



Vocabulary Power



Review: Unit 10

EXERCISE

Circle the letter of the phrase that best explains the boldfaced vocabulary word.

- If your party turned into a **fiasco**, people will remember it as _____.
 - an occasion poorly suited to a particular function or situation
 - a complete failure
 - an indication of the existence of something
 - a mistake in timing
- Someone who is **photogenic** might be well suited to a career as a _____.
 - model
 - medical technician
 - camera repair person
 - research biologist
- If you want to **commemorate** a particular event, your goal is to _____.
 - obtain money or benefits from it in order to achieve personal gain
 - attack, damage, or otherwise destroy it by underhanded means
 - preside over a meeting about it
 - conduct a ceremony to honor the occasion
- If someone admits to having the **impetus** to do something, he or she is acknowledging a(n) _____.
 - stimulus or impelling force
 - wild or turbulent disturbance
 - sense of amusement
 - feeling of romance
- When asked to **elucidate** a comment, you would _____.
 - divide it into sections
 - smile in a silly, self-conscious way
 - make it clear by explanation
 - create a model of it
- If your approach to a subject is **retrospective**, it is _____.
 - free from showiness or ostentation
 - directed toward the past
 - very unpleasant or annoying
 - greater than others in importance or rank
- One way to **estrangle** yourself from a friend would be to _____.
 - misunderstand something they say to you
 - follow a crowd to a concert
 - progress by moving steadily into dating
 - move away and never contact them again
- A **lucid** news report would be one that is _____.
 - clear and easily understood
 - heedless of danger
 - producing positive results
 - recurring with measured regularity
- A **memorandum** is written to _____.
 - criticize the efforts of a colleague
 - curtail inappropriate behavior
 - remind others of something important
 - question authority
- An **inimitable** style might be described as _____.
 - indifferent to criticism
 - unparalleled
 - ill-humored
 - recklessly daring




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PART A

Circle the letter of the word that best completes the sentence.

1. Alan was hoping that if he just waited long enough, he could _____ his power saw with a laser that could cut down branches from a distance.
a. retrogress b. commemorate c. photograph d. retrofit
2. Small children who are enchanted by the _____ gleam of fireflies catch them so they can glow in a glass jar.
a. photosensitive b. phosphorescent c. translucent d. unsavory
3. After her first brave _____ into the garden, Miranda the cat was content to stay inside and watch the moths.
a. foray b. farce c. lucubration d. retrospective
4. Following cataract surgery, some patients must wear sunglasses even indoors because their eyes are extremely _____.
a. photogenic b. photosensitive c. retroactive d. gauche
5. Mel can travel to Italy this spring after all since his pay raise, which begins in May, is _____ to January 1.
a. lucent b. inimitable c. retroactive d. immemorial
6. Rob will probably never be a best-selling author because his fiction is the product of _____ and empty intellectualization.
a. lucubration b. photosynthesis c. retrospective d. memorabilia
7. Annie Dillard's books are a _____ of her years growing up in Pittsburgh and of the city's natural history.
a. memorandum b. memorabilia c. memoir d. foray
8. Alicia is so _____ that her father jokes about her having a personal relationship with the camera.
a. phosphorescent b. gauche c. immemorial d. photogenic
9. Once daffodils and tulips lose their blossoms, some people remove the plants from their garden; however, this prevents _____, and the plants cannot bloom again the next year.
a. impetus b. photosynthesis c. retrospective d. farce
10. When Ben went to college, his mother cleaned out boxes of baseball cards, postcards, and matchbook covers from the attic, never realizing that this _____ could someday be very valuable.
a. memoir b. memorabilia c. foray d. retrospective
11. "You haven't been home for a meal since time _____," Mrs. Durston said sarcastically to her teenaged children.
a. immemorial b. translucent c. phosphorescent d. unsavory

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12. The homeroom captain will _____ the rule changes students should know by the end of the first week of school.
 a. retrofit b. commemorate c. elucidate d. extol
13. In the Georgia O’Keeffe _____ at the museum, we saw early paintings quite unlike her familiar style.
 a. retroactive b. retrospective c. farce d. fiasco
14. _____ blue panels of fabric floated over the silhouette of the long green dress, making the young woman look as if she had just stepped out of the sea.
 a. Photogenic b. Gauche c. Inimitable d. Translucent
15. The _____ sent by the assistant manager was also a criticism of the employees who put their weekends before their jobs.
 a. memorandum b. lucubration c. photograph d. photosynthesis

PART B

Circle the letter of the word that means most nearly the same as the boldfaced vocabulary word.

1. **retrograde**
 a. apparent b. erratic c. genuine d. reversed
2. **commemorate**
 a. honor b. acquire c. overwhelm d. duplicate
3. **lucid**
 a. eager b. intelligible c. bold d. industrious
4. **farce**
 a. drama b. genius c. mockery d. lesson
5. **gauche**
 a. accomplished b. tactless c. tolerant d. right
6. **impetus**
 a. renewal b. complaint c. disciple d. stimulus
7. **photograph**
 a. image b. color c. raid d. tradition
8. **lucent**
 a. fragile b. common c. luminous d. plain
9. **impel**
 a. conduct b. propel c. excuse d. ridicule
10. **retrogress**
 a. decline b. improve c. amend d. retire