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Pt. 1 _____

Pt. 2 _____

calamity
comprehensive
conventional
flagrant
fluctuate

persevere
ponder
rehabilitate
turmoil
venture

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 calamity

(kə-lām'ī-tē)

-noun

___ Calamity means

● The survivors of the earthquake slowly rebuilt their homes and lives after the **calamity**.

● Our neighbor's house burned down one night in May. Ever since that **calamity**, some of the children on our street have been afraid to go to bed at night.

- A. an activity. B. a tragedy. C. a risk.

2 comprehensive

(kōm'prē-hēn'siv)

-adjective

___ Comprehensive means

● That article on sightseeing in Charleston was not **comprehensive**. It failed to mention many points of interest in that wonderful city.

● The company's **comprehensive** insurance plan covers most health services, including hospitals, doctors, and dentists.

- A. complete. B. familiar. C. continuous.

3 conventional

(kən-vən'shə-nəl)

-adjective

___ Conventional means

● Two **conventional** Valentine's Day gifts are roses and chocolates.

● Jorge wanted to propose to Ramona in the **conventional** manner, so in the middle of a restaurant, he got down on one knee and asked, "Will you marry me?"

- A. out-of-the-way. B. useful. C. usual.

4 flagrant

(flā'grənt)

-adjective

___ Flagrant means

● The use of campaign funds for the congressman's private business was a **flagrant** violation of the law.

● In **flagrant** disregard of his parents' stated wishes, Art wore a T-shirt and jeans to their dinner party.

- A. obvious. B. acceptable. C. minor.

5 fluctuate

(flŭk'chōō-āt')

-verb

___ Fluctuate means

● My weight used to **fluctuate** between 150 and 190 pounds. Now it's steady, at 170 pounds.

● Desert temperatures can **fluctuate** by as much as fifty degrees between daytime and nighttime.

- A. to continue. B. to vary. C. to follow.

6 persevere

(pŭr'sə-vīt')

-verb

___ Persevere means

● "I know you're tired," Jack said, "but we've got to **persevere** and get to the camp before the storm hits."

● It was not easy to attend English classes while working at two jobs, but Nina **persevered** until she could speak English well.

- A. to surrender. B. to hold back. C. to keep going.

- 7 ponder**
(pŏn'dər)
-verb
- Too often we don't take time to **ponder** the possible consequences of our actions.
 - Over the years, Mr. Madigan rarely took time to **ponder** the meaning of life. Since his heart attack, however, he's thought a lot about what is important to him.
- ___ *Ponder* means A. to wait for. B. to ignore. C. to think about.
- 8 rehabilitate**
(rē'hə-bīl'ə-tāt)
-verb
- Most prisons make little effort to **rehabilitate** inmates so that they can lead productive, wholesome lives after their release.
 - My grandfather learned to walk, write, and speak again in a program that **rehabilitates** stroke victims.
- ___ *Rehabilitate* means A. to pay back. B. to return to normal life. C. to depend upon.
- 9 turmoil**
(tûr'moil)
-noun
- Without a teacher, the sixth-grade class was in **turmoil**, until the principal entered the room and the students quickly came to order.
 - After the **turmoil** of crying babies, active children, and trying to feed 120 people, I'm glad when our family reunions end.
- ___ *Turmoil* means A. discussion. B. disorder. C. harmony.
- 10 venture**
(vēn'chər)
-verb
- "I'll **venture** going on any ride in this amusement park except the Twister," said Nick. "I'll risk getting sick to my stomach, but I won't risk my life."
 - "At tomorrow's staff meeting," my older sister said, "I will **venture** to say what I really think—and cross my fingers that I don't get fired."
- ___ *Venture* means A. to dare. B. to remember. C. to imagine.

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. _____ Shockingly obvious; outrageous
2. _____ To take the risk of; dare
3. _____ Including all or much
4. _____ To restore to a normal life through therapy or education
5. _____ To continue with an effort or plan despite difficulties
6. _____ Complete confusion; uproar
7. _____ An event bringing great loss and misery
8. _____ To vary irregularly; to go up and down or back and forth
9. _____ To consider carefully; think deeply about
10. _____ Customary; ordinary

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.

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| F. persevere | G. ponder | H. rehabilitate | I. turmoil | J. venture |

- _____ 1. Tracy is so vain that she considers it a ___ if a pimple appears anywhere on her face.
- _____ 2. Too many people have a child without taking time to ___ parenthood. They give less thought to having a baby than to buying a sofa.
- _____ 3. When Charlene lost her job because she spoke up for a fellow employee, it was a ___ violation of her rights.
- _____ 4. Our history exam will be ___; it will cover everything we've studied since September.
- _____ 5. Nobody in Doug's family has a ___ job. His mother is a drummer, his father is a magician, and his uncle is a wine taster.
- _____ 6. Learning the new software program was difficult, but when Maria saw how useful it would be in her work, she was glad she had ___(e)d.
- _____ 7. It took many months of therapy to ___ my aunt after she lost her sight, but now she can get around her home and neighborhood on her own.
- _____ 8. The day we moved, the apartment was in ____. Boxes and people were everywhere, and the baby wouldn't stop crying.
- _____ 9. The way my dog's appetite ___(e)d this week worries me. One day she hardly ate anything, and the next day she gulped down everything I gave her.
- _____ 10. Instead of hiring a lawyer, the defendant will ___ to plead her own case in court.

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 one time my cousin ___(e)d skydiving, the result was a ____. Her parachute didn't open, and she was injured so badly in the fall that she almost died.
- _____ 3-4. A physical therapy center can ___ someone who needs help after a car accident as long as they ___ with treatment and work hard while on the exercises.
- _____ 5-6. When he drives alone, Marshall's behavior is very ___; he obeys all the traffic rules. But when his friends are with him, he shows off with ___ violations of the speed limit.

_____ 7–8. “We need to ___ all we might do to help families in trouble,” said the social worker to her staff. “We must plan a ___ program, not just a narrow plan dealing with only one part of their lives.”

_____ 9–10. The boss’s moods and orders ___ so wildly at times that they throw the department into _____. As a result of his arbitrary° behavior, our productivity is at an all-time low.

Final Check: Accident and Recovery

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.

We tried to stop Anna from jumping, but her (1) _____ disregard of our warnings led to a (2) _____ that would change her life forever. She dove off a rock into a river none of us was sure was deep enough. When she hit the bottom, she broke her back.

I visited Anna at the hospital every day for the next few weeks. I saw her mood (3) _____ between anger and quiet depression. Her whole life seemed in (4) _____; she was too confused and unhappy to think reasonably about her future.

Within about a month, however, I began to see a change in Anna. She had moved to Henner House to participate in a very (5) _____ program, designed to meet all the needs of patients like Anna. The program (6) _____s accident victims so that they can return to fulfilling lives. Anna gained hope once she saw she could learn to do such everyday tasks as cooking, cleaning, and bathing. After learning how to get around indoors, she (7) _____(e)d traveling around the city in her wheelchair. The more she did, the better she felt. The staff also helped Anna plan for her future. They urged her to (8) _____ her goals and how she might meet them. At times, it was difficult for her to (9) _____ with the program, but she didn’t quit.

Now, ten months later, Anna is able to live a somewhat (10) _____ life. Despite her condition, she is able to do many of the ordinary things she used to do—work, drive, and live in an apartment with a friend. Yes, her life has changed forever. But Anna is once again glad to be alive.



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