because the flow of air into the basement was _____ when we closed the vent, the room soon became permeated with that pungent smell of things slightly damp.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 35

10th Grade



allure	auspicious	empathy	equivocal	expeditious
inimitable	odious	penchant	preclude	raze

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12. I don't mean to be _____ about the matter, but I simply can't make up my mind about what I want to do.
13. The evangelist expressed his contempt for the _____ pornography business in this country.
14. The government expects the people to be _____ about filing their income tax returns; there is a fine for those who don't file them on time.
15. The violinist's incredible style is _____; no one yet has been able to duplicate or imitate her style and technique.
16. Seeing her ex-boyfriend wasn't an _____ event, but then she never seems to have any good luck where men are concerned.
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18. The politician seemed to have no _____ with the poor people of the nation and could not identify with their problems.
19. The people were afraid the invading army would completely _____ their village in its wake of destruction, so they tried to bury some valuables for protection.
20. It was unusual that he did so well on the test; however, we couldn't _____ the possibility that he did, in fact, study this time.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 36

10th Grade



disentangle	fanaticism	feint	fermented	forestalled
gnarled	hoary	imagery	infernal	jaunty

1. Appended to the end of the report about the terrorists' _____ was a note describing how they had become so excessively zealous.
2. As the two cars blocked the road, traffic was _____ behind them in furious knots.
3. Many religious fanatics often refer to the _____ fires sinners face after death.
4. Many prohibitionists believed that brandy was the work of the devil, but it was just the further distillation of _____ wine.
5. The group of men varied in the extreme; some showed the _____ appearance of the newest and most fashionable style, while others had the slovenly look of skid row bums.
6. We _____ the bulldozers by draining them of gas, effectively slowing them down.
7. The nun had been secluded from her early youth until her hair was _____ with age.
8. The _____ is so clear in that passage that I feel I can almost smell the food the author is describing.
9. The fighter viewed every movement of his opponent as a possible _____ and was prepared for such false appearances; consequently, he was not fooled by any fake punches and was able to win the fight.
10. We were not able to _____ the horse from the brambles. He was hopelessly wrapped up in the vines.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 36

10th Grade



appended	ardent	deplored	implacable	mutability
parochial	rectitude	schisms	symbolism	uproarious

11. Two major _____ and several other minor divisions have separated the people into many groups.
12. The minister entered his religious service because of an _____ and zealous desire to help to improve other people's lives.
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16. The man is an _____ tyrant; nothing will appease him when he is angry.
17. His views on the subject were rather _____; they were narrow-minded and petty.
18. It is the _____ of man that allows for an ever-changing society such as ours.
19. The family _____ the unexpected death of their loved ones.
20. The author used _____ to represent his complex ideas.

Sentence Completion

Answers

Grade 10



Test 1

Ex. A

1. augury
2. conceit
3. alchemist
4. covert
5. contaminants
6. allegory
7. baseness
8. confound
9. crave
10. bestowed

Ex. B

11. malefactor
12. homage
13. grievous
14. gravity
15. knotty
16. enfranchisement
17. exalt
18. kindle
19. instigation
20. hideous

Test 2

Ex. A

1. legacy
2. prostration
3. mettle
4. prodigious
5. mirth
6. prodigy
7. mutinous
8. muse
9. replicate
10. alliteration

Ex. B

11. augury
12. conceit
13. alchemist
14. covert
15. contaminants
16. allegory
17. baseness
18. confound
19. crave
20. bestowed

Test 3

Ex. A

1. soothsayer
2. vanquished
3. sterile
4. rhetoric
5. taper
6. tarry
7. routed
8. vouchsafed
9. spurn
10. unassailable

Ex. B

11. legacy
12. prostration
13. mettle
14. prodigious
15. mirth
16. malefactor
17. homage
18. grievous
19. gravity
20. knotty

Test 4

Ex. A

1. ambivalent
2. disparate
3. disdain
4. angular
5. vulgarity
6. aversion
7. disparaging
8. discern
9. altruistic
10. syntax

Ex. B

11. soothsayer
12. vanquished
13. sterile
14. rhetoric
15. taper
16. prodigy
17. mutinous
18. muse
19. kindle
20. instigation

Test 5

Ex. A

1. insipid
2. obscure
3. innocuous
4. allusion
5. ostentatious
6. engender
7. embellish
8. laud
9. repudiate
10. prodigal

Ex. B

11. ambivalent
12. disparate
13. disdain
14. angular
15. vulgarity
16. tarry
17. routed
18. vouchsafed
19. replicate
20. alliteration

Test 6

Ex. A

1. antithesis
2. analogous
3. superfluous
4. banal
5. subtle
6. autonomous
7. reticence
8. austere
9. revere
10. ascend

Ex. B

11. insipid
12. obscure
13. innocuous
14. allusion
15. ostentatious
16. aversion
17. disparaging
18. discern
19. spurn
20. unassailable

Test 7

Ex. A

1. defamation
2. capricious
3. benign
4. taciturn
5. fastidious
6. furtive
7. extolled
8. dawdle
9. esoteric
10. aphorism

Ex. B

11. antithesis
12. analogous
13. superfluous
14. banal
15. subtle
16. engender
17. embellish
18. laud
19. altruistic
20. syntax

Test 8

Ex. A

1. prolific
2. melancholy
3. abstruse
4. innate
5. opaque
6. hypocrite
7. lethargic
8. gregarious
9. reprove
10. apostrophe

Ex. B

11. defamation
12. capricious
13. benign
14. taciturn
15. fastidious
16. autonomous
17. reticence
18. austere
19. repudiate
20. prodigal

Sentence Completion

Answers

Grade 10



Test 9

Ex. A

- credulous
- audacity
- contrite
- affable
- dormant
- didactic
- depravity
- enigmatic
- tranquil
- deprecates

Ex. B

- prolific
- melancholy
- abstruse
- innate
- opaque
- furtive
- extolled
- dawdle
- revere
- ascend

Test 13

Ex. A

- acrimonious
- pompous
- precocious
- virulent
- slothful
- mundane
- ominous
- petulance
- verbose
- connotation

Ex. B

- duplicity
- colloquial
- discord
- egocentric
- dogmatic
- prologue
- recant
- aloof
- fuse
- immutable

Test 10

Ex. A

- exotic
- incorrigible
- pretentious
- pacifistic
- antecedent
- erudite
- nullify
- mitigate
- fuse
- immutable

Ex. B

- credulous
- audacity
- contrite
- apostrophe
- dormant
- hypocrite
- lethargic
- gregarious
- esoteric
- aphorism

Test 14

Ex. A

- buoyant
- amenable
- volatile
- amorphous
- efface
- ameliorate
- elucidate
- cajole
- debase
- detonation

Ex. B

- acrimonious
- pompous
- precocious
- virulent
- slothful
- euphemism
- dissemination
- daunted
- archaic
- assuage

Test 11

Ex. A

- servile
- aesthetic
- belied
- contentious
- trepidation
- prologue
- recant
- aloof
- archaic
- assuage

Ex. B

- exotic
- incorrigible
- pretentious
- pacifistic
- antecedent
- didactic
- depravity
- enigmatic
- reprove
- affable

Test 15

Ex. A

- haughty
- inscrutable
- impervious
- infallible
- inane
- ephemeral
- indolence
- ferocity
- languid
- diction

Ex. B

- buoyant
- amenable
- volatile
- amorphous
- efface
- mundane
- ominous
- petulance
- vilify
- debilitated

Test 12

Ex. A

- duplicity
- colloquial
- discord
- egocentric
- dogmatic
- euphemism
- dissemination
- daunted
- vilify
- debilitated

Ex. B

- servile
- aesthetically
- belied
- contentious
- trepidation
- erudite
- nullify
- mitigate
- tranquil
- deprecate

Test 16

Ex. A

- perfunctory
- malice
- ascendancy
- arable
- antiquated
- clandestine
- penitent
- oblique
- atrophy
- opulence

Ex. B

- haughty
- inscrutable
- impervious
- infallible
- inane
- ameliorate
- elucidate
- cajole
- verbose
- connotation

Sentence Completion

Answers

Grade 10



Test 17

Ex. A

1. enmity
2. frivolous
3. forbearance
4. derision
5. cursory
6. garrulous
7. extricate
8. conciliate
9. impetuous
10. genre

Ex. B

11. perfunctory
12. malice
13. ascendancy
14. arable
15. antiquated
16. ephemeral
17. indolence
18. ferocity
19. debase
20. denotation

Test 18

Ex. A

1. sycophant
2. rancor
3. vivid
4. vacillating
5. levity
6. perjury
7. infamous
8. insolence
9. paradoxical
10. oblivion

Ex. B

11. enmity
12. frivolous
13. forbearance
14. derision
15. cursory
16. clandestine
17. penitent
18. oblique
19. languid
20. diction

Test 19

Ex. A

1. dearth
2. conflagration
3. ethereal
4. charlatan
5. ascetic
6. accolades
7. effervescence
8. diffidence
9. bequeath
10. abhor

Ex. B

11. invective
12. guile
13. provincial
14. incongruity
15. implausible
16. poignant
17. insularity
18. placate
19. expunge
20. reiterate

Test 20

Ex. A

1. affinity
2. buttress
3. voluble
4. circumspect
5. synthesis
6. spontaneous
7. blasphemous
8. acquiesce
9. vigilant
10. irony

Ex. B

11. dearth
12. conflagration
13. ethereal
14. charlatan
15. ascetic
16. accolades
17. effervescence
18. diffidence
19. bequeath
20. abhor

Test 21

Ex. A

1. empirical
2. corroboration
3. fallow
4. incontrovertible
5. extraneous
6. homogeneous
7. despotic
8. deplete
9. emaciated
10. hyperbole

Ex. B

11. affinity
12. buttress
13. voluble
14. circumspect
15. synthesis
16. invective
17. guile
18. provincial
19. incongruity
20. implausible

Test 22

Ex. A

1. proliferation
2. veracity
3. zeal
4. magnanimity
5. irascible
6. obsequious
7. surreptitious
8. laconic
9. scrupulous
10. inference

Ex. B

11. empirical
12. corroboration
13. fallow
14. incontrovertible
15. extraneous
16. spontaneous
17. blasphemous
18. acquiesce
19. expunge
20. reiterate

Test 23

Ex. A

1. indignation
2. crass
3. docile
4. amiable
5. gratuitous
6. ambiguous
7. discursive
8. estranged
9. exonerate
10. metonymy

Ex. B

11. proliferation
12. veracity
13. zeal
14. magnanimity
15. irascible
16. homogeneous
17. despotic
18. deplete
19. vigilant
20. irony

Test 24

Ex. A

1. recluse
2. lucid
3. profuse
4. intractable
5. meticulous
6. introspective
7. induce
8. plagiarize
9. munificent
10. onomatopoeia

Ex. B

11. indignation
12. crass
13. docile
14. amiable
15. gratuitous
16. obsequious
17. surreptitious
18. laconic
19. emaciated
20. hyperbole

Sentence Completion

Answers

Grade 10



Test 25

Ex. A

1. chimera
2. terse
3. adulation
4. adversity
5. virtuoso
6. transient
7. abstraction
8. sated
9. burgeon
10. oxymoron

Ex. B

11. recluse
12. lucid
13. profuse
14. intractable
15. meticulous
16. ambiguous
17. discursive
18. estranged
19. scrupulous
20. inference

Test 29

Ex. A

1. indelible
2. precarious
3. piety
4. ornate
5. malevolence
6. eulogy
7. paucity
8. obliterate
9. inert
10. syllogism

Ex. B

11. agility
12. satiric
13. desolate
14. din
15. antidote
16. transparent
17. suffrage
18. procrastinate
19. miser
20. inundated

Test 26

Ex. A

1. entreaty
2. ingrate
3. decadent
4. culpable
5. fatuous
6. parody
7. ineptness
8. indulgent
9. miser
10. inundated

Ex. B

11. chimera
12. terse
13. adulation
14. adversity
15. virtuoso
16. introspective
17. induce
18. plagiarize
19. exonerate
20. metonymy

Test 30

Ex. A

1. antipathy
2. prosaic
3. squalid
4. vexation
5. quiescence
6. alacrity
7. scintillating
8. augment
9. abridged
10. bombastic

Ex. B

11. indelible
12. precarious
13. piety
14. ornate
15. malevolence
16. dissuade
17. abetting
18. distend
19. turbulence
20. sarcasm

Test 27

Ex. A

1. stoic
2. viable
3. nefarious
4. prattle
5. predilection
6. transparent
7. suffrage
8. procrastinate
9. turbulence
10. sarcasm

Ex. B

11. entreaty
12. ingrate
13. decadent
14. culpable
15. fatuous
16. transient
17. abstracted
18. sated
19. munificent
20. onomatopoeia

Test 31

Ex. A

1. luxuriant
2. pedantry
3. fervid
4. eclectic
5. euphonious
6. ingratiate
7. enhance
8. decry
9. paltry
10. impecunious

Ex. B

11. antipathy
12. prosaic
13. squalid
14. vexation
15. quiescence
16. eulogy
17. paucity
18. obliterate
19. ascertain
20. enervation

Test 28

Ex. A

1. agility
2. satiric
3. desolate
4. din
5. antidote
6. dissuade
7. abetting
8. distend
9. ascertain
10. enervation

Ex. B

11. stoic
12. viable
13. nefarious
14. prattle
15. predilection
16. parody
17. ineptness
18. indulgent
19. burgeon
20. oxymoron

Test 32

Ex. A

1. tact
2. vindicated
3. static
4. promontory
5. secular
6. placid
7. vindictive
8. torpid
9. raze
10. preclude

Ex. B

11. luxuriant
12. pedantry
13. fervid
14. eclectic
15. euphonious
16. alacrity
17. scintillating
18. augment
19. inert
20. syllogism

Sentence Completion

Answers

Grade 10



Test 33

Ex. A

1. apathetic
2. caricature
3. cosmopolitan
4. discrepant
5. ecstasy
6. auspicious
7. allure
8. empathy
9. deplored
10. symbolism

Ex. B

11. tact
12. vindicated
13. static
14. promontory
15. secular
16. ingratiate
17. enhance
18. decry
19. abridged
20. bombastic

Test 34

Ex. A

1. penchant
2. equivocal
3. odious
4. expeditious
5. inimitable
6. implacable
7. parochial
8. mutability
9. galvanize
10. ponderous

Ex. B

11. apathetic
12. caricature
13. cosmopolitan
14. discrepant
15. ecstasy
16. placid
17. vindictive
18. torpid
19. paltry
20. impecunious

Test 35

Ex. A

1. schisms
2. ardent
3. uproarious
4. rectitude
5. appended
6. apprised
7. cloistered
8. understate
9. rend
10. constricted

Ex. B

11. penchant
12. equivocal
13. odious
14. expeditious
15. inimitable
16. auspicious
17. allure
18. empathy
19. raze
20. preclude

Test 36

Ex. A

1. fanaticism
2. gnarled
3. infernal
4. fermented
5. jaunty
6. forestalled
7. immutable
8. hoary
9. feint
10. disentangle

Ex. B

11. schisms
12. ardent
13. uproarious
14. rectitude
15. appended
16. implacable
17. parochial
18. mutability
19. deplore
20. symbolism