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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.

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| 1 ambiguous (ăm-bĭg'yoō-əs) | • The portrait known as the "Mona Lisa" is famous for the woman's ambiguous expression. Is she smiling or not? | | | | |
| -adjective | • Lee left an ambiguous message on my answering machine: "Meet me at twelve o'clock." I couldn't tell whether he meant noon or midnight. | | | | |
| Ambiguous means | a. unclear. | b. unintentional. | c. unpleasant. | | |
| 2 dissident (dĭs'ə-dənt) | Some dissidents in the Catholic church favor female priests, marriage for priests, and birth control. | | | | |
| -noun | In a dictatorship, dissidents are not tolerated. People who speak out against the government may be imprisoned or even executed. | | | | |
| Dissident means | a. a rebel. | b. a dishonest person. | c. a foolish person. | | |
| 3 embellish (ĕm-bĕl'ĭsh) | • Lauren embellished the door of her locker with postcards from her friends and photos of her cats. | | | | |
| -verb | The cover of the biology textbook was embellished with a pattern of colorful seashells. | | | | |
| Embellish means | a. to hide. | b. to decorate. | c. to damage. | | |
| 4 inadvertent (ĭn-ăd-vûr't'nt) -adjective | Alexander Fleming's discovery of penicillin was inadvertent. He forgot to cover a dish of bacteria, and some mold got into it. The next day, Fleming found that the mold had killed the bacteria. | | | | |
| | The final draft of Nan was inadvertent. She l | cy's paper was shorter than th had accidentally deleted an ent | ne previous version, but this ire page without realizing it. | | |
| Inadvertent means | a. not required. | b. not finished. | c. not intended. | | |
| 5 inane (ĭn-ān') | • The conversation at comments about whos | the party was inane , cone clothes were the most "awe | sisting mainly of foolish some." | | |

"bubble gum for the mind."

a. silly.

a. to cover up.

· Television programming is often so inane that TV has been described as

• The photograph dramatically juxtaposed white birch trees and a dark gray sky.

· Dottie spread her new dress out on her bed and then juxtaposed it with all her

b. to put side by side.

c. shocking.

c. to replace.

b. interesting.

scarves and jackets to see which combination would look best.

-adjective

Inane means

(jŭks'tə-pōz')

Juxtapose means

6 juxtapose

-verb

| 7 lethargy (lĕth'ər-jē) | Although Wendy seemed to recover from the flu, one symptom persisted lethargy. She felt exhausted for weeks. With the hot weather, lethargy descended upon the class. The students he trouble staying awake, and even the instructor gazed dreamily out the window. | | | |
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| -noun | | | | |
| Lethargy means | a. inactivity. | b. hopelessness. | c. foolishness. | |
| 8 sporadic (spə-răd'ik) -adjective | Dave makes sporadi | It rained continuously until noon. After that, there were only sporadic showers. Dave makes sporadic attempts to give up smoking, but his occasional efforts have been halfhearted. | | |
| Sporadic means | a. steady. | b. irregular. | c. long. | |
| 9 squander (skwŏn'dər) -verb | instead of wasting he | I thought my little sister would squander her entire allowance on M&Ms, but instead of wasting her money, she put it in her piggy bank. Vince squanders both his time and his money playing game after game in video arcades. | | |
| Squander means | a. to earn. | b. to count. | c. to spend carelessly. | |
| 10 subsidize (sŭb'sə-dīz) -verb | rely on grants or loan | s. subsidized by various g | by their parents, while others grants and by individual and | |
| Subsidize means | a. to pay for. | b. to advertise. | c. to criticize. | |

Matching Words with Definitions

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.

| 1 | To place close together, especially in order to compare or contrast |
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| 2 | A great lack of energy; inactivity due to laziness |
| 3 | Able to be interpreted in more than one way; not clear |
| 4 | Without sense or meaning; foolish |
| 5 | A person opposed to established ideas or beliefs, especially in politics or religion |
| 6 | To decorate; beautify by adding details |
| 7 | To support financially; provide a grant or contribution |
| 8 | To spend or use wastefully or thoughtlessly |
| 9 | Unintentional; accidental |
| 0. | Happening now and then; occasional |

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.

Chapter 3

- Sentence Check 1

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

| | a. ambiguous f. juxtapose | | lissident ethargy | c. embellish h. sporadic | d. inadvertent i. squander | e. inane j. subsidize |
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| | | 1. | | refreshing me, an a | | epens my; I wake |
| | | 2. | I get news mother. | s of Darren only no | w and then, in lo | etters from him or his |
| | | 3. | A research elderly. | h grant will Be | elinda's study of com | mon fears among the |
| - | | 4. | My recent | trip to Newark was | I got on the wron | g train. |
| | | 5. | Tracy has worth her | | y not to her affect | ion on men who aren't |
| - | | 6. | | orother has(e)d the constellations. | his bedroom ceiling w | vith stars arranged like |
| | | 7. | | | | e often(e)d. This he bad ones seem even |
| | | 8. | | | otest against China's ad by government troop | communist leaders in os. |
| | | 9. | | | | manager was puzzled et her to work for you." |
| | | 10. | a fur sinl | k, an electric dog | | ts when he said, "I got ne-powered turtleneck oo." |

| Name | | Vocabulary |
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| write one of yo | Select 4 words from this weeks vocabul- our selected words at the top of the box ne box, and write an original sentence t | x, draw a picture that represents |
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