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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 affinity (ə-fīn'i-tē)	• It is hard for someone with an affinity for warm weather to be happy living in Alaska.				
-noun	• My cat has an aft asleep in my dress	finity for small, dark hidir er drawer, under the footstoo	ng places—I've often found her ol, and inside my suitcase.		
Affinity means	a. a preference.	b. a fear.	c. ignorance.		
2 fledgling (flěj'lĭng)	• The short-story class is full of fledgling writers. They're all enthusiastic, but since they're beginners, they're shy about sharing their work.				
-adjective	• Myra and her sisters are excited about their fledgling catering service, which was booked for three parties during its first week of business.				
Fledgling means	a. old.	b. new.	c. different.		
3 hackneyed (hăk'nēd) -adjective	• The hackneyed ph almost meaningless		neard so often that it has become		
	• The worst part of our family reunions is hearing my uncle's hackneyed jokes—the ones he's been telling since about 1950.				
Hackneyed means	a. worn-out.	b. insulting.	c. funny.		
4 incessant (ĭn-sĕs'ənt) -adjective	• Mrs. Ragian finally insisted that her husband see a doctor about his incessant snoring—it didn't bother him, but she wasn't getting any sleep.				
	• The children nearly drove their parents crazy on the long car trip with their incessant demands: "Are we there yet? Is it much further? How much longer?"				
Incessant means	a. silent.	b. wise.	c. nonstop.		
5 opulence (ŏp'yə-ləns) -noun	• The opulence of the magnificent, luxurious resort was in stark contrast to the poverty of the little fishing village at its gates.				
	• The writer Thoreau had no liking for opulence. He wrote in his journal, "That man is richest whose pleasures are the cheapest."				
Opulence means	a. closeness.	b. riches.	c. permanence.		
6 proximity (prŏk-sĭm'ĭ-tē) -noun	• The proximity of the railroad tracks worries neighborhood parents when their children play outside.				
	• I don't drive a car, so when I was apartment hunting, I had to consider the proximity of public transportation.				
Proximity means	a. similarity.	b. contrast.	c. nearness.		

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7 sagacious (sə-gā'shəs) -adjective	• The text tells the story of King Solomon, who was so sagacious that he knew what to do when two women came to him, both claiming to be the mother of the same child.				
	 Often when you are faced with a difficult situation, the sagacious thing is to do nothing right away, but wait to see what happens. 				
Sagacious means	a. silly.	b. intelligent.	c. strong.		
8 supplant (sə-plănt') -verb	• Acme Company fired its entire accounting staff today. It intends to supplant these employees with part-time workers.				
-vero	• An idealistic young revolutionary overthrew the dictator and set up a democratic government. But he too was soon supplanted when a military strongman seized power.				
Supplant means	a. to replace.	b. to restore.	c. to support.		
9 unassailable (ŭn'ə-sā'lə-bəl) -adjective • The Evanses' claim that their house is the oldest is have a deed dated 1804, and a copy was filed is same year.			t in town is unassailable . The in the county courthouse t	1ey hat	
n salari da la	 "My opponent m unassailable. On 	hay try to attack me," said the every issue, I've voted for the	e candidate, "but my record benefit of this city."	is	
Unassailable means	a. untrue.	b. undeniable.	c. unimportant.		
10 voluminous (və-loo'mə-nəs) -adjective	(və-loo'mə-nəs) voluminous skirt. Now she's worried she'll trip over all those vards of material			al.	
ne en la companya de la companya de La companya de la comp	swollen enormou to its normal size.	sly by all the ads. After the ho	blidays, the paper shrinks ba	ick	
Voluminous means	a. valuable.	b. cut short.	c. large.		

Matching Words with Definitions

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Following are definitions of the ten words. Clearly write or print each word next to its definition. The sentences above and on the previous page will help you decide on the meaning of each word.

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1.	A COMPANY OF A COMPANY	New and untried; inexperienced; newly hatched
2.	a transformer and a straight the	Luxury
3.		Closeness
4.	HT REAL	Overused; stale; trite
5.	te e internet als altres t	Impossible to deny
6.	10	Big; bulky
7.		To take the place of
8.		A natural attraction or liking
9.		Wise; sensible
10.	14 × 1 × 1	Constant; without stopping

CAUTION: Do not go any further until you are sure the above answers are correct. Then you can use the definitions to help you in the following practices. Your goal is eventually to know the words well enough so that you don't need to check the definitions at all.

> Sentence Check 1

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

a affinity b fledgling o hackheyed d incessant e opulence f proximity g sagacious h supplant unassallable voluminous

- 1. Irene knew her roommate's family was wealthy, but nothing had prepared her for the _____ of their home—it was like a palace.
- ⁵2. During the 1960s, the Beatles held an _____ position as the world's most popular rock group They sold more records and won more fame than any other band.
- 3. In her <u>tote</u> bag, my mother carries money, credit cards, photos, makeup, a mirror, running shoes, and an amazing quantity of other stuff.
- 4. It would not be _____ to go out today without an umbrella—look at those black clouds!
- 5. Crows have a(n) _____ for bright, shiny things, so they sometimes pick up bits of mirrors, metal, or jewelry and carry them back to their nests.
- 6. "You'll always be my best friend," Christy told Carole when Carole moved away. "I may have other friends, but no one will ever <u>you in my heart.</u>"
- 7. Mr. Engelhardt finally told his daughter to stop jogging in place in her upstairs bedroom; the _____ pounding noise was giving him a headache.
- 8. While visiting Hollywood, Sayda was excited by the _____ of movie stars. "You could be standing right beside one and never know it!" she said.
- 10. Allie has decided to stop saying the ____ word "Hello!" when she answers the phone. Instead, she says "Greetings!"

NOTE: Now check your answers to these questions by turning to page 175. Going over the answers carefully will help you prepare for the next two practices, for which answers are not given.

> Sentence Check 2

Using the answer lines, complete each item below with two words from the box. Use each word once.

1-2. The instructor told me, "You have an unfortunate _____ for _____ phrases. To improve your writing, you'll need to get over your fondness for stale, worn-out expressions."

3-4. Though only a(n) ____ politician, our new young senator made very _____ decisions during her first year in office. Her wisdom suggests that she has a promising future.

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- 5-6. The luxury hotel stands in close _____ to a shabby, run-down housing project, and the _____ of the one is a striking contrast to the poverty of the other.
 7-8. The report on child abuse was _____over a thousand pages—and filled with _____ evidence that child abuse is a widespread problem today.
 - 9–10. After receiving ____ complaints for weeks that its telephone operators were rude and careless, the mail-order company decided to ____ them with a computerized ordering system.

► Final Check: Blue Jeans

Here is a final opportunity for you to strengthen your knowledge of the ten words. First read the following selection carefully. Then fill in each blank with a word from the box at the top of the previous page. (Context clues will help you figure out which word goes in which blank.) Use each word once.

"An American classic" is a(n) (1)______ phrase, overused to describe everything from meatloaf to the latest hairstyle. But at least one thing has a(n) (2)_____ right to be called an American classic. Blue jeans were born in the United States during the great California gold rush of 1849. They were created by Levi Strauss, a German who sold dry-goods to the cowboys and gold miners of San Francisco. Strauss realized that the (3)_____ of all those workingmen created an opportunity for him. He considered what all those miners and cowboys would be likely to buy, and he was (4)______ enough to realize that they needed tough, inexpensive pants. He founded the Levi Strauss Company to manufacture what he called "waist trousers." At first, the (5)______ company did make a few mistakes. For instance, it placed a copper rivet at the jeans' crotch, where the main seams came together. When cowboys wearing the jeans sat around the campfire, that copper rivet heated up, making getting back into the saddle a painful experience. But such mistakes were few, and Levi Strauss's pants became so popular that they soon (6) ______(e)d almost every other kind of pants among the workingmen of the West. Strauss was able to retire and live in (7)_____. Since then, the general public has developed such a(n) (8)_____ for blue jeans that they have never gone out of style. However, they have been constantly changed by the , never-ending tides of fashion. During the 1950s, teenagers wore (9)__ them straight and tight. In the 1960s, the look was (10)______ bell-bottoms that swept the ground. Since then jeans have been tie-dyed, acid-washed, ripped, cut off, and made of every imaginable material. Still, they all have a common ancestor: the tough "waist trousers" invented by Strauss a century and a half ago.

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