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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 **analogy**
(ə-nāl'ə-jē)
-noun

— *Analogy* means

- To help students understand vision, teachers often draw an **analogy** between the eye and a camera.
 - The commencement address, titled "You Are the Captain of Your Ship," used the **analogy** of life as an ocean-going vessel that the captain must steer between rocks.
- A. a picture. B. a comparison. C. a standard.

2 **annihilate**
(ə-nī'ə-lāt')
-verb

— *Annihilate* means

- The movie was about a plot to **annihilate** entire cities by poisoning their water supply.
 - "Universal Destroyer" is a warlike video game in which the aim is to **annihilate** the opponents.
- A. to escape from. B. to seize. C. to wipe out.

3 **criterion**
(krī-tēr'ē-ən)
-noun

— *Criterion* means

- One **criterion** by which writing teachers judge a paper is clear organization.
 - Some advertisers aren't concerned about telling the truth. Their only **criterion** for a good commercial is selling the product.
- A. a standard. B. a beginning. C. an answer.

4 **emanate**
(ēm'ə-nāt')
-verb

— *Emanate* means

- As the cinnamon bread baked, a wonderful smell **emanated** from the kitchen.
 - The screeching and scraping **emanating** from Keisha's bedroom tell me that she is practicing her violin.
- A. to disappear. B. to come out. C. to expand.

5 **holistic**
(hō-līs'tīk)
-adjective

— *Holistic* means

- A good drug center takes a **holistic** approach to treatment, seeing each client not just as "an addict" but as a whole person. Along with medical aid, it provides emotional support, individual and family counseling, and follow-up services.
 - Eastern cultures tend to take a more **holistic** view of learning than Western societies, focusing on the whole rather than analyzing parts.
- A. easygoing. B. concerned with the whole. C. nonfinancial.

6 **placebo**
(plə-sē'bō)
-noun

— *Placebo* means

- When the little boy had a headache and there was no aspirin in the house, his mother gave him a **placebo**: a small candy that she told him was a "pain pill." It seemed to work—his headache went away.
 - The doctor lost his license when it was found that the pills for depression he had been giving to many of his patients were actually a **placebo**—just sugar pills.
- A. a fake medicine. B. an over-the-counter pill. C. an expensive cure.

7 proficient
(prə-fīsh'ənt)
-adjective

Proficient means

- It's not all that hard to become **proficient** on a computer. Be patient, and you'll develop the necessary skill.
- Wayne is a **proficient** woodworker. He is able to make professional-quality desks, bookshelves, and cabinets.
 - A. expert.
 - B. hard-working.
 - C. enthusiastic.

8 staunch
(stəʊnch)
-adjective

Staunch means

- Although the mayor had been accused of taking bribes, he still had some **staunch** supporters.
- The newspaper's astrological predictions are often way off the mark, yet Teresa remains a **staunch** believer in astrology and checks her horoscope every day.
 - A. busy.
 - B. unsteady.
 - C. faithful.

9 subversive
(səb-vûr'siv)
-adjective

Subversive means

- To some Americans, criticizing the President is a **subversive** act, aimed at undermining his power. To others, it is simply an example of freedom of speech.
- The so-called "consulting company" was a cover for **subversive** activities; it was actually a ring of antigovernment agents.
 - A. having faith.
 - B. intended to destroy.
 - C. blameless.

10 vindicate
(vɪn'də-kāt')
-verb

Vindicate means

- When Kai was accused of cheating on a geometry test, he **vindicated** himself by reciting several theorems from memory, proving that he knew the material.
- In our society, people falsely accused of crimes often must spend a great deal of money on legal fees in order to **vindicate** themselves.
 - A. to prove innocent,
 - B. to make a commitment.
 - C. to weaken.

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 clear from blame or suspicion; justify or prove right
- _____ A substance which contains no medicine, but which the receiver believes is a medicine
- _____ To flow or come out from a source; come forth
- _____ A comparison between two things in order to clarify or dramatize a point
- _____ To destroy completely; reduce to nothingness
- _____ A standard by which something is or can be judged
- _____ Acting or intending to undermine or overthrow something established
- _____ Firm; loyal; strong in support
- _____ Emphasizing the whole and the interdependence of its parts, rather than the parts separately
- _____ Skilled; highly competent

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

A. analogy
F. placebo

B. annihilate
G. proficient

C. criterion
H. staunch

D. emanate
I. subversive

E. holistic
J. vindicate

1. During the Vietnam War, some protesters poured blood over draft records. Supporters of the war considered this a ___ act.

2. Passenger pigeons no longer exist. They were ___(e)d by hunters.

3. I'm a ___ fan of Alicia Keys. I have all her recordings.

4. One ___ used to judge the children's artwork was their use of vivid colors.

5. Although I'm quite a good cook, I'm not very ___ at baking. My pies tend to be runny, and my bread won't rise.

6. A ___ view of business would take into account not just profits but also such things as the work environment and employees' job satisfaction.

7. As the garbage-collectors' strike went into its third week, a dreadful odor began to ___ from all the garbage bags piled up in the city streets.

8. Explaining the importance of using a search engine to find information on the Internet, the instructor used a(n) ___. "The Internet is a huge ocean. The search engine is a guide showing you the best places to fish."

9. Accused of shoplifting, the customer insisted that she had already paid for the items. She was ___(e)d when she pulled the receipt out of her purse.

10. To test a new painkiller, researchers gave it to one group of volunteers, while a second group got a(n) ___, identical in appearance to the new medicine but with no built-in power to relieve pain.

NOTE: Now check your answers to these items by turning to page 179. 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. From the nasty smell that ___(e)d from the kitchen, I guessed that Mom was using a new kind of bug spray to try to ___ the ants there.

- 3-4. "One ___ by which I'll judge your papers," the teacher said, "is whether you are ___ at connecting your ideas into a cohesive° whole."

- 5-6. The agent was accused of selling government secrets, but he was able to ___ himself by proving that it was his boss who was the ___ one.

7-8. To explain why she supported _____ medicine, the doctor used a(n) _____. She said that taking a narrow view of a health problem is like treating a dying tree's leaves but ignoring its roots, where the real problem lies.

9-10. Anton is a _____ believer in the power of a(n) _____. When his small daughter started having nightmares about monsters, he sprayed the room with water and told her it was "anti-monster medicine."

Final Check: A Different Kind of Doctor

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.

Dr. Wilson considers (1) _____ medicine the optimum° approach to health care. He believes that to facilitate° healing and well-being, it is imperative° to consider a patient's entire lifestyle, not just specific aches and pains. To explain to patients how to keep well, he uses the (2) _____ of a garden. "If a garden gets too much or too little rain, sun, or fertilizer, it won't do well," he says. "But a proper balance keeps the garden healthy. In the same way, the body needs proper amounts of good food, exercise, work, and relaxation."



Dr. Wilson often treats patients without giving them drugs. Many of his patients have begun to feel healthier since they started taking his advice. They've adopted such new habits as eating more vegetables and taking a brisk walk every day. As a result, a new liveliness and an increased sense of pleasure and exhilaration° seem to (3) _____ from them; many say they feel rejuvenated°.

Despite Dr. Wilson's successes, many orthodox° physicians do not sanction° his methods, and some even deplore° them. They see him as dangerously (4) _____, a threat to the medical establishment; and they scoff° at his drug-free "prescriptions," calling them powerless (5) _____. They fear he wants to (6) _____ medical progress.

Dr. Wilson, however, has no wish to destroy medical progress. To the contrary, he believes that his methods actually *are* progressive and that they are (7) _____ (e)d by the improved health of his patients. There are other doctors worldwide who agree and who believe he is so (8) _____ at medicine that they often invite him to speak at professional conferences.

Dr. Wilson's patients also believe he is highly skilled, and they are the ones who are his most (9) _____ supporters. They judge him by a different (10) _____ from those who think medical progress lies only in finding new ways to treat disease. They judge him by the extent to which he helps his patients stay well.

Scores Sentence Check 2 _____% Final Check _____%

Enter your scores above and in the Vocabulary Performance Chart on the inside back cover of the book.