



CHAPTER 2

Name _____

Pt. 1 _____

Pt. 2 _____

acclaim
adjacent
elicit
engross
escalate

exploit
methodical
obsolete
tangible
terminate

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 acclaim

(ə-klām')

-noun

___ *Acclaim* means

- Ⓐ Any subway system that is clean, quiet, and safe deserves **acclaim**.
- Ⓑ Although Vincent Van Gogh's paintings are now worth millions of dollars, the artist received little **acclaim** in his lifetime and died in poverty.
- A. criticism. B. praise. C. change.

2 adjacent

(ə-jā'sənt)

-adjective

___ *Adjacent* means

- Ⓐ Because their desks are **adjacent**, Jeff and Kellie often exchange looks and comments.
- Ⓑ If you keep your dishes in a cupboard that's **adjacent** to the dishwasher, you won't have to walk too far when putting away the clean dishes.
- A. close. B. similar. C. separated.

3 elicit

(ī-līs'īt)

-verb

___ *Elicit* means

- Ⓐ The movie star's violet eyes always **elicit** admiration and wonder.
- Ⓑ The basketball player's three-point shot to win the game in its final seconds **elicited** a roar of delight from the excited fans.
- A. to stop. B. to follow. C. to bring out.

4 engross

(ēn'grōs')

-verb

___ *Engross* means

- Ⓐ The suspenseful TV movie so **engrossed** Bryan that he didn't even budge when he was called to dinner.
- Ⓑ The fascinating single-file march of black ants along the sidewalk **engrossed** me for several minutes.
- A. to hold the interest of. B. to disgust. C. to bore.

5 escalate

(ēs'kə-lāt')

-verb

___ *Escalate* means

- Ⓐ The fight between the two hockey players **escalated** into an all-out battle among members of both teams.
- Ⓑ "We need to **escalate** our fund-raising efforts," the theater manager said. "Otherwise, the company won't survive."
- A. to expand. B. to delay. C. to weaken.

6 exploit

(ēks-ploit')

-verb

___ *Exploit* means

- Ⓐ At the turn of the century, factory owners **exploited** children by making them work in terrible conditions for as many as eighteen hours a day.
- Ⓑ Although Ricky is the English teacher's son, he refuses to **exploit** his status. He works as hard as anyone else in the class.
- A. to forget. B. to take advantage of. C. to be sad about.

- 7 **methodical**
(mə-thōd'ī-kəl)
-adjective
— *Methodical* means
- ⊗ A **methodical** way to store spices is to shelve them in alphabetical order.
 - ⊗ Juanita is so **methodical** about her diet that she classifies the foods in each meal into different nutritional categories.
- A. accidental. B. out-of-date. C. orderly.
- 8 **obsolete**
(ōb'sə-lēt')
-adjective
— *Obsolete* means
- ⊗ Cellphones are so common now that they have made pagers almost **obsolete**.
 - ⊗ In the United States, the automobile quickly made travel by horse and carriage **obsolete**.
- A. popular. B. useful. C. extinct.
- 9 **tangible**
(tān'jə-bəl)
-adjective
— *Tangible* means
- ⊗ The sculptor loved making her ideas **tangible** by giving them form in metal and stone.
 - ⊗ **Corn-chip** crumbs, **empty** soda bottles, and dirty napkins were **tangible** evidence that a party had taken place the night before.
- A. clever. B. solid. C. hidden.
- 10 **terminate**
(tūr'mə-nāt')
-verb
— *Terminate* means
- ⊗ As the clock's hands inched toward 3:00, the students waited impatiently for the bell to **terminate** the last class before spring vacation.
 - ⊗ The referee should have **terminated** the boxing match when he first saw the weaker fighter losing the ability to defend himself.
- A. to end. B. to revive. C. to begin.

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 draw forth
2. _____ To stop; bring to an end
3. _____ Orderly; systematic
4. _____ Close; near (to something)
5. _____ Able to be touched; having form and matter
6. _____ No longer active or in use; out of date
7. _____ To increase or intensify
8. _____ Great praise or applause; enthusiastic approval
9. _____ To hold the full attention of; absorb
10. _____ To use selfishly or unethically; take unfair advantage of

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

- | | | | | |
|------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| A. acclaim | B. adjacent | C. elicit | D. engross | E. escalate |
| F. exploit | G. methodical | H. obsolete | I. tangible | J. terminate |

- _____ 1. A wedding ring is a(n) _____ expression of a couple's commitment to each other.
- _____ 2. If solar energy becomes as cheap and plentiful as sunshine, nuclear energy, which is expensive, may become _____.
- _____ 3. With movies like *Saving Private Ryan*, *Forrest Gump*, *Cast Away*, and *Charlie Wilson's War* to his credit, actor Tom Hanks has won Oscars and the _____ of admiring critics.
- _____ 4. Our house is _____ to one with a high wooden fence, so our view on that side is completely blocked.
- _____ 5. The shouting match between Rose and her brother _____(e)d until it was so loud that the neighbors complained.
- _____ 6. Sometimes an article I'm reading on the bus will _____ me so much that I'll pass my stop.
- _____ 7. When workers feel _____(e)d by their employers, they often go on strike for larger salaries and better working conditions.
- _____ 8. Diana is very _____ when it comes to cooking. She reads the recipe carefully, gathers all the ingredients, and gets out the utensils before beginning.
- _____ 9. When Luke was caught stealing money on the job, the company _____(e)d his employment and brought him up on criminal charges.
- _____ 10. If you want to _____ the best responses in a survey, it is best to make the survey anonymous and make _____ the questions easy to read and simple.

NOTE: Now check your answers to these items by turning to page 129. 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 provided, complete each item below with **two** words from the box. Use each word once.

- _____ 1-2. The gifted ice skater's routine _____(e)d the audience. It was the epitome^o of grace and power combined. At the end, a long, rapid spin _____(e)d a burst of applause.
- _____ 3-4. Although hand-crafted furniture is almost _____, mass production hasn't yet _____(e)d all demand for it.
- _____ 5-6. Workers want _____ rewards such as a good salary and a health-care program, but they also welcome less concrete benefits, such as _____ for a job well done.

7-8. The more the British ____ (e)d the American colonies by taxing them unfairly, the more the colonists' animosity^o toward the British ____ (e)d.

9-10. Patty's ____ approach to gardening is to arrange all the plants in a row, with each one ____ to the one that will be planted after it.

Final Check: A Cruel Sport

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.

As Alex sat down in the carnival tent, the lights dimmed. A spotlight revealed a short, heavy man holding a thick chain. He tugged the chain, and an old, muzzled bear appeared. The man, the animal's owner, announced that the bear's name was Sally. He said he would give a hundred dollars to anyone who wrestled Sally to the floor.

"That's disgusting! You have no right to (1) _____ an animal that way!" a woman called out. Several voices joined her in protest. A number of people walked out of the tent. Alex wanted to leave, too, but he was too shocked to move. He had thought bear wrestling was (2) _____ given up long ago as a cruel sport.

But the man's offer (3) _____ (e)d one drunken response. "I'll do it!" a big man yelled, winning the (4) _____ of Sally's owner, who congratulated him warmly. The drunk began swinging at Sally. She backed away. "Knock her on her rear!" the owner shouted. When Sally finally raised a paw to defend herself, her antagonist^o could see that she had no claws. Feeling very brave now, he (5) _____ (e)d his attack.

The horrible scene (6) _____ (e)d Alex, who could barely believe his eyes. The man sitting (7) _____ to Alex rose to his feet and left, muttering "This shouldn't be allowed. I'm calling the police."

Meanwhile, the obnoxious man knocked Sally over. Her owner then (8) _____ (e)d the match and handed Sally a bucket of food. The (9) _____ way in which he conducted his act showed Alex he had done it many, many times before.

Finally, the owner led Sally away. The animal's drooping head and her labored walk were (10) _____ expressions of her misery. As Sally passed him, Alex saw two police officers enter the tent. He hoped with all his heart that the law could prevent another such amoral^o display of cruelty to this living creature.



Scores Sentence Check 2 _____ % Final Check _____ %