



CHAPTER
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indict

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sullen
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Ten Words in Context

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

1 **cordial**
(kôr'jəl)
-adjective

Cordial means

- Moving into their new apartment, Lee and Ron received a **cordial** welcome from the family next door, who brought them flowers and a chocolate cake.
 - "I hate having to act sweet and **cordial** to my in-laws," Rosa complained, "when I really don't like them very much."
- a. grumpy. b. gracious. c. sophisticated.

2 **defame**
(dĭ-fām')

Defame means

- Li thought he knew who had stolen his tape deck, but he wasn't sure, and he didn't want to **defame** the person by making a false accusation. He didn't know what to do.
 - After the test, the instructor quietly drew Annie aside. "I don't want to **defame** you," she said, "but I think you were cheating. Can you give me an explanation?"
- a. to dispute. b. to misunderstand. c. to slander.

3 **discordant**
(dĭ-skôr'dnt)
-adjective

Discordant means

- The colors in the living room are **discordant**. We should have realized that orange, purple, and acid green would clash.
 - The performance of the marching band has improved amazingly. At the beginning of the school year it was **discordant**, but now it's in perfect tune.
- a. invisible. b. inspired. c. inharmonious.

4 **grueling**
(grōō'ə-lĭng)
-adjective

Grueling means

- Before running the marathon, Carlene worked hard—training, eating carefully, and preparing her mind and body for the **grueling** race.
 - In Japan, high-school seniors spend weeks cramming for the **grueling** exam that will determine whether or not they go to college.
- a. stressful. b. relaxing. c. amusing.

5 **indict**
(ĭn-dĭt')

Indict means

- You can't really **indict** a cat for killing birds; it is only doing what is natural.
 - In many divorces, each person **indicts** the other as being more to blame for the marriage's breakdown.
- a. to advise. b. to accuse. c. to inform.

6 **indoctrinate**
(ĭn-dōk'trə-nāt')

Indoctrinate means

- Nazi leaders **indoctrinated** their followers with the idea that there was a "master race" which deserved to rule over the rest of humanity.
 - Marge has thoroughly **indoctrinated** her children about the importance of wearing seat belts—they won't go anywhere without buckling up.
- a. to instruct. b. to tease. c. to blame.

7 **submissive**

(səb-mɪs'ɪv)

*-adjective**Submissive* means

- Some dogs are dominant, seeking to establish power over other dogs. And some dogs are **submissive**, immediately showing that they will offer no resistance.
- Strict parents expect their children to be **submissive**. By contrast, easygoing parents focus less on being obeyed and more on developing a child's independence.

a. unresisting. b. depressed. c. affectionate.

8 **sullen**

(sʊl'ən)

*-adjective**Sullen* means

- "Leave the table and go to your room!" said little Ann's father when she wouldn't stop kicking her brother. "And wipe that **sullen** look off your face, or no TV for a week."
- Cary's girlfriend has been **sullen** and silent for days. "What's wrong, sweetie?" he asks. "Nothing!" she snaps.

a. frightened. b. glum. c. overexcited.

9 **thwart**

(θwɔrt)

*-verb**Thwart* means

- The burglars' attempt to break into our house was **thwarted** by our dog, who barked loudly and frightened them off.
- "Lack of education will **thwart** all your ambitions," warned the guidance counselor, "so stay in school."

a. to block. b. to hide. c. to assist.

10 **wanton**

(wɒn'tən)

*-adjective**Wanton* means

- As Vernon worked at his term paper at his desk near an open window, a sudden, **wanton** gust of wind scattered the pages and his notes in all directions.
- **Wanton** violence is terrifying because we can see no sense in it and therefore cannot think how to prevent or avoid it.

a. disguised. b. obvious. c. mindless.

Matching Words with Definitions

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

- _____ To damage the good name or reputation of
- _____ Physically or mentally exhausting
- _____ To teach the principles of a specific point of view
- _____ Giving in to the authority of others; obedient
- _____ Quietly resentful; bitter
- _____ To oppose directly; to frustrate or defeat
- _____ Lacking agreement; lacking harmony
- _____ To charge with an offense; blame
- _____ Warm and friendly
- _____ Senseless

CAUTION. Do not go any further until you are sure the above answers are correct. Then you can use the definitions to help you in the following practices. Your goal is eventually to know the words well enough so that you don't need to check the definitions at all.

➤ Sentence Check 1

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

a. cordial	b. defame	c. discordant	d. grueling	e. indict
f. indoctrinate	g. submissive	h. sullen	i. thwart	j. wanton

- _____ 1. The meal took a lot of work, but the results were _____. Pork and sauerkraut do not go very well with ice-cream cake for dessert.
- _____ 2. A grand jury hears evidence and then decides whether the evidence is sufficient to _____ someone for a crime.
- _____ 3. The prisoner's wife said he had been _____(e)d and she would clear his name.
- _____ 4. The employees seemed _____ about having to work late. Hoping to improve their mood, the boss sent out for coffee and sandwiches.
- _____ 5. "The movie is excellent, but watching it is a(n) _____ experience," Rafael warned his friends. "The story is so tragic that it drains you emotionally."
- _____ 6. Don't let "test anxiety" _____ your efforts to earn good grades. Learn how to avoid it by being well prepared and developing a positive attitude.
- _____ 7. Members of racist hate groups, such as the Ku Klux Klan, _____ their children with the belief that one racial group is better than another.
- _____ 8. "As flies to _____ boys, are we to the gods; they kill us for their sport." These words from Shakespeare's *King Lear* mean that fate can injure us senselessly.
- _____ 9. Battered wives are often said to be too _____. This is "blaming the victim"—the real problem is the abuser's behavior, not the wife's meekness.
- _____ 10. Even after their divorce, Max and Amy remained _____ to each other. "We were always good friends," Max tells people, "and we still are."

NOTE: Now check your answers to these questions by turning to page 176. Going over the answers carefully will help you prepare for the next two practices, for which answers are not given.

➤ Sentence Check 2

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

- _____ 1-2. A false friend is one who is _____ to you to your face but then tries to _____ you behind your back.
- _____ 3-4. To _____ political prisoners with government propaganda, the secret police subjected them to a(n) _____ "reeducation" program and even to torture.
- _____ 5-6. The grand jury refused to _____ the murder suspect, because the evidence against him was meager^o and did not hold together—there was too much contradictory, _____ testimony.
- _____ 7-8. When small children try to do something dangerous, it is necessary to _____ them, even if being stopped makes them angry, querulous^o, and _____.

_____ 9-10. A child who is "different" will often be the object of teasing and even _____ cruelty from other children, whether the child is _____ or fights back.

► Final Check: The Jonestown Tragedy

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

Cults are religious communities which isolate their members from mainstream society. They demand extreme devotion from their members, who in turn depend on the cult for their own sense of self-worth. This isolation and loyalty can produce bizarre results. One of the most bizarre, and tragic, cult-related stories occurred in 1978 in Jonestown, a settlement in the South American country of Guyana. It involved a man named Jim Jones and an organization called the People's Temple.

By most accounts, Jones was a sincere and helpful young pastor when he founded the People's Temple in Indiana in the 1950s. He preached about racial harmony and social justice. His congregation was a mixture of black and white, mostly low-income people. In 1965, Jones and about one hundred of his followers moved to San Francisco. Now, Jones was different. He insisted that members of the temple call him "Father." In his sermons, he continued to (1) _____ American society as racist and unjust. But he also began attacking many individuals he claimed were enemies of the Temple. He predicted a nuclear war that would destroy the world, but promised that Temple members would survive if they were (2) _____ to his will. Increasingly Jones (3) _____ (e)d the members with the idea that he alone deserved their loyalty.

By 1977, things were not going well for the Temple. Some members—a(n) (4) _____ element—had left. Jones claimed that they were trying to (5) _____ and vilify^o him. When he was not preaching his hours-long diatribes^o, he was often (6) _____, refusing to speak to anyone. Finally he announced that the Temple was moving to Guyana. There, he said, no one would be able to (7) _____ him and his mission.

After Jones and his followers left the county, former members of the Temple and relatives of those in Guyana began to fear that Temple members were being held against their will. They also said that members were being forced to keep up a(n) (8) _____ schedule of work with little sleep. Congressman Leo Ryan, some concerned relatives, and a few journalists went to visit Jonestown. When they arrived, Jones seemed (9) _____ enough. He encouraged them to wander through Jonestown. The people they saw seemed happy. But as Ryan and the others were leaving, two Temple families slipped notes to him. They said that they wanted to leave Jonestown, but Jones would not allow it. Ryan added the families to his party. As they started to board their plane, gunmen from the Temple opened fire. Five people, including Ryan, were killed.

As Ryan and the others were being shot, Jones gathered the community at Jonestown. He announced that the People's Temple would now commit "revolutionary suicide." Followers brought out tubs of a poisoned fruit drink. Parents fed the drink to their children, then took it themselves. By the time emergency workers reached the scene, the entire community—over nine hundred men, women, and children—had died. Jones died along with his followers.

As the news reports came out of Jonestown, people around the world were appalled^o by such a (10) _____ loss of life. Probably no one but the dead themselves could explain what drove so many to kill themselves at the request of a madman.

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