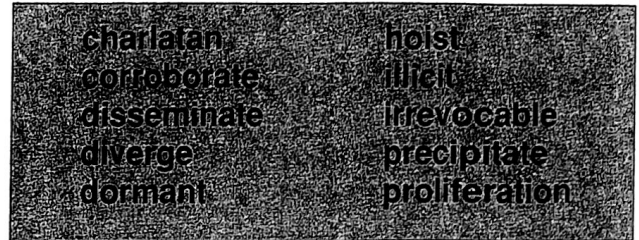


CHAPTER 5



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 **charlatan**
(shâr'lə-tən)
-noun
- My grandmother once bought a "magnetic box" from a **charlatan** who assured her that it would cure her arthritis. Of course, the box was worthless.
 - In the days of the Wild West, **charlatans** sold "snake oil" as a remedy for everything from baldness to insanity.

___ *Charlatan* means a. an investor. b. an expert. c. a con artist.

- 2 **corroborate**
(kə-rōb'ə-rāt')
-verb
- You claim you were at a soccer game when the crime was committed. Can anyone **corroborate** your story?
 - Sid says he saw a flying saucer in the park, but no one else in the area has come forward to **corroborate** his account.

___ *Corroborate* means a. to question. b. to confirm. c. to understand.

- 3 **disseminate**
(dīs-sēm'ə-nāt')
-verb
- Campaign workers went all over the city to **disseminate** pamphlets and flyers about their candidate.
 - What would be the best way to **disseminate** information about the next school board meeting? It's important for all parents to attend.

___ *Disseminate* means a. to spread. b. to conceal. c. to improve.

- 4 **diverge**
(dī-vûrj')
-verb
- The brothers' paths **diverged** greatly. One became a famous lawyer, and the other ended up in jail for armed robbery.
 - In a well-known poem, Robert Frost uses a branching path as a symbol of life's decisions: "Two roads **diverged** in a wood, and I—I took the one less traveled by."

___ *Diverge* means a. to go in different directions. b. to come together. c. to disappear.

- 5 **dormant**
(dôr'mənt)
-adjective
- Many insects lay eggs that remain **dormant** all winter and do not hatch until spring, in the warmer weather.
 - A visit to Puerto Rico reawakened Anita's **dormant** interest in Spanish, the language of her childhood.

___ *Dormant* means a. not active. b. irreversible. c. growing.

- 6 **hoist**
(hoist)
-verb
- Let's go over to the construction site and watch the crane **hoist** the beams into place for the new skyscraper.
 - So far, attempts to **hoist** the wreckage of the jetliner from the ocean floor have been unsuccessful.

___ *Hoist* means a. to follow. b. to display. c. to raise.

