

CHAPTER 7

THE PRACTICE TESTS GENERAL DIRECTIONS

Essential Words for the TOEFL provides you with two TOEFL Vocabulary Practice Tests on the pages that follow. After you have studied the vocabulary lessons in this book, take both of the tests on separate days.

When taking each test, circle the correct answer in your book. Allow yourself no more than 15 minutes to take each test. Although on an official TOEFL you will be given 45 minutes to complete Section 3 of the test, you should complete the vocabulary items in less than 15 minutes, in order to give yourself ample time to answer the longer Reading Comprehension items. Thus, allow yourself no more than 15 minutes to complete each of the Practice Tests that follow.

After you take each test, score it using the answer key provided on page 197 of this book. For each item you answer incorrectly, look up the word tested in this book. Try to understand why you made the mistake so you won't make it again. If necessary, look up the tested word or the options in your English dictionary. This will provide you with additional information on the meaning of the word in different contexts and perhaps other ex-ample sentences demonstrating its usage.

For information on interpreting your performance and converting it to the TOEFL scale, follow the directions in Scoring Your TOEFL Vocabulary Practice Tests, at the end of this Chapter. Now take the TOEFL Vocabulary Practice Test 1.

TOEFL VOCABULARY PRACTICE TEST 1

1. It is evident that animals played a predominant role in the world of the upper Paleolithic Period.
(A) hazardous
(B) principal
(C) minuscule
(D) misunderstood
2. Some experts believe that the functions of the print media will be replaced by audio or visual media.
(A) distribution
(B) influences
(C) roles
(D) popularity
3. A central issue in probability is predicting the value of a future observation.
(A) recording
(B) interpreting
(C) observing
(D) foretelling
4. The modern world is inundated with competing propaganda and counterpropaganda.
(A) balanced
(B) sustained
(C) overwhelmed
(D) contaminated
5. The expansion of public services has caused concern that the civil service branches are becoming autonomous powers.
(A) independent
(B) advanced
(C) superior
(D) perilous
6. A deep rock tunnel between Washington, D.C. and Boston that employs an entirely new type of rapid conveyance is receiving serious consideration from civil planners.
(A) an outlandishly
(B) a comparatively
(C) an intrinsically
(D) a completely
7. Women's magazines reflect the changing view of women's role in society.
(A) distort
(B) show
(C) accentuate
(D) promote
8. Courtship is a widespread prelude to mating among modern reptiles.
(A) a tedious
(B) an uncontrolled
(C) a common
(D) an essential
9. The elimination of carbon dioxide is a necessary process in all animals.
(A) rejection
(B) accumulation
(C) deletion
(D) production
10. In contrast to traditional rhetoric, modern rhetoric has shifted its focus to the audience or

reader.

- (A) intensified
 - (B) narrowed
 - (C) maintained
 - (D) altered
11. The enormous rigid plates that make up the outer shell of the Earth continually move relative to one another.
- (A) vast
 - (B) ancient
 - (C) dense
 - (D) deep
12. The process of eutrophication involves a sharp increase in the concentration of phosphorus and nitrogen and promotes the growth of algae.
- (A) conceals
 - (B) boosts
 - (C) disrupts
 - (D) halts
13. Evidence that harmful effects may result from small amounts of radiation has prompted concern about low level irradiation from various sources.
- (A) minimized
 - (B) exaggerate
 - (C) generated
 - (D) sustained
14. Large sponges often harbor smaller organisms.
- (A) shelter
 - (B) reject
 - (C) avoid
 - (D) consume
15. Most varieties of squash were cultivated by American Indian civilizations.
- (A) bartered
 - (B) grown
 - (C) eaten
 - (D) gathered
16. The sugar maple grows to a height of 120 feet and has a dense crown of leaves that turns bright red in the fall.
- (A) vibrant
 - (B) thick
 - (C) remarkable
 - (D) large
17. The sumacs grown for landscape use display a graceful style with spectacular fall colors and colorful fruit clusters.
- (A) elude
 - (B) maintain
 - (C) develop
 - (D) exhibit
18. Tadpoles typically dwell at the bottom of bodies of fresh water.
- (A) swim
 - (B) feed
 - (C) live
 - (D) reproduce
19. John Quincy Adams was a conspicuous opponent of the expansion of slavery.
- (A) consistent

- (B) noticeable
 - (C) distinguished
 - (D) formidable
20. The Indian civilizations of Alabama spanned over 10,000 years.
- (A) declined
 - (B) developed
 - (C) covered
 - (D) prospered
21. The banana is a gigantic herb that springs from an underground stem to form false trunks up (3) to 20 feet high.
- (A) an immense
 - (B) a striking
 - (C) an attractive
 - (D) a plentiful
22. The evolution of agriculture in the early years of the twentieth century was characterized by the partial mechanization of the sowing and reaping processes.
- (A) created
 - (B) enriched
 - (C) accelerated
 - (D) typified
23. One of the most striking aspects of Indian cultures was the production of ceremonial costumes and ornaments worn during religious rituals.
- (A) absurd
 - (B) remarkable
 - (C) arbitrary
 - (D) spontaneous
24. The innovative use of iron and steel in construction represented an important advancement in the building industry of the 1800s.
- (A) improvement
 - (B) element
 - (C) influence
 - (D) occasion
25. Professional interior design assignments are typically complex endeavors that begin with an interview with the client.
- (A) personal
 - (B) intricate
 - (C) orderly
 - (D) gratifying
26. In antiquity, mosaics were made of uncut pebbles of uniform size.
- (A) consistent
 - (B) ideal
 - (C) moderate
 - (D) minuscule
27. All organisms must obtain nutrients from the environment in order to sustain themselves.
- (A) isolate
 - (B) harvest
 - (C) acquire
 - (D) digest
28. Sauropods are distinguished by their body form as well as their enormous size.
- (A) limited
 - (B) overwhelmed
 - (C) allocated

- (D) identified
29. The predominant unit of drawing is the line.
- (A) smallest
 - (B) resilient
 - (C) principal
 - (D) dramatic
30. The primary task of the kidney is to maintain the volume and composition of bodily fluids
- (2).
- (A) preserve
 - (B) distribute
 - (C) assimilate
 - (D) condense

TOEFL VOCABULARY PRACTICE TEST 2

1. The vital laws of geologic succession were not fully understood until the end of the eighteenth century.
(A) erratic
(B) complex
(C) legitimate
(D) indispensable
2. It is a familiar phenomenon that an object released above the Earth's surface accelerates toward the Earth.
(A) positioned.
(B) freed
(C) transported
(D) observed
3. The Earth's magnetic fields have been investigated with increasing accuracy for over one hundred years.
(A) probed
(B) dissected
(C) attracted
(D) repelled
4. In 1835, James Espy began extensive studies of storms from which he developed a theory to explain their sources of energy.
(A) documented
(B) Precise
(C) crucial
(D) comprehensive
5. One of the most beneficial effects of the automobile has been to permit nearly everyone in the automotive countries to travel for recreation.
(A) adverse
(B) advantageous
(C) fundamental
(D) practical
6. A major shift in propulsion technology during the postwar period caused the world to adopt jet propulsion as the power source for military and passenger aircraft.
(A) expansion
(B) advance
(C) switch
(D) discovery
7. Throughout the nineteenth century, a succession of improvements in textile machinery steadily increased the volume of cloth and garment production.
(A) attractiveness
(B) refinement
(C) quantity
(D) caliber
8. The human environment, in the biological sense, is chiefly a hostile one.
(A) mostly
(B) actually
(C) normally
(D) partially
9. All of the outer surfaces of the human body are covered with microorganisms that are potentially harmful.
(A) intolerable
(B) annoying

- (C) intrusive
 - (D) unhealthy
10. One remarkable form of communication among insects is the dance language of the honeybee.
- (A) substantial
 - (B) exceptional
 - (C) mysterious
 - (D) tangible
11. The celebrated beauty of Maine's landscape and the character of its people have given the state a stature beyond its political and economic importance.
- (A) renowned
 - (B) appealing
 - (C) incredible
 - (D) scenic
12. In the United Nations, controversies generated by political differences are generally settled by compromise.
- (A) exaggerated
 - (B) created
 - (C) enhanced
 - (D) eroded
13. The United States sustains an economic life that is more diversified than any other on Earth.
- (A) accelerated
 - (B) distinct
 - (C) impressive
 - (D) varied
14. Remains of ancient people dating to 9000 B.C. have been found in the state of Ohio.
- (A) indigenous
 - (B) frail
 - (C) early
 - (D) conserved
15. Hawaii is economically vigorous, with extensive agriculture and manufacturing, and is a Pacific Basin transportation and cultural center.
- (A) advantaged
 - (B) dependable
 - (C) involved
 - (D) strong
16. The unique nature of viruses requires careful study to determine how they develop in host cells.
- (A) rage
 - (B) vague
 - (C) resilient
 - (D) intriguing
17. Active volcanoes are scattered over the area of the Earth known as the Ring of Fire.
- (A) feared
 - (B) discovered
 - (C) distributed
 - (D) grouped
18. Theodore Roosevelt regarded vaudeville as an amusing North American pastime.
- (A) abusive
 - (B) interesting
 - (C) enriching

- (D) archaic
19. Most migrant workers move in a well-established pattern according to the season of the regions where they work.
- (A) area
 - (B) way
 - (C) group
 - (D) habit
20. The standard definition of writing highlights the fact that writing is in principle the representation of language rather than a direct representation of thought.
- (A) mentions
 - (B) conceals
 - (C) emphasizes
 - (D) distorts
21. An intensification of internal stress and conflict among social, racial, and ideological groups has had profound effects on education in the twentieth century.
- (A) disruptive
 - (B) significant
 - (C) unavoidable
 - (D) debilitating
22. Visible light is the most familiar form of electromagnetic radiation (4).
- (A) perceivable
 - (B) blinding
 - (C) dim
 - (D) measurable
23. Emotions influence the way humans conceive and interpret the world around them.
- (A) modify
 - (B) mirror
 - (C) clarify
 - (D) overcome
24. All great encyclopedia makers have tried to objectively present (1) an accurate picture of civilization.
- (A) an acceptable
 - (B) a balanced
 - (C) an enlightening
 - (D) a worthwhile
25. Conservative groups and artists in Hollywood have never been able to sustain a beneficial lasting relationship.
- (A) gratifying
 - (B) enduring
 - (C) worthwhile
 - (D) reliable
26. A primary exception to the steady abandonment of windmills was their resurgence in rural areas for pumping water from wells.
- (A) unmistakable
 - (B) wanton
 - (C) unhealthy
 - (D) constant
27. Equality, human rights, and justice are prominent issues that came from the United States' civil rights movement of the 1960s.
- (A) contemporary
 - (B) nominal
 - (C) conspicuous

- (D) unique
28. The typical symphony orchestra has evolved gradually since the late eighteenth century.
- (A) haphazardly
 - (B) scarcely
 - (C) steadily
 - (D) logically
29. The fire salamander takes its name from an old belief that it could withstand flames.
- (A) survive
 - (B) extinguish
 - (C) elude
 - (D) reduce
30. Satellite images show tropical depressions as brilliant white masses of clouds.
- (A) powerful
 - (B) vast
 - (C) radiant
 - (D) elaborate

ANSWERS TO TOEFL VOCABULARY TESTS

Practice Test 1

1.B	11.A	21.A
2. C	12. B	22. D
3.D	13.C	23.B
4. C	14. A	24. A
5.A	15.B	25.B
6. D	16. B	26. A
7.B	17.D	27.C
8. C	18. C	28. D
9. C	19. B	29. C
10. D	20. C	30. A

Practice Test 2

1.D	11.A	21.B
2. B	12. B	22. A
3.A	13.D	23.C
4. D	14. C	24. B
5.B	15.D	25.B
6. C	16. A	26. D
7.C	17.C	27.C
8. A	18. B	28. C
9. D	19. B	29. A
10. B	20. C	30.C

Scoring Your TOEFL Vocabulary Practice Tests

Essential Words for the TOEFL contains two TOEFL Vocabulary Practice Tests. These tests are provided so that you may determine what effect the study of this book has had on your knowledge of TOEFL vocabulary and on your ability to answer vocabulary questions in the TOEFL format. The tests will also provide you with a fairly accurate estimate of how you would do on Section 3 of the TOEFL, if that section consisted of Vocabulary questions alone.*

To score your TOEFL Vocabulary Practice Tests, follow the procedures described below.

Find the key (list of correct answers) that corresponds to the TOEFL Vocabulary Practice Test that you took. The key to both tests is located at the top of this page.

Score each test using the key. Place a C next to each correct answer in the book.

Count the number of correct answers and write that number in the space called Number Right below.

Test	Number Right	Scaled Score
1	-----	-----
2	-----	-----
Average		

Now for Test 1. multiply the number of correct answers by 1.47.

Remember Section 3 consists of 30 vocabulary items and 30 reading comprehension items. Thus, your performance on the vocabulary items will contribute 50 percent of your score on this section. The other 50 percent is determined by your performance on reading comprehension items.

Add 23 to the product. You may round off to the nearest whole number. Write this number on the line that corresponds to the Scaled Score for Test 1.

Follow the same procedures for Test 2 and determine your Scaled Score for Test 2.

Now add the Number Right scores for Test 1 and Test 2 and divide the sum by 2. Place this number on the line that corresponds to the Average Number Right

To determine your Average Scaled Score, add the two Scaled Scores together and divide the total by 2. Place this number (the average of the two Scaled Scores) on the line that corresponds to the Average Scaled Score.

Now let's practice these procedures in order to verify that you are following them correctly.

Suppose on Test 1 you answered 21 questions correctly, and on Test 2 you answered 24 items correctly. For Test 1, your calculations would look as follows.

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 \quad \text{or } 54$$

Now follow the procedure on your own for the Test 2 Number Right score of 24.

Your Scaled Score for Test 2 should be 58.28, for which the nearest whole number is 58. The average of these two scaled scores is 56. Your Average Scaled Score on Test 1 and 2 is the best estimate of how you would perform on Section 3 of the TOEFL, if it consisted of vocabulary items alone. This is because the Average Scaled Score is based on a larger sample of vocabulary items than is either Test 1 or Test 2 alone.

When you take the TOEFL at an official administration, if your score on Section 3 is different from your Average Scaled Score on these TOEFL Vocabulary Practice Tests, the difference is probably due to your performance on the reading comprehension items in this section.

Essential Words for the TOEFL

LESSON 1

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

abroad *adv.* to or in another country
Syn. overseas, internationally

Louis Armstrong often traveled abroad.
Living abroad can be an educational experience.

abrupt *adj.* quick, without warning
Syn. sudden
adv. abruptly
n. abruptness

There was an abrupt change in the weather.
After the incident everyone left abruptly.

acceptable *adj.* allowable or satisfactory
Syn. permissible
v. accept
adv. acceptably
n. acceptability
adj. accepting

The idea was acceptable to everyone.
The registrar accepted more applicants than he should have.

acclaim *n.* enthusiastic approval, applause
adj. acclaimed
Syn. praise
n. acclamation

Isaac Stem has won acclaim abroad.
Acclaimed authors often win Pulitzer Prizes.

actually *adv.* being in existence, real or factual
adj. actual
Syn. truly
They were actually very good soccer players.
The actual time allotted to complete the test is two hours.

adverse *adj.* displeasing, objectionable, or bad
Syn. unfavorable
adv. adversely
n. adversity
n. adversary

Adverse weather conditions made it difficult to play the game.
His indecision adversely affected his job performance.

advice *n.* a recommendation given by someone not

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

Good advice is hard to find.

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

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

adv. attractively

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

The major attraction of the show was a speech by the president.

ideal *adj.* having no flaw or mistake, excellent
adv. ideally *Syn.* perfect
n. ideal

The beach is an ideal place to relax.

Candidates for the job should ideally have five years experience in similar positions.

persistent *adj.* continuous, refusing to give up, firm in action or
decision
v. persist *n.* persistence
adv. persistently *Syn.* constant

The attorney's persistent questioning weakened the witness.

Her persistence earned her a spot on the team.

wide *adj.* extending over a large area
adv. widely *Syn.* broad
n. wideness

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

The senator has traveled widely.

autonomous *adj.* by itself, with no association
adv. autonomously *Syn.* independent

Mexico became an autonomous state in 1817.

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

disapproval *n.* the act of disagreeing, not giving approval
v. disapprove
adv. disapprovingly *Syn.* objection

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

The students disapproved of the plan of study.

disruptive*adj.* causing confusion and interruption

v. disrupt

Syn. disturbing

n. disruption

adv. disruptively

Frequent questions during lectures can be disruptive.The storm caused a disruption in bus service.**haphazardly***adv.* having no order or pattern, by chance

adj. haphazard

Syn. arbitrarily, carelessly

n. haphazardness

It was obvious that the house was built haphazardly.

Susan completed the assignment in a haphazard way.

MATCHING

Choose the synonym.

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1. widely
(A) broadly
(B) abroad
(C) secretly
(D) truly | 6. haphazardly
(A) suddenly
(B) secretly
(C) carelessly
(D) constantly |
| 2. autonomous
(A) independent
(B) sudden
(C) international
(D) abrupt | 7. constant
(A) disruption
(B) acceptable
(C) abrupt
(D) persistent |
| 3. advice
(A) acclaim
(B) attention
(C) suggestion
(D) praise | 8. perfect
(A) attractive
(B) ideal
(C) actual
(D) abrupt |
| 4. attractive
(A) appealing
(B) adverse
(C) arbitrary
(D) perfect | 9. unfavorably
(A) attractively
(B) haphazardly
(C) acceptably
(D) adversely |
| 5. disapproval
(A) attraction
(B) attention
(C) objection
(D) persistence | 10. disturbing
(A) perfect
(B) disruptive
(C) persistent
(D) attractive |

TEST QUESTIONS

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

1. As a government official, Benjamin Franklin often traveled abroad.
 - (A) widely
 - (B) secretly
 - (C) alone
 - (D) overseas
2. American poet James Merrily received critical acclaim for his work entitled Jim's Book.
 - (A) advice
 - (B) disapproval
 - (C) praise
 - (D) attention
3. A revolution in women's fashion during the second half of the twentieth century made trousers acceptable for almost all activities.
 - (A) available
 - (B) permissible
 - (C) attractive
 - (D) ideal
4. No fan, electric or otherwise, actually cools the air.
 - (A) truly
 - (B) haphazardly
 - (C) persistently
 - (D) continuously
5. The climate of Chicago is subject to abrupt changes of weather.
 - (A) sudden
 - (B) extreme
 - (C) adverse
 - (D) disruptive

LESSON 2

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

advanced *adj.* ahead of current thought or practice forward thinking, new

v. advance

n. advancement

Syn. progressive

Advanced technology is changing the world.

His advancement to captain came unexpectedly.

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

adv. advantageously

adj. advantageous

Syn. benefit

Is there any advantage in arriving early?

He was advantageously born into a rich family.

advent *n.* the coming or appearance of something
Syn. arrival

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

The newspapers announced the advent of the concert season.

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

adv. agilely

n. agility

n. agility

Deer are very agile animals.

She moved agilely across the stage.

albeit *conj.* in spite of the facts, regardless of the fact
Syn. although

His trip was successful, albeit tiring.

Albeit difficult at times, speaking another language is rewarding.

allow *v.* to agree to let something happen, not to interfere with an action

n. allowance

adj. allowable

adv. allowable

Syn. permit

Arthur's natural agility will allow him to excel in sports.

The extra money allowed us to stay abroad another day.

appealing

v. appeal
n. appeal
adv. appealingly

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

Working abroad is appealing to many people.

Through his speeches, the candidate appealed to the voters.

celebrated

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

The celebrated pianist will give a concert this weekend.

San Francisco is celebrated for its multicultural makeup.

contemporary

n. contemporary

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

Contemporary architecture makes very good use of space.

Cervantes was a contemporary of Shakespeare.

distribute

n. distribution

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

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

The distribution of seeds is very quick with this new machine.

encourage

n. encouragement
adj. encouraging
adv. encouragingly

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

Even though the runner finished second, he was encouraged by his performance.

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

energetic

n. energy
adv. energetically

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

Sam hasn't been as energetic as he usually is.

There's a lot of energy in these batteries.

frail

n. trade

adj. weak in health or in body
Syn. fragile

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

One of the frailties of human beings is laziness.

refine

n. refinement
adj. refined

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

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

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

worthwhile

adj. value in doing something

Syn. rewarding

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

It's worthwhile to prepare for the TOEFL.

MATCHING

Choose the synonym.

- | | |
|-----------------|------------------|
| 1. inspire | 6. renown |
| (A) celebrate | (A) unknown |
| (B) attract | (B) celebrated |
| (C) encourage | (C) adverse |
| (D) appeal | (D) disapprove |
| 2. advantage | 7. worthwhile |
| (A) benefit | (A) rewarding |
| (B) persistence | (B) acceptable |
| (C) nimbleness | (C) agile |
| (D) allure | (D) permitted |
| 3. fragile | 8. vigorous |
| (A) modern | (A) attractive |
| (B) famous | (B) beautiful |
| (C) allowable | (C) energetic |
| (D) frail | (D) advantageous |
| 4. contemporary | 9. refine |
| (A) timing | (A) persist |
| (B) current | (B) value |
| (C) well-known | (C) perfect |
| (D) perfect | (D) divide |
| 5. appealing | 10. distribute |
| (A) refined | (A) disappoint |
| (B) encouraging | (B) disrupt |
| (C) alluring | (C) discourage |
| (D) popular | (D) dispense |

TEST QUESTIONS

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

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

LESSON 3

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

alter v. to change or make different

v. altered
n. alteration

adj. alterable

adv. alterably

I Will the starlit alter its course and miss the coast?

Gloria hasn't altered her plans to return to school.

analyze v. to study something carefully, to separate

n. analyzed into parts for study

n. analysis *Syn.* examine

Scientists must analyze problems thoroughly.

Analysis of the substance confirms the presence of nitrogen.

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

Syn. old

Archaeologists analyze ancient civilizations.

Dave found an ancient Roman coin.

annoying *adj.* a slight bother, disturbing to a person

n. annoyance *Syn.* bothersome

v. annoy

adv. annoyingly

Mosquitoes can be an annoying part of a vacation at the beach.

She annoyed her parents by coming home late.

anticipate v. to think about or prepare for something ahead of time

adj. anticipatory

n. anticipation *Syn.* predict

No one can anticipate the results of the games.

They planned their vacation with anticipation.

conform v. to follow established rules or patterns of behavior

n. conformity

n. conformist *Syn.* adapt

Yon must conform to the rules or leave the club.

She has always been a conformist.

detect v. to find out, to observe something
n. detection *Syn.* notice
n. detective

He detected a smile on his girlfriend's face.

They are the best detectives on the police force.

enrich v. to make rich, to make something of
greater value
n. enrichment *Syn.* enhance
adj. enriching

The fine arts enrich our lives.

The discovery of oil was an enrichment for the country.

intensify v. to make stronger in feeling or quality
n. intensity *Syn.* heighten

adj. intense

adj. intensive

adv. intensely

adv. intensively

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

The chess match was played with great intensity.

intolerable *adj.* difficult or painful to experience, not
able to accept different ways of thought
n. intolerance
adv. intolerably or behavior

adv. intolerantly

adj. intolerant *Syn.* unbearable

Any opposition to the rules is intolerable.

His boss was intolerant of his tardiness.

observe v. to see and watch carefully, to examine
n. observation *Syn.* notice
n. observer

adj. observant

adj. observable

Human beings like to observe the behavior of monkeys.

I made the observation that you are not happy.

ongoing *adj.* continuing
Syn. current

The tutoring project is an ongoing program of the school.

Maintaining roads is an ongoing job.

propose v. to suggest or plan to do something
n. proposal *Syn.* suggest
n. proposition
adj. proposed

The governor is going to propose new taxes.
Her proposal was well accepted.

restore v. to give back or bring back something; to
n. restoration return to the original condition
adj. restored *Syn.* revitalize
He restored my confidence in him.
It is a beautiful restoration of the old table.

vital *adj.* of great importance, full of life
n. vitality *Syn.* indispensable
adv. vitally
Money is vital to the success of the program.
His intense vitality was easily observable.

MATCHING

Choose the synonym.

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

TEST QUESTIONS

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

1. The composition of heavenly bodies can be discovered by analyzing the light they emit.

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

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

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

3. Aside from simply being annoying, loud noises can permanently damage the ear.

- (A) unwelcome
- (B) bothersome
- (C) detected
- (D) intolerable

4. Building construction is an ancient human activity.

- (A) an old
- (B) a vital
- (C) an ongoing
- (D) a contemporary

5. Manitoba's leaders anticipated the changing economic environment during the early part of the twentieth century.

- (A) welcomed
- (B) predicted
- (C) made use of
- (D) conformed to

LESSON 4

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

ambiguous *adj.* of unclear meaning, something that can be understood in more than one way

adv. ambiguously *Syn.* vague
n. ambiguity

The men received an ambiguous message from their boss.
His letter was full of ambiguities.

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

adv. apparently *Syn.* visible

It was apparent that he needed to rest.
No one apparently knew to solve the problem.

arbitrary *adj.* an action or decision made with little thought, order, or reason

adv. arbitrarily *Syn.* haphazard
n. arbitrariness

Her choice of clothing seemed arbitrary.
The teacher arbitrarily decided to give the class a test.

assert *n.* to express or defend oneself strongly, to state positively

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

adj. assertive
The government asserted its control over the banking system.
The company president is an assertive individual.

astounding *adj.* very surprising

v. astound *Syn.* astonishing
adv. astoundingly

The scientists made an astounding discovery.
The fans were astounded by their team's success.

astute *adj.* very intelligent, smart, clever

adj. astutely *Syn.* perceptive
n. astuteness

He was an astute worker, finishing in half the time it took the others to finish.
They astutely determined that there would be no chance to finish on time.

authorize

adj. authorized
n. authority

v. to give permission or power to do something

Syn. empower

Only authorized employees are allowed in the laboratory.

The dean has the authority to resolve academic problem of students.

deceptively

adj. deceptive
v. deceive
n. deception

adv. to make someone think that something is true or good when it is false or bad

Syn. misleadingly

The magician deceptively made the rabbit disappear.

Richard deceived Joe about the cost of the coat.

determined

n. determination
v. determine

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

Syn. resolute

They were determined to go to graduate school.

The judge determined that the man was lying.

elicit

n. elicitation

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

Syn. extract

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

Elicitation of the truth can be difficult at times.

forbid

adj. forbidden
adj. forbidding
adv. forbiddingly

v. to command not to do something
to have a dangerous look, bad feeling

Syn. ban

His father will forbid him to use the car.

The cave looks forbidding let's not go in.

petition

n. petition

v. to make a request

Syn. appeal

Canada petitioned the United Nations to consider its case.

The student's petition was denied.

relinquish

n. relinquishment

v. to give up control

Syn. abdicate

The troubled executive relinquished his control of the company.

The relinquishment of his claim to the building will allow the building to be sold.

resilient

adj. strong enough to recover from difficulty or

adv. resiliently

disease

n. resilience

Syn. tenacious

She has a resilient personality and will soon feel better.

The doctor was surprised by his patient's resilience.

tempt

v. to make it attractive to do something

adv. temptingly

wrong

n. temptation

adj. tempting

Syn. entice

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

Desserts are more tempting when one is on a diet.

MATCHING

Choose the synonym.

- | | |
|--|--|
| 1. appeal
(A) detect
(B) assert
(C) petition
(D) allow | a. misleadingly
(A) abruptly
(B) deceptively
(C) progressively
(D) truly |
| 2. astounding
(A) celebrated
(B) astonishing
(C) visible
(D) energetic | 7. resolute
(A) determined
(B) perfect
(C) renown
(D) perceptive |
| 3. ban
(A) forbid
(B) empower
(C) intensify
(D) restore | 8. resilient
(A) bothersome
(B) vital
(C) unbearable
(D) tenacious |
| 4. elicit
(A) declare
(B) authorize
(C) conform
(D) extract | 9. tempt
(A) entice
(B) divide
(C) discourage
(D) notice |
| 5. abdicate
(A) relinquish
(B) alter
(C) encourage
(D) heighten | 10. vague
(A) intolerable
(B) adverse
(C) beautiful
(D) ambiguous |

TEST QUESTIONS

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

1. Not until 1946 did the world chess governing body, FIDE, assert its control over international championship play.

- (A) declare
- (B) relinquish
- (C) petition
- (D) decrease

2. All classifications of human societies and cultures are arbitrary.

- (A) useful
- (B) haphazard
- (C) insufficient
- (D) ambiguous

3. Paul Newman's apparently effortless acting skill has enabled him to play a variety of characters.

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

4. The Monroe Doctrine authorized the United States to intervene in the affairs of Latin American countries in case of foreign invasion.

- (A) empowered
- (B) forbade
- (C) elicited
- (D) tempted

5. J. Edgar Hoover was an astute professional who served as director of the FBI for 48 years.

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

LESSON 5

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

amaze

v. to fill with great surprise

adv. amazingly

Syn. astonish

n. amazement

adj. amazing

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

The actor gave an amazing performance.

baffle

v. to confuse to a point at which no progress can be made

adj. baffling

Syn. puzzle

n. bafflement

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

That was a baffling question.

bear

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

adj. bearably

Syn. yield

adj. bearable

This orchard bears many fine harvests of apples.

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

block

v. to prevent movement progress, or success

n. blockage

Syn. obstruct

adj. blocked

The government blocked the sale of the airline.

The streets were flooded due to a blockage in the pipes.

blur

v. to make something difficult to see

adj. blurred

Syn. cloud

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n. blur
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The rain blurred everyone's view of the valley.

The whole accident is just a blur in my mine.

brilliant

adj. intensely bright or colorful, intelligent

adv. brilliantly

Syn. radiant

n. brilliance

Einstein was a brilliant thinker.

She brilliantly produced a solution to the problem.

caution

v. to alert someone of danger, the act of

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

The office cautioned the motorist to slow down.

They entered into the negotiations cautiously.

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

Finishing the 26-mile race was a challenge for most of the participants.

It was a challenging math problem.

delicate *adj.* needing careful treatment, sensitive,
adv. delicately easily broken
 Syn. fragile

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

You must handle the antique delicately.

enhance *v.* to increase in a positive way, such as in
n. enhancement value, power, or beauty
adj. enhanced *Syn.* strengthen

Passing the exam should enhance your chances of being admitted to college.

The computer enhanced our productivity.

intrigue *a.* to interest greatly
adj. intriguing *Syn.* fascinate
adv. intriguingly
n. intrigue

He was intrigued by the acclaim that he received.

The intriguing question baffled historians.

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

They couldn't persuade their critics to see their point of view.

John presented a persuasive argument for his salary increase.

replace *v.* to change for another thing; to take
adj. replaceable the place of
n. replacement *Syn.* substitute

They have replaced all of the old office equipment.

The new employee was the replacement for Mr. Topper, who retired last month.

shed

v. to throw off naturally, to give out

Syn. discard

In order to grow, crabs must shed their shells.

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

unique

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

adv. uniquely

Syn. rare

n. uniqueness

He was presented with a unique opportunity to attend the conference.

His style of writing is uniquely his own.

MATCHING

Choose the synonym.

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

TEST QUESTIONS

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

1. Custer was cautioned by his advisors not to underestimate the strength of his opponent.

- (A) challenged
- (B) persuaded
- (C) known
- (D) warned

2. Bright feathers have been used for ornamentation since early times.

- (A) Long
- (B) Unique
- (C) Delicate
- (D) Brilliant

3. Telescopic images from outer space are often blurred by atmospheric conditions.

- (A) clouded
- (B) limited
- (C) enhanced
- (D) blocked

4. The narrow, green-grey leaves of the sweet alyssum are untoothed and usually bear many silvery hairs.

- (A) carry
- (B) yield
- (C) replace
- (D) hide

5. For many years, scientists were baffled by the small size of the atom.

- (A) amazed
- (B) limited
- (C) puzzled
- (D) fascinated

LESSON 6

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

chiefly *adv.* most importantly or most commonly
adj. chief *Syn.* mostly
Houses are made chiefly of wood products.
Corn is the chief crop of the Midwest.

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

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

comparatively *adv.* being measured or judged by comparison
adj. comparative *Syn.* relatively
v. compare
n. comparison
It was comparatively easy for him to learn baseball because he had been a cricket player.
If you compare algebra and trigonometry, you'll discover that algebra is less complex.

complex *adj.* difficult to understand or explain;
n. complexity *having many parts*
Syn. complicated
The businessmen astutely approached the complex production problem.
The universe has a complexity beyond comprehension.

conventional *adj.* following accepted rules or standards
adv. conventionally *Syn.* traditional
n. convention
Professor Canfield agreed with the conventional theory about the origin of the Basque language.
To become integrated into a society, you must learn the conventions of that society.

curious *adj.* odd or strange; eager to learn
adv. curiously *Syn.* peculiar

n. curiosity

A curious object was discovered in the remains.

Sally was curiously interested in the history of Alaska.

exceedingly

adv. very; to an unusual degree

v. exceed

Syn. extremely

n. excess

adj. excessive

adv. excessively

In tropical zones, it is exceedingly hot and humid.

It is not safe to exceed the speed limit.

exclusively

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

adj. exclusive

n. exclusion

Syn. restrictively

v. exclude

This room is used exclusively by the faculty.

They excluded everyone under age 21 from the contest.

immense

adj. extremely large

adv. immensely

Syn. massive

n. immensity

From the mountaintop you can see the immense valley.

She was immensely interested in the idea of teaching a foreign language.

indeed

adv. certainly; really (used to make a statement stronger)

Syn. truly

Did he indeed go to the infirmary.

It is very hot indeed.

rigid

adj. not easy to bend; firm, inflexible

adv. rigidly

Syn. stiff

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

He adhered rigidly to his opinions about marriage.

routinely

adv. regularly, usually done

adj. routine

Syn. ordinarily

n. routine

She routinely gets a physical examination.

It is routine for students to become homesick at times.

sufficiently

adv. enough, in a satisfying manner

n. sufficiency

Syn. adequately

adj. sufficient

v. suffice

Jenny is sufficiently mature to make her own decisions.

Her income is sufficient for her needs.

visibly

adv. can be seen

adj. visible

* power of imagination or wisdom,

n. vision*

especially with regard to the future

v. view

adj. visionary*

Syn. noticeably

Ken was visibly upset about his performance evaluation.

Stars are more visible on a clear fall evening.

MATCHING

Choose the synonym.

1. stiff
(A) delicate
(B) agile
(C) rigid
(D) astute

2. traditional
(A) arbitrary
(B) astounding
(C) conventional
(D) frequent

3. indeed
(A) truly
(B) albeit
(C) abroad
(D) only

4. curious
(A) apparent
(B) brilliant
(C) peculiar
(D) enhanced

5. adequately
(A) sufficiently
(B) deceptively
(C) intensely
(D) amazingly

6. immense
(A) abrupt
(B) massive
(C) ongoing
(D) complicated

7. exceedingly
(A) resiliently
(B) extremely
(C) assertively
(D) resolutely

8. visibly
(A) noticeably
(B) frequently
(C) persuasively
(D) encouragingly

9. ordinarily
(A) restrictively
(B) coarsely
(C) cautiously
(D) routinely

10. restrictively
(A) exclusively
(B) adversely
(C) roughly
(D) relatively

TEST QUESTIONS

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

1. Water is easily the most complex of all the familiar substances that are single chemical compounds.

- (A) conventional
- (B) curious
- (C) valuable
- (D) complicated

2. Contrary to popular opinion, the origin of the circus is comparatively recent, having little in common with ancient Roman circuses.

- (A) apparently
- (B) relatively
- (C) exceedingly
- (D) sufficiently

3. The cotton gin was commonplace on many nineteenth-century farms.

- (A) often required
- (B) sorely needed
- (C) frequently seen
- (D) visibly absent

4. Under the microscope, cultivated silk fibers look coarse.

- (A) rough
- (B) rigid
- (C) delicate
- (D) immense

5. The sweet potato is chiefly grown in the southern United States.

- (A) exclusively
- (B) mostly
- (C) rarely
- (D) successfully

LESSON 7

■ appropriate ■ clarify ■ conceal ■ confirm ■ constantly
■ convenient ■ core ■ critical ■ distort ■ diverse
■ prosperous ■ purposefully ■ reveal ■ scarcely ■ theoretically

appropriate *adj.* correct or good for the purpose
n. appropriateness *Syn.* proper
adv. appropriately

It is not appropriate to cheat on tests.

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

clarify *v.* to make more easily understood, to
n. clarification make clear
Syn. explain

Chapter 2 in the textbook clarifies the process of osmosis.

A clarification of the government's position on this matter is necessary.

conceal *v.* to prevent from being seen or discovered
n. concealment *Syn.* hide

The students concealed their feelings about the course.

His concealment of the evidence made his case more difficult to prove.

confirm *v.* to make certain, given support
adj. confirmed *Syn.* prove
n. confirmation

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

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

constantly *adv.* in an unchanging manner; happening all
adj. constant the time
Syn. continually

Philosophy constantly questions the nature of human existence.

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

convenient *adj.* easy to reach, near; suitable to one's needs
adv. conveniently *Syn.* practical
n. convenience

The student union is convenient to the physical sciences building.

For the convenience of the student body, the library is located in a central location.

core *adj.* the central or most important part
n. core *Syn.* chief

The core of the curriculum consists of courses that are required of all students.

They are loyal to the core.

critical

v. critique

n. criticism

n. critic

adv. critically

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

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

The runner accepted criticism from his coach very well.

distort

adj. distorted

n. distortion

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

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

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

diverse

adv. diversely

n. diversity

v. diversify

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

Freud had many diverse interests in psychology.

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

prosperous

adv. prosperously

v. prosper

n. prosperity

adj. successful, wealthy*Syn.* thriving

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

Bacteria prosper under the proper conditions.

purposefully

adj. purposeful

adv. purposely

n. purpose

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

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

He was authorized to spend the money for business purposes.

reveal

adv. revealingly

adj. revealing

n. revelation

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

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

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

scarcely

adj. scarce

adv. almost not*Syn.* hardly

n. scarcity

The woman scarcely spoke a word of English.

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

theoretically

adv. according to a reasoned, but not

adj. theoretical

proven, point of view

n. theory

Syn. hypothetically

v. theorize

His argument was theoretically appealing but not realistic.

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

Matching

Choose the synonym.

1. deform

- (A) hide
- (B) distort
- (C) amaze
- (D) block

2. scarcely

- (A) delicately
- (B) visibly
- (C) continually
- (D) hardly

3. proper

- (A) appropriate
- (B) practical
- (C) rigid
- (D) complex

4. clarify

- (A) shed
- (B) enhance
- (C) explain
- (D) elicit

5. dangerous

- (A) chief
- (B) deceptive
- (C) critical
- (D) routine

6. thriving

- (A) prosperous
- (B) resilient
- (C) convenient
- (D) tolerable

7. purposefully

- (A) comparatively
- (B) deliberately
- (C) constantly
- (D) sufficiently

8. different

- (A) noticeable
- (B) diverse
- (C) conventional
- (D) curious

9. hypothetically

- (A) exceedingly
- (B) haphazardly
- (C) theoretically
- (D) routinely

10. reveal

- (A) disclose
- (B) baffle
- (C) conceal
- (D) confirm

TEST QUESTIONS

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

1. Industrial cities appeared after the full development of industrial capitalism in the core nation-states of the eighteenth century.

- (A) chief
- (B) prosperous
- (C) smallest
- (D) diverse

2. For calculating a calendar, it is convenient to use the tropical solar year.

- (A) practical
- (B) critical
- (C) necessary
- (D) appropriate

3. All things consist of atoms and molecules that are constantly in motion.

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

4. Fossil evidence confirms that the ancient cuttlefish has existed in its present form for more than 20 million years.

- (A) proves
- (B) suggests
- (C) clarifies
- (D) reveals

5. The first swimsuit concealed the shape of the human body.

- (A) hid
- (B) flattered
- (C) distorted
- (D) revealed

LESSON 8

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

accelerate

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

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

crack

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

Cracks in the ice allowed for fishing.
The wall cracked due to poor construction.

create

v. to make something new
adj. creative
adv. creatively
n. creation
n. creator
n. creativity
n. creativeness
Syn. produce

Thomas Edison created numerous inventions.
Jonas Salk was an extremely creative scientist.

creep

v. to move slowly and quietly close to the ground; to begin to happen
adj. creeping
Syn. crawl

Some mistakes are beginning to creep into his work.
Ivy is a creeping variety of plant.

crush

v. to press together so as to completely distort the shape or nature of the object
adj. crushing
n. crush
Syn. grind

The machine crushes corn to produce corn meal.
Passage of the legislation was a crushing blow to the president's program.

cultivate

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

The professionals had common interests that allowed them to cultivate a working relationship with each other.
The cultivation of diverse crops in pre-Columbian America is well documented.

dictate v. to state demands with the power to enforce
adj. dictatorial *Syn.* impose
n. dictator

The workers were not in a position to dictate demands to management.
His boss resembled a dictator.

distinguish v. to hear, see, or recognize differences
adj. distinguishable *Syn.* discriminate
adj. distinguished
adj. distinguishing

Some people cannot distinguish colors well.
Anteaters are distinguished by their long noses.

flaw n. a small sign of damage that makes an
adj. flawed item imperfect
Syn. defect

There is a flaw in his theory.
They noticed that the contract was flawed.

harvest n. the act of collecting a crop; the crops
adj. harvested gathered
v. harvest *Syn.* gather

The United States had a comparatively good grain harvest this year.
They were able to harvest the crop before the rain.

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

The results of the study mirror public opinion.
The strength of the economy is mirrored in the standard of living of the people.

obtain v. to gain or secure something
adj. obtainable *Syn.* gain

The university obtained a new particle accelerator.
The painting by Whistler was not obtainable.

particle n. a very small piece of something
Syn. fragment

Particles of dust can destroy electronic instruments.
Small particles of matter hold the keys to understanding the origin of life.

settle v. to establish a home; to resolve a
adj. settled disagreement
n. settlement *Syn.* colonize

People arriving from the south settled in California.

The lawyers settled their differences and came to an agreement.

transport

v. to move from one place to another

adj. transportable

Syn. carry

adj. transported

n. transportation

Flying is not always the fastest way to transport passengers to their destination.

The transportation expenses of products increase their final cost.

MATCHING

Choose the synonym.

- | | |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1. flaw | 6. transport |
| (A) particle | (A) reveal |
| (B) agile | (B) carry |
| (C) defect | (C) clarify |
| (D) creation | (D) restore |
| 2. dictate | 7. obtain |
| (A) transport | (A) gain |
| (B) create | (B) allow |
| (C) grow | (C) baffle |
| (D) impose | (D) assert |
| 3. hasten | 8. discriminate |
| (A) crawl | (A) enhance |
| (B) crush | (B) persuade |
| (C) conceal | (C) distinguish |
| (D) accelerate | (D) distort |
| 4. crop | 9. reflect |
| (A) harvest | (A) mirror |
| (B) advice | (B) confirm |
| (C) mirror | (C) produce |
| (D) settlement | (D) grind |
| 5. fragment | 10. colonize |
| (A) authorization | (A) crawl |
| (B) particle | (B) cultivate |
| (C) cultivation | (C) replace |
| (D) advantage | (D) settle |

TEST QUESTIONS

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

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

LESSON 9

■ accurate ■ classify ■ currency ■ deep ■ dense
■ depend on ■ dim ■ display ■ exports ■ gigantic
■ impressive ■ lasting ■ treasury ■ uniform ■ vibrant

accurate

adj. careful and exact

adv. accurately

Syn. precise

n. accuracy

She was able to make accurate observations with the new telescope.

Experiments must be conducted with accuracy.

classify

v. to place into groups according to type

adj. classified

Syn. arrange

n. classification

Biologists classify life forms into many phyla.

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

currency

n. monetary unit

Syn. money

The purchase must be paid for in the national currency.

The French currency is gaining strength.

deep

adj. far below the surface; complete understanding

adv. deeply

n. depth

v. deepen

Syn. thorough

Lake Baikal is the deepest lake in the world.

The depth of his understanding of math is remarkable.

dense

adj. closely packed or crowded, difficult to

adv. densely

see through

n. density

Syn. thick

The boating accident was caused by the dense fog.

Hong Kong is one of the most densely populated cities in the world.

depend on

v. to count on; to be supported by

adv. dependably

Syn. trust

adj. dependable

n. dependence

n. dependency

n. dependent

The farmers depend on rain to produce a good harvest.

His dependency on alcohol destroyed his marriage.

dim *adj.* not bright or clear
adv. dimly *Syn.* faint
v. dim
n. dimness

The light was too dim for studying.
The stars dimly lit the evening sky.

display v. to show, reveal
n. display *Syn.* exhibit
The model displayed the details of the human hand.
The candidate's display of anger was unfortunate.

exports n. products sold abroad
adj. exported *Syn.* foreign sales
v. export
Until recently the United States' exports exceeded its imports.
Exported goods are usually high in quality.

gigantic *adj.* very large
adv. gigantically *Syn.* enormous
Reaching the Moon was a gigantic step in space exploration for mankind.
New methods of farming offer gigantic advantages over the old methods.

impressive *adj.* causing admiration because of an
adv. impressively object's importance, size, or quality
v. impress *Syn.* imposing
n. impression
Lincoln's power of persuasion was impressive.
Everyone left with a good impression of the play.

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

treasury n. the agency that controls and spends
adj. treasured money; a collection of valued things
v. treasure *Syn.* bank
The treasury was under pressure to lower interest rates.
Encyclopedias are a treasury of information.

uniform *adj.* every part being the same.
adv. uniformly *Syn.* consistent
n. uniformity
Bread has a uniform texture.

The grades on the test were uniformly poor.

vibrant

adv. vibrantly

n. vibrancy

adj. lively, powerful, full of action, bright

Syn. brilliant

His vibrant personality made him well liked by everyone.

The vibrancy of the city is attractive to many individuals.

MATCHING

Choose the synonym.

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

TEST QUESTIONS

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

1. In the field of artificial intelligence, scientists study methods for developing computer programs that display aspects of intelligent behavior.

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

2. The dim appearance of the Milky Way results from the combined light of stars too far away to be seen with the naked eye.

- (A) faint
- (B) unique
- (C) immense
- (D) curious

3. Thistle plants have dense heads of small, pink or purple flowers.

- (A) gigantic
- (B) fragile
- (C) thick
- (D) vibrant

4. No deep understanding of the solar system can be achieved without an appreciation of the basic properties of the Sun.

- (A) accurate
- (B) lasting
- (C) thorough
- (D) uniform

5. The value of a nation's currency normally fluctuates, depending upon the strength of its economy and its trade balance.

- (A) exports
- (B) money
- (C) products
- (D) treasury

LESSON 10

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

distinct

adv. distinctly
adj. distinctive
n. distinct

adj. clearly noticed; different

Syn. definite

There was a distinct aroma of coffee in the restaurant.

The two theories are distinctly different from each other.

dominant

adv. dominantly
v. dominate
n. domination

adj. primary or principal; having or exercising control over something

Syn. major

The dominant life forms of the paleozoic era lived in the water.

The skyscraper dominated the skyline.

dormant

n. dormitory

adj. not growing or producing; asleep

Syn. inactive

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

The seniors live in the new dormitory.

drab

adv. drably
n. drabness

adj. lacking color; uninteresting, boring

Syn. colorless

Their clothing was quite drab.

The drabness of the desert made driving less interesting.

dramatic

adv. dramatically
n. drama
v. dramatize

adj. something that captures the imagination; exciting

Syn. emotional

The dramatic finish to the game left us speechless.

The hurricane dramatically changed the coastline.

elaborate

adv. elaborately
v. elaborate
n. elaboration

adj. something with a large number of parts; full of details

Syn. complex

An elaborate headdress indicated rank within the Aztec community.

His elaboration of the issue was quite thorough.

exceptional *adj.* unusual in a positive way
adv. exceptionally *Syn.* phenomenal
The orchestra's performance was exceptional.
The North Star is exceptionally bright.

hazardous *adj.* very risky, unsafe
adv. hazardously *Syn.* dangerous
n. hazard
Handling flammable liquids is hazardous.
There are many hazards involved with starting a business.

minuscule *adj.* of little consequence; very small
adj. minute *Syn.* tiny
n. minitia
The sale of the building had a minuscule effect on the profits of the corporation.
Some leaves are covered with minute hairs.

prime v. to make ready;
adj. primed * first in importance or in time
adj. prime*
n. prime *Syn.* prepare
The directors primed the actors before the performance.
Mozart passed away in the prime of his life.

rudimentary *adj.* simple; not complex
n. rudiment *Syn.* basic
He has a rudimentary knowledge of computers.
The rudiments of grammar are taught in all English classes.

sensitive *adj.* easily affected
adv. sensitively *Syn.* delicate
n. sensitivity
Film varies according to its sensitivity to light.
This equipment is very sensitive to changes in temperature.

superficial *adj.* simple; not deep; near the surface
adv. superficially *Syn.* shallow
The inspector determined that the crack in the bridge was only superficial.
You should not try to answer the question superficially.

terrifying *adj.* filled with fear
adv. terrifyingly *Syn.* frightening
v. terrify
To be in a violent storm is a terrifying experience.

They are terrified by dogs.

vigorous

adj. powerful, full of action

adv. vigorously

Syn. strong

n. vigor

His vigorous defense of the issues impressed everyone.

He approached his work with vigor.

MATCHING

Choose the synonym.

1. exceptional
(A) dominant
(B) dense
(C) phenomenal
(D) acceptable

2. terrify
(A) distort
(B) frighten
(C) challenge
(D) settle

3. prepare
(A) create
(B) display
(C) depend
(D) prime

4. delicate
(A) vibrant
(B) distinct
(C) diverse
(D) sensitive

5. dangerous
(A) hazardous
(B) rigid
(C) commonplace
(D) intolerable

6. elaborate
(A) gigantic
(B) impressive
(C) complex
(D) dramatic

7. minuscule
(A) tiny
(B) dim
(C) drab
(D) major

8. superficial
(A) emotional
(B) lasting
(C) shallow
(D) curious

9. rudimentary
(A) dormant
(B) ideal
(C) basic
(D) arbitrary

10. vigorous
(A) dominant
(B) convenient
(C) uniform
(D) strong

TEST QUESTIONS

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

1. Because much collective behavior is dramatic and unpredictable, theories of such behavior are more evaluative than analytic.

- (A) hazardous
- (B) unexpected
- (C) terrifying
- (D) emotional

2. In contrast to their springtime nuptial plumage, many songbirds revert to a drab plumage during the winter.

- (A) sensitive
- (B) elaborate
- (C) different
- (D) colorless

3. A seed is dormant at the time it is shed by its parent.

- (A) primed
- (B) inactive
- (C) minuscule
- (D) harvested

4. The newspaper strip and the comic book represent the dominant graphic mythology of the twentieth century.

- (A) major
- (B) magical
- (C) familiar
- (D) routine

5. The vast majority of animals exhibit a distinct symmetrical form.

- (A) definite
- (B) superficial
- (C) familiar
- (D) rudimentary

LESSON 11

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

amenity *n.* something that makes life easier or more enjoyable
Syn. convenience

She had all the amenities of home when she went camping.
One expects many amenities at a five-star hotel.

destroy *v.* to put an end to the existence of something
Syn. ruin
adj. destructive
adv. destructively
n. destructiveness
n. destruction
n. destroyer

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

disperse *v.* to cause to move in many different directions
adj. dispersed
Syn. circulate

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

dwelling *n.* where people live
n. dweller
v. dwell
Syn. house

Cave-like dwellings have been discovered throughout the world.
City dwellers often have trouble adjusting to life in the country.

element *n.* a part of the whole
n. element*
adj. elemental
**environment*
Syn. component

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

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

The solution to the problem was actually quite elementary.
You must take Elementary Physics before you can enroll in the advanced course.

eliminate v. to remove, free oneself of something
n. elimination

adj. eliminated *Syn.* delete

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

The elimination of the runner from the race was decided by the judge.

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

adj. emphatic

n. emphasis

adv. emphatically *Syn.* highlight

The professor emphasized certain aspects of the historical period.

When asked if they would like to leave class early, the students answered with an emphatic "yes".

encircle v. to make a circle around

adj. encircled *Syn.* surround

The players encircled their coach after winning the big game.

The encircled celebrity actually became afraid of her fans.

erratic *adj.* no regular pattern in thinking or movement; changeable without reason
adv. erratically *Syn.* inconsistent

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

The unstable chemical reacted erratically.

exaggerate v. to make something more than what it is

adj. exaggerated *Syn.* overstate

n. exaggeration

The federal government exaggerated the success of its programs.

To say that his business is successful would be an exaggeration.

mention v. to say; relate in written form

adj. mentioned *Syn.* remark

n. mention

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

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

pier *n.* a place where boats arrive to take on or unload cargo and passengers

Syn. dock

The submarine arrived at the pier on time.

The goods were unloaded onto the pier.

prevalent*adj.* existing widely or commonly

n. prevalence

Syn. commonplace

Comfortable trade winds are prevalent in the Caribbean islands.

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

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

n. release

Syn. free

A new movie was just released.

The release of the records was expected today.

MATCHING

Choose the synonym.

1. amenity
(A) advice
(B) convenience
(C) element
(D) emphasis

2. ruin
(A) destroy
(B) conform
(C) forbid
(D) baffle

3. mention
(A) surround
(B) remark
(C) assert
(D) clarify

4. emphasize
(A) frighten
(B) highlight
(C) delete
(D) persuade

5. exaggerate
(A) impress
(B) dominate
(C) elaborate
(D) overstate

6. disperse
(A) circulate
(B) classify
(C) distort
(D) encircle

7. release
(A) free
(B) replace
(C) settle
(D) block

8. inconsistent
(A) destructive
(B) emphatic
(C) circulated
(D) erratic

9. commonplace
(A) elementary
(B) rudimentary
(C) prevalent
(D) uniform

10. pier
(A) depth
(B) crack
(C) dock
(D) prime

TEST QUESTIONS

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

1. Kapok is made from the silky fibers that encircle the seeds of the tropical silk-cotton tree.

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

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

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

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

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

4. The thermostat is an element in some types of fire detection devices.

- (A) a problem
- (B) an amenity
- (C) a component
- (D) an advantage

5. Poorly constructed dwellings cannot withstand severe storms.

- (A) Houses
- (B) piers
- (C) boats
- (D) roads

LESSON 12

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

benefit

v. to be useful or helpful

adv. beneficially

Syn. assist

adj. beneficial

n. benefit

n. beneficiary

Use of solar power will benefit all mankind.

It is extremely beneficial to prepare for a test.

blind

adj. unable to see or understand, to conceal;

adv. blindly

showing poor judgment or understanding

n. blindness

Syn. unaware

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

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

broaden

v. to make larger or greater

adv. broadly

Syn. enlarge

adj. broad

n. breadth

Education will broaden your opportunities to land a good job.

The breadth of his knowledge is impressive.

burgeon

v. grow at a fast pace

adj. burgeoning

Syn. thrive

The burgeoning population of major cities is creating a demand for more services.

His talent as a pianist burgeoned at the age of 14.

conspicuously

adv. attracting attention

adj. conspicuous

Syn. noticeably

His name was conspicuously absent from the list of winners.

The attorneys were conspicuous for their aggressive manner in the courtroom.

demand

v. to ask for something in a strong way

adv. demandingly

Syn. insist

adj. demanding

n. demand

She demanded to know the truth.

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

endorse v. to express approval
n. endorsement *Syn.* support

The union endorsed the new contract.

The president's endorsement of the project guaranteed its funding.

enormous *adj.* very large
adv. enormously *Syn.* Tremendous
n. enormity

His enormous wealth allows him to contribute to many charities.

A diet with many fruits and vegetables is enormously beneficial to the body.

entirely *adv.* completely
adj. entire *Syn.* Thoroughly
n. entirety

They are entirely right about the economy.

The president released the speech in its entirety before the news conference.

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

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

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

evaporate v. to vanish
n. evaporation *Syn.* disappear

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

The evaporation of the funds was unexplainable.

recover v. to get back; to have something returned
adj. recovered *Syn.* retrieve
adj. recoverable
n. recovery

The NASA team was unable to recover the space capsule.

The recovered objects had not been damaged.

reportedly *adv.* to know by report; unconfirmed; supposedly
adj. reported *Syn.* Rumored
v. report
n. report

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

The reported tornado has not been confirmed.

shift *n.* change in position or direction
adj. shifting *Syn.* Switch
v. shift

adj. shifty

The shift in the wind was helpful to the sailors.

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

Suffer

adj. suffering

n. suffering

n. sufferer

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

Syn. endure

The old man suffers from loss of memory.

Many families experience the suffering of difficult economic times.

MATCHING

Choose the synonym.

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

TEST QUESTIONS

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

1. The candidate's support evaporated after the announcement of his program reached the newspapers and televisions news programs.

- (A) burgeoned
- (B) suffered
- (C) broadened
- (D) disappeared

2. The president's popularity has eroded since the publication of a recent newspaper article.

- (A) recovered
- (B) shifted
- (C) intensified
- (D) deteriorated

3. The natural forest vegetation has entirely disappeared from the landscape.

- (A) slowly
- (B) reportedly
- (C) completely
- (D) conspicuously

4. Lightning is electricity that is discharged as an enormous spark, hitting the closest spot on the ground.

- (A) a mighty
- (B) a tremendous
- (C) a blinding
- (D) a terrifying

5. The trade unions worked hard for an agreement that would be endorsed by their members.

- (A) demanded by
- (B) supported by
- (C) attractive to
- (D) of benefit to

LESSON 13

■ dignitary ■ crucial ■ elude ■ evident ■ exhaust
■ extensive ■ extremely ■ face ■ facet ■ hero
■ inaccessible ■ obviously ■ predictably ■ solve ■ suitable

dignitary *n.* a very important or famous person, usually associated with a high position in government
Syn. notable

Every dignitary in Washington was invited to the wedding.
All of the high ranking dignitaries attended the economic summit.

crucial *adj.* of great importance; extremely necessary
Syn. critical
adv. crucially
Favorable weather is crucial to a good harvest.
Having all the information necessary to make a good decision is crucially important.

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

The criminal has eluded the police for months.
Success has been elusive for the team.

Evident *adj.* easy to see, usually because of some proof
Syn. apparent
adv. evidently
n. evidence

It is evident that you are not feeling.
All the evidences point to the presence of hydrogen.

exhaust *v.* to use completely; to expend all energy;
adv. exhaustively
adj. exhaustive
adj. exhausting
adj. exhausted
n. exhaustion

They exhausted their energy in 10 minutes.
The exhaustive report was acclaimed by everyone.

extensive *adj.* large in area or number
adv. extensively
v. extend*
n. extension
**** to offer; to make longer.
**** an extending; an additional part
Syn. comprehensive

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

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

adj. extreme

Syn. highly

adj. extremist

n. extreme

n. extremist

When the concert was canceled, some customers became extremely upset.

He will go to any extreme to get what he wants.

face*v.* to be in the presence of an oppose*Syn.* confront

The mountain climbers faced grave danger on the cliff.

He finds it difficult to face his problems.

Facet*n.* element or component

adj. faceted

Syn. aspect

The proposal had many beneficial facets.

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

hero*n.* a person remembered for an act of*adv.* heroically

goodness or bravery

adj. heroic

Syn. idoln. heroine (*female*)

n. heroics

He is a hero in the eyes of his admirers.

They gave a heroic effort to no avail.

inaccessible*adj.* something that cannot be reached or

n. inaccessibility

communicated with

adv. inaccessibly*Syn.* remote

The summit of the mountain was inaccessible.

The dignitary's inaccessibility frustrated the reporter.

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

adj. obvious

Syn. evidently

It had obviously rained.

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

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

adj. predictable

Syn. expectedly

v. predict

n. prediction

She predictably forgot to do her assignment.

The government's predictions were accurate.

Solve*v.* to find the answer

n. solution *Syn.* resolve
They solved the problem in a way that benefited the entire neighborhood.
The solution to the problem was elusive.

Suitable *adj.* appropriate, correct; convenient
adv. suitably *Syn.* appropriate
 v. suit
Her dress was not suitable for the occasion.
The agreement suits all the members of the negotiating team.

MATCHING

Choose the synonym.

- | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Solve | 6 Elude |
| (A) restore | (A) erode |
| (B) resolve | (B) evade |
| (C) confront | (C) endorse |
| (D) exhaust | (D) enrich |
| 2. Critical | 7. Extensive |
| (A) prevalent | (A) sensitive |
| (B) elusive | (B) impressive |
| (C) prime | (C) comprehensive |
| (D) crucial | (D) disruptive |
| 3. Predictably | 8. Celebrity |
| (A) extremely | (A) treasury |
| (B) expectedly | (B) dignitary |
| (C) conspicuously | (C) element |
| (D) extensively | (D) dweller |
| 4. Hero | 9. Evidently |
| (A) idol | (A) routinely |
| (B) amenity | (B) entirely |
| (C) benefit | (C) exceptionally |
| (D) mention | (D) obviously |
| 5. Inaccessible | 10. suitable |
| (A) depleted | (A) appropriate |
| (B) apparent | (B) annoying |
| (C) remote | (C) ambiguous |
| (D) enormous | (D) astute |

TEST QUESTIONS

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

1. Exacting standards and rigorous early training are evident where dance has become an art performed before an audience.

- (A) Emphasized
- (B) Suitable
- (C) Crucial
- (D) Apparent

2. It is known from past experience that ore deposits can be exhausted.

- (A) Depleted
- (B) Extensive
- (C) Elusive
- (D) Inaccessible

3. A preference for a certain color is and extremely personal matter.

- (A) A highly
- (B) An annoyingly
- (C) A fairly
- (D) An obviously

4. Once the English colonies became independent state, they faced the problem of giving themselves a fresh political organization.

- (A) eluded
- (B) solved
- (C) confronted
- (D) Anticipated

5. Pop art aimed to portray all facets of modern culture.

- (A) Heroes
- (B) Celebrities
- (C) Problems
- (D) Aspects

LESSON 14

■ ample ■ arid ■ avoid ■ defy ■ enact ■ even ■ feign
■ fertile ■ freshly ■ function ■ fundamental
■ indiscriminate ■ selective ■ spacious ■ withstand

ample

adj. more than enough

adv. amply

Syn. sufficient

There is ample evidence that the young man was speeding when the accident occurred.

She was amply paid for the work she completed.

arid

adj. having little rain or water

Syn. dry

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

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

avoid

v. to miss or keep away from

adj. avoidable

Syn. avert

n. avoidance

She could not avoid letting her feelings show.

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

defy

v. to show little fear or regard for rules or

adv. defyingly

established norms; to challenge

adj. defying

Syn. resist

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

The circus performer demonstrated her death - defying routine.

enact

v. to pass a law

adj. enacted

Syn. Legislate

n. enactment

Congress enacted the legislation during its last session.

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

even

adj. regular, smooth; in equal parts

adv. evenly

Syn. Equitable

n. evenness

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

The profits were divided evenly among the investors.

feign

v. to pretend, make believe

adj. feigned

Syn. simulate

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

Her unhappiness was feigned.

fertile *adj.* able to produce abundantly
v. fertilize *Syn.* Rich
n. fertility
n. fertilizer

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

Fertilizers are used on crops to increase yields.

freshly *adv.* caught or produced not long ago
adj. fresh *Syn.* recently
v. freshen
n. freshness

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

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

function *n.* the normal purpose of something
adv. functionally *Syn.* Role
adj. functional
v. function

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

Most appliances cannot function without electricity.

fundamental *adj.* a primary or basic element
adv. fundamentally *Syn.* essential
The student government promised fundamental changes in the registration process.
He is fundamentally strong in his area of expertise.

indiscriminate *adj.* not chosen carefully; unplanned
adv. indiscriminately *Syn.* arbitrary
The indiscriminate arrangement of the products made the store confusing.
The book's chapters seem to be organized indiscriminately.

selective *adj.* carefully chosen
adv. selectively *Syn.* discriminating
adj. select
v. select
n. selection
n. selectivity
They were very selective when they chose the members of the academic team.
He selected Spanish as his language class.

spacious *adj.* having a lot of room
adj. spaciouly *Syn.* expansive
n. space
n. spaciousness

The spacious plains of the Midwest make up the nation's breadbasket.

A vacuum is an empty space.

withstand

v. to fight without surrender; to persist

Syn. survive

She cannot withstand the pressures of her job.

The old building withstood the terrible storm.

MATCHING

Choose the synonym.

1. Sufficient
(A) Crucial
(B) Essential
(C) Ample
(D) Extensive

2. Survive
(A) Erode
(B) Weaken
(C) Elude
(D) Withstand

3. Defy
(A) Resist
(B) Demand
(C) Simulate
(D) Discriminate

4. Indiscriminate
(A) Predictable
(B) Arbitrary
(C) Functional
(D) Constant

5. Arid
(A) dry
(B) Fertile
(C) Fresh
(D) Drab

6. Avoid
(A) Avert
(B) Amaze
(C) Assert
(D) Allow

7. Selective
(A) Inaccessible
(B) Rich
(C) Recent
(D) Discriminating

8. Even
(A) Fundamental
(B) Erratic
(C) Evident
(D) Equitable

9. Spacious
(A) Sensitive
(B) Superficial
(C) Minuscule
(D) Expansive

10. legislate
(A) Enact
(B) Feign
(C) Solve
(D) Exhaust

TEST QUESTIONS

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

1. The Constitution of the United defines the fundamental rights of its citizens.

- (A) Essential
- (B) Selective
- (C) Enacted
- (D) Ample

2. Many organisms change their function from one season to another.

- (A) Diet
- (B) size
- (C) Role
- (D) Shape

3. Freshly cut wood must be completely dry before it can be used for construction.

- (A) Evenly
- (B) Haphazardly
- (C) Coarsely
- (D) Recently

4. Due to large deposits of debris left by glaciers, the midwestern plain of the United States is an extremely fertile area for farming.

- (A) Level
- (B) Rich
- (C) Spacious
- (D) Arid

5. When threatened, the opossum often feigns death.

- (A) Simulates
- (B) Withstands
- (C) Avoids
- (D) Confronts

LESSON 15

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

durable

n. durability

n. duration

adj. something that lasts a long time

* time during which something lasts

Syn. sturdy

It was a durable refrigerator, but it finally broke.

The durability of tires is a key factor in determining their quality.

favor

adv. favorably

adj. favorable

adj. favorite

n. favor

v. to prefer

* advantageous

Syn. support

The supervisor favored the first of the two plans.

The weather was favorable for the contest.

gain

adj. gainful

n. gain

n. to obtain something needed or useful; to

increase the amount of something

Syn. attain

He gained a lot of experience working as a volunteer.

His gain in knowledge was impressive.

generate

adj. generated

n. generation

n. generator

v. to produce

Syn. create

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

The generator provides power to the building during a blackout.

halt

adv. haltingly

adj. halting

n. halt

v. to stop or discontinue

Syn. stop

Bus service to the city was halted due to poor road conditions.

The supervisor put a halt to the tardiness of the employees.

handle

n. handle

v. to deal with or control

Syn. manage

They handled themselves very well given the circumstances.

The president's handling of the crisis was widely applauded.

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

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

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

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

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

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

mysterious *adj.* not easily understood or figured out
Syn. baffling
adv. mysteriously
n. mystery
n. mysteriousness

He had a mysterious effect on everyone who heard him speak.
The man's disappearance was a mystery.

perilous *adj.* threatening or risky; harmful
Syn. Dangerous
adv. perilously
n. peril

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

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

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

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

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

reject v. to refuse
Syn. refuse
n. rejection

The insurance company rejected the claim.

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

substantial

adj. important; strongly made; of value

adv. substantial

Syn. significant

adj. substantive

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

This substantive article will change your opinion of rock music.

MATCHING

Choose the synonym.

- | | |
|---------------|------------------|
| 1. favor | 6. substantial |
| (A) manage | (A) haphazard |
| (B) support | (B) diverse |
| (C) feign | (C) significant |
| (D) conform | (D) perilous |
| 2. halt | 7. promote |
| (A) evaporate | (A) shelter |
| (B) avoid | (B) boost |
| (C) defy | (C) harm |
| (D) stop | (D) face |
| 3. postpone | 8. mysterious |
| (A) attain | (A) unhealthy |
| (B) delay | (B) dangerous |
| (C) harbor | (C) dramatic |
| (D) elude | (D) baffling |
| 4. durable | 9. insignificant |
| (A) ample | (A) meaningless |
| (B) crucial | (B) rudimentary |
| (C) dominant | (C) vigorous |
| (D) sturdy | (D) spacious |
| 5. create | 10. refuse |
| (A) generate | (A) recover |
| (B) gain | (B) exhaust |
| (C) release | (C) reject |
| (D) solve | (D) withstand |

TEST QUESTIONS

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

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

LESSON 16

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

conscientious

adv. conscientiously

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

She is a conscientious representative of the student body.

They approached the task conscientiously.

convey

v. to make something known to others; to communicate

Syn. communicate

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

He was able to convey his message to the audience with ease.

encompass

v. to surround completely; to envelop

Syn. include

Her plan of the study encompasses every aspect of computer science.

The course encompasses all the literature of the nineteenth century.

expansion

adj. expandable

v. expand

n. expansion

n. the act of making larger

Syn. growth

Expansion occurs when matter is heated.

The laboratory is expanding its capacity to produce computer chips.

heighten

adj. heightened

n. height

v. to cause to become greater

Syn. intensify

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

The public was in a heightened state of nervousness as the hurricane approached.

highlight

n. highlight

v. to emphasize the part of a greater whole

Syn. emphasize

The manual highlights basic operation of the videotape player.

The final goal was the highlight of the game.

inadvertently

adj. inadvertent

adv. by accident; without paying attention;

unexpectedly

Syn. carelessly

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

His inadvertent calculation caused him to derive the wrong answer.

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

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

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

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

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

Miraculously, he was unharmed after being hit by lightning.
Given the extent of her injuries, it is almost a miracle that she is still alive.

retrieve *v.* to find and bring back
adj. retrieve *Syn.* recover
n. retrieval

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

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

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

unlikely *adj.* not probable
Syn. doubtful

Rain is unlikely during the summer.
It is unlikely that he will want to attend the conference.

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

His negative reaction was unwarranted.
The motorist felt that the ticket for the infraction was unwarranted.

zenith *n.* the highest point

Syn. apex

He reached the zenith of his profession at a very young age.

The publication of the book represented the zenith of his career.

MATCHING

Choose the synonym.

- | | |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1. convey | 6. encompass |
| (A) intensify | (A) emphasize |
| (B) promote | (B) gain |
| (C) communicate | (C) heighten |
| (D) solve | (D) include |
|
 | |
| 2. unlikely | 7. apex |
| (A) suitable | (A) facet |
| (B) persistent | (B) zenith |
| (C) doubtful | (C) pier |
| (D) inevitable | (D) flaw |
|
 | |
| 3. growth | 8. systematically |
| (A) expansion | (A) unexpectedly |
| (B) function | (B) persuasively |
| (C) highlight | (C) astoundingly |
| (D) recover | (D) methodically |
|
 | |
| 4. meticulously | 9. unwarranted |
| (A) haphazardly | (A) insignificant |
| (B) conscientiously | (B) unjustified |
| (C) inadvertently | (C) unacceptable |
| (D) conspicuously | (D) unappealing |
|
 | |
| 5. retrieve | 10. miraculously |
| (A) generate | (A) exceedingly |
| (B) recover | (B) astonishingly |
| (C) accelerate | (C) theoretically |
| (D) broaden | (D) appropriately |

TEST QUESTIONS

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

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

LESSON 17

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

agitate

n. agitation
n. agitator

v. to shake or move; to cause worry

Syn. disturb

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

confidential

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

adj. to be said or written in secret

Syn. secret

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

delighted

adv. delightfully
adj. delightful
n. delight

adj. to be satisfied; very happy

Syn. elated

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

discreetly

adj. discreet
n. discretion

adv. in a careful, polite manner

Syn. cautiously

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

documented

adj. documentary
v. document
n. documentation

adj. proven with written evidence

Syn. proven

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

gradually

adj. gradual

adv. slowly but surely

Syn. steadily

The bay has gradually deteriorated over the years.
There has been a gradual change in the climate over the past decade.

influence

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

adj. influential or behavior; to change the course of events
n. influence *Syn.* affect

He was unable to influence his friend's decision.

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

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

The airlines had to cancel an inordinate number of flights due to the fog.

There was an inordinately large number of whales off the coast.

instantly *adv.* happening immediately; in a short
adj. instantaneous period of time
adj. instant *Syn.* immediately
n. instant

The computer finished the job instantly.

It happened in an instant.

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

The machine was left on intentionally.

Her action was an indication of her good intentions.

intrinsic *adj.* belonging to the essential nature of
adv. intrinsically something
 Syn. inherent

A penny has little intrinsic value.

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

inundate v. to flood
n. inundation *Syn.* overwhelm

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

The foundation experienced an inundation of requests for money.

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

She involved herself in many activities to meet new friends.

His involvement in right-wing politics is well documented.

nominal *adj.* very small; in form but not in substance
adv. nominally *Syn.* moderate

The office building was sold at a nominal price.

She was nominally successful as an actress.

presumably

adj. presumable

v. presume

n. presumption

adv. reported but not confirmed

Syn. supposedly

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

I presume that you have been camping before.

MATCHING

Choose the synonym.

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

TEST QUESTIONS

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

1. Modes of suggestion are usually verbal or visual and sometimes may involve the other senses.

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

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

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

3. Nowadays coins lack intrinsic value and bills can no longer be converted to gold.

- (A) Inherent
- (B) Nominal
- (C) Documented
- (D) Inordinate

4. Because their presence can upset normal markets, some products with commercial potential are intentionally kept off the market-place.

- (A) Confidentially
- (B) Constantly
- (C) Arbitrarily
- (D) Deliberately

5. Anaximander argued that human beings are so helpless at birth that they would almost instantly die if put into the world on their own.

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

LESSON 18

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

absurd

adv. absurdly

n. absurdity

adj. clearly false, without reason

Syn. ridiculous

Confidentially, I think his suggestion is absurd.

They are absurdly irrational about the issue.

abuse

adv. abusively

adj. abusive

v. abuse

n. the act of using or treating things in an incorrect way

Syn. misuse

The constant abuse of the environment will have grave consequences in the future.

He received an abusive letter from an irate citizen.

allocation

adj. allocated

v. allocate

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

Syn. distribution

His allocation of materials was gradually used up.

Allocating office space in the building was a difficult task.

balanced

v. balance

n. balance

adj. a state where everything is of the same size or weight; an element on one side

that counters an equal element on the other

Syn. equalized

He made a balanced presentation of both points of view.

The museum contains a pleasant balance of paintings from the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

conservation

v. conserve

n. conservative*

n. conservationist

n. conservatism*

n. the act of using carefully; setting aside for future use

* favoring traditional values

Syn. preservation

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

The Republican party is generally known to be more conservative than the Democratic party.

fallacious

adv. fallaciously

n. fallacy

adj. having errors

Syn. incorrect

Her fallacious argument could not be defended.
It is a fallacy to think that money will bring you happiness.

feasible *adj.* able to be done
adv. feasibly *Syn.* possible
n. feasibility

It is a feasible design for the high-rise building.
Before they begin the project, a study must be done of its feasibility.

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

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

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

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

means *n.* ways
Syn. methods

He was told to finish the job by any means available to him.
The most convenient means of communicating with someone is by phone.

narrow *adj.* small from one side to the other; limited
adv. narrowly *Syn.* thin
n. narrowness

The canal was extremely narrow.
The driver narrowly escaped injury when his car went off the road.

preconception *n.* an opinion formed in advance without
adj. preconceived experience or knowledge of something
v. preconceive *Syn.* bias

It is difficult to overcome preconceptions if we are not open to new ideas.
His preconceived notions about Los Angeles disappeared after he visited the city.

robust *adj.* showing good health; in good shape
adv. robustly *Syn.* energetic
n. robustness

The robust economy is expected to continue growing quickly.
The new product is selling robustly.

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

n. steadiness

Syn. constant

Steady growth is projected for companies involved in genetic engineering.

The secretary has steadily earned respect for her work.

swift

adj. quick

adv. swiftly

Syn. fast

n. swiftness

The contestants were swift thinkers.

They swiftly agreed with the conclusion of the report.

MATCHING

Choose the synonym.

- | | |
|------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Preconception | 6. Distribution |
| (A) Expansion | (A) Shortage |
| (B) Bias | (B) Allocation |
| (C) Function | (C) Methods |
| (D) Disapproval | (D) Disapproval |
| 2. Steady | 7. Fallacious |
| (A) Constant | (A) Inordinate |
| (B) Ample | (B) Incorrect |
| (C) Arid | (C) Unwarranted |
| (D) Nominal | (D) Inevitable |
| 3. Robust | 8. Conservation |
| (A) Energetic | (A) Preservation |
| (B) Flexible | (B) Exportation |
| (C) Narrow | (C) Agitation |
| (D) Ridiculous | (D) Documentation |
| 4. Fast | 9. Feasible |
| (A) Swift | (A) Absurd |
| (B) Spacious | (B) Possible |
| (C) Intrinsic | (C) Limber |
| (D) Vital | (D) Selective |
| 5. Balanced | 10. Abuse |
| (A) Rigid | (A) Involve |
| (B) Documented | (B) Agitate |
| (C) Fundamental | (C) Misuse |
| (D) Equalized | (D) Disperse |

TEST QUESTIONS

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

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

LESSON 19

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

antiquated

n. antique

adj. too old to be presently useful; outmoded

Syn. old-fashioned

This antiquated machinery breaks down too frequently.

Their home is filled with antique furniture.

coherent

adv. coherently

v. cohere

n. coherence

adj. cohesive*

n. cohesion

adj. well reasoned; ideas that are clearly presented

* sticking together as a group

Syn. logical

It was a well-balanced, coherent presentation.

There was a cohesive feeling among the new works.

develop

adj. developing

n. development

n. developer

v. to grow; to increase; to become more complete

Syn. evolve

The management team developed the idea over a period of years.

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

fabricate

adj. fabricated

n. fabrication

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

Syn. invent

The executive fabricated the story about the merger.

His alibi is the weakest fabrication I have ever heard.

investigation

adj. investigative

v. investigate

n. investigator

n. a careful examination in order to determine facts

Syn. probe

The comprehensive investigation of the bank revealed no illegal activity.

Some members of the Senate wanted to appoint a special investigator.

normally

adj. normal

v. normalize

n. normalization

adv. commonly, usually

Syn. typically

n. norm

It is normally quite cold this time of the year.

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

notice

v. to sense; to be aware

adv. noticeably

Syn. observe

adj. noticeable

n. notice

The doctor noticed a small fracture in the patient's finger.

The weather was noticeably cooler.

notion

n. an idea, belief, or opinion

Syn. concept

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

Some outlandish notions about the origin of the solar system have been disproved.

novel

adj. something unusual, uncommon; new

Syn. original

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

The novel suggestions were implemented.

opposition

n. the state of acting against; not being in

adj. oppositional

agreement

adj. oppositionary

Syn. resistance

v. oppose

The students voiced their opposition to the rise in tuition.

The government opposed price controls.

record

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

adj. recorded

Syn. register

n. record

n. recording

n. recorder

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

Many businesses are using recordings to answer consumer questions.

relate

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

adj. related

n. relation

Syn. communicate

n. relationship

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

What is the relationship between supply and demand?

suspect

v. to think that something is true, but

adj. suspected having no proof
n. suspicion
n. suspect *Syn.* speculate

He suspected that the substance was not present in the compound.

I have a suspicion that he will want to participate in the investigation.

unbiased *adj.* with no preconceptions
 Syn. objective

Her unbiased analysis of the problem allowed her to find the solution more rapidly.

Here is unbiased proof that nitrogen exists in this compound.

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

The class expressed varied opinions about the movie.

There are various ways to solve the problem.

MATCHING

Choose the synonym.

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

TEST QUESTIONS

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

1. The fire salamander is so called because of an antiquated belief that it could withstand fire.

- (A) a well-developed
- (B) an old-fashioned
- (C) a carefully fabricated
- (D) a widely held

2. Because of his novel approaches to scientific problem, Edison was able to patent dozens of inventions.

- (A) original
- (B) varied
- (C) coherent
- (D) unbiased

3. The classical economic theory explaining consumer behavior is built on the notion of marginal utility.

- (A) investigation
- (B) concept
- (C) effectiveness
- (D) opposition

4. In deep water, tidal waves are so long and so slight that ships seldom notice their presence.

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

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

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

LESSON 20

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

accentuate

adj. accentuated
n. accentuation

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

The colorful dress accentuated the joy of the occasion.

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

disguise

adj. disguised
n. disguise

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

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

Everyone saw through his disguise.

finance

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

v. to provide money
Syn. fund

The art exhibition was financed by a private foundation.

The college was financially independent.

initiate

adj. initiated
n. initiation
n. initiative

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

Syn. launch

The newcomer initiated the long citizenship process.

Their work shows a lot of initiative.

Innovative

n. innovator
n. innovation

adj. something newly introduced; creative
Syn. creative

This innovative project is worthy of support.

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

narrate

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

v. to tell a story; relate
Syn. relate

Walter Cronkite narrated the documentary film.
Her fabricated narrative generated a lot of excitement.

nevertheless *conj.* in spite of that
Syn. nonetheless
She was quite sick; nevertheless, she attended all of her classes.
His project was flawed; nevertheless it won second prize.

occasionally *adv.* now and then; once in a while
adj. occasional *Syn.* sometimes
n. occasion
Extreme heat occasionally causes health problems.
They were very fine students who, on occasion, experienced problems with pop quizzes.

omit *v.* to leave out, not include
adj. omitted *Syn.* neglect
n. omission
He inadvertently omitted some important data from the report.
His paper had several notable omissions.

outlandish *adj.* strange and unpleasant; beyond accepted norms
adv. outlandishly *Syn.* bizarre
His outlandish dens demonstrated his creativity.
Rebellious youth in many countries dress outlandishly.

overcome *v.* to defeat, fight with success; to take control of an individual
Syn. conquer
The young woman was overcome with emotion when she learned she had won a scholarship.
The family overcame many obstacles to purchase the house.

partially *adv.* a part of the whole; incomplete
adv. partly *Syn.* somewhat
adj. partial
n. part
The clerk was only partially responsible for the error.
The business venture was only a partial success.

pass *v.* to accept formally by vote
adj. passable *Syn.* approve
n. passage
The proposed amendment passed unanimously.
The passage of the resolution is in doubt.

portray

n. portrayal

v. to represent; to act

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

n. submission

v. to turn in, offer for evaluation

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

MATCHING

Choose the synonym.

- | | |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Launch | 6. Relate |
| (A) Overcome | (A) Restore |
| (B) Initiate | (B) Record |
| (C) Persuade | (C) Narrate |
| (D) Investigate | (D) Balance |
| 2. Occasionally | 7. Nevertheless |
| (A) Suitably | (A) Nonetheless |
| (B) Outlandishly | (B) Albeit |
| (C) Partially | (C) Although |
| (D) Sometimes | (D) Presumably |
| 3. Submit | 8. Disguise |
| (A) Approve | (A) Delight |
| (B) Propose | (B) Neglect |
| (C) Omit | (C) Feign |
| (D) Develop | (D) Conceal |
| 4. Creative | 9. Emphasize |
| (A) Fallacious | (A) Accentuate |
| (B) Coherent | (B) Conquer |
| (C) Innovative | (C) Suspect |
| (D) Conspicuous | (D) Select |
| 5. Finance | 10. Portray |
| (A) Fund | (A) Refine |
| (B) Develop | (B) Depict |
| (C) Fabricate | (C) Pass |
| (D) Oppose | (D) Abuse |

TEST QUESTIONS

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

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

LESSON 21

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

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

The old man's health has declined since he retired.

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

gather v. to collect
n. gathering *Syn.* collect

He carefully gathered his thoughts just before the interview.

A gathering of citizens developed outside the courthouse.

motion n. the state of changing one's position
v. motion* * to direct by moving
Syn. movement

The motion of the flame was hypnotic.

They motioned her to leave the area.

partisan *adj.* strongly supporting a group or point of view
Syn. biased

Partisan political infighting caused Congress's influence to decline.

His views reflected his partisan bias.

pattern n. a regular, repeated arrangement or action
adj. patterned *Syn.* habit
v. pattern

The bright pattern of the monarch butterfly distracts its predators.

The new stadium was patterned after the old traditional ballparks.

Phenomena n. natural events or facts; strange or notable
adv. phenomenally happenings
adj. phenomenal *Syn.* events
n. phenomenon

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

The musician's phenomenal performance was applauded by the critics.

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

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

His philanthropy is recognized around the world.

placid

adj. quiet, not easily upset

adv. placidly

Syn. calm

The placid nature of her personality made her easy to work with.

The waves moved placidly toward shore.

plentiful

adj. more than sufficient

adv. plentifully

Syn. abundant

n. plenty

Examples of Miro's art plentiful.

A balanced diet normally provides plenty of the necessary vitamins.

reaction

n. a reply; a change that occurs when substances are mixed

adv. reactively

adj. reactive

Syn. response

v. react

adj. reactionary

When chlorine and ammonia are mixed, the chemical reaction causes chlorine gas.

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

rhythm

n. a regular pattern, usually in music

adv. rhythmically

Syn. pulse

adj. rhythmic

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

She noticed the rhythmic beating of her heart as the moment of truth arrived.

scenic

adj. concerning pleasant natural surroundings

adv. scenically

Syn. picturesque

n. scenery

n. scene

The scenic route to the summit is much more interesting than the fastest route.

The scenery in rural Japan is impressive.

shallow

adj. not far from top to bottom

adv. shallowly

Syn. superficial

n. shallowness

Estuaries are typically shallow bodies of water.

The result of their research demonstrated the shallowness of the hypothesis.

sheltered

adj. protected from harmful elements;
isolated from reality

v. shelter

Syn. protected

n. shelter

She has led a sheltered life since her parents have done everything for her.

Everyone looked for shelter from the blazing sun.

vanishing

v. vanish

adj. going out of sight

Syn. disappearing

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

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

MATCHING

Choose the synonym.

1. picturesque

- (A) scenic
- (B) calm
- (C) outlandish
- (D) fertile

2. partisan

- (A) patterned
- (B) bizarre
- (C) abundant
- (D) biased

3. decrease

- (A) disguise
- (B) decline
- (C) omit
- (D) halt

4. disappear

- (A) vary
- (B) vanish
- (C) reject
- (D) fabricate

5. shallow

- (A) swift
- (B) substantial
- (C) placid
- (D) superficial

6. gather

- (A) broaden
- (B) collect
- (C) distribute
- (D) enhance

7. reaction

- (A) allocation
- (B) investigation
- (C) response
- (D) means

8. motion

- (A) innovation
- (B) narration
- (C) reaction
- (D) movement

9. protected

- (A) plentiful
- (B) phenomenal
- (C) sheltered
- (D) passable

10. rhythm

- (A) pulse
- (B) pattern
- (C) function
- (D) notion

TEST QUESTIONS

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

1. Mollusks, crustaceans, and fish are plentiful in the Chesapeake Bay.

- (A) vanishing
- (B) abundant
- (C) gathered
- (D) declining

2. The coast of California is marked by a rugged mountain range and placid bays.

- (A) calm
- (B) scenic
- (C) sheltered
- (D) shallow

3. The Carnegie Foundation is one of the major philanthropic organizations in the United States.

- (A) partisan
- (B) governmental
- (C) humanitarian
- (D) international

4. From the beginning of the twentieth century, dance phenomena became extremely prolific and colorful.

- (A) rhythm
- (B) fashion
- (C) events
- (D) expression

B. Mollusks have a wide range of locomotory patterns.

- (A) Habits
- (B) Motions
- (C) Controls
- (D) Reactions

LESSON 22

■ account ■ archaic ■ hasten ■ hue ■ illustration
■ inactive ■ intricate ■ magnitude ■ oblige ■ overlook
■ poll ■ position ■ practical ■ predominant ■ prompt

account *n.* a report of an event; money kept in a bank; a statement of something used or received, usually a financial report
adj. accountable
v. account
n. accounting
n. accountant *Syn.* story

His account of the incident varied from that of the other witnesses.
We need an accounting of all the money that was spent.

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

These archaic methods of farming must be brought up to date.
His speech was full of archaic expressions.

hasten *v.* to cause to go faster; move forward more quickly
adv. hastily
adj. hasty *Syn.* accelerate
n. hastiness

After notifying his family of the accident, he hastened to add that he had not been hurt.
You should not make important decisions hastily.

hue *n.* color
Syn. color

The hue of the sunset was beautiful.
The hue of the room gave it a warm feeling.

illustration *n.* a visual image, typically used to explain
adj. illustrated *Syn.* picture
adj. illustrative
v. illustrate
n. illustrator

The illustration makes the process of condensation more understandable.
This experiment illustrates how certain chemicals can react violently when combined.

inactive *adj.* not moving; not involved
n. inaction *Syn.* idle
n. inactivity

The virus remains inactive for a long period of time.
Her inaction has caused her to miss many opportunities to advance her career.

intricate *adj.* having many parts; finely detailed
Syn. complex
adv. intricately
n. intricacy

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

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

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

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

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

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

Poll *n.* questionnaire; a vote of public opinion
n. polling
Syn. survey
n. pollster
The poll indicated that conservation of the environment was the number one issue with college students.
The pollster asked the questions in a nonpartisan manner.

position *n.* place where something can be found; job
Syn. location
He held a very high position in the firm.
The position of aircraft wings causes the lift that allows the plane to leave the ground.

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

predominant*adj.* the most noticeable or powerful element*adv.* predominantly*Syn.* principal*v.* predominate*n.* predominance

The predominant export of the Middle East is petroleum.

Many cities in the southwest are predominantly hispanic.

prompt*v.* to cause something to happen; to do*adv.* promptly

quickly; to be on time

n. promptness*Syn.* induce

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

Promptness is an important factor in many societies.

MATCHING

Choose the synonym.

1. intricate
(A) functional
(B) complex
(C) predominant
(D) inordinate

2. disregard
(A) overcome
(B) disperse
(C) decline
(D) overlook

3. idle
(A) initiated
(B) inundated
(C) inactive
(D) intrinsic

4. archaic
(A) plentiful
(B) ancient
(C) placid
(D) absurd

5. hasten
(A) accelerate
(B) shelter
(C) heighten
(D) generate

6. picture
(A) position
(B) zenith
(C) preconception
(D) illustration

7. size
(A) allocation
(B) magnitude
(C) expand
(D) advent

8. color
(A) hue
(B) illustration
(C) facet
(D) scenery

9. require
(A) survey
(B) induce
(C) oblige
(D) relinquish

10. account
(A) currency
(B) poll
(C) treasury
(D) story

TEST QUESTIONS

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

1. The production of steel and the mining of coal are the predominant industries of Pennsylvania.

- (A) principal
- (B) inactive
- (C) archaic
- (D) overlooked

2. Curiosity prompted Leonardo da Vinci to become the world's greatest designer.

- (A) hastened
- (B) defied
- (C) induced
- (D) obliged

3. The first practical calendar was developed by the Egyptians.

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

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

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

5. In a recent newspaper poll, the compact disc was mentioned as the most popular medium of recorded music.

- (A) survey
- (B) account
- (C) illustration
- (D) convention

LESSON 23

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

analogous

n. analogy

adj. alike in some way

Syn. similar to

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

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

approximately

adj. approximate

v. approximate

n. approximation

adv. almost correct; not exact

Syn. around

There are approximately 100 billion galaxies in the universe.

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

compel

adv. compellingly

adj. compelling

v. to make something happen by necessity

or force

Syn. obliged

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

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

formidable

adv. formidably

adj. difficult; causing worry or fear

Syn. overwhelming

Their formidable opponents gave no sign of weakness.

The man's voice echoed formidably throughout the hallway.

intrusive

adj. intrusively

v. intrude

n. intrusion

n. intruder

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

Syn. annoying

The intrusive bacteria caused his condition to worsen.

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

periodically

adj. periodic

adj. periodical

n. periodical*

adv. happening repeatedly, occurring at regular intervals

* Something published at regular intervals

Syn. sometimes

Some materials periodically demonstrate unusual behavior when frozen.

She has periodic desires to get a job.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

renown

adj. renowned

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

adj. sacrificial

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

adv. triumphantly

adj. triumphant

adj. triumphal

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

MATCHING

Choose the synonym.

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

TEST QUESTIONS

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

1. Growth rings in a log are often so clearly visible that they can reliably indicate age.

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

2. Organic compounds often contain special groups of atoms, called functional groups, that readily undergo chemical reaction.

- (A) freely
- (B) reluctantly
- (C) repeatedly
- (D) occasionally

3. The construction of the Saint Lawrence seaway was an undertaking of great proportions.

- (A) triumphs
- (B) renown
- (C) dimensions
- (D) sacrifice

4. Folklore holds that mermaids are natural beings who have prophetic powers.

- (A) formidable
- (B) intrusive
- (C) predictive
- (D) analogous

5. Faced with the numerous problems brought on by the new industrial age, wage earners were prone to solve their problems through organization.

- (A) fortunate
- (B) compelled
- (C) cautioned
- (D) inclined

LESSON 24

■ affordable ■ contaminated ■ discernible ■ flourishing ■ maintain
■ mediocre ■ negligible ■ parallel ■ peculiar ■ potent ■ remarkable
■ scattered ■ solid ■ somewhat ■ tedious

affordable

adv. affordably

v. afford

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

Syn. economical

The new dictionary is quite affordable.

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

contaminated

v. contaminate

n. contamination

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

Syn. pollute

This contaminated water supply must be closed to the public.

Bacteria and insects are frequently agents of food contamination.

discernible

adv. discernibly

v. discern

n. discernment

adj. noticeable; easily seen

Syn. detectable

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

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

flourishing

v. flourish

adj. active and growing; healthy

Syn. thriving

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

A young mind will flourish with the proper guidance.

maintain

n. maintenance

v. to support; to keep in good condition

Syn. preserve

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

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

mediocre

n. mediocrity

adj. of average quality; not good or bad

Syn. average

This is a mediocre research report.

The mediocrity of his work was disappointing.

negligible

adv. negligibly

adj. neglected

adj. hardly noticeable; scarcely detectable

* to ignore; to give little attention

Syn. insignificant

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

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

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

We have lead parallel lives.
Her background parallels mine.

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

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

potent *adj.* very strong
Syn. powerful

He gave a potent speech at the convention.
The venom of the coral snake is extremely potent.

remarkable *adj.* worthy of mention; uncommon
adv. remarkably *Syn.* exceptional
The invention of the radio was a remarkable achievement.
The actor was remarkably calm before his performance.

scattered *adj.* to be spread out or separated widely
v. scatter *Syn.* dispersed
Hurricane Andrew left debris scattered throughout Miami.
The crowd scattered when it began to rain heavily.

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

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

somewhat *adj.* a little
Syn. slight

They feel somewhat tired after the mile run.
Buying food at a convenience store can be somewhat expensive.

tedious

adv. tediously

n. tedium

adj. long and tiring

Syn. monotonous

The tedious lecture bored most of the audience.

Some people become frustrated by the tedium of daily living.

MATCHING

Choose the synonym.

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1. discernible
(A) exceptional
(B) detectable
(C) solid
(D) negligent | 6 similar
(A) prophetic
(B) substantial
(C) parallel
(D) varied |
| 2. average
(A) ample
(B) approximate
(C) slight
(D) mediocre | 7. strange
(A) peculiar
(B) vanishing
(C) somewhat
(D) renowned |
| 3. preserve
(A) maintain
(B) disperse
(C) contaminate
(D) compel | 8. negligible
(A) exceptional
(B) intricate
(C) insignificant
(D) scattered |
| 4. potent
(A) powerful
(B) reliable
(C) firm
(D) durable | 9. thriving
(A) flourishing
(B) vanishing
(C) polluting
(D) astounding |
| 5. affordable
(A) remarkable
(B) formidable
(C) economical
(D) proportional | 10. monotonous
(A) ambiguous
(B) hazardous
(C) prosperous
(D) tedious |

TEST QUESTIONS

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

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

LESSON 25

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

briefly

adj. brief
n. brevity

adv. short, usually in time

Syn. concisely

The visiting professor spoke briefly at the faculty meeting.

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

circulate

adj. circulatory
n. circulation

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

Syn. distribute

The news of the president's visit circulated quickly throughout the city.

A dollar bill remains in circulation for approximately one and a half years.

consistently

adj. consistent
v. consist
n. consistency

adv. without changing; keeping the same principles, ideas, or quality

Syn. dependably

The temperature must be maintained consistently at 75° centigrade.

The policy of the government concerning unemployment has been consistent.

exhibit

n. exhibit
n. exhibition
n. exhibitor

v. to show or demonstrate

Syn. display

The compound exhibits the qualities of an acid.

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

found

n. foundation*
n. founder

v. to establish, start up

* a philanthropic organization

Syn. establish

The wealthy woman founded a hospital in her home town.

The foundation maintained a number of philanthropic activities.

improperly

adj. improper
n. impropriety

adv. not following established rules; not desirable

Syn. inappropriately

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

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

impulsively *adv.* acting without thinking
adj. impulsive *Syn.* capriciously
n. impulse
n. impulsiveness

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

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

Tornadoes occur infrequently in the eastern part of the United States.
Deserts are characterized by their infrequent rainfall.

isolated *adj.* kept separated from others
v. isolate *Syn.* secluded
n. isolation

The failure of the communications system left the towns isolated.
The doctors were unable to isolate the cause of the epidemic.

overtly *adv.* in a way clearly seen; not done secretly
adj. overt *Syn.* openly
He overtly disregarded the regulations.
Her overt attempt to take control of the discussion failed.

profoundly *adv.* in a deep way; showing deep knowledge
adj. profound of a subject
n. profundity *Syn.* significantly
Everyone was profoundly impressed by the news reports.
The Nobel Prize is a profound recognition of outstanding achievement.

sharply *adv.* showing sensitivity or quick thinking;
adj. sharp showing a quick change in direction
v. sharpen *Syn.* quickly
n. sharpness

Car prices rose sharply over the past year.
There was a sharp change in the humidity after the storm.

situated *adj.* being found in a certain place
n. situation* * a current condition
v. situate *Syn.* located

The resort town of Cancun is situated in the northern part of the Yucatan Peninsula.
They found themselves in a very difficult situation.

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

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

This report, and all subsequent reports, must be written in the appropriate style.

unmistakable

adj. clearly able to be determined

adj. unmistakably

Syn. indisputable

The markings of the insect provided an unmistakable identification of the species.

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

MATCHING

Choose the synonym.

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

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

3. subsequently
(A) unmistakably
(B) around
(C) swiftly
(D) afterwards

4. circulated
(A) sharpened
(B) distributed
(C) maintained
(D) encircled

5. briefly
(A) rarely
(B) reliably
(C) concisely
(D) severely

6. exhibited
(A) displayed
(B) founded
(C) located
(D) highlighted

7. overtly
(A) entirely
(B) openly
(C) evenly
(D) actually

8. inappropriately
(A) disapprovingly
(B) approximately
(C) improperly
(D) unintentionally

9. secluded
(A) situated
(B) isolated
(C) established
(D) shifted

10. indisputably
(A) severely
(B) infrequently
(C) significantly
(D) unmistakably

TEST QUESTIONS

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

1. The colossal Statue of Liberty is situated in New York Harbor on a small island park within sight of Ellis Island.

- (A) visited
- (B) exhibited
- (C) isolated
- (D) located

2. Astrology contends that the position of constellations at the moment of your birth profoundly influences your future.

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

3. After doubling the wages of his employees, Henry Ford was sharply criticized for his action.

- (A) severely
- (B) overtly
- (C) impulsively
- (D) improperly

4. Most species of birds walk long distances infrequently.

- (A) rarely
- (B) briefly
- (C) selectively
- (D) continually

5. The major American comic publishing houses were founded during the early nineteenth century.

- (A) altered
- (B) circulated
- (C) criticized
- (D) established

LESSON 26

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

chaotic *adj.* being in complete disorder and confusion
n. chaos *Syn.* disorganized
The traffic in Seoul is often chaotic.
There was complete chaos when the world champions arrived at the airport.

characteristic *adj.* an easily recognized quality of something
adv. characteristically *Syn.* typical
v. characterize
n. characteristic
n. characterization
The markings on that butterfly are characteristic of the monarch butterfly.
I would characterize him as a diligent professional.

controversial *adj.* something that causes disagreement or
v. controversially argument.
n. controversy *Syn.* debatable
The governor made a controversial decision to raise taxes.
The controversy was caused by the proposal to build an airport in the area.

exemplify v. to give an example
adj. exemplary *Syn.* symbolize
The recent downturn in the housing industry exemplifies the poor economic conditions.
Her exemplary academic achievement is representative of most students at this institution.

gratifying *adj.* giving pleasure or a feeling of
adv. gratefully accomplishment; showing thanks
adj. grateful
v. gratify *Syn.* satisfying
n. gratification
n. gratefulness

Studying abroad can be a very gratifying experience.
She was grateful for all the work he had done for her.

interpret v. to understand the meaning of something
n. interpreter *Syn.* clarify
n. interpretation
v. interpreting

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

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

The company launched a new program to attract more clients.
The launching of the first Soviet satellite, Sputnik, created concern among the American public.

legitimate *adj.* reasonable, lawful
adv. legitimately
n. legitimacy
Syn. authentic

The engineer had a legitimate reason for changing the design of the building.
The legitimacy of the theory has yet to be determined.

particular *adj.* a certain way or thing; unusual; hard to please
adv. particularly*
** especially*
Syn. specific

The speaker has a particular way of persuading his audience.
That group of workers is particularly difficult to satisfy.

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

The actor's radiant smile captivated the audience.
The radiance of the fire prevented the firefighters from entering the house.

ridge *n.* the top of a mountain range; a raised part of any surface
Syn. crest

A bald eagle stood on the ridge of the tall office building.
The mountain ridge was heavily forested.

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

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

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

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

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

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

striking *adj.* drawing special attention to
adv. strikingly *Syn.* remarkable

His striking proposal saved the company from bankruptcy.
That was a strikingly convincing argument that the speaker delivered.

MATCHING

Choose the synonym.

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

TEST QUESTIONS

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

1. Streams were always a problem for stagecoach drivers.
(A) rivers
(B) storms
(C) ridges
(D) bandits
2. Quebec is a striking example of the challenges produced when two diverse groups of people live together.
(A) controversial
(B) characteristic
(C) legitimate
(D) remarkable
3. Crowd behavior is characterized as a spontaneous collective reaction to a publicly observed event.
(A) a chaotic
(B) a gratifying
(C) an instinctive
(D) an uninterrupted
4. Some languages do not contain separate words for particular colors.
(A) all
(B) radiant
(C) uncommon
(D) specific
5. Joseph Haydn was undoubtedly the most prolific of all symphony writers, and his works spanned what has been called the Classical era.
(A) exemplified
(B) covered
(C) launched
(D) interpreted

LESSON 27

■ aptly ■ demonstration ■ ingredients ■ involuntarily ■ marvel
■ measurable ■ moderate ■ odd ■ reflection ■ supposedly
■ sustained ■ symbols ■ synthesis ■ tangible ■ tightly

aptly

adj. apt

n. aptness

adv. having a tendency to do something;

likely

Syn. appropriately

It was an aptly timed remark.

Emotional problems are apt to damage personal relationships.

demonstration

adv. demonstrably

v. demonstrate

adj. demonstrative*

adj. demonstrable

n. a show or exhibit

* overtly showing emotion

Syn. display

The demonstration clarified the procedure for everyone.

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

ingredients

n. things combined to make something; the contents
of something

Syn. elements

The ingredients of the product are kept secret.

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

involuntarily

adj. involuntary

adv. in an unthinking manner; not chosen

Syn. automatically

He involuntarily agreed to work overtime.

Reflexes are involuntary reactions to external stimuli.

marvel

adv. marvelously

adj. marvelous

n. something that surprises or impresses

Syn. wonder

The Great Wall of China is one of the world's marvels.

The weather was marvelous for an afternoon get-together in the park.

measurable

adv. measurably

v. measure

n. measurement

adj. able to determine how much or how many

Syn. assessable

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

A yardstick is used to measure lengths up to three feet.

moderate

adj. not too much, not too little

adv. moderately * to reduce
v. moderate*
n. moderation *Syn.* medium

She made the best of her moderate dancing ability.
The Broadway play was moderately successful.

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

It is odd to find a person who speaks many languages.
The moon rock is an oddity available at the museum for all to view.

reflection *n.* a picture or element cast back
adj. reflected *Syn.* image
v. reflect

His bright smile was a reflection of his satisfaction.
In order to perceive something visually, light must be reflected from the object's surface.

supposedly *adv.* according to reports or hearsay; widely
adj. supposed believed or accepted
v. suppose *Syn.* presumably
n. supposition

The new trains can supposedly reach speeds of 150 miles per hour.
The stockbroker's supposition is that the economy will improve.

sustained *adj.* continuing in a constant way; remaining
v. sustain strong
adj. sustenance *Syn.* consistent
Sustained rainfall is the only hope they have for relief from the drought.
The trees could not sustain the attack of the locusts.

symbols *n.* a sign or object that represents something
adv. symbolically or somebody marks
adj. symbolic *Syn.* marks
v. symbolize

The strange symbols found in Egyptian tombs have intrigued historians for centuries.
I think this painting symbolizes the universal themes of humanity.

synthesis *n.* the mixing of separate things to form a
adv. synthetically* whole
adj. synthetic* * not made by nature
v. synthesize *Syn.* combination

The language of Papiamento is a synthesis of Dutch and native Indian languages of Curacao.

Vitamins are synthetically produced.

tangible

adv. tangibly

n. tangibility

adj. real; that which can be felt

Syn. concrete

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

The solution to this problem can be tangibly demonstrated.

tightly

adj. tight

v. tighten

n. tightness

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

Syn. firmly

The shirt fits too tightly.

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

MATCHING

Choose the synonym.

- | | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| 1. marvel | 6. involuntary |
| (A) ridge | (A) infrequent |
| (B) chaos | (B) substantial |
| (C) wonder | (C) automatic |
| (D) combination | (D) immeasurable |
| 2. display | 7. elements |
| (A) disperse | (A) ingredients |
| (B) decline | (B) measurements |
| (C) disguise | (C) marks |
| (D) demonstration | (D) spans |
| 3. oddly | 8. assessable |
| (A) symbolically | (A) tangible |
| (B) presumably | (B) legitimate |
| (C) tightly | (C) accountable |
| (D) strangely | (D) measurable |
| 4. appropriately | 9. reflection |
| (A) supposedly | (A) image |
| (B) aptly | (B) synthesis |
| (C) tangibly | (C) solid |
| (D) durably | (D) tightness |
| 5. moderate | 10. tangible |
| (A) sustained | (A) firm |
| (B) medium | (B) consistent |
| (C) sharp | (C) concrete |
| (D) periodic | (D) tedious |

TEST QUESTIONS

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

1. Any insect landing on the Venus flytrap touches trigger hairs that cause the trap to close tightly.
(A) quickly
(B) mercilessly
(C) firmly
(D) involuntarily
2. The cultural life of New Orleans is a synthesis of contributions by both blacks and whites.
(A) product
(B) demonstration
(C) reflection
(D) combination
3. The Twin Towers are familiar symbols of the New York City sky-line.
(A) buildings
(B) landmarks
(C) marvels
(D) ingredients
4. Sustained industrial growth and strong consumer spending must be present in order for an economy to grow.
(A) tangible
(B) consistent
(C) moderate
(D) measurable
5. The Sweetwater River was supposedly named by General William Ashley in 1823 because its water tasted sweet to his trappers.
(A) presumably
(B) oddly
(C) aptly
(D) predictably

LESSON 28

■ aggravating ■ amusement ■ conceivably ■ convert ■ curative
■ debilitating ■ deplete ■ finite ■ perceive ■ security
■ toxic ■ tranquility ■ trap ■ undeniably ■ underestimated

aggravating

n. aggravation
v. aggravate

adj. making worse; annoying

Syn. irritating

The aggravating delay was caused by road repairs.

The shortage of work aggravated the crisis in the small town.

amusement

adv. amusingly
adj. amusing
v. amuse

n. something that holds interest and is enjoyable

Syn. diversion

We listened in amusement as he tried to convince his friend to lend him \$50.

His amusing comment made everyone laugh.

conceivably

adj. conceivable
v. conceive

adv. feasibly; believable

Syn. possibly

They could conceivably earn first place with their science project.

It is conceivable that humans will travel to distant planets one day.

convert

adj. convertible
n. conversion

v. to change from one form or state to another

Syn. alter

When boiled, liquids convert to gases.

The conversion from Fahrenheit to centigrade can be easily made.

curative

n. cure

adj. being able to restore to good condition

Syn. healing.

The curative properties of certain plants have been well documented.

There is no simple cure for the ills of society.

debilitating

v. debilitate
n. debility

adj. weakening

Syn. weakening

The lack of investment savings has a debilitating effect on the economy.

The patient's debility restricted him to the room.

deplete

adj. depleted
n. depletion

v. to use up; to reduce greatly

Syn. consume

She depleted all of her savings to buy the word processor.

The depletion of the Earth's oil reserves poses a threat to our current style of life.

finite

adj. of a certain amount; having an end; not infinite

Syn. limited

There were a finite number of explanations for the unusual reactions.

Is there a finite number of stars in the universe?

perceive

v. to sense; to become aware of

adv. perceptibly

Syn. observe

adj. perceivable

adj. perceptive

adv. perceptively

n. perception

We perceive major differences between the two political parties.

Porpoises are very perceptive mammals.

security

n. the feeling of freedom from danger,

adv. securely

doubt, or worry

adj. secure

Syn. safety

v. secure

Her sense of security increased as her grades improved.

We secured all of the doors of the lab before leaving.

toxic

adj. harmful; capable of being fatal

n. toxicity

Syn. poisonous

Disposal of toxic wastes is an ongoing problem.

This product has the highest toxicity of any known to science.

tranquility

n. calm; quietness

adv. tranquilly

Syn. peacefulness

adj. tranquil

v. tranquilize

The tranquility of the lake at sunrise inspired a profound sense of well-being.

His tranquil manner of expression made us all feel more secure.

trap

v. to catch and hold onto, usually by trickery;

adj. trapped

deceived

n. trap

Syn. retain

I was trapped into paying for the meal.

The trapped animals were released after being tagged by the wildlife conservationists.

undeniably

adv. clearly true

adj. undeniable

Syn. absolutely

Of all the planets in our solar system, Earth is undeniably the most conducive to supporting life.

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

underestimated

v. underestimate

adj. guessed lower than the actual quality or quantity

Syn. miscalculated

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

The treasurer underestimated the cost of the new furniture.

MATCHING

Choose the synonym.

- | | |
|--|---|
| 1. curative
(A) healing
(B) gratifying
(C) toxic
(D) conceivable | 6. aggravate
(A) irritate
(B) convert
(C) isolate
(D) initiate |
| 2. limited
(A) sustained
(B) ample
(C) finite
(D) approximate | 7. conceivably
(A) absolutely
(B) aptly
(C) possibly
(D) tranquilly |
| 3. amusement
(A) peacefulness
(B) demonstration
(C) diversion
(D) marvel | 8. alter
(A) sustain
(B) launch
(C) detect
(D) convert |
| 4. security
(A) power
(B) safety
(C) trap
(D) cure | 9. depleted
(A) retained
(B) consumed
(C) polluted
(D) inundated |
| 5. debilitating
(A) convincing
(B) formidable
(C) accelerating
(D) weakening | 10. perceive
(A) deny
(B) miscalculate
(C) observe
(D) estimate |

TEST QUESTIONS

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

1. Underestimated tax revenues caused the severe budget crunches that plagued local governments during the early 1970s.

- (A) depleted
- (B) finite
- (C) disappointing
- (D) miscalculated

2. Casey Stengel was undeniably one of the most successful coaches in the history of baseball.

- (A) absolutely
- (B) unexpectedly
- (C) conceivably
- (D) likely

3. The power of the sun is trapped by the leaves of plants and used to produce food by a process called photosynthesis.

- (A) perceived
- (B) reflected
- (C) retained
- (D) converted

4. Some people find tranquility when they are far away from the hustle and bustle of city life.

- (A) peacefulness
- (B) amusement
- (C) fulfillment
- (D) security

5. All Cnidarians have the potential to affect human physiology owing to the toxic nature of their nematocysts.

- (A) curative
- (B) debilitating
- (C) poisonous
- (D) aggravating

LESSON 29

■ acknowledge ■ acquire ■ assimilate ■ assortment ■ caliber
■ condensed ■ contradictory ■ disregard ■ precious ■ prominent
■ requisite ■ unravel ■ vague ■ vast ■ volume

acknowledge

n. acknowledgment

adj. acknowledged

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

Syn. recognize

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

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

acquire

adj. acquisitive

n. acquisition

v. to gain or come to possess

Syn. obtain

He acquired two beautiful paintings during his visit to Taipei.

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

assimilate

n. assimilation

v. to become a part of

Syn. incorporate

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

Assimilation of a new cultural environment can be difficult.

assortment

adj. assorted

n. a variety

Syn. selection

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

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

caliber

n. the standard of; the degree of goodness

Syn. quality

The high caliber of her work earned her a raise in pay.

Only parts of the highest caliber can be used to make repairs on the spacecraft.

condensed

v. condense

adj. made smaller; shortened; merged

Syn. summarized

This is a condensed version of the original research report.

Try to condense the two chapters into one.

contradictory

v. contradict

n. contradiction

adj. not agreeing with the facts or previous

statements made on the subject; declared wrong

Syn. inconsistent

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

The expert contradicted himself during his presentation.

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

They disregarded the no parking signs and were ticketed by the police.

His disregard of the lab instructions caused him to make many errors.

precious *adj.* having much monetary or sentimental value;
beautiful
Syn. cherished

This golden ring is my most precious possession.

The precious stone was one of a kind.

prominent *adj.* famous; having a high position
adv. prominently *Syn.* renowned
n. prominence

Their talent for locating oil deposits made them prominent geologists in the corporation.

He gained prominence through his television appearances.

requisite *adj.* needed for a specific purpose
v. require * a formal request
n. requirement *Syn.* demanded
n. requisition*
v. requisition

Here is the list of requisite courses for the master's degree in biology.

The project team made a requisition for a new set of reference books.

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

The detective was not able to unravel the mystery of the missing money.

The unraveling of the Soviet Union took place in the span of a few months.

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

She only has vague memories of her childhood.

The vagueness of his directions caused us to get lost.

vast *adj.* very much; very large
adv. vastly *Syn.* huge

I have noticed a vast improvement in your English vocabulary.

Unfortunately, the water quality has deteriorated vastly since my last visit here.

volume n. the amount of something contained in a space

adv. voluminously*

* holding a lot

adj. voluminous

Syn. quantity

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

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

MATCHING

Choose the synonym

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

TEST QUESTIONS

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

1. The volume of music contained in the archives of the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers is extraordinary.
(A) sound
(B) quantity
(C) caliber
(D) assortment
2. Technical curricula are requisite in a wide range of fields.
(A) assimilated
(B) promoted
(C) demanded
(D) acquired
3. Pioneers traveling to the west found a vast treasury of natural resources.
(A) a prominent
(B) a precious
(C) an elaborate
(D) a huge
4. Evidence concerning the origins of the native people living in the coastal areas of western Canada is vague.
(A) contradictory
(B) abundant
(C) acknowledged
(D) unclear
5. History consists of a complex weave of social, cultural, and economic forces that are not easily unraveled.
(A) separated
(B) disregarded
(C) illustrated
(D) condensed

LESSON 30

■ charisma ■ clever ■ convince ■ endure ■ forfeit
■ precarious ■ severe ■ sporadic ■ superior ■ wanton
■ weak ■ widespread ■ wisdom ■ witticism ■ woo

charisma

adj. charismatic

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

She has a charisma that no other candidate possesses.

John F. Kennedy was known for his charismatic personality.

clever

adv. cleverly

n. cleverness

adj. intelligent; resourceful

Syn. astute

Everyone appreciated their clever idea.

His cleverness enabled him to rise quickly in the organization.

convince

adv. convincingly

adj. convincing

v. to make someone see things your way

Syn. persuade

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

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

endure

adj. endurable

adj. enduring

n. endurance

v. to last; to suffer pain

Syn. persevere

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

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

forfeit

n. forfeit

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

Syn. relinquish

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

The forfeit occurred because not enough players showed up.

precarious

adv. precariously

adj. not safe, firm, or steady

Syn. hazardous

The diver put himself in a precarious situation among the sharks.

The cup was positioned precariously on the edge of the table.

severe

adj. extreme; harmful

v. severely
n. severity

Syn. intense

The weather service issued a severe storm warning for most of Michigan.
The severity of his condition will not be known until the test results are studied.

sporadic

adj. not consistent; irregular

adv. sporadically

Syn. erratic

The radio communications were subject to sporadic sunspot interference.
Violent storms occur sporadically in the southwest.

superior

adj. excellent quality; above all the rest

n. superiority

Syn. exceptional

This is a superior fossil of a trilobite.
The restaurant's superiority was established shortly after it opened.

wanton

adj. done without thought or consideration

adv. wantonly

Syn. senseless

Her wanton disregard of the rules was unexplainable.
The jealous man was wantonly impolite to the winner.

weak

adj. not strong; incapable

adv. weakly

Syn. ineffective

v. weaken

n. weakness

The weak light was inadequate for reading.
Most people have at least one area of weakness.

widespread

adj. found everywhere

Syn. extensive

There is a widespread rumor that there will be no class next Thursday.
The political influence of the developed countries of the world is widespread.

wisdom

n. knowledge and understanding

adv. wisely

Syn. insight

adj. wise

It is often said that wisdom is the product of experience.
It was a wise decision for you to buy a car.

witticism

n. a joke; a funny story

adv. wittily

Syn. humor

adj. witty

n. wit

n. wittiness

His witticisms captivated the audience.
Mark Twain was famous for his sharp wit.

woo

v. to make efforts to attain or gain something

Syn. attract

The directors tried to woo the support of the union.

The opponents of the proposed highway wooed nearby residents to defend their position.

MATCHING

Choose the synonym.

1. astute
(A) acknowledge
(B) extensive
(C) clever
(D) weak

2. sporadic
(A) prophetic
(B) intrinsic
(C) erratic
(D) archaic

3. relinquish
(A) recover
(B) disperse
(C) forfeit
(D) deplete

4. persevering
(A) enduring
(B) ineffective
(C) secure
(D) sincere

5. superior
(A) prosperous
(B) sustained
(C) superficial
(D) exceptional

6. appeal
(A) wit
(B) charisma
(C) impression
(D) wisdom

7. precarious
(A) peculiar
(B) dangerous
(C) widespread
(D) aggravating

8. persuade
(A) convince
(B) conform
(C) confirm
(D) conceal

9. wisdom
(A) acceleration
(B) insight
(C) caution
(D) marvel

10. intense
(A) instant
(B) hazardous
(C) severe
(D) robust

TEST QUESTIONS

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

1. Politicians often woo voters by proposing sweeping reforms of governmental policy.

- (A) forfeit
- (B) attract
- (C) convince
- (D) deceive

2. Davy Crockett was well known for his witticisms and story telling skills.

- (A) humor
- (B) charisma
- (C) endurance
- (D) wisdom

3. When widespread thunderstorms occur, the sky is commonly overcast with many intermingled layers of clouds of various types.

- (A) severe
- (B) powerful
- (C) extensive
- (D) hazardous

4. Although jellyfish move by jet propulsion, most are weak swimmers.

- (A) ineffective
- (B) clever
- (C) superior
- (D) impressive

5. The disappearance of tropical rain forests is a direct result of wanton disregard of this valuable resource by mankind.

- (A) precarious
- (B) sporadic
- (C) senseless
- (D) troubling

ANSWERS TO EXERCISES

LESSON 1

MATCHING TEST QUESTIONS

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

LESSON 2

MATCHING TEST QUESTIONS

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

LESSON 3

MATCHING TEST QUESTIONS

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

LESSON 4

MATCHING TEST QUESTIONS

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

LESSON 5

MATCHING TEST QUESTIONS

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

LESSON 6

MATCHING TEST QUESTIONS

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

LESSON 7

MATCHING TEST QUESTIONS

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

LESSON 8

MATCHING TEST QUESTIONS

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

LESSON 9

MATCHING TEST QUESTIONS

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

LESSON 10

MATCHING TEST QUESTIONS

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

LESSON 11

MATCHING TEST QUESTIONS

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

LESSON 12

MATCHING TEST QUESTIONS

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

LESSON 13

MATCHING TEST QUESTIONS

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

LESSON 14

MATCHING TEST QUESTIONS

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

LESSON 15

MATCHING TEST QUESTIONS

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

LESSON 16

MATCHING TEST QUESTIONS

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

LESSON 17

MATCHING TEST QUESTIONS

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

LESSON 18

MATCHING TEST QUESTIONS

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

LESSON 19

MATCHING TEST QUESTIONS

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

LESSON 20

MATCHING TEST QUESTIONS

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

LESSON 21

MATCHING TEST QUESTIONS

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

LESSON 22

MATCHING TEST QUESTIONS

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

LESSON 23

MATCHING TEST QUESTIONS

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

LESSON 24

MATCHING TEST QUESTIONS

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

LESSON 25

MATCHING TEST QUESTIONS

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

LESSON 26

MATCHING TEST QUESTIONS

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

LESSON 27

MATCHING TEST QUESTIONS

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

LESSON 28

MATCHING TEST QUESTIONS

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

LESSON 29

MATCHING TEST QUESTIONS

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

LESSON 30

MATCHING TEST QUESTIONS

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