

4000 Essential English Words 2 Unit 23: The Clever Thief

1.

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

The airport's _____ consisted of large curved windows and wide hallways.

If you mix water and flour, you will create a sticky _____.

A) architecture / substance

B) substance / architecture

2.

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Because they had plastic leaves, the flowers were clearly _____.

Though they were made in different years, those cars look _____.

A) alike/ artificial

B) artificial / alike

3.

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They need a large _____ of wood to burn in the winter. The water _____ left several areas with nothing to drink.

A) shortage / stock

B) stock / shortage

4.

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The _____ smell of fresh cookies came from our house.

I couldn't _____ which of the black bags was mine.

A) distinct / distinguish

B) distinguish / distinct

5.

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The cat slowly walked across the steep _____. They laid the body inside the cold dark _____.

A) roof / tomb

B) tomb / roof

6.

Choose the right word for the given definition.

the top of a building

A) dust

B) roof

C) tomb

D) chain

7.

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an injury to the body

A) substance

B) distinct

C) wound

D) artificial

8.

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a feeling of happiness

A) excitement

B) inherit

C) manner

D) architecture

9.

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a stored amount

A) shortage

B) manner

C) alike

D) stock

10.

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someone who steals

A) annoy

B) excitement

C) mount

D) thief



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However, the tomb's builder had a plan. Most of the stones were **solid**, but he put one special stone on the **roof**. It was made of a lighter **substance**.

When the tomb was done, the king moved in his **stock** of gold. One night, the builder went to the tomb. His **excitement mounted**. Because all the stones looked **alike**, he had left a **distinct** mark on the **artificial** block. The mark helped him **distinguish** the difference in the **architecture**.

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At last, he hired a guard to hide inside the tomb. When the builder entered the tomb, the guard **wounded** him. He climbed a pole to the roof. The builder left drops of blood in the **dust**. The guard followed them and caught him.

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What is this story about?

- A) The manner in which a king inherited his riches
- B) Different kinds of architecture
- C) How a builder tricked a king
- D) Why a tomb had a large pole

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What distinguished the artificial block from the real blocks?

- A) A distinct mark on one of the blocks
- B) The different color of its substance
- C) The amount of dust on it
- D) The solid gold pieces in it



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How did the king know his gold was missing?

- A)** He found a chain in the tomb.
- B)** There was a hole in the roof.
- C)** There was a shortage of guards.
- D)** His stock of gold had decreased.

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The builder was caught because _____.

- A)** he and another man looked alike
- B)** he mounted the wrong tomb
- C)** a guard wounded him
- D)** he stopped to heal the king's wound



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Answer Key:

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| 1: A | 8: A |
| 2: B | 9: D |
| 3: B | 10: D |
| 4: A | 11: C |
| 5: A | 12: A |
| 6: B | 13: D |
| 7: C | 14: C |

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