





## Sentence Check 1

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

A. adept

F. presumptuous

B. encompass

G. sordid

C. entrepreneur

H. standardize

D. eradicate

I. stint

E. homogeneous

J. stringent

1. It's \_\_\_ of Amy to assume she's got the job when others are still being interviewed.

2. It takes years of study and practice to become \_\_\_ at acupuncture.

3. In the novel *Oliver Twist*, innocent young Oliver falls into the hands of a gang of pickpockets, who teach him their \_\_\_ trade.

4. My grandfather held many jobs during his life. He even did a(n) \_\_\_ as a circus performer.

5. Joyce and Steven's adopted son was abused in an earlier home. They're working hard to \_\_\_ the lingering effects on him of that experience.

6. The town is so close-knit and \_\_\_ that newcomers feel out of place. Many of the residents are even related to each other.

7. The articles in our small newspaper \_\_\_ local and statewide news, but not national or international events.

8. My sister applied to several colleges, some with very high admission standards for their students and others with less \_\_\_ requirements.

9. Ramon has just opened an auto repair shop. Now that he's a(n) \_\_\_, he can join the National Association for the Self-Employed.

10. Should the high-school curriculum be \_\_\_(e)d throughout the state? Or should each school district be free to design its own courses?

**NOTE:** Now check your answers to these items by turning to page 178. 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 provided, complete each item below with **two** words from the box. Use each word once.

1-2. To succeed, \_\_\_s must be \_\_\_ at organization and management. In addition, they must be resilient<sup>o</sup> enough to deal with the ups and downs of running a business.

3-4. During Nate's \_\_\_ as a teacher at a military academy, he felt that the \_\_\_ rules impeded<sup>o</sup> his easygoing, flexible approach.

5-6. After serving a prison term for theft, Charlie is contrite<sup>o</sup>. He's decided to begin a new life as an honest citizen and \_\_\_ all traces of his \_\_\_ past.

7-8. I've been working at the daycare center only one week, so this suggestion may be \_\_\_\_, but I think the center's program should \_\_\_\_ activities geared to shy children as well as ones for gregarious° kids.

9-10. The instructors of the English as a Second Language class have finally \_\_\_\_ (e)d their approach. At the first class, all students meet as a group and take a placement test. After that, they are divided into smaller, more \_\_\_\_ classes.

### Final Check: An Ohio Girl in New York

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.

Soon after Gina moved from her small Ohio town to New York City, she became so discouraged that she nearly returned home. It was easy to see why she was despondent°: New York had the glamour and excitement that she had expected, but not the high-paying jobs. However, Gina decided to stay in the big city and put in a(n) (1) \_\_\_\_\_ as a waitress in a coffee shop while hoping for something better to turn up. She had been offered only one higher-paying job, calling senior citizens and trying to scare them into buying an expensive, unproven "anti-cancer pill," but she thought this kind of work was too (2) \_\_\_\_\_.

At least she enjoyed the coffee shop. For someone used to a small, (3) \_\_\_\_\_ town, the customers seemed to come in an enormous variety. Also, the low salary forced her to stick to a(n) (4) \_\_\_\_\_ budget. As a result of her precarious° financial situation, she was becoming (5) \_\_\_\_\_ at making one dollar go as far as two did before.

One day, Gina met a customer who had recently opened a furniture rental store. This (6) \_\_\_\_\_ mentioned to her that he was about to open a second store. Although she worried that he might think it (7) \_\_\_\_\_ of a waitress to offer a suggestion about the furniture business, Gina told him a thought she had about how he might (8) \_\_\_\_\_ his rental system. He could ask all his customers to fill out the same form. Then a single computer file could (9) \_\_\_\_\_ all the information. Customers would be signed up automatically for both stores at once. To Gina's relief, the customer didn't scoff° at her idea; in fact, he thanked her for the advice.

Sometime later, he stopped in at the coffee shop to say he needed a capable person to manage his new store. He offered Gina the job. Within a year, she was the manager of three furniture rental stores and earning an excellent salary. She was euphoric°, but her happiness would never fully (10) \_\_\_\_\_ her memories of those difficult first months in New York.

