

Unit Five



Homer Approach



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Unit Five: *Pretest*

In the space provided, write the letter of the choice that is closest in meaning to the **boldfaced** word.

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| ___ 1. conflict | a) period of time b) point of view c) lesson d) disagreement |
| ___ 2. possess | a) run after b) adjust c) leave unchanged d) own |
| ___ 3. procedure | a) method b) opinion c) public d) piece of property |
| ___ 4. renew | a) create b) make active again c) force one's will upon d) attempt |
| ___ 5. resources | a) supplies b) inventions c) responses d) agreements |
| ___ 6. stress | a) tension b) relaxation c) enjoyment d) excitement |
| ___ 7. sufficient | a) less than is needed b) humorous c) empty d) enough |
| ___ 8. unanimous | a) poorly thought out b) one-sided c) based on complete agreement
d) mistaken |
| ___ 9. vary | a) change b) insist c) remain the same d) reduce in size |
| ___ 10. vicinity | a) heated argument b) area around a place c) written pamphlet
d) type of lamp |
| ___ 11. abolish | a) make smooth b) argue c) get rid of d) pay for |
| ___ 12. corrupt | a) sudden b) not honest c) careful d) not friendly |
| ___ 13. decay | a) break down b) make a decision c) rebuild d) make clear |
| ___ 14. expand | a) spend b) shrink c) punish d) grow |
| ___ 15. flexible | a) able to speak b) able to slow down c) able to bend d) able to walk |
| ___ 16. nevertheless | a) because b) afterward c) always d) even so |
| ___ 17. precise | a) exact b) busy c) large d) neglectful |
| ___ 18. reform | a) annoy b) make clear c) make better d) confuse |
| ___ 19. tendency | a) group of ten b) leaning toward c) working hard d) setting a limit |
| ___ 20. vast | a) well known b) silly c) very large d) frightening |
| ___ 21. assert | a) state as true b) tell a lie c) put limits on d) get ready for |
| ___ 22. clarify | a) doubt b) explain c) create d) stop |
| ___ 23. evade | a) make small b) break down c) get away from d) make longer |
| ___ 24. extend | a) make longer b) make up c) make ready d) make small |
| ___ 25. negligent | a) watchful b) tired c) not bending d) careless |

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- ___ 26. **precaution** a) cure b) problem c) something done to fix a problem
 d) something done beforehand
- ___ 27. **preconception** a) judgment made in advance b) decision c) problem d) area nearby
- ___ 28. **resemble** a) see again b) look like c) worry about d) be angry with
- ___ 29. **rigid** a) like new b) not bending c) not friendly d) hard to see
- ___ 30. **vertical** a) side to side b) up and down c) all around d) truthful
- ___ 31. **anxious** a) sleepy b) sick c) busy d) worried
- ___ 32. **comprehend** a) scorn b) repeat c) protect d) understand
- ___ 33. **convince** a) cause to believe b) refuse to accept c) disregard d) clean up
- ___ 34. **dramatic** a) impressive b) hard to notice c) odd d) boring
- ___ 35. **frank** a) untruthful b) youthful c) honest d) painful
- ___ 36. **illustrate** a) give an example b) destroy c) repair d) send off
- ___ 37. **impression** a) lie b) pattern c) opinion d) center (of something)
- ___ 38. **inferior** a) highly valued b) poor in quality c) less expensive
 d) unbreakable
- ___ 39. **overwhelm** a) dissolve b) understand c) make helpless d) make whole
- ___ 40. **thorough** a) carefully done b) wasted c) forgotten d) well-paying
- ___ 41. **acquire** a) appreciate b) go before c) need d) get
- ___ 42. **commitment** a) promise b) symbol c) talk d) group of people
- ___ 43. **formal** a) proper b) previous c) later d) complete
- ___ 44. **fragment** a) injury b) copy c) true statement d) small part
- ___ 45. **fundamental** a) basic b) broken c) enjoyable d) thoughtful
- ___ 46. **precede** a) come after b) interrupt c) be a part of d) go before
- ___ 47. **resent** a) stand for b) feel angry at c) give away d) make up with
- ___ 48. **solemn** a) lazy b) basic c) serious d) quiet
- ___ 49. **spite** a) desire to hurt b) desire to please c) long speech d) sense of humor
- ___ 50. **symbolize** a) look at b) point to c) talk to d) stand for

SCORE: (Number correct) _____ $\times 2 =$ _____ %

stress
sufficient
unanimous
vary
vicinity

7 sufficient

/sə'fɪʃənt/

– *adjective*

 Sufficient means

- The farmers were thankful that there was **sufficient** rain to save their crops.
- Brian's father told him, "When you bring the car home, make sure it has **sufficient** gas to get me to work tomorrow."

a. less.

b. different.

c. enough.

8 unanimous

/ju:'næniməs/

– *adjective*

Unanimous means

- The vote electing me president of the PTA was **unanimous**. In fact, there was no other candidate to vote for.
- The jury's decision was **unanimous**. Every juror believed that the woman on trial had robbed the beauty parlor after getting her hair cut.

a. showing full agreement.

b. uncertain.

c. hard to understand.

9 vary

/ˈveəri/

– *verb*

 Vary means

- There are often great changes in weather along the coast. In one day, the temperature can **vary** by as much as forty degrees.
- Joan's lunches never **vary**. Every day, she eats a peanut butter and celery sandwich, pretzels, and a banana.

a. to begin.

b. to change.

c. to disappear.

10 vicinity

/vi'sinəti/

— *noun*

____ *Vicinity* means

- In the **vicinity** of the elementary school, the speed limit is fifteen miles an hour.
- The Johnsons decided not to buy the house they liked when they learned that there was a nuclear power plant in the **vicinity**.

a. yard.

b. building.

c. neighborhood.

Matching Words with Definitions

Following are definitions of the ten words. **Print** each word next to its definition. If you look closely at each word in context, you will be able to figure out its meaning.

1. _____ Whatever makes up the present and future wealth of a country, state, etc., including natural supplies and labor force
2. _____ To fill up again; replace
3. _____ The area near or around a place
4. _____ A quarrel or fight; disagreement
5. _____ Showing full agreement
6. _____ Mental or emotional tension; strain
7. _____ To become different or to be different; change
8. _____ As much as is needed
9. _____ To own; have
10. _____ Method; the way in which something is done

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➤ **Sentence Check 1**

Using the answer line, complete each item below with the correct word from the box.

a. conflict	b. possess	c. procedure	d. renew	e. resources
f. stress	g. sufficient	h. unanimous	i. vary	j. vicinity

- _____ 1. A country's _____ include all of its minerals, such as coal, gold, and silver.
- _____ 2. If there is no disagreement among jurors, we say that their decision is _____.
- _____ 3. Whether two people or groups are fighting with words or weapons, we can say they are having a _____.
- _____ 4. If someone lives in the _____ of your home, you would call that person a neighbor.
- _____ 5. If you are always patient, we can say that you _____ lots of patience.
- _____ 6. Roses _____ greatly in color, size, and shape.
- _____ 7. A _____ is a process that often involves a series of steps.
- _____ 8. If you say you have _____ time for an assignment, that means you have enough time to do it in.
- _____ 9. To _____ my supply of clean towels, I'll have to do my laundry tonight.
- _____ 10. Anything that puts pressure on our emotions, bodies, or minds can be called _____.

➤ **Sentence Check 2**

Using the answer lines, complete each item below with **two** words from the box.

- _____ 1–2. The ongoing _____ between the Millers and Smiths — an argument over the Smiths' noisy parties — has caused the Millers so much _____ that they are thinking of moving.
- _____ 3–4. My father feels lucky that there is a surgeon in our _____ who has developed a special _____ for doing the type of operation that he needs.
- _____ 5–6. For certain trials, a majority vote among the jurors is not _____. Instead, the vote must be _____.
- _____ 7–8. According to one fairy tale, a king _____ a magic box full of gold coins; whenever the box becomes empty, it _____ its supply of coins.
- _____ 9–10. The natural _____ of the United States _____ depending upon the part of the country. For example, the Midwest is rich in farmland, and the Northeast has more coal.

➤ Related Words

Once you learn a new word, you can more easily understand many related words. Below are ten words related to the core words of this chapter. Use their definitions to help you write in the word that best completes each item.

a. distress , <i>noun</i>	Mental or physical suffering
b. insufficient , <i>adjective</i>	Not enough
c. possession , <i>noun</i>	Something that is owned
d. stressful , <i>adjective</i>	Producing tension
e. variation , <i>noun</i>	A change from what is usual

- _____ 1. Even though a wedding is a happy event, it is also a ____ one for the people getting married and their families. For instance, it is common for families to argue about who gets invited and who does not.
- _____ 2. One of the museum's most valuable ____s is a five-thousand-year-old Chinese vase. Such vases are quite scarce°; there may be fewer than a dozen in the entire world.
- _____ 3. The trip to the shore was canceled when an ____ number of people signed up to go.
- _____ 4. For dinner, we had a ____ on the usual pork chops — it was Spicy Hawaiian Pork with Pineapple.
- _____ 5. When the movers dropped a box marked "Fragile," a look of ____ crossed Mrs. Henderson's face. She knew the accident had not been intentional°, but inside the box was a valuable statue which she had obtained° on a trip to Mexico.

f. proceed , <i>verb</i>	To go ahead
g. renewable , <i>adjective</i>	Always able to be supplied again
h. suffice , <i>verb</i>	To be enough
i. unvarying , <i>adjective</i>	Unchanging
j. variety , <i>noun</i>	A number of different things; mixture

- _____ 6. Will five dollars ____ to pay for the taxi?
- _____ 7. Turn left at Maple Avenue and ____ three blocks south.
- _____ 8. Solar energy is ____; that is, we can always get more of it.
- _____ 9. The local college offers a ____ of adult classes, including yoga, oil painting, self-defense, and Chinese cooking.
- _____ 10. On the long car trip, the family drove past many miles of corn fields, and the children grew tired of the ____ view. That's when I pulled out the games I had brought along to help the children overcome° boredom.

➤ Word Parts

A. The suffix *-ful* mean “producing ____” or “full of ____.”

Examples: *stress* — tension

joy — great happiness

stressful — producing tension

joyful — full of great happiness

On each answer line, write the word from the box that means the same as the *italicized* words.

a. beautiful

b. playful

c. stressful

d. thankful

e. wasteful

- _____ 1. “All you can eat” restaurants encourage people to be *producing waste*, piling far more food on their plates than they really want or need.
- _____ 2. Although the outside of an oyster shell is rather ugly, the inside is *full of beauty*, with its pale milky rainbow of colors.
- _____ 3. When my car broke down on a dark road far from my home, I was *full of thanks* that a police officer quickly arrived and offered me a ride to town.
- _____ 4. Most people find it *producing stress* to have to speak in front of a large group.
- _____ 5. Our boss may seem overly serious, but when she’s not busy, she can be quite *full of play*, laughing and telling jokes.

B. The prefix *com-* or *con-* means “with” or “together.”

Examples: *conflict* — a quarrel with someone

communicate° — to exchange information together

On each answer line, write the word from the box that best completes the item.

f. communicate°

g. complicate°

h. conflict

i. confront°

j. contrast°

- _____ 6. Thelma had a ____ with her neighbors over their dogs’ getting into her garbage cans.
- _____ 7. The more people you invite, the more you will ____ our job of preparing for the party.
- _____ 8. There’s a big ____ between the two Williams brothers. One is very outgoing and friendly, and the other is quite shy.
- _____ 9. When the Carveys didn’t pay their rent for the third month in a row, the landlord actually came to their door to ____ them.
- _____ 10. In the 1800s, it must have been very difficult to ____ with people who lived far away. Today we are all lucky to have phones and good mail service.

➤ Final Check

Read the passages carefully. Then fill in each blank with the word that best fits the context.

A. Traveling with Children

a. **conflict**b. **stress**c. **unanimous**d. **vary**e. **vicinity**

Whether I'm driving in the (1)_____ of home or farther away, the trip seems to last longer if my kids are in the car. The minute we're on the road, the baby begins to cry and the older children start a major (2)_____. These fights (3)_____ from time to time, but they often have something to do with one of four primary° complaints:

1. One kid is in the front seat when it's another kid's turn.
2. Someone who had a window seat last time got one again.
3. One of the gang hates the music that another has turned on. (No single radio station has won the (4)_____ approval of the children.)
4. One child feels another "is looking at me funny."

Now that I think about it, maybe I can preserve° the peace and lower the level of (5)_____ in my life by making the kids take a bus!

B. Saving Earth's Natural Supplies

f. **possess**g. **procedure**h. **renew**i. **resources**j. **sufficient**

Once some of Earth's valuable (6)_____ are used up, it will be impossible to (7)_____ them. For example, coal will someday be used up and gone forever.

We do, however, (8)_____ other important supplies that can be used over and over. Paper, metals, plastics and glass can be turned into new products again and again by means of recycling. If we don't recycle, who knows what severe° shortages and garbage problems will result? It's up to each of us to have (9)_____ interest and foresight° to learn about the recycling methods in our communities and then to follow those (10)_____ s.

abolish
corrupt
decay
expand
flexible

nevertheless
precise
reform
tendency
vast

Ten Words in Context

In the space provided, write the letter of the meaning closest to that of each **boldfaced** word. Use the context of the sentences to help you figure out each word's meaning.

- 1 **abolish**
/ə'bolɪʃ/
– verb

___ *Abolish* means

- With our advanced farming methods, why can't we **abolish** hunger?
 - One way for a school district to save money is to **abolish** summer vacation and hold classes all year round.
- a. to make longer. b. to get rid of. c. to pay for.

- 2 **corrupt**
/kə'rʌpt/
– adjective

___ *Corrupt* means

- A **corrupt** police officer went to prison for selling the drugs he took in a raid.
 - The country was run by a **corrupt** ruler who robbed the rich and poor alike.
- a. not honest. b. respected. c. poor.

- 3 **decay**
/di'keɪ/
– verb

___ *Decay* means

- Teeth that are brushed and flossed regularly are not likely to **decay**.
- Leaves fall from the trees, **decay**, and become part of the forest floor.

a. to increase. b. to bend. c. to rot.

- 4 **expand**
/ɪk'spænd/
– verb

___ *Expand* means

- The grocery is buying the shop next door so that it can **expand** enough to double its space.
- During a heavy rain, that little creek **expands** into a fast-moving river.

a. to bend. b. to break down. c. to grow.

- 5 **flexible**
/'fleksəbl/
– adjective

___ *Flexible* means

- The lamp has a **flexible** neck that can be bent in any direction you need light.
- Lily is the kind of child who is upset at any change of plan, while Ashley is more **flexible** and able to enjoy doing something unexpected.

a. able to bend or change. b. long or tall. c. useless.

- 6 **nevertheless**
/ˌnevəðə'les/
– adverb

___ *Nevertheless* means

- Too much sun can cause skin cancer; **nevertheless**, many people want a deep suntan.
- The doll is old and tattered, but the little boy loves it **nevertheless**.

a. rarely. b. because of that. c. even with that.

- 7 **precise**
/pri'saɪs/
– *adjective*
- In baking, it is important to be **precise** when measuring ingredients.
 - We found the house easily, thanks to our host's **precise** directions.
- ___ *Precise* means a. exact. b. busy. c. strong.
- 8 **reform**
/ri'fɔ:m/
– *verb*
- Does serving time in prison **reform** people or only keep them off the streets?
 - Training classes can **reform** dogs so that they don't jump on people and pull on their leashes.
- ___ *Reform* means a. to annoy. b. to make better. c. to confuse.
- 9 **tendency**
/'tendənsɪ/
– *noun*
- Fishermen have a **tendency** to tell big stories about the fish they almost caught.
 - I have a bad **tendency** to put off doing work until the last minute.
- ___ *Tendency* means a. hard work. b. limit. c. habit.
- 10 **vast**
/vɑ:st/
– *adjective*
- Lake Superior is so **vast** that you could easily mistake it for an ocean.
 - The library has a **vast** collection of books for adults, but not so many for children.
- ___ *Vast* means a. well-known. b. gradual. c. very big.

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- _____ To spread out; get larger
- _____ To gradually break down; rot
- _____ In spite of that; even so
- _____ Dishonest; crooked
- _____ To cause or persuade to behave better
- _____ To put an end to
- _____ Exact; correct; accurate
- _____ A leaning toward thinking or behaving in a certain way
- _____ Very large in size, amount, or area
- _____ Able to bend or be bent; able to change or be changed easily

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➤ **Sentence Check 1**

Using the answer line, complete each item below with the correct word from the box.

a. abolish	b. corrupt	c. decay	d. expand	e. flexible
f. nevertheless	g. precise	h. reform	i. tendency	j. vast

- _____ 1. I don't know Hank's ____ age, but I guess he's in his mid-fifties.
- _____ 2. The sun is shining brightly; ____, it is quite chilly outside.
- _____ 3. The house is beginning to _____. Its windows are broken, and its paint is peeling off.
- _____ 4. The high school is going to ____ by adding more classrooms.
- _____ 5. My grandfather's hands are stiff when he wakes up, but later in the day they grow more _____.
- _____ 6. Scholars, writers, and researchers from all over the world visit the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., to make use of its ____ collection of books and papers on every topic imaginable.
- _____ 7. Former employees told reporters about ____ practices in the supermarket, such as soaking spoiling hams in bleach to get rid of the bad smell.
- _____ 8. Eli used to answer the phone by yelling, "Who is this?" but a few lessons in phone manners ____ed him so that he now says "Hello?" politely.
- _____ 9. I have a ____ to talk loudly and quickly when I am nervous.
- _____ 10. The restaurant's owner decided to ____ the smoking section and make the entire restaurant smoke-free.

➤ **Sentence Check 2**

Using the answer lines, complete each item below with **two** words from the box.

- _____ 1–2. Elena has a ____ to be careless and messy at home; ____, she is always neat and careful at work.
- _____ 3–4. Many people feel that to ____ politicians and improve politics, it is necessary to ____ all gifts of money from groups that wish to influence^o lawmakers.
- _____ 5–6. The housing project is so ____ that you can get lost walking around in it, and it's so poorly cared for that the buildings are starting to ____.
- _____ 7–8. The ____ crime boss wants his evil business to ____ even more; he plans to add gambling operations to his drug business.
- _____ 9–10. During their trip out West, Mom and Dad kept their plans very ____, so we didn't have a ____ idea of where they were at any time.

➤ Related Words

Once you learn a new word, you can more easily understand many related words. Below are ten words related to the core words of this chapter. Use their definitions to help you write in the word that best completes each item.

a. abolition , <i>noun</i>	Getting rid of something
b. corruption , <i>noun</i>	Making someone bad or dishonest
c. expansion , <i>noun</i>	Making something larger
d. incorruptible , <i>adjective</i>	Not able to be made dishonest
e. reformatory , <i>noun</i>	A school for young people who have broken the law

- _____ 1. The ____ of the car factory will create forty-five new jobs.
- _____ 2. The pastor of that church says that rock music is bad because it leads to the ____ of children.
- _____ 3. Because he was only 15 when he committed his crime, Brian was sent to a ____ rather than to the state prison.
- _____ 4. Everyone respects Judge Mayer because he is fair, honest, and ____.
- _____ 5. One of the most important effects of the Civil War was the ____ of slavery in the United States.

f. expandable , <i>adjective</i>	Able to become larger
g. imprecise , <i>adjective</i>	Not correct; not exact
h. inflexible , <i>noun</i>	Not willing to change
i. precision , <i>noun</i>	Exactness; correctness
j. vastness , <i>noun</i>	Great size

- _____ 6. My boss is ____; she wants to do things only one way — her way.
- _____ 7. During her pregnancy, Midori often wore sweatpants because of their stretchy, ____ waistline.
- _____ 8. The bench that I built rocked back and forth because I made ____ measurements before I began cutting.
- _____ 9. During operations, surgeons must make every movement with great ____, or they might do more harm than good. Nobody wants an awkward° surgeon.
- _____ 10. When I lie outside on a summer night, looking up at the sky filled with stars, I begin to think about the ____ of the universe and the smallness of our Earth. Is it possible that we are the sole° planet to have intelligent life?

➤ **Synonyms and Antonyms**

A. **Synonyms.** Write the letter of the word or phrase that most nearly means the **same** as each boldfaced word.

_____ 1. **reform**

- a. make better
- c. make sure

- b. make more difficult
- d. get bigger

_____ 2. **tendency**

- a. thought
- c. fear

- b. habit of acting in a certain way
- d. making something larger

_____ 3. **decay**

- a. build
- c. disappear

- b. continue
- d. spoil

_____ 4. **precise**

- a. helpful
- c. dishonest

- b. unclear
- d. exact

_____ 5. **nevertheless**

- a. because
- c. despite that

- b. perhaps
- d. sometimes

B. **Antonyms.** Write the letter of the word or phrase that most nearly means the **opposite** of each boldfaced word.

_____ 6. **corrupt**

- a. small
- c. honest

- b. helpless
- d. stiff

_____ 7. **flexible**

- a. stiff
- c. gone

- b. small
- d. not correct

_____ 8. **vast**

- a. many
- c. incorrect

- b. broken
- d. tiny

_____ 9. **expand**

- a. grow stronger
- c. break

- b. get smaller
- d. build

_____ 10. **abolish**

- a. end
- c. like

- b. become used to
- d. create

➤ Final Check

Read the passages carefully. Then fill in each blank with the word that best fits the context.

A. More Fat, Anyone?

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| a. decay | b. expand | c. nevertheless |
| d. precise | e. vast | |

We know that fatty and sugary foods are bad for us. (1)_____, we love to eat them. Demand for food with (2)_____ amounts of fat and sugar is high.

To meet the demand for fat, many fast-food giants offer more and bigger high-fat menu items. Pizza Hut sells its Triple Decker Pizza, a health nightmare with as much fat as a stick and a half of butter! McDonald's offers a super-fat triple cheeseburger. And Taco Bell sells a variety° of fatty bacon products. To make matters worse, the fast-food chains offer sugar-filled ice cream, shakes, soda, pies, and cookies that make us fatter and cause our teeth to (3)_____. Although fat and sugar are not wholesome° for the customer, they are certainly good for the financial health of the fast-food chains.

Why do we disregard° what science teaches us about a good diet? Researchers cannot explain the (4)_____ reasons why we ignore what we know about healthy eating, but one thing is certain. As long as our appetite for fat and sugar continues to increase, our waistlines will continue to (5)_____.

B. Is Prison Effective?

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|------------|-------------|-------------|
| f. abolish | g. corrupt | h. flexible |
| i. reform | j. tendency | |

There's a lot of disagreement about how to (6)_____ criminals and make them good citizens. Today, most of them are sent to prison. But many people believe that serving time in prison does not really make a person less likely to commit another crime. They point out that in prison, a person may spend months or years in the company of more hardened criminals. Will a prisoner in such company come out of jail with the (7)_____ to be honest? Not likely, they say — instead, the prisoner will probably learn only how to be more (8)_____.

In addition, many people want to (9)_____ the death penalty. They believe it is just as wrong to kill a killer as it was for him or her to commit murder in the first place.

Even if you agree with these points, the question remains of how to deal with people who harm others. Some people want prison changed from a place where people are just locked up to a place where prisoners can obtain° an education, job training, and counseling. They want to see the system become (10)_____ enough to adjust to a prisoner's needs, rather than treat everyone the same. They want to see prisons influence° prisoners in positive ways.

assert
clarify
evade
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negligent

precaution
preconception
resemble
rigid
vertical

Ten Words in Context

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1 **assert**

/ə'sɜ:t/

— verb

___ Assert means

- The mayor **asserted** in court that he never took bribes, but the jury did not believe him.
- Every once in a while, the newspapers sold in supermarkets **assert** that Elvis Presley is alive and hiding somewhere.

a. to doubt. b. to fear. c. to state strongly.

2 **clarify**

/ˈklærɪfaɪ/

— verb

___ Clarify means

- Mr. Patel is a great math teacher. He can **clarify** even the hardest problems so that everyone can understand.
- I didn't understand my health insurance plan, so I asked someone at the insurance company to **clarify** it for me.

a. to explain. b. to create. c. to stop.

3 **evade**

/ɪ'veɪd/

— verb

___ Evade means

- Our dog will do anything to **evade** a bath. Once we get him near the tub, we have to shut the bathroom door, or he will escape.
- In my favorite cops-and-robbers movie, the robbers tried to **evade** the police by leaving through a hole in the roof. However, their plan failed — the police were waiting on the roof!

a. to break down. b. to get away from. c. to find.

4 **extend**

/ɪk'stend/

— verb

___ Extend means

- We had so much fun camping that we **extended** our vacation one more day.
- "Because many students are having trouble finishing this project on time," said the instructor, "I will **extend** the deadline by one more week."

a. to make longer or later. b. to make clear. c. to escape.

5 **negligent**

/ˈneglɪdʒənt/

— adjective

___ Negligent means

- Our neighbor is **negligent** with her dog — she lets it run loose and dig in other people's yards.
- I was **negligent** in caring for my new plant, and it died.

a. friendly. b. paying too little attention. c. surprised.

6 **precaution**

/prɪ'kəʃən/

— noun

___ Precaution means

- We took the **precaution** of having the car tuned up before we began our long trip.
- As you walk in the woods, wear long pants as a **precaution** against poison ivy.

a. cure for a problem. b. something stated. c. step taken to be safe.

7 preconception
/pri:kən'sepʃən/
— noun

- From her voice on the phone, I had a **preconception** of my brother's girlfriend as being rather unfriendly.
- Our **preconception** that the party would be boring was completely wrong. Once we got there, we had a great time.

___ *Preconception* means a. wish. b. judgment made without experience. c. statement of fact.

8 resemble
/ri'zembl/
— verb

- A certain worthless mineral is known as “fool's gold” because it **resembles** real gold. Both minerals are shiny yellow.
- Eating wild mushrooms can be dangerous because a poisonous mushroom sometimes **resembles** one that is safe.

___ *Resemble* means a. to be better than. b. to look the same as. c. to be easier to find than.

9 rigid
/'ridʒɪd/
— adjective

- Modeling clay is **rigid** when it is cold, but once it warms in your hands it becomes softer and easier to work with.
- The guards outside the palace stood stiffly — they looked as **rigid** as poles.

___ *Rigid* means a. not heavy. b. hard to beat. c. not bending.

10 vertical
/'vɜ:tɪkəl/
— adjective

- Clothes with **vertical** stripes generally make the wearer look taller and thinner.
- The dark **vertical** lines of the telephone poles looked striking against the background of the snowy field.

___ *Vertical* means a. very clear. b. curving. c. up-and-down.

Matching Words with Definitions

Following are definitions of the ten words. **Print** each word next to its definition. If you look closely at each word in context, you will be able to figure out its meaning.

- _____ An opinion formed before having enough information or experience
- _____ To look like or be similar to; be like
- _____ To make clear or easy to understand
- _____ Something done in advance to avoid a problem
- _____ Careless
- _____ To state positively, often without proof
- _____ To escape or avoid through clever action
- _____ In a straight up-and-down line; upright
- _____ Stiff; not bending
- _____ To make longer in time or later in time

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➤ **Sentence Check 1**

Using the answer line, complete each item below with the correct word from the box.

a. assert	b. clarify	c. evade	d. extend	e. negligent
f. precaution	g. preconception	h. resemble	i. rigid	j. vertical

- _____ 1. A good math teacher can _____ a difficult problem.
- _____ 2. The people who want to build the mall _____ that it will mean more business for local stores, but the local stores owners do not believe them.
- _____ 3. The children found a _____ board to use as a bridge over the creek.
- _____ 4. Eli was a poor worker — he _____ responsibility whenever possible.
- _____ 5. The instructor _____ed the test so everyone had time to finish.
- _____ 6. Before tasting spinach, many kids have the _____ they will not like it.
- _____ 7. Expensive silk roses _____ real roses.
- _____ 8. It was _____ of you to play soccer in the house — you must have known you could break something.
- _____ 9. Remember to put on sunblock lotion as a _____ against sunburn.
- _____ 10. As we got closer to New York City, we saw the _____ shape of the tall Empire State Building against the bright summer sky.

➤ **Sentence Check 2**

Using the answer lines, complete each item below with **two** words from the box.

- _____ 1–2. It was _____ of the town to open a swimming pool without taking the _____ of hiring a lifeguard first.
- _____ 3–4. Because Krista _____s her sister physically, I had the _____ that she would have a similar personality, but the two girls are actually very different.
- _____ 5–6. A reporter said the mayor's views on taxes were unclear, and he asked the mayor to _____ her ideas. However, the Mayor _____d the question by saying, "Who can think about taxes when our basketball team is about to win the state championship?"
- _____ 7–8. The new advertisements for the motor oil _____ that using the oil is guaranteed to _____ the life of your car.
- _____ 9–10. To make a playhouse, Mac began with four _____ pieces of wood. He stuck one end of each deep in the ground, so that each piece of wood was in a _____ position.

➤ Related Words

Once you learn a new word, you can more easily understand many related words. Below are ten words related to the core words of this chapter. Use their definitions to help you write in the word that best completes each item.

a. clarification , <i>noun</i>	Explanation
b. conception , <i>noun</i>	An idea or thought
c. extension , <i>noun</i>	An increase in time
d. negligence , <i>noun</i>	Carelessness
e. rigidity , <i>noun</i>	Stiffness; inability or unwillingness to change

- _____ 1. The children were scolded for their ____ in leaving the cover off the ant farm and letting all the ants escape.
- _____ 2. My boss gave me a two-day ____ to my vacation so that I can go on a ten-day trip with my family.
- _____ 3. Many students had trouble understanding the science assignment, so the instructor took some class time for a ____.
- _____ 4. A young child's ____ of heaven is a place where angels live on clouds.
- _____ 5. I found Emmet hard to live with because of his _____. He found it almost impossible to accept change and other people's ways of doing things.

f. assertion , <i>noun</i>	A statement made positively but without proof
g. assertive , <i>adjective</i>	Able to stand up for oneself and say what one thinks or wants
h. clarity , <i>noun</i>	Clearness of thought and choice of words
i. evasion , <i>noun</i>	The act of avoiding something
j. resemblance , <i>noun</i>	Similar appearance

- _____ 6. Jay should be more _____. If he is served the wrong meal in a restaurant, he eats it rather than speaking up to say there has been a mistake.
- _____ 7. Few people believed the man's ____ that he had been kidnapped by aliens.
- _____ 8. Bok choy is a popular Chinese vegetable that has a ____ to cabbage, to which it is related.
- _____ 9. It is very helpful when a textbook is written with great ____.
- _____ 10. The businessman avoided paying taxes for years, but he was finally caught and went to jail for tax _____. He had been so dishonest with so many people that nobody sympathized^o with him or felt sorry to see him go to prison.

Word Parts

A The prefix *ex-* can mean “beyond” or “out.”

Examples: *extraordinary*° — beyond the ordinary

excerpt° — a part that is taken out of a whole work

On each answer line, write the word from the box that best completes the item.

a. **excerpt**°

b. **exclude**°

c. **extend**

d. **external**°

e. **extraordinary**°

- _____ 1. Since so many people had something to say, the meeting was ____ed another thirty minutes.
- _____ 2. A TV show titled *That's Entertainment* includes ____s from many wonderful musical films.
- _____ 3. When the children play, they prefer to ____ Hank because he is such a bully.
- _____ 4. You are supposed to cut off the ____ layer of the kiwi fruit before eating it.
- _____ 5. Mrs. Martin is an ____ woman. She has brought up four wonderful children by herself and also built a fine career at a bank where she is now a vice president.

B. The prefix *pre-* often means “before.”

Examples: *precaution* — something done beforehand to avoid a problem

preserve° — to protect or keep in good condition, before there's a problem

On each answer line, write the word from the box that best completes the item.

f. **preconception**

g. **preheat**

h. **prepare**

i. **preserve**°

j. **pretest**

- _____ 6. To ____ for the trip, I have to wash and pack a lot of clothes.
- _____ 7. Sometimes the math instructors gives students a ____ to help them see if they are ready for the real test.
- _____ 8. The brownie recipe says to ____ the oven to 350 degrees.
- _____ 9. To ____ her wedding dress for her daughter, Mrs. Henry keeps it covered in plastic and in a box.
- _____ 10. New college students often have the ____ that instructors will remind them about assignments and tests. But in college, students must keep track of such things themselves.

➤ Final Check

Read the passages carefully. Then fill in each blank with the word that best fits the context.

A. She Changed My Mind

a. clarify

b. extend

c. preconception

d. resemble

e. rigid

When I entered a Catholic school as a third-grader, I was very scared. The teachers were nuns, and although I had never known any nuns myself, I had a (1)_____ of what a nun would be like. I pictured a hostile^o woman dressed in a strange robe and sitting stiffly, as (2)_____ as the ruler in her hand, and frowning when I forgot the answers to her questions. I imagined her deciding to (3)_____ my school day by several hours after everyone else went home.

By the time I actually arrived in the classroom, I would not have been surprised if the teacher had fire coming out of her nostrils. Imagine my surprise, then, when I saw a pretty young woman standing at the front of the classroom. "Good morning!" she said cheerily. "My name is Sister Mary Elizabeth." I stared at her in surprise. She (4)_____d my favorite aunt. Her face was not cold as I had expected, but warm and smiling. When she stopped by my desk later that morning to (5)_____ an arithmetic problem, she knelt beside me and gave my ponytail a gentle, playful tug. One day in class was sufficient^o for me to fall in love with Sister Mary Elizabeth and to realize how little I had really known about nuns.

B. So Sue Me

f. assert

g. evade

h. negligent

i. precaution

j. vertical

"I'll sue!" This threat is all too often carried out. Americans have a strong tendency^o to bring one another to court.

Take the case of the teenager who walked down the street, listening to music through the headphones of his personal stereo. He came to a curb and stepped into the street. A car running through a red light nearly hit him. Because he was listening to music, he had not heard the car coming. Did he sue the (6)_____ driver? No — he sued the maker of the stereo. He claimed the stereo should have come with a note telling him to take the (7)_____ of removing the stereo when he was crossing a street.

Another well-known case involved a similar circumstance^o. A woman sued a fast-food chain for serving her coffee that was too hot. She spilled the coffee in her own lap, burned herself, and (8)_____ed that the restaurant was to blame.

What is next? Should ice-cream cones carry warning labels saying, "Keep the cone in a (9)_____ position or else the ice cream might fall off"? It seems that suing someone else has become yet another way for people to (10)_____ taking responsibility for their own actions.

anxious
comprehend
convince
dramatic
frank

illustrate
impression
inferior
overwhelm
thorough

Ten Words in Context

In the space provided, write the letter of the meaning closest to that of each **boldfaced** word. Use the context of the sentences to help you figure out each word's meaning.

1 **anxious**

/ˈæŋksəs/

— adjective

___ *Anxious* means

- Dean was **anxious** about his new job. He worried about doing well and whether he would like his supervisor.
- You seemed **anxious** before the test, but you look more relaxed now.

a. sure. b. troubled. c. late.

2 **comprehend**

/ˌkɒmpriˈhend/

— verb

___ *Comprehend* means

- Although my Japanese friend knew English pretty well when she came to this country, she did not **comprehend** such slang terms as “cool” and “gross.”
- I cannot **comprehend** how a computer works, but at least I understand how to use one for writing papers.

a. to believe. b. to remember. c. to understand.

3 **convince**

/kənˈvɪns/

— verb

___ *Convince* means

- The lawyer is sure she can **convince** the jury that her client is innocent.
- Cindy tried to **convince** her roommate that she had not stolen her necklace, but her roommate still did not believe her.

a. to learn from. b. to cause to believe. c. to keep from.

4 **dramatic**

/drəˈmætɪk/

— adjective

___ *Dramatic* means

- To hold our attention, our gym teacher used **dramatic** movements, such as waving her arms or jumping.
- Mr. Johnson prefers not to be noticed when he enters a room, but Mrs. Johnson enjoys making **dramatic** entrances, such as by swirling a bright purple cape around her shoulders.

a. distant. b. usual. c. attracting attention.

5 **frank**

/fræŋk/

— adjective

___ *Frank* means

- Mrs. Robins told her doctor, “Please be **frank** with me. If you know what is wrong with me, please tell me the truth.”
- “To be **frank**,” my sister said to me, “your new hairdo looks as if you had stuck your finger into an electrical socket.”

a. careful. b. honest. c. worried.

6 **illustrate**

/ˈɪləstreɪt/

— verb

___ *Illustrate* means

- Whenever Mrs. Fine wanted to teach us a new word, she **illustrated** its use in a sentence.
- Pastor Gibson **illustrated** his point about forgiving by telling a story about one victim who learned to forgive his attacker.

a. to explain with an example. b. to change. c. to make difficult.

7 impression
/ɪmˈpreʃən/
— noun

- My first **impression** of Leroy was that he was loud and rude, but spending time with him showed me that under all the noise was a warm, friendly person.
- I had the **impression** that Vicky was coming on the ski trip, but at the last minute I learned that she had never really planned to come.

___ *Impression* means a. argument. b. rule. c. opinion.

8 inferior
/ɪnˈfɪəriə(r)/
— adjective

- Silver is considered to be **inferior** to gold, but I still prefer silver jewelry.
- Joan's basketball skills are **inferior** to those of the other team members, but the coach believes Joan will improve quickly.

___ *Inferior to* means a. just like. b. worse than. c. new to.

9 overwhelm
/əʊvəˈhweɪlm/
— verb

- You will **overwhelm** children if you give too many instructions at one time.
- A gang of teens **overwhelmed** the old man, holding him down while they took his money.

___ *Overwhelm* means a. to encourage. b. to overpower. c. to watch.

10 thorough
/ˈθʌrə/
— adjective

- After a **thorough** search of every corner of my apartment, I finally found my glasses — in my pocket.
- Before signing up your children at a day-care center, do a **thorough** check of how kind and well-trained the staff are.

___ *Thorough* means a. quick. b. careful. c. exciting.

Matching Words with Definitions

Following are definitions of the ten words. **Print** each word next to its definition. If you look closely at each word in context, you will be able to figure out its meaning.

- _____ Honest and open; sincere
- _____ Lower in value or quality
- _____ Complete; very carefully done
- _____ To understand completely
- _____ To make clear, as with an example, picture, or demonstration°
- _____ Worried; troubled; fearful about what might happen
- _____ Having very exciting, interesting qualities; striking; very noticeable
- _____ A belief, opinion, or thought — often based on little information
- _____ To persuade by argument or proof
- _____ To make mentally, emotionally, or physically helpless with too much of something; overpower

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➤ Sentence Check 1

Using the answer line, complete each item below with the correct word from the box.

a. anxious	b. comprehend	c. convince	d. dramatic	e. frank
f. illustrate	g. impression	h. inferior	i. overwhelm	j. thorough

- _____ 1. If you say that you ____ a math problem, it means you understand it well.
- _____ 2. A grade of C is ____ to a B.
- _____ 3. Your first ____ of people is the same thing as your first opinion of them.
- _____ 4. Too much confusing work would ____ anyone.
- _____ 5. It usually takes more time to do a ____ job than a sloppy one.
- _____ 6. Something frightening or troubling makes people ____.
- _____ 7. A ____ outfit is unusual and will attract attention.
- _____ 8. A ____ person is likely to tell you just what he or she thinks of your new hairdo, instead of giving you false compliments.
- _____ 9. It should take proof to ____ a jury that someone is guilty.
- _____ 10. A good way to make an idea more clear is to ____ it in some way. To do so, you might use an example or a picture.

➤ Sentence Check 2

Using the answer lines, complete each item below with **two** words from the box.

- _____ 1-2. Karla's bright lipstick, false eyelashes, and ____ red dress gave me the ____ that she liked to attract attention to herself.
- _____ 3-4. Many people would feel ____ about moving to a foreign country, especially if they did not ____ the language.
- _____ 5-6. My boss is so ____ that she will often tell us stories about her own mistakes to ____ her instructions.
- _____ 7-8. A mother in the shoe store was trying to ____ her child not to choose a certain pair of shoes. "You like them because they have your favorite cartoon character on them," she explained, "but they are so ____ to this other pair that they will fall apart in a month."
- _____ 9-10. "Don't let this big exam ____ you," said the instructor. "We've done a ____ job of reviewing the material, and I'm sure you will all do well."

➤ Related Words

Once you learn a new word, you can more easily understand many related words. Below are ten words related to the core words of this chapter. Use their definitions to help you write in the word that best completes each item.

a. anxiety , <i>noun</i>	Worry; fear
b. comprehension , <i>noun</i>	Understanding
c. conviction , <i>noun</i>	A strong belief
d. frankness , <i>noun</i>	Honesty
e. impress , <i>verb</i>	Affect; influence°

1. "You're right; I was speeding," the driver told the police officers, hoping to please them with his ____.
2. As I waited to hear how badly my car was damaged, I tried to control my ____.
3. My mother always had a ____ that you should help people less fortunate than yourself.
4. The lecture on the planets and stars was beyond the ____ of many people in the audience.
5. What adults do may ____ young children. For instance, if an adult they respect smokes, they are likely to think that smoking must be OK.

f. drama , <i>noun</i>	A play, or an event having exciting, play-like qualities
g. dramatize , <i>verb</i>	To turn into a play
h. illustrator , <i>noun</i>	A person who creates pictures for books, magazines, etc.
i. inferiority , <i>noun</i>	Poor quality as compared with something else
j. impressive , <i>adjective</i>	Having a strong positive effect

6. Some wonderful children's books were created by a famous husband-and-wife team; she is the writer, and he is the ____.
7. In many ads, advertisers will talk about the ____ of other brands compared with their own. Of course, they always assert° that their own product is the best.
8. Other drivers often slow down and stare at an accident, attracted by the ____ of the scene.
9. The TV movie ____d the life of Cesar Chavez, who fought for the rights of migrant workers. He tried to reform° the way farm employers treat their workers.
10. The high-school basketball player's performance was so ____ that several college teams wanted the player to join them.

➤ *Synonyms and Antonyms*

A. **Synonyms.** Write the letter of the word or phrase that most nearly means the **same** as each boldfaced word.

_____ 1. **convince**

- a. point out
- c. persuade

- b. study
- d. fear

_____ 2. **dramatic**

- a. helpful
- c. confusing

- b. striking
- d. not well-known

_____ 3. **illustrate**

- a. have faith
- c. explain

- b. work hard
- d. argue

_____ 4. **impression**

- a. belief
- c. news

- b. proof
- d. honesty

_____ 5. **overwhelm**

- a. delay
- c. overpower

- b. make clear
- d. overwork

B. **Antonyms.** Write the letter of the word or phrase that most nearly means the **opposite** of each boldfaced word.

_____ 6. **anxious**

- a. calm
- c. busy

- b. forgetful
- d. lonely

_____ 7. **comprehend**

- a. pretend
- c. find

- b. know
- d. misunderstand

_____ 8. **frank**

- a. certain
- c. humorous

- b. expert
- d. dishonest

_____ 9. **inferior**

- a. far away
- c. better

- b. well-known
- d. simple

_____ 10. **thorough**

- a. truthful
- c. sensible

- b. risky
- d. incomplete

➤ Final Check

Read the passages carefully. Then fill in each blank with the word that best fits the context.

A. Fear of Public Speaking

a. **anxious**
d. **overwhelm**

b. **convince**
e. **thorough**

c. **inferior**

I get (1)_____ even thinking about getting up in front of the whole class to give my history report. I don't know why I'm so worried. I guess I'm afraid that I will humiliate^o myself. I have done a (2)_____ job of preparing my report — I don't think I've left anything important out. I guess I compare myself with others and worry about whether my work is (3)_____ to theirs. I hope that my fears won't (4)_____ me and prevent⁺ me from doing a good job. I'll have to (5)_____ myself that as long as I have made an effort, my report will be OK.

B. Mrs. Thornton's Condition

f. **comprehend**
i. **illustrate**

g. **dramatic**
j. **impression**

h. **frank**

Adults should be honest with children. I can (6)_____ this point by telling how I and my fellow first-graders suffered when our teacher had a baby. It wasn't that we didn't like babies or that we didn't like Mrs. Thornton. Most of us loved them both. The problem was that we did not realize she was pregnant, so her (7)_____ growth frightened us. Could that happen to us some day? Would we balloon up for no reason? Also, we were worried about her. But even when we made our concern evident^o by asking what was happening to her, she gave us only silly answers like "I guess I ate too much breakfast!"

Finally, one day she didn't appear at school. Instead, our principal simply announced, "Mrs. Thornton will not be your teacher anymore." We were left with the (8)_____ that something awful had happened to her. We were fearful and sad. Fortunately, the substitute teacher who took Mrs. Thornton's place saw our tearful faces and realized we did not (9)_____ the situation. She explained that Mrs. Thornton had just had a baby and that she was fine and very happy. But we could have been saved a great deal of worry and fear if the adults in our lives had just been more (10)_____ with us and had clarified^o the situation.

acquire
commitment
formal
fragment
fundamental

precede
resent
solemn
spite
symbolize

Ten Words in Context

In the space provided, write the letter of the meaning closest to that of each **boldfaced** word. Use the context of the sentences to help you figure out each word's meaning.

- 1 **acquire**
/ə'kwaiə(r)/
— verb

- While living in England, Brad **acquired** a little bit of an English accent.
- Before going on the trip, I **acquired** a good pair of hiking boots.

___ *Acquire* means

- a. to appreciate. b. to get. c. to do without.

- 2 **commitment**
/kə'mitmənt/
— noun

- Nita has made a **commitment** to stop smoking this year.
- The Greens made a **commitment** to give 5 percent of their income to charity.

___ *Commitment* means

- a. promise. b. piece. c. symbol.

- 3 **formal**
/'fɔ:məl/
— adjective

- Because my boss is a rather **formal** person, I never call him by his first name or try to joke with him.
- A **formal** wedding can be very expensive, so Julie and Ed have decided on a casual wedding in the park.

___ *Formal* means

- a. interesting. b. traditional and proper. c. full of hope.

- 4 **fragment**
/'frægmənt/
— noun

- Don't go into the kitchen barefoot. I broke a glass, and there may still be a **fragment** on the floor.
- Scientists digging up an ancient city found a piece of pottery which they think is a **fragment** of a bowl.

___ *Fragment* means

- a. whole. b. copy. c. small part.

- 5 **fundamental**
/ˌfʌndə'mentəl/
— adjective

- A **fundamental** rule of water safety is this: Don't go swimming alone.
- One must learn the **fundamental** operations of arithmetic before going on to algebra.

___ *Fundamental* means

- a. based on fun. b. unusual. c. needing to be learned first.

- 6 **precede**
/ˌpri:'si:d/
— verb

- Do you think that friendship **precedes** love in a relationship? Or does love come first?
- On the East Coast, the 11 o'clock news **precedes** the *Tonight Show*, which begins at 11:30.

___ *Precede* means

- a. to come before. b. to be part of. c. to stand for.

7 **resent**

/rɪˈzɛnt/

– verb

- The voters **resent** the fact that the mayor made promises he did not keep after his election.
- People often **resent** being given advice they did not ask for.

___ *Resent* means

- a. to feel bitter about. b. to feel better about. c. to feel frightened by.

8 **solemn**

/ˈsɒləm/

– adjective

- The fire chief told some jokes to get the children's attention. But when he began to speak about not playing with matches, he became **solemn**.
- The group of laughing children became **solemn** when they heard that their friend had been injured.

___ *Solemn* means

- a. hard to understand. b. silly. c. serious.

9 **spite**

/spaɪt/

– noun

- Turning against her former friend, the girl said with **spite** in her voice, "Everyone thinks you're a real loser."
- The disk jockeys' **spite** toward each other was obvious — each of them said nasty things about the other on the air.

___ *Spite* means

- a. puzzlement. b. hate. c. sense of humor.

10 **symbolize**

/ˈsɪmbəlaɪz/

– verb

- In ancient Egypt, a picture of a small circle with a dot in the middle **symbolized** the sun.
- During World War II, holding two fingers up in a V stood for victory; during the 1960s, it **symbolized** peace.

___ *Symbolize* means

- a. to be like. b. to stand for. c. to point toward.

Matching Words with Definitions

Following are definitions of the ten words. **Print** each word next to its definition. If you look closely at each word in context, you will be able to figure out its meaning.

- _____ Proper; not casual; according to custom or tradition
- _____ A promise to do something; pledge
- _____ To get through one's own actions; gain something as one's own
- _____ Basic; forming a foundation; essential
- _____ A small piece broken off something whole
- _____ To feel angered and injured by
- _____ An unfriendly feeling that causes one to want to hurt or shame another
- _____ To stand for; be a symbol of
- _____ Serious and respectful
- _____ To come before

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➤ **Sentence Check 1**

Using the answer line, complete each item below with the correct word from the box.

a. acquire	b. commitment	c. formal	d. fragment	e. fundamental
f. precede	g. resent	h. solemn	i. spite	j. symbolize

- _____ 1. When I dropped the blue china vase, it broke into ____s.
- _____ 2. The neighbors' ____ to keep their street beautiful shows in their neat lawns and lovely flower gardens.
- _____ 3. Instead of having a ____ class, the instructor and students held a picnic.
- _____ 4. Every year, the library ____s about two hundred new books.
- _____ 5. Pamela felt such ____ toward her ex-husband that she went through their family photographs and cut his picture out of every one of them.
- _____ 6. I ____ the way my roommate cooks late-night snacks and then leaves dirty dishes for me to clean up.
- _____ 7. When I go to a movie theater, I try to get there early enough so that I can see the ads that ____ the film.
- _____ 8. Jerome is usually lighthearted, but he becomes ____ when he talks about his brother's struggle with mental illness.
- _____ 9. There are lots of rules about good manners, but the ____ idea behind them all is this: Treat people the way you wish they would treat you.
- _____ 10. At the Academy Awards, many actors wore little red ribbons to ____ their concern for people living with AIDS.

➤ **Sentence Check 2**

Using the answer lines, complete each item below with **two** words from the box.

- _____ 1-2. To remind themselves of why they are saving money, Sam and Christi ____d a dollhouse to ____ the real house they hope to buy someday.
- _____ 3-4. Everyone was very ____ at the much-loved doctor's funeral. Many people expressed their ____ to carrying on his good works and keeping his memory alive.
- _____ 5-6. On graduation day, the principal's speech, which ____s the handing out of diplomas, is always very _____. But afterward, one of the teachers gives a casual, funny talk.
- _____ 7-8. When Ray was ordered to share his toy with his sister, he showed his ____ by breaking the toy into pieces and handing the ____s to the girl.
- _____ 9-10. Maya ____s the fact that Will told her secret to other people. By doing that, he broke a ____ rule of friendship.

➤ Related Words

Once you learn a new word, you can more easily understand many related words. Below are ten words related to the core words of this chapter. Use their definitions to help you write in the word that best completes each item.

a. acquisition , <i>noun</i>	Something that has been gotten; something owned
b. formality , <i>noun</i>	An act done only to follow a rule
c. fragmented , <i>adjective</i>	Broken up
d. solemnity , <i>noun</i>	Seriousness
e. symbol , <i>noun</i>	Something that stands for something else

- _____ 1. My sister apologized for asking to see my driver's license when I wrote a check at the store where she worked. "It's just a _____," she said, "but the boss gets mad if I don't do it for everybody."
- _____ 2. My mother's family is so _____ that she doesn't even know where some of her brothers and sisters live.
- _____ 3. When I heard the tone of _____ in my mother's voice, I knew something important had happened.
- _____ 4. A red heart is a _____ of love or friendship; on Valentine's Day, people put hearts on Valentine's cards, hang them in windows, and make heart-shaped cakes.
- _____ 5. Myra collects stamps, so every time I visit her I have to look at her newest _____.

f. commit , <i>verb</i>	To seriously agree (to doing something)
g. predecessor , <i>noun</i>	One who held a position or job before another
h. resentment , <i>noun</i>	Bad feelings due to a sense of having been hurt
i. spitefully , <i>adverb</i>	In a manner filled with meanness
j. symbolic , <i>adjective</i>	Using symbols

- _____ 6. Still angry over her parents' divorce, Alma felt great _____ toward her new stepmother.
- _____ 7. The new cook at the restaurant is not as good as his _____.
- _____ 8. If you are going to join the basketball team, you must _____ to practicing twice a week.
- _____ 9. At some weddings, the newlyweds each take a candle and then use it to light a third candle, a _____ way of showing that their two lives are being joined.
- _____ 10. Angry that he hadn't gotten the raise he asked for, Marv _____ dropped a paper clip into the office copying machine and jammed it.

➤ Analogies

Each item below starts with a pair of words in CAPITAL LETTERS. For each item, figure out the relationship between these two words. Then decide which of the choices (*a*, *b*, *c*, or *d*) expresses a similar relationship. Write the letter of your choice on the answer line. (All the repeated words in these items are from this unit.)

_____ 1. PRECEDE : FOLLOW ::

- a. hurry : rush
- c. speak : talk

- b. earlier : later
- d. bother : annoy

_____ 2. SPITE : BITTERNESS ::

- a. insult : compliment
- c. love : hate

- b. abolish° : keep
- d. friendship : affection

_____ 3. ACQUIRE : OWN ::

- a. get : possess°
- c. locate : lose

- b. clarify° : confuse
- d. buy : sell

_____ 4. SOLEMN : PLAYFUL ::

- a. funny : laughter
- c. ugly : talented

- b. fun : party
- d. exciting : boring

_____ 5. FRAGMENT : WHOLE ::

- a. law school : lawyer
- c. dog : German shepherd

- b. fixed : broken
- d. page : book

_____ 6. HONEST : CORRUPT° ::

- a. early : late
- c. start : begin

- b. fundamental : basic
- d. symbolize : flag

_____ 7. OIL : RESOURCES° ::

- a. hate : love
- c. uncle : relatives

- b. give : gift
- d. coal : mine

_____ 8. FLEXIBLE° : RIGID° ::

- a. old : ancient
- c. food : grapes

- b. ball : bat
- d. peace : war

_____ 9. VERTICAL° : TELEPHONE POLE ::

- a. sufficient° : enough
- c. cold : summer

- b. flat : table
- d. gray : black

_____ 10. EXTEND° : SHORTEN ::

- a. frank° : honest
- c. precise° : exact

- b. easy : difficult
- d. wear : necklace

➤ Final Check

Read the passages carefully. Then fill in each blank with the word that best fits the context.

A. Wacky Weddings

a. commitment

b. formal

c. fundamental

d. precede

e. symbolize

The ingredients needed for a wedding are pretty basic. They include two people who have decided to get married and someone qualified to marry them. But from the (1) _____ ingredients, people create an amazing variety° of ceremonies. Some weddings are very (2) _____. In those, the bride and groom wear traditional outfits — a fancy white dress for her, a tuxedo for him — and have bridesmaids and groomsmen. During such customary° weddings, the groom (3) _____s the bride down the aisle, and afterward, they leave hand in hand. But some people like their weddings to be playful rather than traditional. One man and woman got married while dressed as clowns. Another couple were married while riding a roller coaster. Yet others have said “I do” while they were skydiving or ice skating.

Is an “offbeat” wedding any less meaningful than a traditional one? The couples that choose very different weddings say no. They say the most important thing is the (4) _____ that they are making to one another. In the case of the two clowns, they said that their unusual wedding (5) _____d their desire to keep fun in their marriage.

B. The Cost of Hatred

f. acquire

g. fragment

h. resent

i. solemn

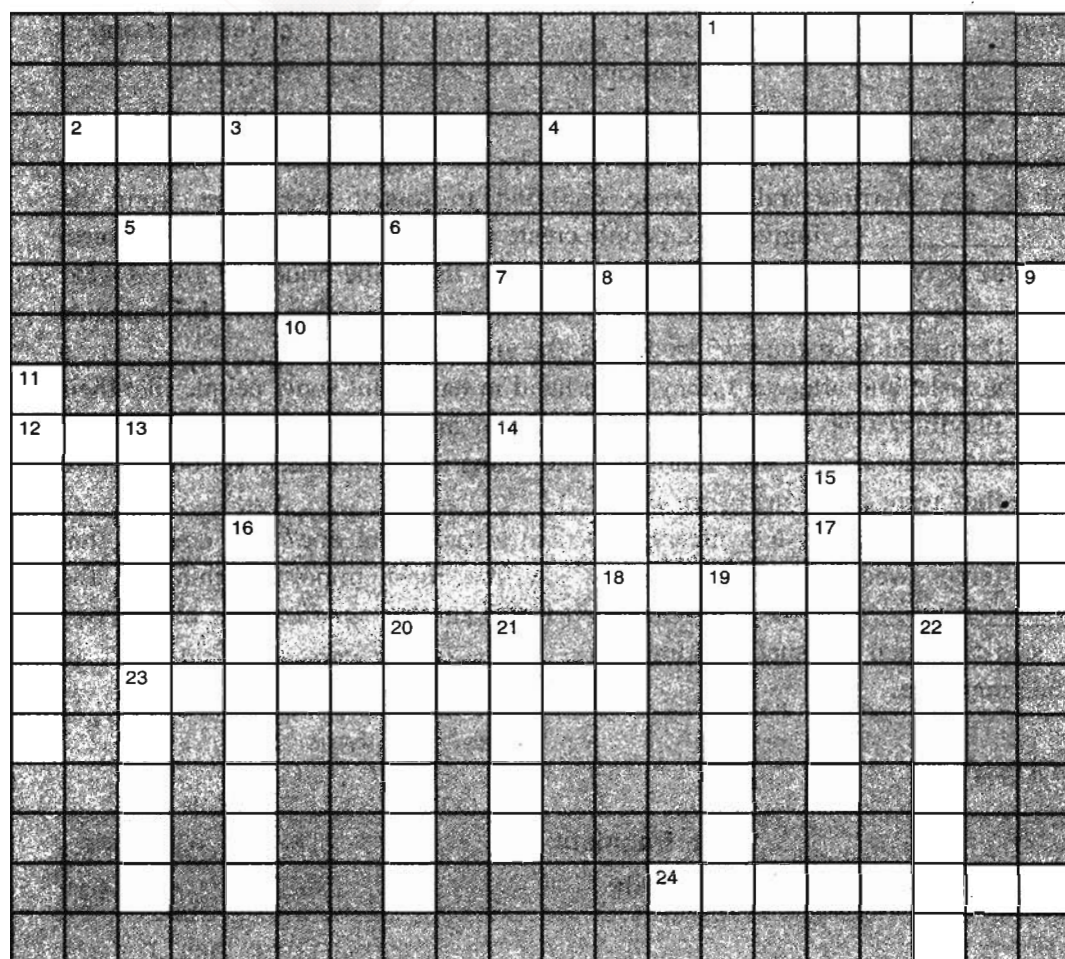
j. spite

An old story illustrates° the nature of (6) _____ and the terrible effects such meanness can have on people. There were two merchants in a village. They had grown up together, and each always (7) _____ed what the other did. No one could remember why the two men had first quarreled. But by the time they were middle-aged, their hatred of one another influenced° their lives greatly. Neither could bear to see the other happy or successful. If one of them (8) _____d a new house, the other had to get a bigger, better one. If one man's shop did well, the other was furious until his did better. One day, one of the men dropped on old jar that had been sitting on a shelf for years. It broke into (9) _____. Immediately, a mighty genie appeared. “Oh, lucky man!” said the genie. “You have a great opportunity, for I will grant you any wish. But first I must give you one small warning. Whatever you wish for yourself, your enemy will receive in double measure. If you wish for a million dollars, he will receive two million. If you ask for a golden castle, he will have two.” The man became (10) _____ and thought deeply. There were many wonderful things he could ask for, but he could not bear to think of his lifelong enemy receiving twice as much as he did. Finally he thought of an answer to his problem. A sickly smile spread over his face as he made his wish. “I wish, genie,” he said, “that you would beat me half to death.”

UNIT FIVE: Review

Homer Approach

The box at the right lists twenty-five words from Unit Five. Using the clues at the bottom of the page, fill in these words to complete the puzzle that follows.



abolish
anxious
clarify
commitment
conflict
convince
corrupt
decay
dramatic
evade
formal
fragment
frank
negligent
possess
precede
precise
resemble
rigid
solemn
stress
sufficient
thorough
vary
vast

ACROSS

1. Honest and open; sincere
2. To persuade by argument or proof
4. To make clear or easy to understand
5. Dishonest; crooked
7. A quarrel or fight; disagreement
10. Very large in size, amount, or area
12. To look like or be similar to
14. Serious and respectful
17. Stiff; not bending

18. To escape or avoid through clever action
23. A promise to do something
24. Complete; very carefully done

DOWN

1. Proper; not casual; according to custom or tradition
3. To become different or to be different; change
6. To own; have
8. Careless
9. To come before
11. A small piece broken off something whole
13. As much as is needed
15. Exact; correct; accurate
16. Having very exciting, interesting qualities; striking; very noticeable
19. To put an end to
20. Mental or emotional tension; strain
21. To gradually break down; rot
22. Worried; troubled; fearful about what might happen

UNIT FIVE: Test 1

PART A

Choose the word that best completes each item and write it in the space provided.

- _____ 1. Some of the new ____ for treating cancer are quicker and less unpleasant than older ones.
a. vicinities b. fragments c. conflicts d. procedures
- _____ 2. In court, the decision of the jury must be _____. If even one juror has a different opinion, the decision doesn't count.
a. negligent b. vertical c. solemn d. unanimous
- _____ 3. When we lived in the ____ of a railroad, we got so used to the noise of trains that we stopped noticing it.
a. resources b. vicinity c. precaution d. tendency
- _____ 4. Marie's moods ____ with the weather. She's cheerful when the sun shines and gloomy when it's cloudy.
a. decay b. precede c. abolish d. vary
- _____ 5. Even good events can create ____ in people's lives. For example, researchers have found that there's even more strain in getting married than in being fired from one's job.
a. fragment b. stress c. resource d. precaution
- _____ 6. To ____ how much smell affects taste, our teacher had us eat a banana while smelling an onion.
a. evade b. illustrate c. resent d. overwhelm
- _____ 7. Emily went through life feeling ____ to her brother, who she believed was more intelligent and talented than she could ever be.
a. inferior b. negligent c. thorough d. formal
- _____ 8. The new principal wants to ____ report cards. The kids love the idea of having no report cards, but the teachers do not.
a. abolish b. corrupt c. overwhelm d. expand
- _____ 9. When Jared's father asked, "What time did you come in last night?" Jared tried to ____ the question by answering, "I wasn't wearing a watch."
a. comprehend b. resent c. evade d. symbolize
- _____ 10. When I take jeans off the clothesline, they often feel ____, so I shake them or put them in the clothes dryer for a few minutes to make them soft again.
a. anxious b. dramatic c. fundamental d. rigid

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- _____ 11. Myrna's purple and black living room is certainly ____, but I prefer something a little less showy.
a. corrupt b. flexible c. precise d. dramatic
- _____ 12. From the smile on Rico's face, you might have the ____ that he has no problems. The truth is, however, that his parents are both quite ill, and he lost his job two weeks ago.
a. commitment b. precaution c. impression d. fragment
- _____ 13. The Masons were not very happy when their daughter ____ a nose-ring.
a. extended b. reformed c. acquired d. preceded

PART B

Write **C** if the italicized word is used **correctly**. Write **I** if the word is used **incorrectly**.

- _____ 14. I used to be *anxious* about going to the dentist, but then I started going to Dr. Craine. He's so funny and nice that I just can't feel afraid of him.
- _____ 15. Ms. Acosta is respected for being a *corrupt* teacher — she'll make you work hard, but you'll gain a lot from her course.
- _____ 16. It is impossible to cut the steak with these plastic forks and knives — they are so *flexible* that they snap into pieces as soon as you press hard on them.
- _____ 17. Because I missed the first fifteen minutes of the movie, I didn't really *comprehend* the rest of the story.
- _____ 18. Even though the police believe that Frank robbed the liquor store, they don't yet have *sufficient* evidence to arrest him.
- _____ 19. Parties at the Schroeders' house are rather *formal*, with guests taking off their shoes, helping themselves to food out of the refrigerator, and generally acting at home.
- _____ 20. I was *frank* enough to tell Edna that she looked lovely in her new purple dress, even though I really thought it made her look like an eggplant.
- _____ 21. After angrily tearing up her boyfriend's letter, Elaine wanted to read it again, so she glued the *fragments* back together.
- _____ 22. Whenever Mr. Fletcher goes for a walk, he *precedes* his dog. The dog runs ahead, pulling Mr. Fletcher by the leash.
- _____ 23. Mac did a *thorough* job of cleaning our windows; they seem almost invisible.
- _____ 24. The natural *resources* of South Africa include gold and diamonds.
- _____ 25. The teacher wanted to *overwhelm* his new students, so he gave them just a little homework at first.

Score (Number correct) _____ × 4 = _____ %

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UNIT FIVE: Test 2

PART A

Complete each item with a word from the box. Use each word once.

a. assert	b. conflict	c. convince	d. decay	e. expand
f. fundamental	g. precaution	h. precise	i. renew	j. resemble
k. solemn	l. symbolize	m. tendency		

- _____ 1. Two robins in the yard were having a noisy ____ over a worm that they both wanted to eat.
- _____ 2. In a forest, fallen trees ____ until they become part of the earth on the forest floor.
- _____ 3. When making a pair of pants, your measurements have to be ____ if you want the pants to fit well.
- _____ 4. Small dogs are quick and lively; large dogs have a ____ to be quiet and slow-moving.
- _____ 5. The TV ad ____s that this little eight-pound vacuum cleaner does a better job than many full-size vacuums.
- _____ 6. When Buck plans to eat a big dinner, he wears a pair of pants with a waist that ____s.
- _____ 7. Ella is so worried about a house fire that every time she leaves home, she takes the ____ of unplugging all the lamps, the toaster, and the TV.
- _____ 8. In my opinion, the smell of blue cheese ____s the smell of an old running shoe.
- _____ 9. Even though I had homework to do, Raoul ____d me I should go skating with him instead, telling me, "The exercise will wake up your brain."
- _____ 10. My parents were not strict about housekeeping, but they did have two ____ rules: we had to make our beds every morning, and we were never allowed to leave unwashed dishes overnight.
- _____ 11. Some paper companies are taking steps to ____ the forests they are cutting down, so that in the future, the forests will still be there.
- _____ 12. Although everyone was ____ at my grandfather's funeral, there was laughter at the luncheon afterward, when people began telling loving, funny stories about him.
- _____ 13. In many Christian religions, the dove is used in stories and pictures to ____ peace.

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PART B

Write **C** if the italicized word is used **correctly**. Write **I** if the word is used **incorrectly**.

- ____ 14. The thing that prisoners *possess* most is freedom.
- ____ 15. In some companies, workers can *extend* their workday by two hours and then enjoy three-day weekends.
- ____ 16. The day was hot and sunny; *nevertheless*, almost no one showed up to use the city swimming pool.
- ____ 17. It is a shame how spending time with the wrong people has *reformed* Nathan. He used to be a nice guy, but now he's rude and not exactly honest.
- ____ 18. Most department stores have a few computer games for sale, but you have to go to a computer store for a really *vast* selection of games.
- ____ 19. When Thomas tried to explain how the accident happened, he was so excited and confused that he only *clarified* the story.
- ____ 20. Bonnie is a *negligent* baby sitter, always making sure the children are safely in bed and the house is cleaned up before the parents come home.
- ____ 21. Although I had the *preconception* that Mrs. Arnold would be a difficult person to work for, I soon came to like her very much.
- ____ 22. I painted a line from the left edge of the wall all the way over to the right edge, and then I covered that *vertical* line with a colorful border design.
- ____ 23. The police arrested a man who wrote a *commitment* describing how he had robbed the video store.
- ____ 24. I *resent* what my brother did — after I told him what I was going to buy for our mother's birthday, he rushed out and bought it first, so I had to come up with a new idea.
- ____ 25. Judging from the way Tina and Frank keep smiling and winking at one another, there seems to be a good deal of *spite* between them.

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UNIT FIVE: Test 3

Homer Approach

PART A: Synonyms

In the space provided, write the letter of the choice that is most nearly the **same** in meaning as the **boldfaced** word.

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|------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|--|------------------------|
| ___ 1. assert | a) state as true | b) put limits on | c) give one's time | d) make more difficult |
| ___ 2. commitment | a) location | b) promise | c) opinion | d) difficulty |
| ___ 3. convince | a) persuade | b) differ | c) listen carefully | d) own |
| ___ 4. decay | a) own | b) look for | c) break down | d) replace |
| ___ 5. evade | a) stand for | b) struggle | c) make clear | d) avoid |
| ___ 6. fragment | a) unfriendly feeling | b) a snack | c) piece of a whole | d) true statement |
| ___ 7. fundamental | a) careless | b) bored | c) stiff | d) basic |
| ___ 8. illustrate | a) replace | b) stand for | c) show through example | d) get |
| ___ 9. impression | a) argument | b) piece | c) effort | d) belief |
| ___ 10. nevertheless | a) even so | b) afterward | c) because | d) even better |
| ___ 11. overwhelm | a) receive | b) overpower | c) understand | d) come before |
| ___ 12. possess | a) lie about | b) own | c) differ | d) show |
| ___ 13. precaution | a) something done to prevent a problem | b) something done to fix a problem | c) a problem | d) a result |
| ___ 14. preconception | a) truth | b) decision | c) opinion formed before knowing about something | d) area nearby |
| ___ 15. procedure | a) part of a whole | b) way of doing something | c) reason | d) goal |
| ___ 16. reform | a) make better | b) replace | c) learn about | d) prevent |
| ___ 17. renew | a) mention again | b) make new again | c) ignore | d) make clear |
| ___ 18. resemble | a) be ahead | b) be similar to | c) worry about | d) improve |
| ___ 19. resent | a) replace | b) rot | c) feel angry at | d) differ |
| ___ 20. resources | a) something missing | b) period of time | c) enough | d) wealth of a country |
| ___ 21. solemn | a) serious | b) noticeable | c) complete | d) careless |
| ___ 22. symbolize | a) show | b) make use of | c) get larger | d) stand for |
| ___ 23. tendency | a) anger | b) habit | c) tension | d) belief |
| ___ 24. unanimous | a) in full agreement | b) quarreling | c) carefully done | d) basic |
| ___ 25. vicinity | a) neighborhood | b) wealth | c) promise | d) opinion |

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PART B: Antonyms

In the space provided, write the letter of the choice that is most nearly **opposite** in meaning to the **boldfaced** word.

- ___ 26. **abolish** a) differ b) create c) give away d) ignore
- ___ 27. **acquire** a) make worse b) escape c) lose d) see
- ___ 28. **anxious** a) dishonest b) tired c) careless d) relaxed
- ___ 29. **clarify** a) include b) correct c) confuse d) grow strong
- ___ 30. **comprehend** a) enjoy b) give away c) misunderstand
d) remain the same
- ___ 31. **conflict** a) anger b) loss c) profit d) agreement
- ___ 32. **corrupt** a) useful b) honest c) loose d) careless
- ___ 33. **dramatic** a) not noticeable b) brightly colored c) careful d) careless
- ___ 34. **expand** a) agree b) confuse c) begin d) become smaller
- ___ 35. **extend** a) begin b) give away c) shorten d) make worse
- ___ 36. **flexible** a) flat b) stiff c) incomplete d) careless
- ___ 37. **formal** a) attractive b) not sincere c) casual d) troubled
- ___ 38. **frank** a) careless b) dishonest c) loose d) not enough
- ___ 39. **inferior** a) recent b) better c) far away d) serious
- ___ 40. **negligent** a) not enough b) lacking respect c) incorrect d) careful
- ___ 41. **precede** a) get smaller b) grow c) happen again d) come after
- ___ 42. **precise** a) not serious b) not complete c) not exact d) not common
- ___ 43. **rigid** a) dull b) rude c) bending d) correct
- ___ 44. **spite** a) reaction b) action c) growth d) friendly feeling
- ___ 45. **stress** a) relaxation b) argument c) question d) idea
- ___ 46. **sufficient** a) not enough b) not easy c) not true d) not basic
- ___ 47. **thorough** a) not proper b) harmful c) boring d) not complete
- ___ 48. **vary** a) confuse b) stay the same c) disappear d) make worse
- ___ 49. **vast** a) small b) changing c) unpleasant d) better
- ___ 50. **vertical** a) small b) better c) not interested d) horizontal

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