

## 4000 Essential English Words 1 Unit 10: The First Peacock

1.

**Choose the word that is a better fit for each sentence.**

The \_\_\_\_\_ of the rain was slippery roads.  
The \_\_\_\_\_ of waking up early is being at work on time.

- A) effect / benefit
- B) benefit / effect

2.

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She had to make a(an) \_\_\_\_\_ phone call.  
The \_\_\_\_\_ cause of my problems is laziness.

- A) primary / immediate
- B) immediate / primary

3.

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He was \_\_\_\_\_ when he got the best score.  
We \_\_\_\_\_ under the shade of a tree.

- A) rested / proud
- B) proud / rested

4.

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Her new school is \_\_\_\_\_ from here.  
She and her best friend hate to be in \_\_\_\_\_ classrooms.

- A) far / separate
- B) separate / far

5.

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I have to \_\_\_\_\_ my money from my little brother.  
I have to \_\_\_\_\_ in school for four more years.

- A) guard / remain
- B) remain / guard

6.

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Every year for my birthday, \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) I return to the site of my birth
- B) my cat has a short tail

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I believe her \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) because she has a chance to lie
- B) because she's certain of the facts

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My new watch is great. \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) It has many functions
- B) It causes me trouble

9.

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I was afraid \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) because I thought of a scary image of a snake
- B) because I didn't focus on my work

10.

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I eat many fruits \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) because they are essential for good health
- B) because they taste like grass



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Also, since he had so many eyes, he was very good at **guarding** things. While sleeping, he only **rested** a few eyes at a time. The others stayed awake. He worked for Hera, a great goddess. His **primary function** was to guard a special cow. The cow was very important to Hera. It was her favorite pet. The most **essential** part of his job was to keep the cow alone. It had to be kept **separate** from all the other cows and **far** away from people.

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#### What is this story about?

- A) Why it is essential to guard cows
- B) How to play beautiful music
- C) How the image of a peacock in the sky came about
- D) How being born with 100 eyes benefited a man

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#### Why was guarding Hera's cow easy for Argos?

- A) All it did was eat grass all day.
- B) It was kept separate from all the other cows.
- C) He had a chance to listen to music.
- D) He was able to sleep instead of focusing on it.



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#### Why did Zeus turn Argos into a group of stars?

- A) He wanted Argos to see the site of his trouble.
- B) He was certain that Argos would fall asleep.
- C) He wanted to make Argos remain in the sky forever.
- D) He wanted to cause Argos immediate trouble.

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#### What was the primary function of Argos' job?

- A) To make sure the cow was never sad
- B) To keep the cow far away from people
- C) To see the effects of music on the cow
- D) Work for a proud goddess named Hera



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### Answer Key:

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| <b>1:</b> A | <b>8:</b> A  |
| <b>2:</b> B | <b>9:</b> A  |
| <b>3:</b> B | <b>10:</b> A |
| <b>4:</b> A | <b>11:</b> C |
| <b>5:</b> A | <b>12:</b> A |
| <b>6:</b> A | <b>13:</b> C |
| <b>7:</b> B | <b>14:</b> B |

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