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• Word Definition 1 Level 5

Directions: Choose the answer choice that best defines the word in capital letters.

1) UNITED

- A. together and joined as one
- B. in bad taste and ugly
- C. difficult and challenging
- D. separate and divided

6) VIVID

- A. very bright or colorful
- B. very beautiful or attractive
- C. very unusual or strange
- D. very scared or afraid

2) INFLUENCE

- A. to confuse someone
- B. to buy something
- C. to take illegally
- D. to have an effect

7) APPROACH

- A. to save money
- B. to laugh at someone
- C. to come closer
- D. to divide equally

3) FRIGID

- A. very tired
- B. very exciting
- C. very quiet
- D. very cold

8) FREQUENT

- A. plain
- B. responsible
- C. modern
- D. often

4) NARRATOR

- A. someone who performs in plays
- B. someone who tells a story
- C. someone who teaches students
- D. someone who plays an instrument

9) MUTTER

- A. to walk slowly or unhurriedly
- B. to cry loudly or desperately
- C. to hurt badly or deeply
- D. to say quietly or unclearly

5) WITHDRAW

- A. to take out or to remove
- B. to shrink or to make smaller
- C. to exchange or to trade
- D. to create or to build

10) REBEL

- A. to stop temporarily
- B. to doubt something
- C. to make better
- D. to challenge an authority



Answers and Explanations

1) **A**

united (*adjective*): together or joined as one: *The colonists knew they had to make a united nation of the thirteen separate colonies, so they all joined together as one.*

2) **D**

influence (*verb*): to have an effect: *The influence of smoking on a person's health is clear: cigarettes have horrible effects on the lungs, heart, and mouth.*

3) **D**

frigid (*adjective*): very cold: *The temperatures in Antarctica are usually below freezing, and almost no life can survive in such a frigid climate.*

4) **B**

narrator (*noun*): someone who tells a story: *I think Holden Caulfield is a bad narrator because instead of telling an honest story, he exaggerates the truth and criticizes every character in the book.*

5) **A**

withdraw (*verb*): to take out or to remove: *I had to withdraw money from my bank account so that I would have enough cash to pay for a new guitar.*

6) **A**

vivid (*adjective*): very bright or colorful: *The kindergarten classroom was painted in bright, vivid colors.*

7) **C**

approach (*verb*): to come closer: *The lawyer approached the judge so that she could say something to him quietly in private; she knew that if she got very close to the judge, no one else would be able to hear her.*

8) **D**

frequent (*adjective*): often: *Pete's frequent trips to the bathroom made his teachers wonder if he was trying to miss class as often as possible.*

9) **D**

mutter (*verb*): to say quietly or unclearly: *The student muttered a bad word about her classmate without the other students or the teacher hearing her.*

10) **D**

rebel (*verb*): to challenge an authority: *The American colonists rebelled against the British king when they declared themselves independent of his kingdom, directly challenging his rule.*



• **Word Definition 2** Level 5

Directions: Choose the answer choice that best defines the word in capital letters.

1) REFRESH

A. to make new
B. to focus
C. to destroy
D. to fall asleep

6) SUSPEND

A. to discover
B. to hang
C. to finish
D. to teach

2) SIMILAR

A. completely original
B. very dull
C. required
D. almost the same

7) ABOLISH

A. to hide or conceal
B. to rob or steal
C. to subtract or take away
D. to cancel or ban

3) ABANDON

A. to leave behind
B. to give advice
C. to watch closely
D. to correct

8) SENSELESS

A. pointless or silly
B. dangerous or unsafe
C. friendly or kind
D. brave or confident

4) INJURY

A. something that weighs a lot
B. something that is pretty
C. something that comes from nature
D. something that hurts someone

9) STRATEGY

A. a plan
B. a government
C. a war
D. a conclusion

5) BLAND

A. not present
B. without hope
C. with humor
D. without flavor

10) DROWSY

A. old
B. ugly
C. sleepy
D. wealthy

Answers and Explanations

1) **A**

refresh (verb): to make new or to revive: *I couldn't remember what we did in our last lesson, so my teacher refreshed my memory.*

2) **D**

similar (adjective): almost the same: *The brothers look very similar; they are about the same height and weight and have the same hair and eye colors.*

3) **A**

abandon (verb): to leave behind: *We think that the kitten might have been abandoned by its mother, since it was left all alone with no sign of its litter or parents.*

4) **D**

injury (noun): something that hurts or harms someone: *Mr. McGuire is in the hospital due to his injuries from the car accident, but doctors say he will make a full recovery.*

5) **D**

bland (adjective): boring or without flavor: *A plain salad is very bland, so I use salad dressing to give it flavor.*

6) **B**

suspend (verb): to hang: *The circus performer flew over the audience, suspended on the thin wires of her trapeze.*

7) **D**

abolish (verb): to cancel or ban: *Slavery was abolished in the United States under President Abraham Lincoln, meaning that no one was allowed to own slaves ever again.*

8) **A**

senseless (adjective): pointless or silly: *There is no point in arguing with your mother on this issue; she has made up her mind so it would be senseless to try to change it.*

9) **A**

strategy (noun): a plan of action or policy designed to achieve a major goal: *The president presented his strategy for ending the war and told reporters that the plan would go in effect in January.*

10) **C**

drowsy (adjective): sleepy: *Ms. Shaffer's boring lessons always make me feel drowsy, and a few times I've actually fallen asleep in class!*



• **Word Definition 3** Level 5

Directions: Choose the answer choice that best defines the word in capital letters.

1) URGE

A. to decorate
B. to praise
C. to redo
D. to encourage

6) UNSUCCESSFUL

A. failing to meet one's goals
B. depending on others
C. causing trouble
D. decorating something

2) MINOR

A. larger in seriousness
B. shorter in height
C. greater in size
D. lesser in importance

7) CENTRAL

A. on the coast
B. relating to sports
C. in the middle
D. relating to a government

3) ORDINARY

A. fragile or delicate
B. normal or plain
C. chilly or cold
D. famous or well known

8) NUMEROUS

A. broken
B. many
C. successful
D. poor

4) STARTLE

A. to begin or get going
B. to defeat or beat
C. to surprise or frighten
D. to offer or give

9) PROVIDE

A. to improve or make better
B. to request or ask for
C. to speak or talk
D. to give or offer

5) SATISFIED

A. talented or skilled
B. affordable or cheap
C. content or happy
D. depressing or sad

10) VISUAL

A. relating to food
B. relating to art
C. relating to sight
D. relating to science

Answers and Explanations

1) **D**

urge (*verb*): to encourage: *The troop leader urged her scouts to sell as many boxes of cookies as they could, encouraging them to sell multiple boxes to all buyers.*

2) **D**

minor (*adjective*): lesser in importance, seriousness, or size: *I made some minor edits to my paper, changing just a few small things here and there.*

3) **B**

ordinary (*adjective*): normal or plain: *I'm bored by ordinary cheese pizzas—I prefer to add tasty and interesting toppings like ham and pineapple.*

4) **C**

startle (*verb*): to surprise or frighten: *Keisha did not notice that I was behind her, so when I shouted behind her, she was startled.*

5) **C**

satisfied (*adjective*): content or happy: *My father told me I needed to earn at least a B on my next exam, so when I showed him the 87 my teacher wrote at the top of the test paper, he was satisfied.*

6) **A**

unsuccessful (*adjective*): failing to meet one's goals: *Olivia was unsuccessful in her basketball career and had to find a different job outside of sports.*

7) **C**

central (*adjective*): in the middle: *The central part of the city is very busy because it is in the middle of everything.*

8) **B**

numerous (*adjective*): many: *The historian's well-researched book contained numerous sources, hundreds more than most books.*

9) **D**

provide (*verb*): to give or to offer: *Breakfast is provided at the hotel every morning, so don't have to worry about finding someplace else to eat.*

10) **C**

visual (*adjective*): relating to sight: *Ms. Rosso offers many visual examples of different lesson topics, including pictures, graphs, and charts.*