1. John is very close to his family. Whenever he feels depressed, he returns to the warm, \_\_\_\_\_\_, and comfortable atmosphere of his home.

(A) crucial (B) sloppy (C) secure (D) cautious

1. Tom \_\_\_\_\_\_ something before he left the room, but I couldn’t figure out exactly what he said.

(A) mumbled (B) perceived (C) summoned (D) trampled

1. The content of the book is very much technical and specialized; it is too difficult for a \_\_\_\_\_\_ to understand.

(A) patriot (B) hacker (C) layman (D) tenant

1. Food shortages are one of the main causes of \_\_\_\_\_\_ nutrition among children in developing countries.

(A) distinctive (B) vigorous (C) inadequate (D) abundant

1. Good writers do not always write \_\_\_\_\_\_; on the contrary, they often express what they really mean in an indirect way.

(A) explicitly (B) ironically (C) persistently (D) selectively

1. According to the weather report, some light rain or \_\_\_\_\_\_ is expected today. You may need to take an umbrella with you when you go out.

(A) hail (B) breeze (C) tornado (D) drizzle

1. The movie was so popular that many people came to the \_\_\_\_\_\_ conclusion that it must be good; however, many professional critics thought otherwise.

(A) acute (B) naive (C) confidential (D) skeptical

1. In ancient times, people used large shells to \_\_\_\_\_\_ voices in open-air ceremonies so that their tribal members near and far could hear what was said.

(A) amplify (B) mobilize (C) penetrate (D) undermine

1. The audience held their breath and sat motionless in the theater as they watched the tragic historical event \_\_\_\_\_\_ in front of their eyes.

(A) ascending (B) elaborating (C) illustrating (D) unfolding

1. According to government regulations, if employees are unable to work because of a serious illness, they are \_\_\_\_\_\_ to take an extended sick leave.

(A) adapted (B) entitled (C) oriented (D) intimidated