

CHAPTER
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berate
estrangle
euphoric
impetuous
infallible

maudlin
regress
relinquish
ubiquitous
zenith

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 **berate**
(bē-rāt')
-verb

___ *Berate* means

- Nick's mother often **berates** him. And when she isn't angrily finding fault with him, she ignores him.
- Goldie can accept reasonable criticism, but she was upset when her boss **berated** her loudly in front of everyone else in the office.
 - a. to disappoint.
 - b. to neglect.
 - c. to scold.

2 **estrangle**
(ĕ-strānj')
-verb

___ *Estrangle* means

- My cousin's recent moodiness has **estranged** some of his old friends.
- After his divorce, Shawn didn't want to **estrangle** his children, so he called and visited them often.
 - a. to frighten.
 - b. to drive away.
 - c. to dislike.

3 **euphoric**
(yōō-fōr'ik)
-adjective

___ *Euphoric* means

- I was **euphoric** when I received my grades. To my amazement and joy, they were all A's and B's.
- Joanne is **euphoric** this morning, and it's easy to see why she's in such high spirits. She's just gotten the lead role in the campus production of *Hello, Dolly*.
 - a. very happy.
 - b. boastful.
 - c. sentimental.

4 **impetuous**
(im-pĕch'ōō-əs)
-adjective

___ *Impetuous* means

- Whenever I make an **impetuous** purchase, I end up being dissatisfied: the shoes aren't comfortable, the shirt is the wrong color, the jacket costs too much. From now on, I intend to think more carefully before I buy.
- Children tend to be **impetuous** and often don't think about the consequences of their actions. For instance, they'll throw snowballs at passing cars without worrying about causing an accident.
 - a. impulsive.
 - b. considerate.
 - c. imaginative.

5 **infallible**
(in-fāl'ə-bəl)
-adjective

___ *Infallible* means

- Computers aren't **infallible**. If you put the wrong data into a computer, you'll get wrong answers.
- A sign over my sister's desk reads, "I'm **infallible**. I never make mistakes."
 - a. perfect.
 - b. imperfect.
 - c. everywhere.

6 **maudlin**
(môd'līn)
-adjective

___ *Maudlin* means

- The verses in greeting cards are often far too sentimental. I prefer humor to such **maudlin** messages.
- The authors of **maudlin** soap operas must feel that they haven't done their job unless viewers are crying by the end of each show.
 - a. short.
 - b. comical.
 - c. overly emotional.

7 **regress**
(rē-grēs')
-verb

___ *Regress* means

- When his baby sister was born, seven-year-old Jeremy **regressed** for a while and began sucking his thumb again.
 - Adolescents under stress sometimes **regress** to childish ways: dependency, temper tantrums, and silliness.
- a. to go backward. b. to reach a high point. c. to act hastily.

8 **relinquish**
(rī-līng'kwīsh)
-verb

___ *Relinquish* means

- No beer is allowed in the "family area" of the stadium, so fans must **relinquish** their six-packs at the gate before they take their seats.
 - Donna had to **relinquish** her share in the beach house because she couldn't afford it anymore.
- a. to buy. b. to yield. c. to enjoy.

9 **ubiquitous**
(yōō-bīk'wə-təs)
-adjective

___ *Ubiquitous* means

- Mites are **ubiquitous**. They live on top of Mt. Everest, in the depths of the ocean, at the South Pole, and even around the roots of your hairs.
 - We postponed our plan to drive home on Sunday because a dense fog was **ubiquitous**. It covered the entire island.
- a. scarce. b. newly discovered. c. found everywhere.

10 **zenith**
(zē'nīth)
-noun

___ *Zenith* means

- Florence reached the **zenith** of her career when she became president of Ace Products.
 - At age 50, my uncle is afraid that he has already passed the **zenith** of his life; but at age 52, my father thinks the best is yet to come.
- a. an end. b. an earlier condition. c. the highest point.

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 surrender (something); give (something) up
2. _____ Done or acting in a hurry, with little thought; impulsive
3. _____ Tearfully sentimental; overemotional
4. _____ To criticize or scold harshly
5. _____ Existing or seeming to exist everywhere at the same time
6. _____ The highest point or condition; peak
7. _____ To make unsympathetic or unfriendly; alienate
8. _____ Not capable of error or failure; unable to make a mistake
9. _____ Overjoyed; having an intense feeling of well-being
10. _____ To return to an earlier, generally worse, condition or behavior

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.

Name _____

Chapter 4

Sentence Check 1

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

a. berate	b. estrange	c. euphoric	d. impetuous	e. infallible
f. maudlin	g. regress	h. relinquish	i. ubiquitous	j. zenith

- _____ 1. People in bombed-out, war-torn cities sometimes ____ to more primitive ways of life.
- _____ 2. To many people, Mozart's works represent the ____ of eighteenth-century music.
- _____ 3. Mei Lin was ____ when the college that was her first choice accepted her.
- _____ 4. When Dad lost his job, he had to ____ his identification card, his employee parking permit, and the key to his desk.
- _____ 5. Rosina used to be friendly, but since her promotion, she has become so cold that she has ____ (e)d former coworkers.
- _____ 6. "I don't expect you to be ____," our boss said, "but I don't want you to make the same mistakes over and over."
- _____ 7. "I know I was late," Liz said, "but you could have pointed it out quietly. You didn't have to ____ me."
- _____ 8. In our neighborhood, litter is ____—the sidewalks are ankle-deep in trash. We need a cleanup campaign.
- _____ 9. Uncle Antonio becomes ____ when he talks about his dear old mother in Italy. And tears also come to the eyes of all who listen.
- _____ 10. Joyce isn't usually ____, but last week she had a sudden urge to try out her nephew's skateboard. Everyone in the office has already signed the cast on her broken wrist.

Name _____

Vocabulary

Directions: Select 4 words from this weeks vocabulary lesson. In the space below, write one of your selected words at the top of the box, draw a picture that represents the word in the box, and write an original sentence that uses the word at the bottom of the box.

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