

#1: If an Adjective or Adverb is Underlined, Make Sure the Word is Being Used Correctly

In any of the subsections (sentence improvement, identify the error, paragraph improvement), if an adjective/adverb is underlined, make sure the word is being used correctly. Most adjective/adverb questions are found in the identify the error subsection. Generally, mistakes on adjective/adverb questions are due to carelessness. By checking to see that underlined adjectives/adverbs are being used correctly, you will be less likely to make a mistake.

#2: Determine the Part of Speech of the Word that the Adjective/Adverb is Modifying

If you know the functions of adjectives and adverbs and you can correctly determine the part of speech that an adjective/adverb is modifying, you should never miss an adjective/adverb question.

#3: If a Comparative or Superlative is Underlined, Make Sure the Word is Being Used Correctly

Keep in mind that comparatives compare two things and superlatives compare three or more. Comparatives are formed by placing "more" in front of the adjective or by adding "er" at the end of the word, but you can never use "more" with the "er" form. Similarly, superlatives are formed by placing "most" in front of the adjective or by adding "est" at the end of the word, but you can never use "most" with the "est" form of the word.

1. We have to do some research in order to ---- the possible factors that could affect the outcome of the project.

- ☐ A) determine
- ☐ B) refuse
- ☐ C) diminish
- ☐ D) remain
- ☐ E) descend

2. John ---- his skills beyond everyone's expectations and won this year's swimming competition.

- ☐ A) despised
- ☐ B) decreased
- ☐ C) improved
- ☐ D) hesitated
- ☐ E) inclined

3. It is a well-known fact that because of the danger that it represents, one has to ---- from smoking.

- ☐ A) prevent
- ☐ B) disappoint
- ☐ C) cease
- ☐ D) remove
- ☐ E) refrain

4. Many people ---- the consequences of high blood pressure, but family physicians stress that hypertension is a dangerous condition if left untreated.

- ☐ A) apprehend
- ☐ B) assess
- ☐ C) measure
- ☐ D) underestimate
- ☐ E) appreciate

5. I think my brother has ---- his friends badly and displayed selfishness for a long time.

- ☐ A) respected
- ☐ B) treated
- ☐ C) acted

- ☐ D) protected
- ☐ E) healed

6. Color-blind people usually suffer from the inability to ---- between certain colors or shades of a color.

- ☐ A) deliver
- ☐ B) differentiate
- ☐ C) follow
- ☐ D) pursue
- ☐ E) mention

7. The prime minister dismisses criticism that he has ---- the economy and social issues.

- ☐ A) advanced
- ☐ B) recovered
- ☐ C) proceeded
- ☐ D) neglected
- ☐ E) discovered

8. As I ---- Mr. Robson's behavior towards me, I will not tolerate it any more.

- ☐ A) admire
- ☐ B) engage
- ☐ C) detest
- ☐ D) initiate
- ☐ E) recur

9. The Highways Agency warned drivers to be extra careful and to delay journeys if bad weather ----.

- ☐ A) facilitates
- ☐ B) persists
- ☐ C) hinders
- ☐ D) concludes
- ☐ E) terminates

10. Due to the continual noise from the street below, I couldn't ---- what I was reading.

- ☐ A) comprehend
- ☐ B) bother
- ☐ C) misuse
- ☐ D) consider
- ☐ E) calculate

1. I have so many friends, but deep down, underneath, I have a fear of ----.

- ☐ A) admission
- ☐ B) insistence
- ☐ C) loneliness
- ☐ D) disability
- ☐ E) contradiction

2. They were on their way to the airport when their car was involved in a ---- with a car.

- ☐ A) collision
- ☐ B) vicinity
- ☐ C) destruction
- ☐ D) junction
- ☐ E) challenge

3. Cataract operations are a(n) ---- of modern surgery, with a success rate of more than 90 percent.

- ☐ A) obscurity
- ☐ B) accumulation
- ☐ C) dignity
- ☐ D) obedience
- ☐ E) triumph

4. In our country, low pay is the main ---- cause of a job, especially among teachers who work at state schools.

- ☐ A) evacuation
- ☐ B) installment
- ☐ C) restriction
- ☐ D) demolition
- ☐ E) dissatisfaction

5. You should wash your sandals in cold water to remove all ---- of sand.

- ☐ A) implications
- ☐ B) traces
- ☐ C) deceptions
- ☐ D) penetrations
- ☐ E) proportions

6. My company employed one of my relatives last month, but unfortunately I had been far wrong in my ---- of his capabilities.

- ☐ A) accusations
- ☐ B) deprivations
- ☐ C) estimates
- ☐ D) attributions

☐ E) inspirations

7. As a result of the increasing shoplifting offences, the government has warned that the police should take tougher ---- to contain the trouble.

- ☐ A) oppositions
- ☐ B) measures
- ☐ C) dimensions
- ☐ D) developments
- ☐ E) peculiarities

8. There were a deep-rooted racial ---- long before the two countries became rivals and went to war.

- ☐ A) hospitality
- ☐ B) donation
- ☐ C) deduction
- ☐ D) prejudice
- ☐ E) extinction

9. The recent oil leaking from a barge in the Mississippi River poses a(n) ---- to the drinking water of New Orleans.

- ☐ A) hazard
- ☐ B) addiction
- ☐ C) consistence
- ☐ D) adoption
- ☐ E) habitation

10. Although I am terribly offended, it is my ---- to remain in my position until a new manager has been appointed.

- ☐ A) immunity
- ☐ B) intention
- ☐ C) boredom
- ☐ D) temptation
- ☐ E) rehearsal