

# Chapter 1

- 1.** She hadn't eaten all day, and by the time she got home she was \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. blighted  
b. confutative  
c. ravenous  
d. ostentatious  
e. blissful
- 2.** The movie offended many of the parents of its younger viewers by including unnecessary \_\_\_\_\_ in the dialogue.  
a. vulgarity  
b. verbosity  
c. vocalizations  
d. garishness  
e. tonality

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3. His neighbors found his \_\_\_\_\_ manner bossy and irritating, and they stopped inviting him to backyard barbeques.
- a. insentient
  - b. magisterial
  - c. reparatory
  - d. restorative
  - e. modest
4. Steven is always \_\_\_\_\_ about showing up for work because he feels that tardiness is a sign of irresponsibility.
- a. legible
  - b. tolerable
  - c. punctual
  - d. literal
  - e. belligerent
5. Candace would \_\_\_\_\_ her little sister into an argument by teasing her and calling her names.
- a. advocate
  - b. provoke
  - c. perforate
  - d. lamente
  - e. expunge
6. The dress Ariel wore \_\_\_\_\_ with small, glassy beads, creating a shimmering effect.
- a. titillated
  - b. reiterated
  - c. scintillated
  - d. enthralled
  - e. striated
7. Being able to afford this luxury car will \_\_\_\_\_ getting a better-paying job.
- a. maximize
  - b. recombinant
  - c. reiterate
  - d. necessitate
  - e. reciprocate

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8. Levina unknowingly \_\_\_\_\_ the thief by holding open the elevator doors and ensuring his escape.
- a. coerced
  - b. proclaimed
  - c. abetted
  - d. sanctioned
  - e. solicited
9. Shakespeare, a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ writer, entertained audiences by writing many tragic and comic plays.
- a. numeric
  - b. obstinate
  - c. dutiful
  - d. prolific
  - e. generic
10. I had the \_\_\_\_\_ experience of sitting next to an over-talkative passenger on my flight home from Brussels.
- a. satisfactory
  - b. commendable
  - c. galling
  - d. acceptable
  - e. acute
11. Prince Phillip had to choose: marry the woman he loved and \_\_\_\_\_ his right to the throne, or marry Lady Fiona and inherit the crown.
- a. reprimand
  - b. upbraid
  - c. abdicate
  - d. winnow
  - e. extol
12. If you will not do your work of your own \_\_\_\_\_, I have no choice but to penalize you if it is not done on time.
- a. predilection
  - b. coercion
  - c. excursion
  - d. volition
  - e. infusion

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- 13.** After sitting in the sink for several days, the dirty, food-encrusted dishes became \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. malodorous  
b. prevalent  
c. imposing  
d. perforated  
e. emphatic
- 14.** Giulia soon discovered the source of the \_\_\_\_\_ smell in the room: a week-old tuna sandwich that one of the children had hidden in the closet.  
a. quaint  
b. fastidious  
c. clandestine  
d. laconic  
e. fetid
- 15.** After making \_\_\_\_\_ remarks to the President, the reporter was not invited to return to the White House pressroom.  
a. hospitable  
b. itinerant  
c. enterprising  
d. chivalrous  
e. irreverent
- 16.** With her \_\_\_\_\_ eyesight, Krystyna spotted a trio of deer on the hillside and she reduced the speed of her car.  
a. inferior  
b. keen  
c. impressionable  
d. ductile  
e. conspiratorial

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- 17.** With a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ grin, the boy quickly slipped the candy into his pocket without his mother's knowledge.
- a. jaundiced
  - b. nefarious
  - c. stereotypical
  - d. sentimental
  - e. impartial
- 18.** Her \_\_\_\_\_ display of tears at work did not impress her new boss, who felt she should try to control her emotions.
- a. maudlin
  - b. meritorious
  - c. precarious
  - d. plausible
  - e. schematic
- 19.** Johan argued, "If you know about a crime but don't report it, you are \_\_\_\_\_ in that crime because you allowed it to happen."
- a. acquitted
  - b. steadfast
  - c. tenuous
  - d. complicit
  - e. nullified
- 20.** The authorities, fearing a \_\_\_\_\_ of their power, called for a military state in the hopes of restoring order.
- a. subversion
  - b. premonition
  - c. predilection
  - d. infusion
  - e. inversion
- 21.** The story's bitter antagonist felt such great \_\_\_\_\_ for all of the other characters that as a result, his life was very lonely and he died alone.
- a. insurgence
  - b. malevolence
  - c. reciprocation
  - d. declamation
  - e. preference

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- 22.** It is difficult to believe that charging 20% on an outstanding credit card balance isn't \_\_\_\_\_!
- a. bankruptcy
  - b. usury
  - c. novice
  - d. kleptomania
  - e. flagrancy
- 23.** The \_\_\_\_\_ weather patterns of the tropical island meant tourists had to carry both umbrellas and sunglasses.
- a. impertinent
  - b. supplicant
  - c. preeminent
  - d. illustrative
  - e. kaleidoscopic
- 24.** Wedding ceremonies often include the exchange of \_\_\_\_\_ rings to symbolize the couple's promises to each other.
- a. hirsute
  - b. acrimonious
  - c. plaintive
  - d. deciduous
  - e. votive
- 25.** Kym was \_\_\_\_\_ in choosing her friends, so her parties were attended by vastly different and sometimes bizarre personalities.
- a. indispensable
  - b. indiscriminate
  - c. commensurate
  - d. propulsive
  - e. indisputable

**Answers**

1. c. *Ravenous* (adj.) means extremely hungry.
2. a. *Vulgarity* (n.) means offensive speech or conduct.
3. b. *Magisterial* (adj.) means overbearing or offensively self-assured.
4. c. *Punctual* (adj.) means arriving exactly on time.
5. b. To *provoke* (v.) is to incite anger or resentment; to call forth a feeling or action.
6. c. To *scintillate* (v.) means to emit or send forth sparks or little flashes of light, creating a shimmering effect; to sparkle.
7. d. To *necessitate* (v.) means to make necessary, especially as a result.
8. c. To *abet* (v.) means to assist, encourage, urge, or aid, usually an act of wrongdoing.
9. d. *Prolific* (adj.) means abundantly creative.
10. c. *Galling* (adj.) means irritating, annoying, or exasperating.
11. c. To *abdicate* (v.) means to formally relinquish or surrender power, office, or responsibility.
12. d. *Volition* (n.) means accord; an act or exercise of will.
13. a. *Malodorous* (adj.) means having a foul-smelling odor.
14. e. *Fetid* (adj.) means having a foul or offensive odor, putrid.
15. e. *Irreverent* (adj.) means lacking respect or seriousness; not reverent.
16. b. *Keen* (adj.) means being extremely sensitive or responsive; having strength of perception.

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- 17. b. *Nefarious* (adj.) means wicked, vicious, or evil.
- 18. a. *Maudlin* (adj.) means excessively and weakly sentimental or tearfully emotional.
- 19. d. *Complicit* (adj.) means participating in or associated with a questionable act or a crime.
- 20. a. *Subversion* (n.) means an overthrow, as from the foundation.
- 21. b. *Malevolence* (n.) means ill will or malice toward others; hate.
- 22. b. *Usury* (n.) is the lending of money at exorbitant interest rates.
- 23. e. *Kaleidoscopic* (adj.) means continually changing or quickly shifting.
- 24. e. *Votive* (adj.) means dedicated by a vow.
- 25. b. *Indiscriminate* (adj.) means not discriminating or choosing randomly; haphazard; without distinction.



## Chapter 2

- 26.** Phillip's \_\_\_\_\_ tone endeared him to his comical friends, but irritated his serious father.
- a. aloof
  - b. jesting
  - c. grave
  - d. earnest
  - e. conservative
- 27.** Brian's pale Irish skin was \_\_\_\_\_ to burn if he spent too much time in the sun.
- a. prone
  - b. urbane
  - c. eminent
  - d. erect
  - e. daunted

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- 28.** A fan of historical fiction, Joline is now reading a novel about slavery in the \_\_\_\_\_ South.
- a. decorous
  - b. rogue
  - c. droll
  - d. antebellum
  - e. onerous
- 29.** Over the years the Wilsons slowly \_\_\_\_\_ upon the Jacksons' property, moving the stone markers that divided their lots farther and farther onto the Jacksons' land.
- a. encroached
  - b. jettisoned
  - c. conjoined
  - d. repudiated
  - e. teemed
- 30.** Mary became \_\_\_\_\_ at typing because she practiced every day for six months.
- a. proficient
  - b. reflective
  - c. dormant
  - d. redundant
  - e. valiant
- 31.** To find out what her husband bought for her birthday, Susan attempted to \_\_\_\_\_ his family members about his recent shopping excursions.
- a. prescribe
  - b. probe
  - c. alienate
  - d. converge
  - e. revere

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- 32.** Juan's friends found him in a \_\_\_\_\_ mood after he learned he would be homecoming king.
- a. jovial
  - b. stealthy
  - c. paltry
  - d. gullible
  - e. depleted
- 33.** His suit of armor made the knight \_\_\_\_\_ to his enemy's attack, and he was able to escape safely to his castle.
- a. vulnerable
  - b. churlish
  - c. invulnerable
  - d. static
  - e. imprudent
- 34.** Choosing a small, fuel-efficient car is a \_\_\_\_\_ purchase for a recent college graduate.
- a. corrupt
  - b. tedious
  - c. unhallowed
  - d. sardonic
  - e. judicious
- 35.** Such a \_\_\_\_\_ violation of school policy should be punished by nothing less than expulsion.
- a. copious
  - b. flagrant
  - c. raucous
  - d. nominal
  - e. morose
- 36.** With all of the recent negative events in her life, she felt \_\_\_\_\_ forces must be at work.
- a. resurgent
  - b. premature
  - c. malignant
  - d. punctilious
  - e. antecedent

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37. The \_\_\_\_\_ rumors did a great deal of damage even though they turned out to be false.
- a. bemused
  - b. prosaic
  - c. apocryphal
  - d. ebullient
  - e. tantamount
38. When her schoolwork got to be too much, Pam had a tendency to \_\_\_\_\_, which always put her further behind.
- a. dedicate
  - b. rejuvenate
  - c. ponder
  - d. excel
  - e. procrastinate
39. Racha's glance was a \_\_\_\_\_ invitation to speak later in private about events of the meeting.
- a. trecherous
  - b. scintillating
  - c. tactful
  - d. tacit
  - e. taboo
40. She reached the \_\_\_\_\_ of her career with her fourth novel, which won the Pulitzer Prize.
- a. harbinger
  - b. apogee
  - c. metamorphosis
  - d. dictum
  - e. synthesis
41. The \_\_\_\_\_ townspeople celebrated the soldier's return to his home by adorning trees with yellow ribbons and balloons.
- a. somber
  - b. jubilant
  - c. pitiless
  - d. cunning
  - e. unsullied

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- 42.** The governor-elect was hounded by a group of \_\_\_\_\_ lobbyists and others hoping to gain favor with her administration.
- a. facetious
  - b. abstruse
  - c. magnanimous
  - d. fawning
  - e. saccharine
- 43.** The mock graduation ceremony—with a trained skunk posing as the college president—was a complete \_\_\_\_\_ that offended many college officials.
- a. tempest
  - b. epitome
  - c. quintessence
  - d. travesty
  - e. recitative
- 44.** The busy, \_\_\_\_\_ fabric of the clown's tie matched his oversized jacket, which was equally atrocious.
- a. mottled
  - b. bleak
  - c. credible
  - d. malleable
  - e. communicable
- 45.** Kendrick's talent \_\_\_\_\_ under the tutelage of Anya Kowalonek, who as a young woman had been the most accomplished pianist in her native Lithuania.
- a. bantered
  - b. touted
  - c. flourished
  - d. embellished
  - e. colluded

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46. The children were \_\_\_\_\_ by the seemingly nonsensical clues until Kinan pointed out that the messages were in code.
- a. censured
  - b. striated
  - c. feigned
  - d. prevaricated
  - e. flummoxed
47. As the \_\_\_\_\_ in Romeo and Juliet, Romeo is a hero able to capture the audience's sympathy by continually professing his love for Juliet.
- a. protagonist
  - b. enigma
  - c. facade
  - d. activist
  - e. catechist
48. The chess master promised to \_\_\_\_\_ havoc upon his opponent's pawns for taking his bishop.
- a. wreak
  - b. warrant
  - c. ensue
  - d. placate
  - e. endow
49. I have always admired Seymour's \_\_\_\_\_; I've never seen him rattled by anything.
- a. aplomb
  - b. confluence
  - c. propriety
  - d. compunction
  - e. nostalgia
50. The soldiers received a military \_\_\_\_\_ to inspect all their vehicles before traveling.
- a. allotment
  - b. dominion
  - c. affectation
  - d. calculation
  - e. mandate

**Answers**

26. b. *Jesting* (adj.) means characterized by making jests; joking; playful.
27. a. *Prone* (adj.) means a tendency or inclination to something.
28. d. *Antebellum* (adj.) means belonging to the period before a war, especially the American Civil War.
29. a. To *encroach* (v.) means to gradually or stealthily take the rights or possessions of another; to advance beyond proper or formal limits; trespass.
30. a. *Proficient* (adj.) means well versed in any business or branch of learning; adept.
31. b. To *probe* (v.) is to examine thoroughly; tentatively survey.
32. a. *Jovial* (adj.) means showing hearty good cheer; marked with the spirit of jolly merriment.
33. c. *Invulnerable* (adj.) means incapable of being damaged or wounded; unassailable or invincible.
34. e. *Judicious* (adj.) means being wise or prudent; showing good judgment; sensible.
35. b. *Flagrant* (adj.) means conspicuously and outrageously bad, offensive, or reprehensible.
36. c. *Malignant* (adj.) means disposed to cause distress or inflict suffering intentionally; inclining to produce death; an injurious infiltration.
37. c. *Apocryphal* (adj.) means of questionable authenticity or doubtful authority; fictitious, false.
38. e. To *procrastinate* (v.) is to put off from day to day.

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39. c. *Tacit* (adj.) means unspoken yet understood.
40. b. *Apogee* (n.) means the highest or farthest point, culmination; the point in its orbit where a satellite is at the greatest distance from the body it is orbiting.
41. b. *Jubilant* (adj.) means rejoicing; expressing joyfulness; exulting.
42. d. *Fawning* (adj.) means attempting to win favor or attention by excessive flattery, ingratiating displays of affection, or servile compliance; obsequious.
43. d. *Travesty* (n.) means a parody; a grotesque imitation with the intent to ridicule.
44. a. *Mottled* (adj.) means blotched or spotted with different colors or shades.
45. c. To *flourish* (v.) is (of artists) to be in a state of high productivity, excellence, or influence; to grow luxuriously, thrive; to fare well, prosper, increase in wealth, honor, comfort or whatever is desirable; to make bold, sweeping movements.
46. e. To *flummox* (v.) is to confuse, perplex, bewilder.
47. a. A *protagonist* (n.) is the main character in a drama.
48. a. To *wreak* (v.) means to inflict, as a revenge or punishment.
49. a. *Aplomb* (n.) is self-assurance, composure, poise, especially under strain.
50. e. *Mandate* (n.) is a command or authoritative instruction.



# Chapter 3

- 51.** As \_\_\_\_\_ beings we live each day conscious of our shortcomings and victories.
- a. sensational
  - b. sentient
  - c. sentimental
  - d. static
  - e. senile
- 52.** The curious crowd gathered to watch the irate customer \_\_\_\_\_ about the poor service he received in the restaurant.
- a. antique
  - b. trivialize
  - c. rant
  - d. placate
  - e. fetter

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- 53.** The man's \_\_\_\_\_ driving resulted in a four-car pile-up on the freeway.
- a. burdensome
  - b. charismatic
  - c. exceptional
  - d. boastful
  - e. negligent
- 54.** Ron didn't know the rules of rugby, but he could tell by the crowd's reaction that it was a critical \_\_\_\_\_ in the game.
- a. acclamation
  - b. conviction
  - c. juncture
  - d. enigma
  - e. revelation
- 55.** My ancestor who lost his life in the Revolutionary War was a \_\_\_\_\_ for American independence.
- a. knave
  - b. reactionary
  - c. compatriot
  - d. nonconformist
  - e. martyr
- 56.** The \_\_\_\_\_ sound of the radiator as it released steam became an increasingly annoying distraction.
- a. sibilant
  - b. scintillating
  - c. diverting
  - d. sinuous
  - e. scurrilous
- 57.** It is helpful for salesmen to develop a good \_\_\_\_\_ with their customers in order to gain their trust.
- a. platitude
  - b. rapport
  - c. ire
  - d. tribute
  - e. disinclination

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- 58.** In such a small office setting, the office manager found he had \_\_\_\_\_ responsibilities that required knowledge in a variety of different topics.
- a. heedless
  - b. complementary
  - c. mutual
  - d. manifold
  - e. correlative
- 59.** David's \_\_\_\_\_ entrance on stage disrupted the scene and caused the actors to flub their lines.
- a. untimely
  - b. precise
  - c. lithe
  - d. fortuitous
  - e. tensile
- 60.** The settlers found an ideal location with plenty of \_\_\_\_\_ land for farming and a mountain stream for fresh water and irrigation.
- a. candid
  - b. provincial
  - c. arable
  - d. timid
  - e. quaint
- 61.** The \_\_\_\_\_ seventh-grader towered over the other players on his basketball team.
- a. gangling
  - b. studious
  - c. mimetic
  - d. abject
  - e. reserved

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- 62.** Carson was at first flattered by the \_\_\_\_\_ of his new colleagues, but he soon realized that their admiration rested chiefly on his connections, not his accomplishments.
- a. reprisal
  - b. adulation
  - c. bulwark
  - d. rapport
  - e. retinue
- 63.** For a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ fee, it is possible to upgrade from regular gasoline to premium.
- a. nominal
  - b. judgmental
  - c. existential
  - d. bountiful
  - e. jovial
- 64.** Searching frantically to find the hidden jewels, the thieves proceeded to \_\_\_\_\_ the entire house.
- a. justify
  - b. darken
  - c. amplify
  - d. ransack
  - e. glorify
- 65.** The \_\_\_\_\_ deer stuck close to its mother when venturing out into the open field.
- a. starling
  - b. foundling
  - c. yearling
  - d. begrudging
  - e. hatchling

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- 66.** The police officer \_\_\_\_\_ the crowd to step back from the fire so that no one would get hurt.
- a. undulated
  - b. enjoined
  - c. stagnated
  - d. permeated
  - e. delineated
- 67.** Jackson's poor typing skills were a \_\_\_\_\_ to finding employment at the nearby office complex.
- a. benefit
  - b. hindrance
  - c. partiality
  - d. temptation
  - e. canon
- 68.** Through \_\_\_\_\_, the chef created a creamy sauce by combining brown sugar, butter, and cinnamon in a pan and cooking them over medium-high heat.
- a. impasse
  - b. obscurity
  - c. decadence
  - d. diversion
  - e. liquefaction
- 69.** The defendant claimed that he was innocent and that his confession was \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. coerced
  - b. flagrant
  - c. terse
  - d. benign
  - e. futile

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- 70.** Harvey was discouraged that his visa application was \_\_\_\_\_ due to his six convictions.
- a. lethargic
  - b. immeasurable
  - c. nullified
  - d. segregated
  - e. aggravated
- 71.** The rebel spies were charged with \_\_\_\_\_ and put on trial.
- a. sedition
  - b. attrition
  - c. interaction
  - d. reiteration
  - e. perdition
- 72.** Keith was \_\_\_\_\_ in his giving to friends and charities throughout the year, not just during the holidays.
- a. munificent
  - b. portly
  - c. amphibious
  - d. guileful
  - e. forensic
- 73.** Calvin reached the \_\_\_\_\_ of his career in his early thirties when he became president and CEO of a software company.
- a. zephyr
  - b. plethora
  - c. vale
  - d. nocturne
  - e. zenith
- 74.** Although I'd asked a simple "yes" or "no" question, Irfan's reply was \_\_\_\_\_, and I didn't know how to interpret it.
- a. prodigal
  - b. irate
  - c. equivocal
  - d. voracious
  - e. harrowing

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- 75.** The high-profile company CEO was given an \_\_\_\_\_ for speaking at the monthly meeting of the area business leaders' society.
- a. expiation
  - b. honorarium
  - c. inoculation
  - d. interpretation
  - e. inquisition

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### Answers

- 51. b.** *Sentient* (adj.) means possessing the power of sense or sense-perception; conscious.
- 52. c.** To *rant* (v.) means to speak loudly or violently.
- 53. e.** *Negligent* (adj.) means to habitually lack in giving proper care or attention; having a careless manner.
- 54. c.** *Juncture* (n.) is a point of time, especially one that is at a critical point.
- 55. e.** A *martyr* (n.) is one who sacrifices something of supreme value, such as a life, for a cause or principle; a victim; one who suffers constantly.
- 56. a.** *Sibilant* (adj.) means characterized by a hissing sound.
- 57. b.** A *rapport* (n.) is a relationship that is useful and harmonious.
- 58. d.** *Manifold* (adj.) means many and varied; of many kinds; multiple.
- 59. a.** *Untimely* (adj.) means happening before the proper time.
- 60. c.** *Arable* (adj.) means suitable for cultivation, fit for plowing and farming productively.
- 61. a.** *Gangling* (adj.) means awkward, lanky, or unusually tall and thin.
- 62. b.** *Adulation* (n.) means strong or excessive admiration or praise; fawning flattery.
- 63. a.** *Nominal* (adj.) means small, virtually nothing, or much below the actual value of a thing.
- 64. d.** To *ransack* (v.) means to thoroughly search, to plunder, pillage.



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65. c. A *yearling* (n.) is a young animal past its first year but not yet two years old.
66. b. To *enjoin* (v.) means to issue an order or command; to direct or impose with authority.
67. b. *Hindrance* (n.) is an impediment or obstruction; a state of being hindered; a cause of being prevented or impeded.
68. e. *Liquefaction* (n.) is the process of liquefying a solid or making a liquid.
69. a. To *coerce* (v.) is to force to do through pressure, threats, or intimidation; to compel.
70. c. To *nullify* (v.) means to make invalid or nonexistent.
71. a. *Sedition* (n.) means resistance, insurrection; conduct directed against public order and the tranquility of the state.
72. a. *Munificent* (adj.) means extremely generous or liberal in giving; lavish.
73. e. *Zenith* (n.) means the highest point of any path or course.
74. c. *Equivocal* (adj.) means open to two or more interpretations, ambiguous and often intended to mislead; open to question, uncertain.
75. b. *Honorarium* (n.) is payment or reward for services for which payment is not usually required.



# Chapter 4

- 76.** Zachary was doomed to a miserable life, for no matter how much he had, he always \_\_\_\_\_ the possessions of others.
- a. protracted
  - b. exalted
  - c. engendered
  - d. coveted
  - e. filibustered
- 77.** Sheila's grueling hike included passing through numerous \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. terrariums
  - b. neoprene
  - c. jurisdictions
  - d. ravines
  - e. belfries

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- 78.** The college professor was known on campus as a \_\_\_\_\_ character—bland but harmless and noble in his ideals.
- a. staid
  - b. stagnant
  - c. auspicious
  - d. sterile
  - e. dogmatic
- 79.** Because he was so \_\_\_\_\_, the athlete was able to complete the obstacle course in record time.
- a. belligerent
  - b. nimble
  - c. demure
  - d. volatile
  - e. speculative
- 80.** The toy store's extensive inventory offered a \_\_\_\_\_ of toys from baby items to video games for teenagers.
- a. manifold
  - b. lexicon
  - c. burrow
  - d. gamut
  - e. motif
- 81.** With sunscreen and a good book, April \_\_\_\_\_ by the pool in her lounge chair while the children swam.
- a. ensconced
  - b. sustained
  - c. expelled
  - d. transcended
  - e. lolled

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- 82.** NaQuan had a terrible habit of boasting so much about his smallest accomplishments that his \_\_\_\_\_ became renowned throughout the small college campus.
- a. vainglory
  - b. timidity
  - c. diffidence
  - d. tempestuousness
  - e. mockery
- 83.** Only a small number of people in the audience laughed at the comic's \_\_\_\_\_ sense of humor, while the rest found him to be too sarcastic.
- a. consequential
  - b. avaricious
  - c. venturous
  - d. dauntless
  - e. mordant
- 84.** He has long been a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ of year-round school, believing it would significantly improve learning and ease the burden on working parents.
- a. advocate
  - b. levity
  - c. detractor
  - d. epiphany
  - e. connoisseur
- 85.** Tired of hearing the child whine for more candy, the babysitter finally \_\_\_\_\_ and offered him a piece of chocolate.
- a. relented
  - b. abated
  - c. rendered
  - d. placated
  - e. enumerated

### 501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 86.** Dogs growl and show their teeth in an attempt to \_\_\_\_\_ the animal or person they perceive as a threat.
- a. bolster
  - b. waylay
  - c. cow
  - d. exacerbate
  - e. appease
- 87.** In biology class, Sabine observed the slug's \_\_\_\_\_, its barely discernible movement in the tank.
- a. parody
  - b. prescience
  - c. torpor
  - d. insight
  - e. vigor
- 88.** The \_\_\_\_\_ instinct of a watchdog is to attack strangers who enter its home.
- a. judicious
  - b. intimate
  - c. pragmatic
  - d. melancholy
  - e. primal
- 89.** The battalion's \_\_\_\_\_ was a well-fortified structure near the enemy lines.
- a. labyrinth
  - b. summary
  - c. villa
  - d. vinculum
  - e. garrison
- 90.** Much to my surprise, my teenage daughter was \_\_\_\_\_ to the idea of going out with me on Friday night instead of with her friends.
- a. contrite
  - b. impartial
  - c. partisan
  - d. deferential
  - e. amenable

### 501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 91.** The enormous waves forced the lobster boat to \_\_\_\_\_ heavily to the starboard side, causing crates of lobsters to topple and fall into the ocean.
- a. trifle
  - b. degenerate
  - c. list
  - d. expedite
  - e. disseminate
- 92.** Walking through the \_\_\_\_\_ forest in spring was a welcome escape from the cold, gray winter we had spent in the city.
- a. pliant
  - b. verdant
  - c. factious
  - d. bland
  - e. innocuous
- 93.** Nina called the humane society when she saw her neighbor \_\_\_\_\_ his dog.
- a. mandate
  - b. forebode
  - c. maltreat
  - d. stipulate
  - e. peruse
- 94.** Meredith used the \_\_\_\_\_ to steer the horse and keep him in line.
- a. jolt
  - b. bristle
  - c. chine
  - d. quirt
  - e. hearth
- 95.** Oliver was unable to \_\_\_\_\_ himself from the difficulties he had caused by forging the documents.
- a. reprove
  - b. pique
  - c. oust
  - d. extricate
  - e. broach

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96. The \_\_\_\_\_ of our expedition was still so far away that I felt we would never get there.
- a. nadir
  - b. terminus
  - c. speculation
  - d. apex
  - e. dungeon
97. If he expected to \_\_\_\_\_ as a doctor, Lou knew he would have to study hard in medical school and work long hours to gain experience and skill.
- a. perpetrate
  - b. palliate
  - c. palpitate
  - d. prosper
  - e. mediate
98. Doc Wilson grew up in Florida and was not prepared to face the \_\_\_\_\_ climate of the Alaskan winter.
- a. freshwater
  - b. gelid
  - c. compendious
  - d. subsidiary
  - e. improvident
99. Marvin's \_\_\_\_\_ prevented him from finishing his work and was evidenced in his large phone bills.
- a. loquacity
  - b. heroism
  - c. decadence
  - d. depreciation
  - e. rescission



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- 100.** The graph clearly showed the company reaching the \_\_\_\_\_ in profits during the 1980s when the economy was in a boom period.
- a. narthex
  - b. gullet
  - c. gamut
  - d. quiescence
  - e. vertex

**Answers**

- 76. d.** To *covet* (v.) is to wish or long for; to feel immoderate desire for that which belongs to another.
- 77. d.** A *ravine* (n.) is a deep narrow canyon.
- 78. a.** *Staid* (adj.) means of a steady and sober character; prudently reserved and colorless.
- 79. b.** *Nimble* (adj.) is quick and light in movement, to be agile.
- 80. d.** A *gamut* (n.) is an entire range or a whole series.
- 81. e.** To *loll* (v.) is to lean, recline, or act lazily or indolently; lounge.
- 82. a.** *Vainglory* (n.) means excessive, pretentious, and demonstrative vanity.
- 83. e.** *Mordant* (adj.) means biting sarcasm or harshly caustic.
- 84. a.** An *advocate* (n.) is one who argues for a cause, a supporter or defender; one who pleads on another's behalf.
- 85. a.** To *relent* (v.) means to yield or comply.
- 86. c.** To *cow* (v.) is to intimidate, frighten with threats or show of force.
- 87. c.** *Torpor* (n.) means extreme sluggishness; lethargy or apathy; dullness.
- 88. e.** *Primal* (adj.) means primary, the first in order or the original; primitive.
- 89. e.** A *garrison* (n.) is a fort or outpost where troops are stationed; any military post.

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90. e. *Amenable* (adj.) means disposed or willing to comply; responsive, willing; responsible to a higher authority, accountable.
91. c. To *list* (v.) (related to a vessel) is to incline or to cause to lean to one side.
92. b. *Verdant* (adj.) means green with vegetation.
93. c. To *maltreat* (v.) means to treat poorly; abuse.
94. d. A *quirt* (n.) is a riding whip with a short handle and braided rawhide leash.
95. d. To *extricate* (v.) is to release from an entanglement or difficulty, disengage.
96. b. The *terminus* (n) is the final point or goal; the final stop on a transportation line.
97. d. To *prosper* (v.) means to be successful.
98. b. *Gelid* (adj.) means icy or extremely cold; possessing a cold or unfriendly manner.
99. a. *Loquacity* (n.) is talkativeness; the state of continual talking.
100. e. *Vertex* (n.) means the highest point of anything; the apex or summit.



# Chapter 5

- 101.** Amie agrees with the \_\_\_\_\_ that the grass is always greener on the other side of the fence.
- a. perpetuity
  - b. penchant
  - c. maxim
  - d. conformation
  - e. fortitude
- 102.** Victor Frankenstein's creature was a(n) \_\_\_\_\_, detested by everyone he met.
- a. itinerant
  - b. anathema
  - c. cosmopolitan
  - d. mercenary
  - e. anomaly

### 501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 103.** Jack Nicholson was at the \_\_\_\_\_ of his career when he received the Oscar for Best Actor.
- a. detriment
  - b. pinnacle
  - c. oligarchy
  - d. rogue
  - e. repose
- 104.** Ariana was outstanding as the moderator; she handled the intensely heated debate with great \_\_\_\_\_, diplomatically and tactfully keeping the conversation fair and on track.
- a. finesse
  - b. pretentiousness
  - c. prowess
  - d. succor
  - e. aversion
- 105.** The class endured a loud and lengthy \_\_\_\_\_ by the teacher on the subject of submitting written work on time.
- a. guile
  - b. polemic
  - c. bravado
  - d. tirade
  - e. heresy
- 106.** Lauren's \_\_\_\_\_ features, what you first noticed about her, were her stunning black hair and large, dark eyes.
- a. savvy
  - b. affluent
  - c. predominant
  - d. universal
  - e. malicious

### 501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 107.** Whenever Tom and I would argue he would \_\_\_\_\_ with his hands and body to accentuate his point.
- a. interject
  - b. infuse
  - c. gesticulate
  - d. conjure
  - e. encumber
- 108.** Must we be subjected to your \_\_\_\_\_ complaints all day long?
- a. tiresome
  - b. fearsome
  - c. awesome
  - d. gleesome
  - e. wholesome
- 109.** The new political candidate refused to print \_\_\_\_\_ about her aggressive opponent, but that did not stop him from printing lies about her.
- a. dispensation
  - b. assignation
  - c. rendition
  - d. libel
  - e. compunction
- 110.** Awkwardly tall and prone to tripping over her own feet, Grace felt her name was truly a \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. misnomer
  - b. preoccupation
  - c. universality
  - d. garrulity
  - e. benevolence

### 501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 111.** Although the villagers' lives were profoundly different from her own, Jing-Mae felt a deep \_\_\_\_\_ for the people when she served in the Peace Corps.
- a. reparation
  - b. affinity
  - c. injunction
  - d. exigency
  - e. analogy
- 112.** Sometimes late at night Sharon would gaze joyfully at her children as they slept and \_\_\_\_\_ in their innocence.
- a. sneer
  - b. ostracize
  - c. revel
  - d. repudiate
  - e. antiquate
- 113.** In the famous balcony scene, Romeo \_\_\_\_\_ Juliet's beauty in one of the most romantic soliloquies ever written.
- a. sanctions
  - b. extols
  - c. peruses
  - d. beguiles
  - e. fetters
- 114.** It was \_\_\_\_\_ to think that it could possibly snow in the middle of the desert.
- a. advantageous
  - b. philosophical
  - c. eroding
  - d. preventative
  - e. preposterous



### 501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 115.** Every evening at the restaurant, the reporter would eavesdrop on the Mayor's conversations in order to \_\_\_\_\_ any information that could make headlines.
- a. ignore
  - b. glean
  - c. extol
  - d. extend
  - e. narrate
- 116.** The surgeon placed a \_\_\_\_\_ on the femoral artery to bind it during the long and exhausting surgery.
- a. ligature
  - b. doctrine
  - c. premise
  - d. synopsis
  - e. degeneration
- 117.** By sheer \_\_\_\_\_ force, the men pushed the truck to the side of the road and out of danger.
- a. virile
  - b. persnickety
  - c. meticulous
  - d. suave
  - e. contentious
- 118.** Based on his recent poor decisions, it was obvious that Seth lacked even a \_\_\_\_\_ of good sense.
- a. debasement
  - b. diversion
  - c. disapprobation
  - d. submission
  - e. modicum

### 501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 119.** To settle the dispute, the students elected a faculty member to serve as a(n) \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. maverick  
b. dystopia  
c. arbiter  
d. fiduciary  
e. martyr
- 120.** The \_\_\_\_\_ newspaper accounts of the city scandal caused some readers to question the truth of the stories.  
a. lurid  
b. vivacious  
c. blithesome  
d. prolific  
e. amicable
- 121.** The \_\_\_\_\_ man with amnesia was unable to recognize where he was.  
a. endogenous  
b. euphoric  
c. nonplussed  
d. amicable  
e. pliable
- 122.** Justin's \_\_\_\_\_ solution to the problem revealed that he did not spend much time considering the consequences.  
a. facile  
b. obsolete  
c. resilient  
d. pristine  
e. ardent
- 123.** The events of the evening \_\_\_\_\_ without difficulty despite the lack of planning on the part of the host.  
a. expired  
b. transpired  
c. retired  
d. ensured  
e. extorted

### 501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 124.** It is every American person's \_\_\_\_\_ to live the life he or she chooses.
- a. composite
  - b. eloquence
  - c. prerogative
  - d. allusion
  - e. demise
- 125.** After the boisterous customers left the café without tipping, Carlos \_\_\_\_\_ at them through the restaurant's front window.
- a. interjected
  - b. jostled
  - c. glowered
  - d. emulated
  - e. skulked

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### Answers

- 101.** c. *Maxim* (n.) is an established principle or a general truth, often a condensed version of a practical truth.
- 102.** b. An *anathema* (n.) is one who is detested or shunned; one who is cursed or damned; a curse or vehement denunciation; a formal ban, curse, or excommunication.
- 103.** b. A *pinnacle* (n.) is the highest level or degree available.
- 104.** a. *Finesse* (n.) is the subtle, skillful handling of a situation, diplomacy, tact; refined or delicate performance or execution.
- 105.** d. A *tirade* (n.) is a long and blustering speech given especially when the speaker is denouncing someone or something.
- 106.** c. *Predominant* (adj.) means most dominant, common, or frequent; to have surpassing power, influence, or authority.
- 107.** c. To *gesticulate* (v.) means to use gestures or make motions; express through motion, especially while speaking.
- 108.** a. *Tiresome* (adj.) means causing to be weary.
- 109.** d. *Libel* (n.) is defamatory writing; misrepresentative publication (writing, pictures, signs) that damages a person's reputation.
- 110.** a. *Misnomer* (n.) is a misnaming of a person or place; a wrong or unsuitable name.
- 111.** b. An *affinity* (n.) is a natural attraction or liking; a feeling of kinship, connection or closeness, similarity; relationship by marriage.
- 112.** c. To *revel* (v.) is to take great pleasure or delight.
- 113.** b. To *extol* (v.) means to praise highly, exalt, glorify.

### 501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 114. e.** *Preposterous* (adj.) means contrary to common sense or utterly absurd.
- 115. b.** To *glean* (v.) means to gather or collect slowly; to learn or discover bit by bit.
- 116. a.** A *ligature* (n.) is something that ties or binds up, such as a bandage, wire, or cord.
- 117. a.** *Virile* (adj.) means having masculine strength; vigorous or energetic.
- 118. e.** *Modicum* (n.) is a small or token amount.
- 119. c.** An *arbiter* (n.) is one selected or appointed to judge or decide a disputed issue, an arbitrator; someone with the power to settle matters at will.
- 120. a.** *Lurid* (adj.) means glaringly sensational or vivid; shocking.
- 121. c.** *Nonplussed* (adj.) means greatly perplexed, filled with bewilderment.
- 122. a.** *Facile* (adj.) means arrived at or achieved with little difficulty or effort, thus lacking depth, superficial; performing or speaking effectively with effortless ease and fluency, adroit, eloquent.
- 123. b.** To *transpire* (v.) means to come to pass, to occur.
- 124. c.** *Prerogative* (n.) means an exclusive or special right or privilege.
- 125. c.** To *glower* (v.) means to stare angrily or sullenly, to look intently with anger or dislike.



# Chapter 6

- 126.** People often referred to Noelle as \_\_\_\_\_ because she trusted everyone and even slept with her doors unlocked.
- a. naïve
  - b. elevated
  - c. boastful
  - d. panoramic
  - e. elated
- 127.** Kinnel's re-election is being threatened by a growing \_\_\_\_\_ of disgruntled union members.
- a. rogue
  - b. faction
  - c. pariah
  - d. guise
  - e. anathema

### 501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 128.** The peasants passed their weary days in much \_\_\_\_\_ and little comfort.
- a. pertinence
  - b. renown
  - c. travail
  - d. exile
  - e. repose
- 129.** Lyasia is a \_\_\_\_\_ of the clarinet; she has performed solos with many orchestras and bands around the world.
- a. neophyte
  - b. novice
  - c. virtuoso
  - d. termagant
  - e. plethora
- 130.** The children knew that once their father made his decision, the new rule would be \_\_\_\_\_ because he would never change his mind.
- a. irrevocable
  - b. articulate
  - c. premeditated
  - d. serried
  - e. discourteous
- 131.** The haunted house displayed \_\_\_\_\_ scenes in every room, causing squeamish visitors to scream.
- a. preparatory
  - b. archaic
  - c. macabre
  - d. precocious
  - e. impetuous
- 132.** The concert audience was frustrated by the poor \_\_\_\_\_ of the sounds coming from the speakers.
- a. modulation
  - b. recrimination
  - c. terminus
  - d. dissidence
  - e. assertion



### 501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 133.** Please don't \_\_\_\_\_ me my success—I've worked hard to earn this promotion!
- a. renege
  - b. begrudge
  - c. excise
  - d. staunch
  - e. vaunt
- 134.** With an \_\_\_\_\_ blow of the whistle, the meddling parent interrupted the game to reiterate the rules of the tournament.
- a. industrious
  - b. illustrious
  - c. eloquent
  - d. officious
  - e. enviable
- 135.** The candidate's inappropriately sexist remark was met with a \_\_\_\_\_ of denunciations from the angry crowd.
- a. bastion
  - b. fusillade
  - c. mélange
  - d. dichotomy
  - e. solecism
- 136.** The \_\_\_\_\_ employee decided to complain publicly about the unacceptable working conditions.
- a. discreet
  - b. prudent
  - c. precarious
  - d. malcontent
  - e. stupendous
- 137.** The medicine man applied a sweet smelling \_\_\_\_\_ to the young brave's wounds.
- a. triad
  - b. corrosive
  - c. parcel
  - d. unguent
  - e. pungent

### 501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 138.** The judge dismissed the extraneous evidence because it was not \_\_\_\_\_ to the trial.
- a. pertinent
  - b. pretentious
  - c. synonymous
  - d. abject
  - e. inalienable
- 139.** The \_\_\_\_\_ nature of the song is supposed to be reminiscent of shepherds calling to their flocks at night.
- a. vocative
  - b. endemic
  - c. surreptitious
  - d. preternatural
  - e. inane
- 140.** The \_\_\_\_\_ child caused great difficulties for her parents and teachers because she refused to correct her bad behavior even in the face of punishment.
- a. adorable
  - b. sincere
  - c. incorrigible
  - d. lamentable
  - e. demure
- 141.** The internist decided to treat the \_\_\_\_\_ with medication, but also recommended rest and proper nutrition.
- a. malady
  - b. nonentity
  - c. missive
  - d. repository
  - e. nonchalance

### 501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 142.** It was such a beautiful day that I decided to go for a \_\_\_\_\_ on my bike down to the local park.
- a. expedition
  - b. jaunt
  - c. pilgrimage
  - d. repast
  - e. intimation
- 143.** The castaway's hut was \_\_\_\_\_ by the natives curious to see who the intruder was upon their island.
- a. beset
  - b. surmised
  - c. precluded
  - d. garnered
  - e. lauded
- 144.** Sometimes my grandmother would \_\_\_\_\_ all different types of thread so she could include more colors in the clothes she sewed.
- a. daunt
  - b. rattle
  - c. scrabble
  - d. thrush
  - e. empower
- 145.** The defense attorney's choice of words \_\_\_\_\_ that there were other possible versions of the crime, but the jury was unconvinced.
- a. pervaded
  - b. insinuated
  - c. discounted
  - d. imposed
  - e. ensconced
- 146.** Ted's enthusiasm for becoming a professional drum player \_\_\_\_\_ when he realized he would have to practice several hours a day.
- a. waxed
  - b. waned
  - c. deranged
  - d. flouted
  - e. preempted

### 501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 147.** Some would say Muzak is a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ form of music, a kind of background noise designed to be heard but not listened to.
- a. arable
  - b. degenerate
  - c. volatile
  - d. pivotal
  - e. exemplary
- 148.** The teacher was dismissed for the \_\_\_\_\_ act of helping his students cheat on the exam.
- a. steadfast
  - b. meritorious
  - c. unconscionable
  - d. pristine
  - e. fortuitous
- 149.** The reformed criminal could not forget his guilty past; he was in a living state of \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. perdition
  - b. tact
  - c. composure
  - d. principle
  - e. veracity
- 150.** The \_\_\_\_\_ yoga instructor waited patiently for her students to find the proper pose, which she performed with ease.
- a. unabashed
  - b. lissome
  - c. cosmopolitan
  - d. sneering
  - e. disparaging

**Answers**

- 126. a.** *Naïve* (adj.) means lacking worldly experience; possessing a childlike innocence or simplicity.
- 127. b.** A *faction* (n.) is a group or clique within a larger group, usually a minority, acting in unison in opposition to the larger group; internal dissension, conflict within an organization, nation, or other group.
- 128. c.** *Travail* (n.) means hard or agonizing labor.
- 129. c.** *Virtuoso* (n.) means a master in the technique of some particular fine art.
- 130. a.** *Irrevocable* (adj.) means irreversible; not able to be revoked or recalled.
- 131. c.** *Macabre* (adj.) means ghastly, horrible, or gruesome.
- 132. a.** *Modulation* (n.) a regulation by or adjustment to a certain measure, such as in music or radio waves.
- 133. b.** To *begrudge* (v.) means to envy the possession or enjoyment of; to give or allow with reluctance.
- 134. d.** *Officious* (adj.) means marked by excessive eagerness in offering unwanted services or advice to others; unofficial.
- 135. b.** A *fusillade* (n.) is a barrage; a rapid discharge of firearms, simultaneously or in rapid succession.
- 136. d.** *Malcontent* (adj.) means dissatisfied, uneasy or discontent; a rebel.
- 137. d.** An *unguent* (n.) is any soothing or healing ointment or lubricant for local application.

### 501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 138.** a. *Pertinent* (adj.) means applicable, related to the subject matter at hand.
- 139.** a. *Vocative* (adj.) means pertaining to the act of calling.
- 140.** c. *Incorrigible* (adj.) means bad to the point of being beyond correction; uncontrollable; impervious to change.
- 141.** a. *Malady* (n.) is a disease or disorder.
- 142.** b. A *jaunt* (n.) is usually a short journey taken for pleasure.
- 143.** a. To *beset* (v.) means to surround on all sides; to annoy or harass persistently; to decorate with jewels.
- 144.** b. To *rattle* (v.) means to twist together, to intertwine.
- 145.** b. To *insinuate* (v.) is to hint or suggest; to intimate.
- 146.** b. To *wane* (v.) means to diminish in intensity or size.
- 147.** b. *Degenerate* (adj.) means having declined in quality or value, reduced from a former or original state, to degrade.
- 148.** c. *Unconscionable* (adj.) means not restrained by conscience; unscrupulous.
- 149.** a. *Perdition* (n.) the most modern use of the word means eternal damnation, or a hell.
- 150.** b. *Lissome* (adj.) means lithe or lithesome, usually related to the body; moving or bending easily or limber.

# Chapter 7

- 151.** When we first meet Romeo, he is \_\_\_\_\_ over his unrequited love for Rosaline.
- a. brooding
  - b. ogling
  - c. meandering
  - d. embellishing
  - e. groveling
- 152.** Because it had been worn and washed so often, Linus's favorite t-shirt was tattered and \_\_\_\_\_ with holes.
- a. salvaged
  - b. circulated
  - c. riddled
  - d. emulated
  - e. congregated

### 501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 153.** Henley's \_\_\_\_\_ remarks about my presentation did not bother me because I knew I'd done a good job.
- a. derogatory
  - b. voracious
  - c. tactile
  - d. capricious
  - e. amiable
- 154.** Eels swim using a rapid \_\_\_\_\_ motion that propels them through the water.
- a. dissipating
  - b. undulating
  - c. eradicating
  - d. objurgating
  - e. irritating
- 155.** Sick and tired of her boring job, Cecilia began to \_\_\_\_\_ what it would be like to quit.
- a. ponder
  - b. disengage
  - c. negate
  - d. relinquish
  - e. alleviate
- 156.** The way my father likes to \_\_\_\_\_ with any salesperson to see if he can bargain for a lower price is embarrassing.
- a. striate
  - b. variegate
  - c. capitulate
  - d. teem
  - e. wrangle
- 157.** The \_\_\_\_\_ construction crew built large new buildings all over the East Coast, wherever the demand for qualified workers took them.
- a. laconic
  - b. irresolute
  - c. itinerant
  - d. parietal
  - e. peremptory



### 501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 158.** The CEO's large expense accounts proved she was a \_\_\_\_\_ spender with the company's money.
- a. injurious
  - b. ineffectual
  - c. liberal
  - d. malignant
  - e. insolvent
- 159.** Daniela found the unchanging rhythm of the musical piece to be annoyingly \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. recusant
  - b. monotonous
  - c. irreverent
  - d. coherent
  - e. redolent
- 160.** The young, thin boy surprised his wrestling opponent with his \_\_\_\_\_ strength.
- a. fraudulent
  - b. wiry
  - c. frolicsome
  - d. pretentious
  - e. endemic
- 161.** The new actress's talents were severely \_\_\_\_\_ by the local critics; she went on to be a distinguished member of a well-respected acting company.
- a. underrated
  - b. berated
  - c. placated
  - d. dissuaded
  - e. interred

### 501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 162.** To hide his insecurity, Barton often acted like a \_\_\_\_\_ so that he could make people laugh.
- a. buffoon
  - b. martyr
  - c. neophyte
  - d. plebian
  - e. wraith
- 163.** When Arnold's grandmother began to complain about the excruciating pain in her knees and legs, she was referred to an \_\_\_\_\_ specialist for a diagnosis.
- a. optical
  - b. oral
  - c. archeological
  - d. osteopathic
  - e. psychological
- 164.** Charlie's \_\_\_\_\_ behavior made it clear that he had been highly educated in matters of etiquette.
- a. decorous
  - b. surreptitious
  - c. erratic
  - d. caustic
  - e. irksome
- 165.** Staring at the \_\_\_\_\_ crystal blue water of the sea, Eileen thought she had never seen anything so beautiful.
- a. flamboyant
  - b. appalling
  - c. devious
  - d. pristine
  - e. fiery

### 501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 166.** Wearing the designer's latest fashions, the \_\_\_\_\_ clothing model sashayed down the runway.
- a. jaunty
  - b. tranquil
  - c. fanatical
  - d. recessive
  - e. contemplative
- 167.** Given his \_\_\_\_\_ nature, it was appropriate that he decided to be a trial lawyer after law school.
- a. lackluster
  - b. engrossed
  - c. penitent
  - d. litigious
  - e. obsolete
- 168.** After her relationship ended, Patty, feeling \_\_\_\_\_, insisted on playing sad love songs repeatedly.
- a. infallible
  - b. plausible
  - c. formative
  - d. mawkish
  - e. persuasive
- 169.** Sanji went abroad as a \_\_\_\_\_ young man; when he returned two years later, he seemed like an experienced man of the world.
- a. sardonic
  - b. egalitarian
  - c. reticent
  - d. callow
  - e. loquacious

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- 170.** Normally distinguished and reserved, Robert would act \_\_\_\_\_ when he joined his friends to cheer for their old high school team at annual the homecoming game.
- a. indignant
  - b. oafish
  - c. poignant
  - d. reputable
  - e. obdurate
- 171.** The protesters were concerned that the proposed legislation would have a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ effect on the state's nature preserves.
- a. scintillating
  - b. deleterious
  - c. insipid
  - d. punctilious
  - e. parsimonious
- 172.** Not swayed by his student's \_\_\_\_\_ flattery, the professor told him that his grade would not be changed.
- a. forlorn
  - b. striated
  - c. undulating
  - d. unctuous
  - e. frowsy
- 173.** Tonya found Isaac's public declarations of his love for her \_\_\_\_\_ and embarrassing.
- a. necrotic
  - b. intriguing
  - c. witless
  - d. malodorous
  - e. pliant

### 501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 174.** The young kitten had a \_\_\_\_\_ look on its face when it noticed the menacing dog entering the yard.
- a. servile
  - b. diligent
  - c. scornful
  - d. pavid
  - e. optimistic
- 175.** According to pirate lore, a terrible \_\_\_\_\_ would follow whoever opened the treasure chest.
- a. precursor
  - b. precession
  - c. rendition
  - d. insurgence
  - e. malediction

**Answers**

- 151. a.** To *brood* (v.) is to be in deep thought, to think moodily or anxiously about something; to cover over, as with wings, in order to protect; to hang over, as of something threatening, dark, or menacing, to loom; to be silent or sullen, sulk; to sit on or hatch eggs.
- 152. c.** To *riddle* (v.) means to pierce with many holes.
- 153. a.** *Derogatory* (adj.) means tending to lessen in value, to detract or diminish; disparaging, belittling, injurious.
- 154. b.** *Undulating* (adj.) means characterized by a wavelike motion.
- 155. a.** To *ponder* (v.) is to weigh carefully in the mind.
- 156. e.** To *wrangle* (v.) means to bicker, dispute, create a noisy argument.
- 157. c.** *Itinerant* (adj.) means traveling from one place to another, usually on a planned course; working in one place for a short while before moving onto another place to work; wandering.
- 158. c.** *Liberal* (adj.) means characterized by generosity or a willingness to give freely in large amounts; untraditional or broad-minded in beliefs.
- 159. b.** *Monotonous* (adj.) means tediously lacking in variety; unvarying; repetitious.
- 160. b.** *Wiry* (adj.) means thin, but tough and sinewy.
- 161. a.** *Underrated* (adj.) means undervalued.
- 162. a.** A *buffoon* (n.) is a ludicrous or bumbling person, a fool; someone given to clowning and amusing others through ridiculous behavior; a clown or jester.

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- 163. d.** *Osteopathic* (adj.) means a system of medicine pertaining to the bone and skeletal system.
- 164. a.** *Decorous* (adj.) means characterized by good taste in manners and conduct, exhibiting propriety or decorum, proper.
- 165. d.** *Pristine* (adj.) means pure, fresh and clean, as if new; original or primitive.
- 166. a.** *Jaunty* (adj.) means sprightly in manner; stylish or smart in dress.
- 167. d.** *Litigious* (adj.) means inclined to disagree or dispute, especially in lawsuits; argumentative.
- 168. d.** *Mawkish* (adj.) means characterized by excessive sentimentality; overly emotional.
- 169. d.** *Callow* (adj.) means lacking maturity or experience; immature, naïve.
- 170. b.** *Oafish* (adj.) means acting stupid, goofy, or clumsy.
- 171. b.** *Deleterious* (adj.) means having a harmful or adverse effect; destructive, hurtful, noxious.
- 172. d.** *Unctuous* (adj.) means characterized by insincere earnestness; oily or fatty in appearance.
- 173. c.** *Witless* (adj.) means foolish, indiscreet, or silly.
- 174. d.** *Pavid* (adj.) means timid or fearful.
- 175. e.** *Malediction* (n.) is a curse or a proclaiming of a curse against someone; an imprecation.





# Chapter 8

- 176.** A(n) \_\_\_\_\_ spirit only causes more stress and strife; it is better to forgive and forget.
- a. apathetic
  - b. restorative
  - c. flaccid
  - d. vindictive
  - e. fortuitous
- 177.** When we were renovating the old house, we found a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ of \$10 and \$20 bills hidden inside the old laundry chute.
- a. odyssey
  - b. matrix
  - c. lament
  - d. fodder
  - e. cache

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- 178.** Even though the pilot promised it was safe, Neil was \_\_\_\_\_ to fly during a snowstorm.
- a. habitual
  - b. overzealous
  - c. pavid
  - d. reluctant
  - e. salacious
- 179.** Ron has few friends because he is \_\_\_\_\_ and cares only about himself.
- a. mundane
  - b. intrepid
  - c. garrulous
  - d. voracious
  - e. egocentric
- 180.** The workers attempted to \_\_\_\_\_ the supervisor's authority by negotiating terms with the clients themselves.
- a. contradict
  - b. instigate
  - c. resonate
  - d. placate
  - e. undermine
- 181.** The student failed his research paper because he chose to \_\_\_\_\_ material from a another author's work.
- a. authorize
  - b. stimulate
  - c. overrule
  - d. plagiarize
  - e. meditate
- 182.** The \_\_\_\_\_ old cowboy had a complexion that spoke of many years in the desert sun, rounding up wild horses.
- a. secular
  - b. suave
  - c. turgid
  - d. wizened
  - e. truant

### 501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 183.** The swimmer's back injury \_\_\_\_\_ his prospects for a gold medal at the world championship competition.
- a. compelled
  - b. advanced
  - c. jeopardized
  - d. maintained
  - e. expounded
- 184.** As Ramiro strolled through his old neighborhood, he noticed sounds and smells that were \_\_\_\_\_ of his childhood.
- a. belligerent
  - b. malleable
  - c. reminiscent
  - d. recondite
  - e. incessant
- 185.** Lynette had to learn the \_\_\_\_\_ of the insurance profession before she felt comfortable describing products to her clients.
- a. lexicon
  - b. classicism
  - c. juncture
  - d. cessation
  - e. asperity
- 186.** Marta had to pay off her \_\_\_\_\_ to the credit card company before she could get a mortgage.
- a. stipend
  - b. liability
  - c. remuneration
  - d. concession
  - e. consolidation
- 187.** The local high school issued a \_\_\_\_\_ on field trips until the bus was repaired; then traveling could begin again.
- a. indispensability
  - b. divergence
  - c. moratorium
  - d. subjection
  - e. compulsion

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- 188.** With Justine's \_\_\_\_\_ nature and passion for art, she would make an excellent tour guide for the museum.
- a. volatile
  - b. congenial
  - c. servile
  - d. fledgling
  - e. trite
- 189.** Patrice was a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ girl when she was teenager—long-limbed and constantly tripping over her own feet.
- a. blithe
  - b. resolute
  - c. ungainly
  - d. preternatural
  - e. conducive
- 190.** The employee's claim of being out with the flu did not seem very \_\_\_\_\_ because he returned from sick leave with a deep tan.
- a. inattentive
  - b. inarticulate
  - c. tactful
  - d. plausible
  - e. vulnerable
- 191.** The con man used his \_\_\_\_\_ to convince the elderly woman to sign over her life savings to him.
- a. estuary
  - b. melee
  - c. flagrancy
  - d. malleability
  - e. wile
- 192.** Mike proved to be \_\_\_\_\_ throw after throw, hitting the carnival dart game's bull's eye every time.
- a. sedentary
  - b. temporal
  - c. mediocre
  - d. infallible
  - e. infeasible

### 501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 193.** Patrick, who was always joking, added \_\_\_\_\_ to the formal dinner, which his sedate employer did not appreciate.
- a. contemplation
  - b. ordinance
  - c. tutelage
  - d. levity
  - e. sincerity
- 194.** Sunlight shining through a window was an obvious \_\_\_\_\_ in the nearly every one of the artist's works.
- a. disjunction
  - b. hindrance
  - c. repugnance
  - d. motif
  - e. variance
- 195.** I like listening to Wesley go on about politics and social issues; his opinions are \_\_\_\_\_ with my own beliefs.
- a. latent
  - b. explicit
  - c. consonant
  - d. ensconced
  - e. rife
- 196.** Most people will find the film silly and childish in its humor; the most \_\_\_\_\_ viewers will find it downright crass and offensive.
- a. servile
  - b. petulant
  - c. fastidious
  - d. arcane
  - e. boisterous
- 197.** Even though he wanted to win the game, the coach felt that he would be \_\_\_\_\_ if he let the injured quarterback continue to play.
- a. contentious
  - b. remiss
  - c. erudite
  - d. stringent
  - e. reputable

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- 198.** The goal of any company is to have its product name become \_\_\_\_\_—constantly at the forefront of the consumer’s mind.
- a. garrulous
  - b. unctuous
  - c. tremulous
  - d. ubiquitous
  - e. portentous
- 199.** During the holiday season, the \_\_\_\_\_ theme is “Peace on Earth, Goodwill Toward All.”
- a. mitigated
  - b. arrogant
  - c. controversial
  - d. prevalent
  - e. prestigious
- 200.** Our cottage by the sea offers many days of relaxation with warm sunshine and soothing \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. zephyrs
  - b. dervishes
  - c. stanchions
  - d. ebbs
  - e. torques

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

### Answers

- 176. d.** *Vindictive* (adj.) means revengeful, hateful.
- 177. e.** A *cache* (n.) is a hiding place for storing or concealing provisions or valuables; a secret store of valuables or money, a stash.
- 178. d.** *Reluctant* (adj.) means unwilling to do what one is being called to do.
- 179. e.** *Egocentric* (adj.) means caring only about or interested only in oneself or one's needs.
- 180. e.** To *undermine* (v.) means to subvert in an underhanded way.
- 181. d.** To *plagiarize* (v.) is to steal thoughts or words in literary composition.
- 182. d.** *Wizened* (adj.) means withered or dry, especially with age.
- 183. c.** *Jeopardize* (v.) means to put in jeopardy or at risk; a hazard or danger.
- 184. c.** *Reminiscent* (adj.) means calling to mind or remembering.
- 185. a.** *Lexicon* (n.) is the vocabulary used in a language, profession, class, or subject.
- 186. b.** *Liability* (n.) is a debt or obligation; something for which one is liable.
- 187. c.** *Moratorium* (n.) is a temporary suspension or postponement of a planned activity.
- 188. b.** *Congenial* (adj.) means having a friendly or pleasant disposition, sociable; having similar tastes, habits, or temperament; suitable to one's needs or nature.
- 189. c.** *Ungainly* (adj.) means clumsy or awkward.

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- 190. d.** *Plausible* (adj.) means apparently worthy of belief or praise.
- 191. e.** *Wile* (n.) means an act or a means of cunning deception.
- 192. d.** *Infallible* (adj.) means not fallible; completely trustworthy; certain.
- 193. d.** *Levity* (n.) is an inappropriate lack of seriousness or lightness of manner; frivolity.
- 194. d.** *Motif* (n.) is a recurrent theme or form in an artistic or literary work.
- 195. c.** *Consonant* (adj.) means in agreement or accord, harmonious; having similar sounds.
- 196. c.** *Fastidious* (adj.) means paying careful attention to detail, meticulous; difficult to please, exacting; extremely sensitive, squeamish, especially in regard to matters of cleanliness or propriety.
- 197. b.** *Remiss* (adj.) means careless in performing duties.
- 198. d.** *Ubiquitous* (adj.) means being present everywhere.
- 199. d.** *Prevalent* (adj.) means widespread or widely accepted; predominant or extensive.
- 200. a.** A *zephyr* is a soft, gentle breeze; a breeze that blows from the west.



# Chapter 9

- 201.** When Melinda arrived in the impoverished city, she was immediately \_\_\_\_\_ by bands of children begging for food.
- a. bedraggled
  - b. accosted
  - c. infiltrated
  - d. rebuked
  - e. exacerbated
- 202.** According to the terms of the agreement, if Nicole defaulted on her loan, she would have to \_\_\_\_\_ her house and car, both which would become property of the bank.
- a. usurp
  - b. evince
  - c. debut
  - d. forfeit
  - e. stigmatize

### 501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 203.** Tony was tired of roommate's petty \_\_\_\_\_ about his personal life, so he moved out.
- a. appeasements
  - b. quips
  - c. quotas
  - d. rallies
  - e. iniquities
- 204.** The food at the buffet table was a \_\_\_\_\_ array of delights that even the most disciplined dieter would find difficult to resist.
- a. tempestuous
  - b. tantamount
  - c. truculent
  - d. temporal
  - e. tantalizing
- 205.** After fighting the five-alarm fire, the \_\_\_\_\_ firefighter could not relax enough to unwind and get some rest.
- a. amicable
  - b. treacherous
  - c. pliable
  - d. durable
  - e. overwrought
- 206.** For years Henry bore the \_\_\_\_\_ of being the only man in five generations of his family not to make the varsity baseball team.
- a. stigma
  - b. brunt
  - c. treatise
  - d. scintillation
  - e. punctiliousness

### 501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 207.** Tabitha found an overpriced dining table at the antique shop and tried to \_\_\_\_\_ with the shopkeeper, but he refused to lower the price.
- a. haggle
  - b. stipulate
  - c. announce
  - d. ruminate
  - e. confer
- 208.** The firefighter was \_\_\_\_\_ in the news for his heroic rescue of a child from a burning house.
- a. mandated
  - b. inferred
  - c. reconstituted
  - d. augmented
  - e. lauded
- 209.** Although she was on a diet, Hannah intended to \_\_\_\_\_ in the feast of Thanksgiving.
- a. dilate
  - b. enervate
  - c. expunge
  - d. nullify
  - e. partake
- 210.** The villagers locked their doors when they heard about the pirates who were \_\_\_\_\_ unprotected villages along the island's coastline.
- a. reforming
  - b. marauding
  - c. reclaiming
  - d. conceding
  - e. recapitulating

### 501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 211.** I could tell by Angelica's \_\_\_\_\_ tone that she was still very angry with me.
- a. ingratiating
  - b. adjacent
  - c. oblique
  - d. acerbic
  - e. eloquent
- 212.** After years of living at a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ pace, Paola decided it was time to slow down and learn how to relax.
- a. frenetic
  - b. pedestrian
  - c. pretentious
  - d. colloquial
  - e. insipid
- 213.** The hospital had an outbreak of chicken pox and was forced to \_\_\_\_\_ all patients and staff to prevent more infected victims.
- a. clandestine
  - b. saturate
  - c. germinate
  - d. quarantine
  - e. aggregate
- 214.** Living on several acres of land dotted with oak and maple trees makes autumn leaf-raking a \_\_\_\_\_ task.
- a. fatuous
  - b. toilsome
  - c. tardy
  - d. obsequious
  - e. fawning
- 215.** Acting in the high school play served to \_\_\_\_\_ Ander's appetite for professional acting.
- a. satiate
  - b. whet
  - c. purport
  - d. incriminate
  - e. corral

### 501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 216.** It would take many hours of cleaning and repairing for the young family to transform the \_\_\_\_\_ into a clean and comfortable little cottage.
- a. territory
  - b. manor
  - c. hovel
  - d. demesne
  - e. hacienda
- 217.** Ms. Lu allowed her son a great deal of \_\_\_\_\_ in spending his birthday money, because she believed it should be his decision.
- a. injunction
  - b. assimilation
  - c. latitude
  - d. declamation
  - e. stimulus
- 218.** It was once believed that alchemists could \_\_\_\_\_ common metals to gold.
- a. transmute
  - b. commute
  - c. execute
  - d. repute
  - e. denote
- 219.** The close-up of the actor drinking the popular brand of cola in the movie was a \_\_\_\_\_ display of commercialism.
- a. dispassionate
  - b. languid
  - c. apathetic
  - d. gratuitous
  - e. unpunctual

### 501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 220.** Juneod was \_\_\_\_\_ after his alibi proved that he could not have committed the crime.
- a. acquitted
  - b. protracted
  - c. derided
  - d. denounced
  - e. acquainted
- 221.** This summer's movies are \_\_\_\_\_ for audiences of escape-the-heat mindless entertainment—not one film offers a substantive or even plausible plot.
- a. privation
  - b. dulcet
  - c. jargon
  - d. fodder
  - e. germane
- 222.** The dictator used propaganda and intimidation to \_\_\_\_\_ the revolution.
- a. prelude
  - b. intimate
  - c. congregate
  - d. irradiate
  - e. quell
- 223.** Standing on the \_\_\_\_\_, the preacher greeted the parishioners every Sunday morning.
- a. steeple
  - b. pillar
  - c. parvis
  - d. manifestation
  - e. sensor

### 501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 224.** Simona's \_\_\_\_\_ with her money caught up with her when she didn't have the resources to buy a badly needed new car.
- a. miserliness
  - b. thriftiness
  - c. wantonness
  - d. intuition
  - e. predilection
- 225.** The architect designed the ceiling using wood \_\_\_\_\_ that would remain uncovered, creating a rustic ambience in the living room.
- a. pediments
  - b. joists
  - c. mullions
  - d. banisters
  - e. abutments

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

### Answers

- 201.** b. To *accost* (v.) means to approach and speak to someone, usually in a bold and aggressive manner as with a demand.
- 202.** d. To *forfeit* (v.) means to be deprived of or lose the right to by the act of a crime, offense, fault, breach, or error.
- 203.** b. A *quip* (n.) is a sarcastic or cutting jest; a witty remark.
- 204.** e. *Tantalizing* (adj.) means tempting, attractive, often via the senses.
- 205.** e. *Overwrought* (adj.) means labored to excess; anxious, agitated.
- 206.** a. *Stigma* means a mark of infamy or token of disgrace.
- 207.** a. To *haggle* (v.) means to bargain, such as over a price, or dispute in a petty way; to wrangle.
- 208.** e. To *laud* (v.) is to praise, honor, or glorify.
- 209.** e. To *partake* (v.) is to have a share or take part.
- 210.** b. To *maraud* (v.) is to rove and raid in quest of plunder.
- 211.** d. *Acerbic* (adj.) means sour or bitter in taste; sharp or biting in tone, character, or expression.
- 212.** a. *Frenetic* (adj.) means wildly excited or agitated, frenzied, frantic.
- 213.** d. To *quarantine* (v.) means to restrict the entrance to and exit from any place under observation for infectious disease.
- 214.** b. *Toilsome* (adj.) means laborious or hard work.
- 215.** b. To *whet* (v.) means to make more keen or eager.



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- 216. c.** A *hovel* (n.) is a small crude house; a filthy or disorganized hut or shed.
- 217. c.** *Latitude* (n.) is freedom from normal limitations or restraints in conduct; an angular distance from a plane of reference.
- 218. a.** To *transmute* (v.) means to change in nature, substance, or form.
- 219. d.** *Gratuitous* (adj.) means unjustified or unnecessary; of no cost.
- 220. a.** To *acquit* (v.) means to free or clear from an accusation or charge; to release or discharge from a duty, obligation, or debt; to behave oneself in a certain manner.
- 221. d.** *Fodder* (n.) is a consumable, often inferior resource or item, high in demand and usually abundant in supply.
- 222. e.** To *quell* (v.) means to cease or suppress.
- 223. c.** A *parvis* (n.) is the porch or area before a building (as a church).
- 224. c.** *Wantonness* (n.) means recklessness; bawdy; merciless.
- 225. b.** *Joist* (n.) is a small, horizontal beam that supports a ceiling or floor, usually made of wood, reinforced concrete, or steel.



# Chapter 10

- 226.** When the house on the corner burned down, the entire neighborhood \_\_\_\_\_ together to help to the victims re-establish their lives.
- a. rallied
  - b. recited
  - c. skulked
  - d. disintegrated
  - e. expedited
- 227.** The massage therapist's \_\_\_\_\_ fingers quickly eased the tension in Blanche's back.
- a. deft
  - b. furtive
  - c. listless
  - d. tentative
  - e. blithe

### 501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 228.** Jade's parents were in \_\_\_\_\_ about the decision not to allow her to drive the family car to the prom; they both agreed that it would be unsafe.
- a. affluence
  - b. redress
  - c. refraction
  - d. discord
  - e. unison
- 229.** As she walked through the halls of her old grade school, Madeline became \_\_\_\_\_, remembering her old friends and teachers.
- a. prolific
  - b. nostalgic
  - c. credulous
  - d. precocious
  - e. ambitious
- 230.** After being cleared of all charges for slander, the attorney was able to go back to work and \_\_\_\_\_ his role as a prosecutor.
- a. inhibit
  - b. reprimand
  - c. remand
  - d. resume
  - e. dissipate
- 231.** Ignacio's pain was so \_\_\_\_\_ that he called 911.
- a. remiss
  - b. rapacious
  - c. genteel
  - d. resolute
  - e. acute
- 232.** The captain \_\_\_\_\_ the cargo to keep his ship afloat.
- a. rebuked
  - b. listed
  - c. disunited
  - d. flanked
  - e. jettisoned

### 501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 233.** The teacher tried to \_\_\_\_\_ her class of their dependence on the number lines pasted to the tops of their desks.
- a. wane
  - b. wax
  - c. whet
  - d. wean
  - e. wield
- 234.** The young girl was so full of enthusiasm and \_\_\_\_\_ that she infected the room with energy.
- a. languidness
  - b. apathy
  - c. vivacity
  - d. blandness
  - e. tenacity
- 235.** Ricky is a \_\_\_\_\_ of the local coffee shop; you can find him there just about every morning.
- a. diva
  - b. relic
  - c. denizen
  - d. maverick
  - e. pariah
- 236.** The child danced with \_\_\_\_\_ joy at hearing the news that her father had arrived home from his lengthy business trip.
- a. staid
  - b. unbridled
  - c. stealthy
  - d. beneficial
  - e. restrained
- 237.** Having never left the landlocked Midwest his entire life, Albert found that swimming in the ocean was quite a(n) \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. familiarity
  - b. extrovert
  - c. instinct
  - d. novelty
  - e. tabernacle

### 501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 238.** The rowdy crowd at the music concert \_\_\_\_\_ Herve, and he spilled his soda on his pants.
- a. jettisoned
  - b. harrowed
  - c. jostled
  - d. lauded
  - e. superceded
- 239.** Known for his strong command of the courtroom, it was common knowledge that Judge Disantis considered outbursts from defendants to be \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. questionable
  - b. objectionable
  - c. antisocial
  - d. pliable
  - e. visionary
- 240.** Blinded by \_\_\_\_\_, Nicholas accepted the job offer with the highest pay but the least possibility of making him happy.
- a. ennui
  - b. heresy
  - c. infamy
  - d. avarice
  - e. temperance
- 241.** It was very unprofessional of you to \_\_\_\_\_ your assistant in front of everyone at the meeting; she deserves more respect, and any criticism of her performance should be done in private.
- a. placate
  - b. augment
  - c. usurp
  - d. preclude
  - e. deride

### 501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 242.** The log cabin had a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ feel, so it was often enjoyed by vacationers from the city throughout the year.
- a. abstract
  - b. ersatz
  - c. rustic
  - d. raucous
  - e. repellent
- 243.** We knew Jana had \_\_\_\_\_ motives for running for class president: She wanted the nearby parking space that came with the office.
- a. anterior
  - b. interior
  - c. inferior
  - d. posterior
  - e. ulterior
- 244.** The town board heard many outraged and \_\_\_\_\_ arguments from the citizens against the destruction of some wooded areas in order to build a new mall.
- a. tenuous
  - b. vociferous
  - c. vacuous
  - d. satisfied
  - e. egregious
- 245.** The villainous gang's hideout was a den of \_\_\_\_\_ that no one would dare to enter.
- a. innocence
  - b. habitants
  - c. iniquity
  - d. accolades
  - e. innovation

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- 246.** Indigestion is a common \_\_\_\_\_ of participating in a hot-dog eating contest.
- a. euphemism
  - b. penchant
  - c. corollary
  - d. juxtaposition
  - e. itinerary
- 247.** Although it was so ridiculous that no one believed it to be true, the reporter's \_\_\_\_\_ still cost the governor his re-election.
- a. hegemony
  - b. sedition
  - c. malaise
  - d. compendium
  - e. calumny
- 248.** People on the street stopped to \_\_\_\_\_ over the artist's rendition of the Eiffel Tower, amazed by his ability to capture the detail.
- a. bedazzle
  - b. innovate
  - c. gratify
  - d. counteract
  - e. objectify
- 249.** The veteran lieutenant was not happy with his \_\_\_\_\_ rank behind the two inexperienced men.
- a. tertiary
  - b. silly
  - c. unctuous
  - d. superior
  - e. fastened
- 250.** The prime minister was admired by all, a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ even in an environment of corruption and disdain.
- a. admonishment
  - b. alleviation
  - c. nonpareil
  - d. prototype
  - e. profanation



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### Answers

- 226. a.** To *rally* (v.) means to come together for a common purpose or as a means of support; to recover or rebound.
- 227. a.** *Deft* (adj.) means quick and skillful in movement, adroit.
- 228. e.** *Unison* (n.) means a condition of perfect agreement and accord.
- 229. b.** *Nostalgic* (adj.) is sentimentally yearning for a point in the past.
- 230. d.** To *resume* (v.) means to take up again after interruption.
- 231. e.** *Acute* (adj.) means extremely sharp or intense; keenly perceptive or discerning; of great importance or consequence, crucial; also, having a sharp tip or point.
- 232. e.** To *jettison* (v.) is to toss goods overboard to lighten the load of a ship or aircraft to improve stability; to toss off (a burden).
- 233. d.** To *wean* (v.) means to detach someone from that to which he is accustomed or devoted.
- 234. c.** *Vivacity* (n.) means liveliness, to be full of life.
- 235. c.** A *denizen* (n.) is one who frequents a particular place; one who lives in a particular place, an inhabitant.
- 236. b.** *Unbridled* (adj.) means without restraint.
- 237. d.** A *novelty* (n.) is a new or unusual thing or occurrence.
- 238. c.** To *jostle* (v.) is to push or shove roughly against; to drive with pushing; to disturb or bump.
- 239. b.** *Objectionable* (adj.) means unpleasant or offensive.
- 240. d.** *Avarice* (n.) means an excessive or insatiable desire for material wealth; inordinate greed.

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- 241.** e. To *deride* (v.) is to speak of or treat with contempt; to ridicule scornfully.
- 242.** c. *Rustic* (adj.) means rural; rough; made from rough limbs or trees.
- 243.** e. *Ulterior* (adj.) means lying beyond or outside what is openly shown or said.
- 244.** b. *Vociferous* (adj.) means making a loud outcry.
- 245.** c. *Iniquity* (n.) is wickedness or overwhelming injustice.
- 246.** c. *Corollary* (n.) means a natural consequence or result; a deduction or inference that follows from the proof of another proposition.
- 247.** e. *Calumny* (n.) means a false statement or accusation uttered maliciously to harm another's reputation, slander.
- 248.** e. To *objectify* (v.) means to stare at amorously.
- 249.** a. *Tertiary* (adj.) ranking third in order of importance, position, or value.
- 250.** c. A *nonpareil* (n.) is a person or thing of peerless excellence.

# Chapter 11

- 251.** The queen's \_\_\_\_\_ fell ill during his journey and was unable to negotiate on her behalf when he arrived at the economic summit.
- a. penury
  - b. miscreant
  - c. emissary
  - d. denizen
  - e. zealot
- 252.** Tai was \_\_\_\_\_ by a series of setbacks that nearly made him miss his deadline.
- a. ensconced
  - b. relegated
  - c. beleaguered
  - d. solicited
  - e. winnowed

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- 253.** New York boasts many \_\_\_\_\_ restaurants—places that are elegant and frequented by famous movie stars, political figures, and other elite members of society.
- a. pungent
  - b. posh
  - c. diminutive
  - d. mediocre
  - e. middling
- 254.** Patsy was shocked to discover how much higher her IQ was than the \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. norm
  - b. stimulation
  - c. prudence
  - d. solitude
  - e. derivative
- 255.** Although she appeared confident, once she began her speech, the valedictorian's \_\_\_\_\_ voice indicated her nervousness.
- a. supercilious
  - b. resonant
  - c. tenuous
  - d. placating
  - e. tremulous
- 256.** Danielle cannot seem to find her niche in life; she has changed her \_\_\_\_\_ at least three times in the past ten years.
- a. automation
  - b. vocation
  - c. plethora
  - d. pliancy
  - e. combustion

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- 257.** The discovery of the new element was \_\_\_\_\_; the scientist was looking for something else.
- a. insignificant
  - b. intrepid
  - c. eloquent
  - d. inadvertent
  - e. emollient
- 258.** A charming painting of a pleasant \_\_\_\_\_ landscape hung above Vitaly's fireplace, in marked contrast to the noise and lights of the bustling city outside his window.
- a. nascent
  - b. histrionic
  - c. bucolic
  - d. indigenous
  - e. ersatz
- 259.** Aidan, who has always been painfully shy, was very \_\_\_\_\_ by the news that he would have to do a presentation in front of his classmates.
- a. discomfited
  - b. circumvented
  - c. relegated
  - d. promulgated
  - e. castigated
- 260.** Since his parents had little money, Peter was \_\_\_\_\_ to his uncle for paying for his college education.
- a. alleged
  - b. provided
  - c. obliged
  - d. demented
  - e. fortified

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- 261.** With great \_\_\_\_\_, we stepped gingerly onto the planks of the dilapidated bridge that spanned a rocky stream twenty feet below.
- a. trepidation
  - b. instigation
  - c. perdition
  - d. refraction
  - e. endowment
- 262.** At the risk of sounding like an \_\_\_\_\_, the teacher assigned extra homework for the weekend.
- a. oaf
  - b. ogre
  - c. impost
  - d. alcove
  - e. anathema
- 263.** Felix felt that his mother's request to run her errands was a huge \_\_\_\_\_ since he would have rather watched a soccer match with his friends that afternoon.
- a. justification
  - b. imposition
  - c. preponderance
  - d. deviation
  - e. recourse
- 264.** The paper was \_\_\_\_\_ so that it could be easily removed from the bound notebook.
- a. voracious
  - b. infectious
  - c. fickle
  - d. perforated
  - e. fluent

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- 265.** The mad scientist \_\_\_\_\_ the potion with acid, making it not only useless, but also dangerous.
- a. corrugated
  - b. vitiated
  - c. implemented
  - d. instigated
  - e. titillated
- 266.** Jayne's paintings were not minimalist, but they were \_\_\_\_\_, using only the most elemental and essential elements.
- a. elliptical
  - b. truculent
  - c. pernicious
  - d. perfunctory
  - e. abstemious
- 267.** Wendell's prolonged illness was the \_\_\_\_\_ that ignited his interest in science and led to his illustrious career in medical research.
- a. hyperbole
  - b. catalyst
  - c. penchant
  - d. insolence
  - e. caveat
- 268.** Stopping to admire the \_\_\_\_\_ in the front yard, the young woman continued on with her gardening duties.
- a. paradigm
  - b. compost
  - c. clutter
  - d. oleander
  - e. patagium
- 269.** The river, \_\_\_\_\_ with new-fallen rain, overflowed its banks and flooded the tiny village in a matter of hours.
- a. placated
  - b. turgid
  - c. redundant
  - d. equivalent
  - e. quarantined

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- 270.** In a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ expression of pleasure, the infant clapped her hands and squealed with joy.
- a. overt
  - b. obligatory
  - c. illusive
  - d. peremptory
  - e. turbulent
- 271.** Paula's \_\_\_\_\_ humor does not amuse many people; rather many find it offensive and hurtful.
- a. nebulous
  - b. truncated
  - c. stoic
  - d. vitriolic
  - e. flirtatious
- 272.** The play's \_\_\_\_\_ debut was not a good sign for the struggling producer.
- a. unsubstantial
  - b. inauspicious
  - c. copious
  - d. disembodied
  - e. immaterial
- 273.** At one time it was in \_\_\_\_\_ for women to wear gloves and hats whenever they were out in public.
- a. gore
  - b. gauge
  - c. vogue
  - d. brawn
  - e. vain
- 274.** To ensure that Brenda wouldn't know where we were going for her birthday, I took the most \_\_\_\_\_ route I could think of.
- a. ardent
  - b. craven
  - c. enigmatic
  - d. circuitous
  - e. mercurial



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- 275.** The editorial was essentially a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ to the governor, praising her for her enactment of a series of environmental laws and for balancing the state budget for the first time in 20 years.
- a. juggernaut
  - b. imprecation
  - c. cabal
  - d. oeuvre
  - e. encomium

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### Answers

- 251. c.** An *emissary* (n.) is an agent sent on a mission to represent the interests of someone else.
- 252. c.** To *beleaguer* (v.) is to harass, beset, besiege.
- 253. b.** *Posh* (adj.) means elegant and fashionable.
- 254. a.** A *norm* (n.) is an average standard, pattern, or type.
- 255. e.** *Tremulous* (adj.) means characterized by quivering or unsteadiness.
- 256. b.** *Vocation* (n.) means a regular occupation or profession.
- 257. d.** *Inadvertent* (adj.) means not attentive or heedless; acting carelessly; unintentional.
- 258. c.** *Bucolic* (adj.) means of or characteristic of country life or people, rustic, especially in an idealized sense; of or characteristic of shepherds or herdsmen, pastoral.
- 259. a.** To *discomfit* (v.) means to make uneasy, disconcert; to cause to lose one's composure; to break up or thwart the plans of, frustrate.
- 260. c.** *Obliged* (v.) means to be indebted.
- 261. a.** *Trepidation* (n.) means nervous uncertainty of feeling.
- 262. b.** An *ogre* (n.) is, in popular usage, a cruel person, or a monster.
- 263. b.** *Imposition* (n.) is the act of imposing something such as a burden or duty; an unfair demand.
- 264. d.** *Perforated* (adj.) means with a line of holes to facilitate separation; pierced with a pointed instrument.

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- 265.** b. To *vitiate* (v.) means to spoil; to make faulty or impure; to corrupt morally.
- 266.** a. *Elliptical* (adj.) means characterized by extreme economy of words or style; of, relating to, or having the shape of an ellipsis.
- 267.** b. A *catalyst* (n.) is something that precipitates or causes a process or event; (in chemistry) a substance that initiates or accelerates a chemical reaction without itself being affected in the process.
- 268.** d. An *oleander* (n.) is a beautiful but poisonous evergreen shrub.
- 269.** b. *Turgid* (adj.) means swollen.
- 270.** a. *Overt* (adj.) means apparent, obvious.
- 271.** d. *Vitriolic* (adj.) means bitterly scathing; caustic.
- 272.** b. *Inauspicious* (adj.) means not favorable or unfortunate; not promising success.
- 273.** c. *Vogue* (n.) means the prevalent way or fashion.
- 274.** d. *Circuitous* (adj.) means having or taking a roundabout, lengthy, or indirect course.
- 275.** e. *Encomium* (n.) means a formal expression of praise, a glowing tribute.



# Chapter 12

- 276.** Claude felt particularly \_\_\_\_\_ as he carried the large satchel filled with cash through the dark streets to the bank.
- a. inclusive
  - b. vulnerable
  - c. reclusive
  - d. unwieldy
  - e. torrential
- 277.** Niall's \_\_\_\_\_ attitude toward the boss is embarrassing; he does nearly everything for him except scratch his nose!
- a. subservient
  - b. subversive
  - c. subtle
  - d. sundry
  - e. surly

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- 278.** Although she was a successful professional, Debra's inability to accurately complete her taxes made her feel a bit \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. endowed  
b. rapturous  
c. ravenous  
d. obtuse  
e. elated
- 279.** Jeremy didn't want to appear \_\_\_\_\_, but his brothers simply could not convince him to change his mind.  
a. pitiful  
b. scrupulous  
c. harmonious  
d. obstinate  
e. unabated
- 280.** Buying homeowner's insurance is a wise decision because it provides \_\_\_\_\_ if your house should be damaged in a fire.  
a. chastisement  
b. indemnity  
c. clarification  
d. resolution  
e. annulment
- 281.** Although it was supposed to be written for the general public, the report was so \_\_\_\_\_ that only those with inside knowledge of government workings could understand it.  
a. indigenous  
b. ebullient  
c. truculent  
d. pugnacious  
e. esoteric

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- 282.** Todd set up a rope to \_\_\_\_\_ the part of the exhibit that was off-limits.
- a. circumscribe
  - b. laud
  - c. efface
  - d. undulate
  - e. beguile
- 283.** The loud clap of thunder caused the little dog to \_\_\_\_\_ all over.
- a. slather
  - b. quake
  - c. enunciate
  - d. binge
  - e. infuse
- 284.** Francois fell into a groggy \_\_\_\_\_ after having suffered a high fever for several days.
- a. profundity
  - b. sluggard
  - c. verve
  - d. stupor
  - e. grovel
- 285.** Blaine had a tendency to \_\_\_\_\_ certain details of his evenings out when he didn't want his parents to know where he had been.
- a. excel
  - b. oscillate
  - c. corroborate
  - d. juxtapose
  - e. omit
- 286.** We took pity on the young \_\_\_\_\_ and brought him to a shelter where he could find food and warmth.
- a. waif
  - b. perfidy
  - c. ionic
  - d. plaintiff
  - e. troubadour

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- 287.** The fire caused \_\_\_\_\_ damage to the warehouse, which forced the owner to demolish the building.
- a. sanctified
  - b. equitable
  - c. preliminary
  - d. irreparable
  - e. pretentious
- 288.** When people are in love, they may find their beloved's \_\_\_\_\_—often annoying to or disparaged by others—to be charming and endearing.
- a. foibles
  - b. mendacity
  - c. ennui
  - d. aplomb
  - e. penchants
- 289.** Terreh was able to \_\_\_\_\_ the traffic jam by taking a series of one-way streets that led to the bridge.
- a. staunch
  - b. diffuse
  - c. corroborate
  - d. circumvent
  - e. juxtapose
- 290.** The risk of cheating on the test was not worth the possible \_\_\_\_\_ of failing the class.
- a. specification
  - b. gratification
  - c. ramification
  - d. narcissism
  - e. renegade



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- 291.** We found that the gallons of water we had brought on our hike were \_\_\_\_\_, and we had to carry the extra bottles home.
- a. superannuated
  - b. extraordinary
  - c. derivative
  - d. superfluous
  - e. untenable
- 292.** Moving all the heavy cinder blocks by hand from the driveway to the backyard seemed like a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ task.
- a. precipitous
  - b. poignant
  - c. onerous
  - d. salient
  - e. gallant
- 293.** Claudia's \_\_\_\_\_ face gave no clue to her hard, cold heart.
- a. winsome
  - b. gruesome
  - c. fatuous
  - d. ironic
  - e. flaccid
- 294.** Keeping hot peppers in the olive oil \_\_\_\_\_ it with a spicy kick.
- a. contemplates
  - b. stigmatizes
  - c. scrutinizes
  - d. infuses
  - e. defames
- 295.** She realized mortgage rates had declined and decided it was \_\_\_\_\_ to continue paying rent when she could now afford a monthly payment for her own home.
- a. referable
  - b. relative
  - c. subsequent
  - d. episodic
  - e. inexpedient

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- 296.** The deadline has been moved to this Friday, so we must \_\_\_\_\_ our efforts and complete the project earlier than we had planned.
- a. wane
  - b. ruminate
  - c. burnish
  - d. pilfer
  - e. expedite
- 297.** As the city grew and stretched its borders, it began to feel the \_\_\_\_\_ problems of urban sprawl and overpopulation.
- a. improvident
  - b. mendacious
  - c. ersatz
  - d. concomitant
  - e. surreptitious
- 298.** Terrance, a dentist, \_\_\_\_\_ to be with the media, so he could see the concert for free.
- a. facilitated
  - b. conjugated
  - c. purported
  - d. tended
  - e. placated
- 299.** \_\_\_\_\_ on a lounge chair by the pool was the very tan owner of the estate, relaxing in the midday sunshine.
- a. Trident
  - b. Renegade
  - c. Fraught
  - d. Renowned
  - e. Supine
- 300.** Observing his sister's \_\_\_\_\_ behavior of riding without a helmet, Jorge ran to get his mother.
- a. contemptuous
  - b. contented
  - c. fictitious
  - d. parlous
  - e. pensive

**Answers**

- 276.** b. *Vulnerable* (adj.) means assailable; capable of receiving injuries; open to attack.
- 277.** a. *Subservient* (adj.) means following another's requests in a servantlike manner far below that which is called for.
- 278.** d. *Obtuse* (adj.) means lacking quickness of perception or intellect.
- 279.** d. *Obstinate* (adj.) means stubborn.
- 280.** b. *Indemnity* (n.) is protection from loss or damage; immunity from punishment; compensation for loss or damage.
- 281.** e. *Esoteric* (adj.) means designed for, confined to, or understandable only by a restricted number of people, an enlightened inner circle.
- 282.** a. To *circumscribe* (v.) is to draw a line around, encircle; to restrict or confine; to determine the limits of, define.
- 283.** b. To *quake* (v.) means to shiver or tremble, as from fear or cold; to shake or vibrate violently.
- 284.** d. *Stupor* (n.) means profound lethargy, such as one might experience after being very ill.
- 285.** e. To *omit* (v.) is to leave out; to neglect, disregard.
- 286.** a. A *waif* (n.) is a stray; a homeless, neglected wanderer, especially a homeless child.
- 287.** d. *Irreparable* (adj.) means not capable of being remedied or corrected; not reparable.
- 288.** a. A *foible* (n.) is a minor weakness or character flaw; a distinctive behavior or attribute peculiar to an individual.

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- 289. d.** To *circumvent* (v.) is to go around, bypass; to get around or avoid through cleverness or artful maneuvering; to surround, enclose, entrap.
- 290. c.** A *ramification* (n.) is a consequence for an action.
- 291. d.** *Superfluous* (adj.) means extra; more than is needed, unnecessary.
- 292. c.** *Onerous* (adj.) is burdensome or troublesome.
- 293. a.** *Winsome* (adj.) means attractive.
- 294. d.** To *infuse* (v.) is to instill or cause to penetrate; to inspire.
- 295. e.** *Inexpedient* (adj.) means not expedient; not suitable or fit for the purpose; not tending to promote a proposed object.
- 296. e.** To *expedite* (v.) means to speed up the progress of, accelerate; to process or execute quickly and efficiently.
- 297. d.** *Concomitant* (adj.) means occurring or existing concurrently; accompanying, attendant.
- 298. c.** To *purport* (v.) means to give false appearance of being.
- 299. e.** *Supine* (adj.) means lying on the back.
- 300. d.** *Parlous* (adj.) means dangerous, risky, or extreme.

# Chapter 13

- 301.** In an attempt to \_\_\_\_\_ the enemy, Braveheart rallied hundreds of fierce warriors.
- a. alienate
  - b. scoff
  - c. obliterate
  - d. ostracize
  - e. minimize
- 302.** The film was completed on schedule despite the \_\_\_\_\_ circumstances regarding the location and extreme weather conditions.
- a. tenuous
  - b. imperial
  - c. cryptic
  - d. contrived
  - e. adverse

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- 303.** The postcard advertised a free cruise to anyone who bought a magazine subscription, but after reading the fine print Sasha found the cruise was just a \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. petition  
b. gimmick  
c. compromise  
d. reference  
e. motif
- 304.** Many employers like to visit college campuses and \_\_\_\_\_ college seniors to work for their companies.  
a. daunt  
b. recruit  
c. illuminate  
d. dither  
e. flout
- 305.** I could tell by Konrad's \_\_\_\_\_ manner that he was really sorry for how he had treated Annette.  
a. callous  
b. erratic  
c. zealous  
d. nonchalant  
e. contrite
- 306.** The company officials felt the rising cost of health coverage was \_\_\_\_\_ enough to raise their employees' insurance premiums.  
a. moratorium  
b. justification  
c. symbolism  
d. disposition  
e. habitude
- 307.** The \_\_\_\_\_ of the sheriff's department ended at the county line.  
a. prerequisite  
b. emendation  
c. alliteration  
d. jurisdiction  
e. respite

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- 308.** Ralph plays golf every chance he gets; even a weeklong golfing vacation could not \_\_\_\_\_ his appetite for the game.
- a. initiate
  - b. satiate
  - c. relinquish
  - d. revive
  - e. employ
- 309.** We could not describe the scene before us; it was filled with such \_\_\_\_\_ beauty.
- a. inexorable
  - b. unutterable
  - c. uproarious
  - d. mnemonic
  - e. fretful
- 310.** The subject matter was \_\_\_\_\_ because the mumbling professor spoke too quickly.
- a. obscure
  - b. magnanimous
  - c. treacherous
  - d. vital
  - e. maximized
- 311.** Arnie becomes so \_\_\_\_\_ when he talks about painting that it is hard not to be infected by his enthusiasm.
- a. laconic
  - b. circuitous
  - c. impertinent
  - d. ardent
  - e. recalcitrant
- 312.** The cruise ship's deliciously appetizing dinner buffets encouraged \_\_\_\_\_ among the vacationing passengers.
- a. gluttony
  - b. squabbling
  - c. equivocation
  - d. restraint
  - e. queries

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- 313.** As the pressures of her business became overwhelming, Charlotte chose to \_\_\_\_\_ her role as PTA president.
- a. expedite
  - b. transgress
  - c. propagate
  - d. relinquish
  - e. retaliate
- 314.** Don't let Julie's enthusiasm fool you; she's just a \_\_\_\_\_, not a professional dancer.
- a. maverick
  - b. denizen
  - c. mercenary
  - d. maven
  - e. dilettante
- 315.** Normally, Maya would not have made so many spelling mistakes in her essay; she is usually \_\_\_\_\_ about her spelling.
- a. sumptuous
  - b. scurrilous
  - c. ridiculous
  - d. scrupulous
  - e. fatuous
- 316.** It took four men two hours to move the \_\_\_\_\_ sofa up three flights of stairs into our apartment.
- a. suave
  - b. garrulous
  - c. unwieldy
  - d. pivotal
  - e. quixotic
- 317.** In the Roman myth, Artemis made a pilgrimage to the \_\_\_\_\_, hoping to learn the answer to her dilemma.
- a. denouement
  - b. decorum
  - c. oracle
  - d. vizier
  - e. pillar



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- 318.** Orson was truly a(n) \_\_\_\_\_: towering over others at six feet nine inches, he was also one of the most influential and successful producers in the feature film industry.
- a. behemoth
  - b. anathema
  - c. demagogue
  - d. viceroy
  - e. charlatan
- 319.** Brian was an \_\_\_\_\_ child, he was sent to the principal's office on numerous occasions for his rude classroom behavior.
- a. impeccable
  - b. impertinent
  - c. observant
  - d. obscure
  - e. adjuvant
- 320.** The defendant waited anxiously for the jury to \_\_\_\_\_ the decision that would seal his fate.
- a. render
  - b. deprecate
  - c. rejuvenate
  - d. disparage
  - e. prohibit
- 321.** We must \_\_\_\_\_ the information about the agenda changes immediately so that the conference attendees have time to adjust their schedules.
- a. burnish
  - b. disseminate
  - c. galvanize
  - d. placate
  - e. admonish

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- 322.** During the time of the plague in the little village, the forlorn \_\_\_\_\_ of the church bells was an almost daily sound.
- a. prepossession
  - b. premise
  - c. delectation
  - d. knell
  - e. credence
- 323.** If you can adhere to the \_\_\_\_\_ rules of a military society, the Marines may be an excellent career choice.
- a. strident
  - b. raucous
  - c. stringent
  - d. pedantic
  - e. lurid
- 324.** The natural \_\_\_\_\_ of the canyon cause it to be an everlasting source of new adventures and beauty.
- a. blandishments
  - b. vicissitudes
  - c. mores
  - d. platitudes
  - e. nebulas
- 325.** A life-long vegetarian, Xiomara \_\_\_\_\_ when she learned that the sauce she'd just eaten was made with chicken broth.
- a. wavered
  - b. blanched
  - c. coalesced
  - d. stagnated
  - e. thwarted

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### Answers

- 301.** c. To *obliterate* (v.) means to blot out or destroy.
- 302.** e. *Adverse* (adj.) means acting against or contrary to; unfavorable; or opposed or opposing.
- 303.** b. A *gimmick* (n.) is a tricky scheme or gadget.
- 304.** b. To *recruit* (v.) means to seek to induct or enroll; to enlist.
- 305.** e. *Contrite* (adj.) means feeling or expressing sorrow or regret for one's sins or offenses; penitent.
- 306.** b. *Justification* (n.) is an explanation or reason that justifies or shows something to be necessary.
- 307.** d. *Jurisdiction* (n.) is authority or power; sphere of power or authority.
- 308.** b. To *satiate* (v.) means to satisfy fully the appetite or desire of.
- 309.** b. *Unutterable* (adj.) means inexpressible.
- 310.** a. *Obscure* (adj.) means not clearly expressed or easily understood; not easily seen or distinguished.
- 311.** d. *Ardent* (adj.) means characterized by intense emotion or enthusiasm, passionate, fervent; glowing or burning like fire.
- 312.** a. *Gluttony* (n.) is drinking or eating to excess; excessive indulgence.
- 313.** d. To *relinquish* (v.) means to give up (something), renounce claim to.
- 314.** e. A *dilettante* (n.) is an amateur, one who dabbles in an art or field of knowledge for amusement; a lover of fine arts, a connoisseur.

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- 315. d.** *Scrupulous* (adj.) means extremely careful, cautious in action for fear of doing wrong.
- 316. c.** *Unwieldy* (adj.) means moved or managed with difficulty, as from great size or awkward shape.
- 317. c.** An *oracle* (n.) is a person of great knowledge; the place where answers are given, as in a sanctuary.
- 318. a.** A *behemoth* (n.) is a giant; something or someone who is enormous in size, power, or importance.
- 319. b.** *Impertinent* (adj.) means improperly bold; rude; lacking good manners.
- 320. a.** To *render* (v.) means to give in return in compliance with a duty; to make or depict.
- 321. b.** To *disseminate* (v.) means to scatter widely, diffuse, spread abroad.
- 322. d.** *Knell* (n.) is the sound of a bell ringing slowly for a funeral or death.
- 323. c.** *Stringent* (adj.) means rigid, strict, or exacting.
- 324. b.** *Vicissitudes* (n.) means a change, especially a complete change, of condition or circumstances.
- 325. b.** To *blanch* (v.) means to turn pale, as if in fear; to take the color from, whiten.

# Chapter 14

- 326.** At the beginning of the ceremony, the high school band \_\_\_\_\_ the arrival of the graduates by playing the alma mater loudly and with enthusiasm.
- a. decried
  - b. heralded
  - c. permeated
  - d. conjured
  - e. thwarted
- 327.** Although Sophie was afraid of heights, she seemed to have no \_\_\_\_\_ about driving over bridges.
- a. enormity
  - b. qualms
  - c. imminence
  - d. resurrection
  - e. severity

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- 328.** I will write a rough draft of the proposal, and then you can edit it for any \_\_\_\_\_ material so that it is as convincing and concise as possible.
- a. grandiose
  - b. incontrovertible
  - c. extraneous
  - d. abysmal
  - e. pensive
- 329.** I had to call the repairman because the washing machine was off \_\_\_\_\_—it began making terrible sounds and failed to clean the clothes thoroughly.
- a. detriment
  - b. preferment
  - c. prevision
  - d. kilter
  - e. quandary
- 330.** Minnie finally \_\_\_\_\_ to her sister's constant barrage of questions and revealed the identity of her new boyfriend.
- a. reiterated
  - b. succumbed
  - c. seceded
  - d. reneged
  - e. retaliated
- 331.** The meeting is \_\_\_\_\_; everyone must attend.
- a. palatable
  - b. compulsory
  - c. reciprocal
  - d. resilient
  - e. ancillary

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- 332.** Through the \_\_\_\_\_ act of volunteering, it is possible to make a difference in the lives of the less fortunate.
- a. dilatory
  - b. insurmountable
  - c. diligent
  - d. rapacious
  - e. noble
- 333.** The proposed design includes many \_\_\_\_\_ features that are not functional and can be eliminated to cut costs.
- a. jovial
  - b. germane
  - c. kinetic
  - d. nonchalant
  - e. extrinsic
- 334.** Carly's \_\_\_\_\_ spending on shoes and clothing caused her parents a great deal of concern because she was no longer saving money for college.
- a. monotypic
  - b. inconsistent
  - c. perfunctory
  - d. immoderate
  - e. specious
- 335.** The cop was in a \_\_\_\_\_: Should he chase the criminal or help the victim?
- a. quandary
  - b. litany
  - c. tatter
  - d. discord
  - e. plethora

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- 336.** The professor studied the \_\_\_\_\_ physics of ballet dancers and even published a study on the topic of dancers and movement.
- a. creditable
  - b. kinetic
  - c. symbolic
  - d. prevalent
  - e. monotonous
- 337.** Kyle was able to \_\_\_\_\_ the difficulties of an uncooperative staff, an impossible deadline, and a complicated project in order to present the report to the client.
- a. surmount
  - b. dismount
  - c. retract
  - d. expel
  - e. intercede
- 338.** Philbert's \_\_\_\_\_ manner fit in well with the atmosphere of the posh country club.
- a. untoward
  - b. riotous
  - c. mundane
  - d. salacious
  - e. urbane
- 339.** Elian tried his \_\_\_\_\_ on the wrong person, and it has finally landed him in jail.
- a. clemency
  - b. jocularly
  - c. calamity
  - d. obsolescence
  - e. chicanery



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- 340.** There were several \_\_\_\_\_ buildings on the street, making it difficult for Margaret to determine which one was the dentist's office.
- a. nondescript
  - b. transient
  - c. impervious
  - d. zealous
  - e. impressionable
- 341.** Inflated by his fans' \_\_\_\_\_, Evan lost sense of his small-town roots and began traveling with an entourage.
- a. inconstancy
  - b. insolence
  - c. haughtiness
  - d. sufferance
  - e. idolatry
- 342.** To \_\_\_\_\_ a congressional bill, the president must use his official seal on all documents.
- a. nullify
  - b. patronize
  - c. victimize
  - d. ratify
  - e. mollify
- 343.** The drama workshop's efforts \_\_\_\_\_ in the final production of a play written, directed, and acted by the students for the entire school.
- a. finalized
  - b. languished
  - c. teemed
  - d. discerned
  - e. culminated

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- 344.** There is no way around it: plagiarism is \_\_\_\_\_ to thievery.
- a. tantamount
  - b. apathetic
  - c. fatuous
  - d. unscrupulous
  - e. indecisive
- 345.** For \_\_\_\_\_ deeds during her mission overseas, Tyesha was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.
- a. inept
  - b. valorous
  - c. erroneous
  - d. malodorous
  - e. benign
- 346.** Adam read the employee manual so that he might \_\_\_\_\_ himself with his new responsibilities at the company.
- a. relinquish
  - b. synthesize
  - c. orient
  - d. validate
  - e. motivate
- 347.** I am \_\_\_\_\_ of the problems that this solution will cause, but I still believe that this is the best possible solution.
- a. innocuous
  - b. cognizant
  - c. precipitous
  - d. reminiscent
  - e. belligerent
- 348.** The spectacular presentation by a rainforest adventurer \_\_\_\_\_ Simon with the desire to travel to South America to see the jungles for himself.
- a. disheartened
  - b. inhibited
  - c. imbued
  - d. reconstituted
  - e. abhorred

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- 349.** When the senator's popularity suffered in the polls, he \_\_\_\_\_ his decision to raise taxes.
- a. recanted
  - b. pulverized
  - c. enveloped
  - d. detracted
  - e. extenuated
- 350.** Because of the \_\_\_\_\_ of reliable information, Quentin's report was comprised mostly of speculation.
- a. dearth
  - b. diatribe
  - c. myriad
  - d. juxtaposition
  - e. tirade

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- 326.** b. To *herald* (v.) is to proclaim or announce; to foreshadow.
- 327.** b. A *quale* (n.) is a sudden or disturbing feeling.
- 328.** c. *Extraneous* (adj.) means not vital or essential; not pertinent or relevant; coming from the outside or an outside source.
- 329.** d. *Kilter* (n.) is order or good condition.
- 330.** b. To *succumb* (v.) means to give in, cease to resist.
- 331.** b. *Compulsory* (adj.) means obligatory, mandatory, required.
- 332.** e. *Noble* (adj.) means having high, selfless moral standards; of excellent character.
- 333.** e. *Extrinsic* (adj.) means not forming an essential part of a thing, extraneous; originating from the outside, external.
- 334.** d. *Immoderate* (adj.) means excessive or extreme; exceeding reasonable limits.
- 335.** a. A *quandary* (n.) is a difficult situation.
- 336.** b. *Kinetic* (adj.) means pertaining to motion or caused by motion.
- 337.** a. To *surmount* (v.) means to overcome by force of will.
- 338.** e. *Urbane* (adj.) means characterized by refined manners; elegant or sophisticated.
- 339.** e. *Chicanery* (n.) is trickery or sophistry used to deceive someone (especially to extract money).
- 340.** a. *Nondescript* (adj.) means lacking any distinctive characteristics.

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- 341.** e. *Idolatry* (n.) is excessive reverence or adoration; the worship of idols.
- 342.** d. To *ratify* (v.) means to make valid.
- 343.** e. To *culminate* (v.) is to come to completion, end; to reach the highest point or degree, climax.
- 344.** a. *Tantamount* (adj.) means equal to; having equal or equivalent value in terms of seriousness.
- 345.** b. *Valorous* (adj.) means courageous, valiant.
- 346.** c. To *orient* (v.) means to acquaint (oneself) with the existing situation or environment; determine one's position with reference to new ideas.
- 347.** b. *Cognizant* (adj.) means fully knowledgeable or informed, conscious, aware.
- 348.** c. To *imbue* (v.) is to inspire or pervade with ideas or feelings; to saturate with color; to permeate.
- 349.** a. To *recant* (v.) means to renounce formally; to withdraw a former belief as erroneous.
- 350.** a. *Dearth* (n.) means a severe shortage or scarce supply, especially of food; a lack of, insufficient quantity.



# Chapter 15

- 351.** Teachers should not only be knowledgeable but also \_\_\_\_\_; students should feel comfortable approaching them with questions or problems.
- a. wheedling
  - b. patronizing
  - c. laconic
  - d. affable
  - e. frugal
- 352.** The pain medication Kristy received after surgery offered relief; however, the overwhelming feeling of \_\_\_\_\_ was an unexpected side effect, and she didn't like being groggy.
- a. extortion
  - b. compellation
  - c. acquisition
  - d. affirmation
  - e. lethargy

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- 353.** The ski lodge had a window that looked out upon a beautiful mountain \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. vista  
b. melee  
c. fray  
d. foray  
e. frieze
- 354.** The palace's great hall was rich in history and splendor, the walls hung with \_\_\_\_\_ tapestries.  
a. mellifluous  
b. malleable  
c. prudent  
d. illusive  
e. ornate
- 355.** After weeks of heavy rains, the earth gave way; mud and trees \_\_\_\_\_ down the mountain swallowing cars and houses in their path.  
a. ascended  
b. inculcated  
c. aspersed  
d. hurtled  
e. entreated
- 356.** The \_\_\_\_\_ butter had been left in the refrigerator for years.  
a. complacent  
b. scandalous  
c. riveting  
d. dire  
e. rancid
- 357.** Several weeks of extremely hot, dry weather \_\_\_\_\_ the land, so instead of rowing across a river, we walked across a cracked, parched riverbed.  
a. oscillated  
b. desiccated  
c. subverted  
d. coalesced  
e. thwarted



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- 358.** The pitcher's \_\_\_\_\_ workout regimen was the most grueling of all his teammates, and he never took a day off.
- a. Spartan
  - b. spasmodic
  - c. exclusive
  - d. turgid
  - e. truculent
- 359.** Ethan's responses when he spoke on the telephone were \_\_\_\_\_ and he nearly always made his customers think he was rude.
- a. receptive
  - b. laconic
  - c. uncanny
  - d. suave
  - e. ponderous
- 360.** I was bored with the \_\_\_\_\_ conversation of my roommates and longed for some intellectual stimulation.
- a. egregious
  - b. pronounced
  - c. vapid
  - d. intriguing
  - e. exonerating
- 361.** Ned's fear was \_\_\_\_\_ as he watched the 60-foot waves approach his little boat.
- a. futile
  - b. genteel
  - c. innovative
  - d. palpable
  - e. detrimental
- 362.** Moving swiftly and gracefully through the backyard, the cat suddenly \_\_\_\_\_ when she hit the thorny bush.
- a. recoiled
  - b. recuperated
  - c. invigorated
  - d. fabricated
  - e. throttled

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- 363.** Although others were fooled by “Doctor” Winston’s speech, Lily knew him for what he was: a(n) \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. panacea  
b. charlatan  
c. prevarication  
d. accolade  
e. primadonna
- 364.** The task of building the cabin was a \_\_\_\_\_ one, but Rob was up to the challenge.  
a. laborious  
b. venerable  
c. archaic  
d. cynical  
e. unbiased
- 365.** After the neighbor’s stereo woke her up for the fifth night in a row, Brenda felt \_\_\_\_\_ to complain.  
a. impelled  
b. rebuked  
c. augmented  
d. implicated  
e. destined
- 366.** Carter is writing a letter of recommendation that I can include in my \_\_\_\_\_ for prospective employers.  
a. denunciation  
b. panacea  
c. dossier  
d. incantation  
e. restitution
- 367.** \_\_\_\_\_ laughter came from the upstairs apartment where Trang was having a graduation party.  
a. Scurrilous  
b. Deleterious  
c. Fatuous  
d. Uproarious  
e. Malicious

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- 368.** In the middle of his eloquent \_\_\_\_\_, the audience suddenly broke into applause.
- a. ovation
  - b. oration
  - c. inclination
  - d. provocation
  - e. illusion
- 369.** I like the \_\_\_\_\_ style of these essays; they make complex issues accessible by presenting them in everyday language.
- a. colloquial
  - b. obsolete
  - c. pristine
  - d. exacting
  - e. furtive
- 370.** A diamond ring is the \_\_\_\_\_ symbol of love and affection.
- a. precocious
  - b. fugacious
  - c. supplemental
  - d. quintessential
  - e. barbarous
- 371.** Allen's \_\_\_\_\_ distanced him from his family, but he was still unwilling to apologize.
- a. regeneration
  - b. contingency
  - c. equivalence
  - d. impenitence
  - e. innovation
- 372.** Nothing will \_\_\_\_\_ my memory of the night we first met; the images are forever burned in my mind.
- a. appease
  - b. undulate
  - c. inculcate
  - d. efface
  - e. truncate

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- 373.** With the curtains drawn back, the room was \_\_\_\_\_ with warm sunlight.
- a. recessed
  - b. intruded
  - c. suffused
  - d. belied
  - e. taut
- 374.** The devastating drought forced the \_\_\_\_\_ tribes of the rainforest to leave their homes and venture into the modern world.
- a. indigenous
  - b. puritanical
  - c. indigent
  - d. imminent
  - e. munificent
- 375.** Jason's \_\_\_\_\_ approach to management included narrowing the salary gap between the CEOs and office workers.
- a. stoic
  - b. apathetic
  - c. utilitarian
  - d. endemic
  - e. proactive

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- 351.** d. *Affable* (adj.) means easy and pleasant to speak to, approachable; friendly, warm, gracious.
- 352.** e. *Lethargy* (n.) is the state of drowsiness or sluggish inactivity.
- 353.** a. *Vista* (n.) means a view or prospect.
- 354.** e. *Ornate* (adj.) means richly and artistically finished or stylized.
- 355.** d. To *hurtle* (v.) is to rush with great speed; to move violently with great noise; to fling forcefully.
- 356.** e. *Rancid* (adj.) means rotten or putrid.
- 357.** b. To *desiccate* (v.) means to dry out thoroughly, become dry; to make dry, dull, or lifeless.
- 358.** a. *Spartan* (adj.) means rigorously severe (from the Greek city-state Sparta known for its austere and rigid lifestyle); marked by strict self-discipline; characteristically simple or frugal.
- 359.** b. *Laconic* (adj.) means curt, concise, but expressing much in a few words; brief and to the point.
- 360.** c. *Vapid* (adj.) means dull, lacking life, sprit or substance; tedious.
- 361.** d. *Palpable* (adj.) means tangible, noticeable; easily perceived and detected.
- 362.** a. To *recoil* (v.) means to jump back suddenly.
- 363.** b. A *charlatan* (n.) is someone who makes elaborate, fraudulent claims to having certain skills or knowledge; a quack, imposter, fraud.
- 364.** a. *Laborious* (adj.) means characterized by hard work, exertion, or perseverance.

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- 365.** a. To *impel* (v.) is to motivate; push or drive forward; propel.
- 366.** c. A *dossier* (n.) is a collection of papers giving detailed information about a particular person or subject.
- 367.** d. *Uproarious* (adj.) means noisy.
- 368.** b. An *oration* (n.) is a formal speech for a special occasion.
- 369.** a. *Colloquial* (adj.) means characteristic of informal spoken language or conversation; conversational.
- 370.** d. *Quintessential* (adj.) is the best and purest part of a thing; the most typical example of a thing.
- 371.** d. *Impenitence* (n.) is the trait of refusing to repent; unwilling to show regret for wrongdoing.
- 372.** d. To *efface* (v.) means to rub out, erase; to cause to dim or make indistinct; to make or conduct oneself inconspicuously.
- 373.** c. To *suffuse* (v.) means to cover or fill the surface of, as in to fill with light.
- 374.** a. *Indigenous* (adj.) means originating or being native to a specific region or country; also inherent or natural.
- 375.** c. *Utilitarian* (adj.) means related to the ethical doctrine that actions are right because they are useful or beneficial to the greatest number of people.

# Chapter 16

- 376.** If people continue to \_\_\_\_\_ the rainforests, soon they will disappear from the earth.
- a. dominate
  - b. frolic
  - c. laminate
  - d. neglect
  - e. provoke
- 377.** My parents always seem to worry and \_\_\_\_\_ more about money when tax season is approaching.
- a. proximate
  - b. quibble
  - c. supplicate
  - d. dabble
  - e. alienate

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- 378.** While the king and the members of his court lived in the most opulent luxury, the peasants in his kingdom lived in the most \_\_\_\_\_ poverty.
- a. abject
  - b. incessant
  - c. relinquished
  - d. erratic
  - e. lugubrious
- 379.** Samantha had an \_\_\_\_\_ trust in her grandfather, who was an honorable man and kind to everyone he met.
- a. implicit
  - b. insecure
  - c. irreverent
  - d. irresolute
  - e. astringent
- 380.** Antonello searched the forest around his campsite for small branches to \_\_\_\_\_ the fire, so he could eventually cook his dinner.
- a. stifle
  - b. kindle
  - c. suppress
  - d. dissipate
  - e. prohibit
- 381.** Although I meant it as a compliment, Zander \_\_\_\_\_ my remark as an insult.
- a. construed
  - b. eradicated
  - c. truncated
  - d. permeated
  - e. redacted



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- 382.** The sailor's \_\_\_\_\_ complexion bespoke his many sunny days at the lookout post.
- a. swarthy
  - b. syncopated
  - c. pallid
  - d. wan
  - e. pasty
- 383.** Tanya is a \_\_\_\_\_ person, trusted by all who know her.
- a. porous
  - b. voracious
  - c. spurious
  - d. specious
  - e. veracious
- 384.** After the third relative was hired to an upper-level position, several people quit the company, claiming that \_\_\_\_\_ caused a decline in employee morale.
- a. carrion
  - b. explicitness
  - c. skepticism
  - d. devotion
  - e. nepotism
- 385.** Genevieve's stunning debut performance at the city opera has earned her \_\_\_\_\_ from some of the city's toughest critics.
- a. antipathy
  - b. insinuations
  - c. destitution
  - d. lamentations
  - e. accolades
- 386.** The shaggy neon couch was a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ in the conservative room decorated with earth tones.
- a. incongruity
  - b. insinuation
  - c. temerity
  - d. reiteration
  - e. intonation

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- 387.** Harris tried to \_\_\_\_\_ his fear of flying when he boarded the plane, but he could not curb his anxiety.
- a. accelerate
  - b. expound
  - c. maximize
  - d. employ
  - e. repress
- 388.** Gabi found that whenever she was confused about an idea or issue, writing about it would help \_\_\_\_\_ her true feelings.
- a. vacillate
  - b. elucidate
  - c. wheedle
  - d. deprecate
  - e. indoctrinate
- 389.** After the powerful windstorm, Marie discovered a splintered and fallen tree limb had \_\_\_\_\_ the vinyl lining of her swimming pool.
- a. extenuated
  - b. calculated
  - c. retaliated
  - d. lacerated
  - e. curtailed
- 390.** Johnny's good behavior in class yesterday was \_\_\_\_\_ by his disruptive outbursts in Math this morning.
- a. abated
  - b. negated
  - c. reiterated
  - d. mandated
  - e. nominated
- 391.** Jason and Joshua made \_\_\_\_\_ plans to meet in the cafeteria to study for the test, provided Jason's class ended on time.
- a. beguiling
  - b. tenuous
  - c. assured
  - d. tentative
  - e. promotional

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- 392.** The professor's lectures were filled with excessive \_\_\_\_\_, lasting much longer than was necessary to convey his ideas.
- a. verbiage
  - b. herbage
  - c. maliciousness
  - d. portent
  - e. intrigue
- 393.** Ming's blatant lie revealed that he suffered no \_\_\_\_\_ about being dishonest to his parents.
- a. compunction
  - b. repudiation
  - c. vindication
  - d. evanescence
  - e. veracity
- 394.** Diane, always teasing, was known for her \_\_\_\_\_, but as a result, nobody knew when to take her seriously.
- a. jocularly
  - b. servitude
  - c. logic
  - d. austerity
  - e. inclemency
- 395.** "Absolute power corrupts absolutely," said Haines. "There is no such thing as a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ who is not a corrupt and cruel ruler."
- a. imbroglio
  - b. pedant
  - c. despot
  - d. agnostic
  - e. archetype
- 396.** During his \_\_\_\_\_ in office the mayor made several controversial decisions about city planning.
- a. treatise
  - b. integration
  - c. teem
  - d. flout
  - e. tenure

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- 397.** Recovering from the tragedy, Helena found the \_\_\_\_\_ sunrise reassuring, as it gave her something to rely on each and every morning.
- a. hidden
  - b. clairvoyant
  - c. cognizant
  - d. deft
  - e. quotidian
- 398.** Flaws in Claire's opponent's chess game showed him to be \_\_\_\_\_, and Claire knew her victory was assured.
- a. predatory
  - b. indistinguishable
  - c. ornery
  - d. vincible
  - e. resolute
- 399.** The ad didn't mention a specific salary; it just said "compensation \_\_\_\_\_ with experience."
- a. compulsory
  - b. manifest
  - c. prolific
  - d. commensurate
  - e. precluded
- 400.** The \_\_\_\_\_ she felt for shopping made it impossible for her to walk by a sale window without stopping.
- a. providence
  - b. blunder
  - c. omission
  - d. repulsion
  - e. estrus

**Answers**

- 376. d.** To *neglect* (v.) means to be careless about; to fail to care for or to do; to be remiss about.
- 377. b.** To *quibble* (v.) means to find fault or criticize for petty reasons.
- 378. a.** *Abject* (adj.) means wretched, degraded, debased; of the most contemptible or miserable kind; showing utter resignation or humiliation, groveling, servile.
- 379. a.** *Implicit* (adj.) means unquestioning or trusting without doubt; understood rather than directly stated; implied.
- 380. b.** *Kindle* (v.) means to cause to burn with flames; to ignite; to set on fire.
- 381. a.** To *construe* (v.) is to interpret or understand; to make sense of, explain the meaning of.
- 382. a.** *Swarthy* (adj.) means having a dark hue, especially a dark or sunburned complexion.
- 383. e.** *Veracious* (adj.) means truthful, honest; habitually disposed to speak the truth.
- 384. e.** *Nepotism* (n.) is favoritism for kin when conferring jobs, offices, or privileges.
- 385. e.** An *accolade* (n.) is an award or special acknowledgement signifying approval or distinction.
- 386. a.** *Incongruity* (n.) is the quality of being inappropriate or unbecoming; not consistent in character.
- 387. e.** To *repress* (v.) means to keep under or restrain; to curb or subdue.

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- 388.** b. To *elucidate* (v.) means to make clear or manifest; to free from confusion or ambiguity.
- 389.** d. To *lacerate* (v.) is to rip, tear, or mangle.
- 390.** b. To *negate* (v.) means to nullify, invalidate, or deny.
- 391.** d. *Tentative* (adj.) means provisional or uncertain; not fixed or set.
- 392.** a. *Verbiage* (n.) means the use of many words without necessity.
- 393.** a. *Compunction* (n.) means a feeling of uneasiness or regret caused by a sense of guilt, remorse; a pang of conscience at the thought or act of committing a misdeed.
- 394.** a. *Jocular* (n.) is the state of being jocular, which is characterized by joking or jesting.
- 395.** c. A *despot* (n.) is someone who rules with absolute power; a dictator or tyrant.
- 396.** e. *Tenure* (n.) means the term during which a thing is held; often used in connection with career positions.
- 397.** e. *Quotidian* (adj.) means occurring or returning daily.
- 398.** d. *Vincible* (adj.) means conquerable, capable of being defeated or subdued.
- 399.** d. *Commensurate* (adj.) means corresponding in size, degree, or extent; proportionate.
- 400.** e. An *estrus* (n.) is an irresistible impulse or passion.