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Synonyms

Choose the synonym for each of the words in italics.

1. Which word means the same as *erroneous*?

- a. digressive
- b. confused
- c. impenetrable
- d. incorrect

2. Which word means the same as *grotesque*?

- a. extreme
- b. frenzied
- c. hideous
- d. typical

3. Which word means the same as *garbled*?

- a. lucid
- b. unintelligible
- c. devoured
- d. outrageous

4. Which word means the same as *expose*?

- a. relate
- b. develop
- c. reveal
- d. pretend

SYNONYMS

- 5.** Which word means the same as *coerce*?
- a. force
 - b. permit
 - c. waste
 - d. deny
- 6.** Which word means the same as *abrupt*?
- a. interrupt
 - b. sudden
 - c. extended
 - d. corrupt
- 7.** Which word means the same as *apathy*?
- a. hostility
 - b. depression
 - c. indifference
 - d. concern
- 8.** Which word means the same as *despair*?
- a. mourning
 - b. disregard
 - c. hopelessness
 - d. loneliness
- 9.** Which word means the same as *contemptuous*?
- a. respectful
 - b. unique
 - c. scornful
 - d. insecure
- 10.** Which word means the same as *tote*?
- a. acquire
 - b. carry
 - c. tremble
 - d. abandon
- 11.** Which word means the same as *distinct*?
- a. satisfied
 - b. imprecise
 - c. uneasy
 - d. separate
- 12.** Which word means the same as *flagrant*?
- a. secret
 - b. worthless
 - c. noble
 - d. glaring
- 13.** Which word means the same as *oration*?
- a. nuisance
 - b. independence
 - c. address
 - d. length
- 14.** Which word means the same as *libel*?
- a. description
 - b. praise
 - c. destiny
 - d. slander
- 15.** Which word means the same as *philanthropy*?
- a. selfishness
 - b. fascination
 - c. disrespect
 - d. charity
- 16.** Which word means the same as *proximity*?
- a. distance
 - b. agreement
 - c. nearness
 - d. intelligence

SYNONYMS

17. Which word means the same as *negligible*?

- a. insignificant
- b. delicate
- c. meaningful
- d. illegible

18. Which word means the same as *vigilant*?

- a. nonchalant
- b. watchful
- c. righteous
- d. strenuous

19. Which word means the same as *astute*?

- a. perceptive
- b. inattentive
- c. stubborn
- d. elegant

20. Which word means the same as *collaborate*?

- a. cooperate
- b. convince
- c. entice
- d. elaborate

21. Which word means the same as *insipid*?

- a. overbearing
- b. tasteless
- c. exhilarating
- d. elaborate

For each of the following words, choose the word that has the same or nearly the same meaning.

22. navigate

- a. search
- b. decide
- c. steer
- d. assist

23. tailor

- a. measure
- b. construct
- c. launder
- d. alter

24. yield

- a. merge
- b. relinquish
- c. destroy
- d. hinder

25. eternal

- a. timeless
- b. heavenly
- c. loving
- d. wealthy

26. stow

- a. pack
- b. curtsy
- c. fool
- d. trample

27. intimate

- a. frightening
- b. curious
- c. private
- d. characteristic

28. consider

- a. promote
- b. require
- c. adjust
- d. ponder

SYNONYMS

- 29.** humidify
a. moisten
b. warm
c. gather
d. spray

- 30.** arouse
a. inform
b. abuse
c. waken
d. deceive

- 31.** harass
a. trick
b. confuse
c. betray
d. pester

- 32.** fortified
a. reinforced
b. distorted
c. disputed
d. developed

- 33.** delegate
a. analyze
b. respect
c. criticize
d. assign

- 34.** accountable
a. applauded
b. compensated
c. responsible
d. approached

- 35.** philosophy
a. bias
b. principles
c. evidence
d. process

- 36.** custom
a. purpose
b. habit
c. buyer
d. role

- 37.** harbor
a. halter
b. statement
c. refuge
d. garment

- 38.** muse
a. tune
b. ponder
c. encourage
d. read

- 39.** vessel
a. container
b. furniture
c. garment
d. branch

- 40.** dispute
a. debate
b. release
c. divide
d. redeem

SYNONYMS

- 41.** site
a. location
b. formation
c. speech
d. view

- 42.** compensate
a. help
b. challenge
c. defeat
d. pay

- 43.** journal
a. trip
b. receipt
c. diary
d. list

- 44.** opportunity
a. sensitivity
b. arrogance
c. chance
d. reference

- 45.** invent
a. insert
b. discover
c. apply
d. allow

- 46.** sphere
a. air
b. spread
c. globe
d. enclosure

- 47.** refine
a. condone
b. provide
c. change
d. purify

- 48.** pledge
a. picture
b. idea
c. quote
d. promise

- 49.** gangly
a. illegally
b. closely
c. ugly
d. lanky

- 50.** sage
a. wise
b. obnoxious
c. conceited
d. heartless

- 51.** dormant
a. hidden
b. slumbering
c. rigid
d. misplaced

- 52.** banish
a. exile
b. decorate
c. succumb
d. encourage

SYNONYMS

- 53.** croon
a. swim
b. sing
c. stroke
d. yell
- 54.** hostel
a. turnstile
b. cot
c. trek
d. inn
- 55.** mesa
a. brain
b. plateau
c. wagon
d. dwelling
- 56.** ado
a. idiom
b. punishment
c. cost
d. fuss
- 57.** obscure
a. concealed
b. obvious
c. reckless
d. subjective
- 58.** malicious
a. spiteful
b. changeable
c. murderous
d. dangerous
- 59.** obsolete
a. current
b. dedicated
c. unnecessary
d. outmoded
- 60.** expansive
a. talkative
b. relaxed
c. humorous
d. grateful
- 61.** relinquish
a. abandon
b. report
c. commence
d. abide
- 62.** submissive
a. raucous
b. obedient
c. virtuous
d. selfish
- 63.** ponderous
a. heavy
b. thoughtful
c. hearty
d. generous
- 64.** stoical
a. impassive
b. loud
c. curious
d. intense

SYNONYMS

- 65.** haggard
a. handsome
b. honest
c. gaunt
d. intense

- 66.** enigma
a. laughter
b. mystery
c. enclosure
d. shadow

- 67.** jocular
a. lenient
b. strict
c. powerful
d. jolly

- 68.** rebuke
a. scold
b. deny
c. distract
d. protect

- 69.** renown
a. attitude
b. fame
c. health
d. strength

- 70.** robust
a. eager
b. rough
c. old-fashioned
d. vigorous

- 71.** mundane
a. proper
b. ordinary
c. greedy
d. murky

- 72.** remiss
a. recent
b. false
c. negligent
d. broken

- 73.** imminent
a. sturdy
b. actual
c. soon
d. later

- 74.** inordinate
a. excessive
b. exclusive
c. purpose
d. hesitant

- 75.** disheveled
a. rumpled
b. divorced
c. marked
d. dedicated

- 76.** disillusioned
a. disadvantageous
b. distracted
c. disenchanted
d. disarming

SYNONYMS

- 77.** query
a. inspect
b. quote
c. succeed
d. inquire

- 78.** clemency
a. competency
b. certainty
c. destiny
d. mercy

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Antonyms

Choose the antonym for each of the words in italics.

79. Which word is the opposite of *alert*?

- a. attentive
- b. inattentive
- c. careful
- d. trivial

80. Which word is the opposite of *cautious*?

- a. considerate
- b. noble
- c. proper
- d. reckless

81. Which word means the opposite of *shameful*?

- a. honorable
- b. animated
- c. fickle
- d. modest

82. Which word means the opposite of *vague*?

- a. hazy
- b. skilled
- c. definite
- d. tender

ANTONYMS

- 83.** Which word means the opposite of *vulnerable*?
- a. frantic
 - b. feeble
 - c. secure
 - d. complicated
- 84.** Which word means the opposite of *distress*?
- a. comfort
 - b. reward
 - c. trouble
 - d. compromise
- 85.** Which word means the opposite of *unity*?
- a. discord
 - b. stimulation
 - c. consent
 - d. neglect
- 86.** Which word means the opposite of *clarify*?
- a. explain
 - b. dismay
 - c. obscure
 - d. provide
- 87.** Which word means the opposite of *grant*?
- a. deny
 - b. consume
 - c. allocate
 - d. provoke
- 88.** Which word means the opposite of *impartial*?
- a. complete
 - b. prejudiced
 - c. unbiased
 - d. erudite
- 89.** Which word means the opposite of *prompt*?
- a. punctual
 - b. slack
 - c. tardy
 - d. regular
- 90.** Which word is the opposite of *delay*?
- a. slow
 - b. hasten
 - c. pause
 - d. desist
- 91.** Which word is the opposite of *soothe*?
- a. increase
 - b. comfort
 - c. aggravate
 - d. delight
- 92.** Which word means the opposite of *moderate*?
- a. original
 - b. average
 - c. final
 - d. excessive
- 93.** Which word means the opposite of *reveal*?
- a. disclose
 - b. achieve
 - c. retreat
 - d. conceal
- 94.** Which word means the opposite of *initial*?
- a. first
 - b. crisis
 - c. final
 - d. right

ANTONYMS

- 95.** Which word means the opposite of *brittle*?
a. flexible
b. breakable
c. grating
d. thin
- 96.** Which word means the opposite of *capable*?
a. unskilled
b. absurd
c. apt
d. able
- 97.** Which word means the opposite of *stray*?
a. remain
b. inhabit
c. wander
d. incline
- 98.** Which word is the opposite of *dainty*?
a. delicate
b. coarse
c. harsh
d. delicious
- 99.** Which word means the opposite of *craving*?
a. desire
b. repudiation
c. motive
d. revulsion
- 100.** Which word means the opposite of *ferocious*?
a. docile
b. savage
c. explosive
d. noble
- 101.** Which word means the opposite of *grueling*?
a. effortless
b. casual
c. exhausting
d. empty
- 102.** Which word means the opposite of *forsake*?
a. admit
b. abandon
c. submit
d. cherish
- 103.** Which word is the opposite of *restrain*?
a. control
b. liberate
c. maintain
d. distract
- 104.** Which word is the opposite of *bleak*?
a. desperate
b. dreary
c. bright
d. fond
- 105.** Which word is the opposite of *unruly*?
a. controllable
b. disorderly
c. honest
d. covered
- 106.** Which word is the opposite of *solidarity*?
a. union
b. disunity
c. laxity
d. rigidity

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- 107.** Which word is the opposite of *retract*?
a. assert
b. withdraw
c. impugn
d. follow
- 108.** Which word is the opposite of *concise*?
a. generous
b. lengthy
c. loose
d. brief
- 109.** Which word is the opposite of *omit*?
a. eliminate
b. perform
c. depart
d. include
- 110.** Which word means the opposite of *prohibit*?
a. surrender
b. permit
c. involve
d. embrace
- 111.** Which word means the opposite of *disclose*?
a. succeed
b. conceal
c. restrain
d. possess
- 112.** Which word means the opposite of *stifle*?
a. encourage
b. familiarize
c. deny
d. overcome
- 113.** Which word means the opposite of *belittle*?
a. arrange
b. compliment
c. criticize
d. presume
- 114.** Which word means the opposite of *aimless*?
a. inactive
b. faithful
c. purposeful
d. impartial
- 115.** Which word means the opposite of *detest*?
a. prohibit
b. hate
c. examine
d. admire
- 116.** Which word means the opposite of *valiant*?
a. instinctive
b. cowardly
c. cynical
d. worthy
- 117.** Which word means the opposite of *lenient*?
a. capable
b. impractical
c. merciful
d. domineering
- 118.** Which word means the opposite of *tarnish*?
a. absorb
b. endure
c. shine
d. sully

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119. Which word means the opposite of *mandatory*?

- a. apparent
- b. equal
- c. optional
- d. required

120. Which word means the opposite of *chagrin*?

- a. conviction
- b. irritation
- c. pleasure
- d. humanity

121. Which word means the opposite of *commence*?

- a. initiate
- b. adapt
- c. harass
- d. terminate

122. Which word means the opposite of *conscientious*?

- a. careless
- b. apologetic
- c. diligent
- d. boisterous

123. Which word means the opposite of *deficient*?

- a. necessary
- b. adequate
- c. flawed
- d. simple

124. Which word means the opposite of *lucid*?

- a. ordinary
- b. turbulent
- c. implausible
- d. vague

125. Which word means the opposite of *judicious*?

- a. partial
- b. litigious
- c. imprudent
- d. unrestrained

126. Which word means the opposite of *dissonance*?

- a. harmony
- b. carefulness
- c. specificity
- d. value

127. Which word means the opposite of *erudite*?

- a. uneducated
- b. polite
- c. unknown
- d. agitated

For each of the following words, choose the word that means the *opposite* or most nearly the *opposite*.

128. harmony

- a. noise
- b. brevity
- c. safety
- d. discord

129. insult

- a. compliment
- b. contempt
- c. argument
- d. attitude

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- 130.** general
a. specific
b. total
c. insignificant
d. substantial

- 131.** imaginary
a. sober
b. ordinary
c. unrealistic
d. factual

- 132.** demolish
a. attend
b. consider
c. create
d. stifle

- 133.** absorb
a. acquire
b. repel
c. consume
d. assist

- 134.** critical
a. inimical
b. judgmental
c. massive
d. trivial

- 135.** infantile
a. despicable
b. adolescent
c. mature
d. perpetual

- 136.** retain
a. withhold
b. release
c. succumb
d. incise

- 137.** impulsive
a. secure
b. mandatory
c. rash
d. cautious

- 138.** competent
a. incomplete
b. intense
c. inept
d. massive

- 139.** promote
a. explicate
b. downgrade
c. concede
d. retain

- 140.** requirement
a. plan
b. consequence
c. option
d. accident

- 141.** irritate
a. soothe
b. drain
c. resist
d. solve

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- 142.** punctual
a. random
b. smooth
c. intermittent
d. tardy

- 143.** virtue
a. reality
b. fact
c. vice
d. amateur

- 144.** fortunate
a. excluded
b. hapless
c. hardworking
d. lucky

- 145.** notable
a. oral
b. graceful
c. legal
d. ordinary

- 146.** prim
a. outrageous
b. last
c. ugly
d. cantankerous

- 147.** prosperous
a. affluent
b. destitute
c. cowardly
d. receptive

- 148.** nimble
a. sturdy
b. sluggish
c. thoughtless
d. relaxed

- 149.** tranquil
a. agitated
b. explicit
c. sluggish
d. composed

- 150.** sprightly
a. eager
b. lofty
c. dull
d. local

- 151.** amiable
a. dangerous
b. permissive
c. aloof
d. congenial

- 152.** prudent
a. rash
b. licentious
c. libertine
d. demonstrative

- 153.** scant
a. pellucid
b. meager
c. copious
d. vocal

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- 154.** steadfast
a. envious
b. fickle
c. improvident
d. sluggish

- 155.** stringent
a. obese
b. lax
c. obtuse
d. fluid

C H A P T E R

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Synonyms and Antonyms

Read each question carefully and select the word that is most similar or most dissimilar in meaning to the word provided.

- 156.** *Rational* is most similar to
- a. deliberate.
 - b. invalid.
 - c. prompt.
 - d. sound.
- 157.** *Attribute* is most similar to
- a. quality.
 - b. penalty.
 - c. speech.
 - d. admission.

- 158.** *Subdue* is most similar to
- a. conquer.
 - b. complain.
 - c. deny.
 - d. respect.

- 159.** *Animated* is most similar to
- a. abbreviated.
 - b. civil.
 - c. secret.
 - d. lively.

- 160.** *Awe* is most dissimilar to
a. contempt.
b. reverence.
c. valor.
d. distortion.
- 161.** *Intricate* is most similar to
a. delicate.
b. costly.
c. prim.
d. complex.
- 162.** *Skeptic* is most dissimilar to
a. innovator.
b. friend.
c. politician.
d. believer.
- 163.** *Hypothetical* is most dissimilar to
a. uncritical.
b. actual.
c. specific.
d. imaginary.
- 164.** *Enhance* is most dissimilar to
a. diminish.
b. improve.
c. digress.
d. deprive.
- 165.** *Manipulate* is most similar to
a. simplify.
b. deplete.
c. nurture.
d. handle.
- 166.** *Subjective* is most dissimilar to
a. invective.
b. objectionable.
c. unbiased.
d. obedient.
- 167.** *Succinct* is most dissimilar to
a. distinct.
b. laconic.
c. feeble.
d. verbose.
- 168.** *Enthusiastic* is most similar to
a. adamant.
b. available.
c. cheerful.
d. eager.
- 169.** *Adequate* is most similar to
a. sufficient.
b. mediocre.
c. proficient.
d. average.
- 170.** *Uniform* is most dissimilar to
a. dissembling.
b. diverse.
c. bizarre.
d. slovenly.
- 171.** *Ecstatic* is most similar to
a. inconsistent.
b. positive.
c. wild.
d. thrilled.

172. *Affect* is most similar to

- a. accomplish.
- b. cause.
- c. sicken.
- d. influence.

173. *Wary* is most dissimilar to

- a. alert.
- b. leery.
- c. worried.
- d. careless.

174. *Novel* is most dissimilar to

- a. dangerous.
- b. unsettled.
- c. suitable.
- d. old.

175. *Continuous* is most similar to

- a. intermittent.
- b. adjacent.
- c. uninterrupted.
- d. contiguous.

176. *Courtesy* is most similar to

- a. civility.
- b. congruity.
- c. conviviality.
- d. rudeness.

177. *Fallacy* is most dissimilar to

- a. truth.
- b. blessing.
- c. weakness.
- d. fable.

178. *Frail* is most similar to

- a. vivid.
- b. delicate.
- c. robust.
- d. adaptable.

179. *Recuperate* is most similar to

- a. recover.
- b. endorse.
- c. persist.
- d. worsen.

180. *Subsequent* is most dissimilar to

- a. necessary.
- b. insignificant.
- c. primary.
- d. previous.

181. *Nonchalant* is most dissimilar to

- a. intelligent.
- b. popular.
- c. concerned.
- d. reckless.

182. *Hoax* is most similar to

- a. logic.
- b. crusade.
- c. embargo.
- d. ruse.

183. *Composure* is most similar to

- a. agitation.
- b. poise.
- c. liveliness.
- d. stimulation.

184. *Excise* is most dissimilar to

- a. sleep.
- b. retain.
- c. organize.
- d. staple.

185. *Disperse* is most dissimilar to

- a. gather.
- b. agree.
- c. praise.
- d. satisfy.

186. *Eccentric* is most similar to

- a. normal.
- b. frugal.
- c. peculiar.
- d. selective.

187. *Commendable* is most similar to

- a. admirable.
- b. accountable.
- c. irresponsible.
- d. noticeable.

188. *Domain* is most similar to

- a. entrance.
- b. rebellion.
- c. formation.
- d. territory.

189. *Passive* is most similar to

- a. inactive.
- b. emotional.
- c. lively.
- d. woeful.

190. *Liberate* is most dissimilar to

- a. conserve.
- b. restrain.
- c. attack.
- d. ruin.

191. *Faltering* is most dissimilar to

- a. steady.
- b. adoring.
- c. explanatory.
- d. reluctant.

192. *Vast* is most similar to

- a. attentive.
- b. immense.
- c. steady.
- d. slight.

193. *Comply* is most similar to

- a. subdue.
- b. entertain.
- c. flatter.
- d. obey.

194. *Optimum* is most dissimilar to

- a. mediocre.
- b. victorious.
- c. worst.
- d. rational.

195. *Enlighten* is most similar to

- a. relocate.
- b. confuse.
- c. comply.
- d. teach.

- 196.** *Tedious* is most dissimilar to
a. stimulating.
b. alarming.
c. intemperate.
d. tranquil.
- 197.** *Exonerate* is most dissimilar to
a. minimize.
b. respect.
c. irritate.
d. blame.
- 198.** *Ephemeral* is most dissimilar to
a. internal.
b. enduring.
c. temporary.
d. hidden.
- 199.** *Predecessor* is most dissimilar to
a. successor.
b. antecedent.
c. descendant.
d. ancestor.
- 200.** *Refrain* is most similar to
a. desist.
b. secure.
c. glimpse.
d. persevere.
- 201.** *Affable* is most dissimilar to
a. disagreeable.
b. hollow.
c. simple.
d. eager.
- 202.** *Rigorous* is most similar to
a. demanding.
b. tolerable.
c. lenient.
d. disorderly.
- 203.** *Orient* is most dissimilar to
a. confuse.
b. arouse.
c. deter.
d. simplify.
- 204.** *Levitate* is most dissimilar to
a. plod.
b. undulate.
c. whisper.
d. sink.
- 205.** *Oblivious* is most similar to
a. visible.
b. sinister.
c. conscious.
d. unaware.
- 206.** *Verify* is most similar to
a. disclose.
b. confirm.
c. refute.
d. unite.
- 207.** *Pacify* is most dissimilar to
a. complicate.
b. dismiss.
c. excite.
d. atomize.

- 208.** *Plausible* is most dissimilar to
a. insufficient.
b. apologetic.
c. unbelievable.
d. credible.
- 209.** *Idle* is most similar to
a. working.
b. effective.
c. immobile.
d. functional.
- 210.** *Avid* is most dissimilar to
a. partial.
b. unenthusiastic.
c. equal.
d. unkind.
- 211.** *Meek* is most dissimilar to
a. mild.
b. painful.
c. forceful.
d. polite.
- 212.** *Complacent* is most dissimilar to
a. concerned.
b. pleasant.
c. happy.
d. convinced.
- 213.** *Ambiguous* is most dissimilar to
a. apathetic.
b. certain.
c. equivocal.
d. indefinite.
- 214.** *Confer* is most similar to
a. confide.
b. consult.
c. refuse.
d. promise.
- 215.** *Repast* is most similar to
a. meal.
b. debt.
c. book.
d. goal.
- 216.** *Esteem* is most dissimilar to
a. disrespect.
b. disregard.
c. dissent.
d. disabuse.
- 217.** *Eloquent* is most dissimilar to
a. shabby.
b. fluent.
c. inarticulate.
d. plain.
- 218.** *Apathetic* is most similar to
a. pitiable.
b. indifferent.
c. suspicious.
d. evasive.
- 219.** *Deterrent* is most dissimilar to
a. encouragement.
b. obstacle.
c. proponent.
d. discomfort.

- 220.** *Impertinent* is most dissimilar to
a. animated.
b. rude.
c. relentless.
d. polite.
- 221.** *Augment* is most similar to
a. repeal.
b. evaluate.
c. increase.
d. criticize.
- 222.** *Ludicrous* is most dissimilar to
a. absurd.
b. somber.
c. reasonable.
d. charitable.
- 223.** *Archaic* is most dissimilar to
a. tangible.
b. modern.
c. ancient.
d. haunted.
- 224.** *Incredulous* is most similar to
a. fearful.
b. outraged.
c. inconsolable.
d. disbelieving.
- 225.** *Vindictive* is most similar to
a. outrageous.
b. insulting.
c. spiteful.
d. offensive.
- 226.** *Sullen* is most dissimilar to
a. morose.
b. impetuous.
c. provocative.
d. jovial.
- 227.** *Menial* is most similar to
a. lowly.
b. boring.
c. dangerous.
d. rewarding.
- 228.** *Panacea* is most similar to
a. cure.
b. result.
c. cause.
d. necessity.
- 229.** *Taut* is most dissimilar to
a. neutral.
b. relaxed.
c. rigid.
d. vague.
- 230.** *Rile* is most dissimilar to
a. appease.
b. prosper.
c. oppress.
d. irk.
- 231.** *Glib* is most similar to
a. angry.
b. insulting.
c. dishonest.
d. insincere.

232. *Mar* is most dissimilar to

- a. delineate.
- b. bolster.
- c. clarify.
- d. repair.

233. *Cognizant* is most similar to

- a. conscious.
- b. educated.
- c. mystified.
- d. confused.

234. *Mediate* is most similar to

- a. ponder.
- b. interfere.
- c. reconcile.
- d. dissolve.

235. *Concurrent* is most similar to

- a. incidental.
- b. simultaneous.
- c. apprehensive.
- d. substantial.

236. *Induce* is most similar to

- a. prompt.
- b. withdraw.
- c. presume.
- d. represent.

237. *Intrepid* is most dissimilar to

- a. belligerent.
- b. consistent.
- c. chivalrous.
- d. fearful.

238. *Saturate* is most similar to

- a. deprive.
- b. construe.
- c. soak.
- d. verify.

239. *Methodical* is most dissimilar to

- a. erratic.
- b. deliberate.
- c. hostile.
- d. deformed.

240. *Latent* is most dissimilar to

- a. slow.
- b. tardy.
- c. dormant.
- d. active.

241. *Proscribe* is most similar to

- a. measure.
- b. recommend.
- c. detect.
- d. forbid.

242. *Prevarication* is most dissimilar to

- a. accolade.
- b. veracity.
- c. deprecation.
- d. mendacity.

243. *Mirth* is most dissimilar to

- a. pallor.
- b. solemnity.
- c. penury.
- d. lethargy.

244. *Surreptitious* is most similar to

- a. expressive.
- b. secretive.
- c. emotional.
- d. artistic.

245. *Trepidation* is most dissimilar to

- a. distribution.
- b. agitation.
- c. fearlessness.
- d. uniformity.

4



Verbal Classification

For the following questions, choose the word that does not belong with the others.

- 246.** a. confirmed
b. tentative
c. definite
d. conclusive

- 247.** a. implied
b. distinct
c. explicit
d. forthright

- 248.** a. premeditated
b. rehearsed
c. spontaneous
d. calculated

- 249.** a. rampant
b. restrained
c. widespread
d. pervasive

- 250.** a. flexible
b. rigid
c. supple
d. limber

251. a. subdue
b. crush
c. suppress
d. provoke

252. a. comprise
b. compose
c. exclude
d. constitute

253. a. infinitesimal
b. infinite
c. immense
d. vast

254. a. heroism
b. incompetence
c. prowess
d. mastery

255. a. rasping
b. grating
c. abrasive
d. polished

256. a. comely
b. deformed
c. grotesque
d. repulsive

257. a. receptive
b. intolerant
c. compassionate
d. amenable

258. a. sloppy
b. disheveled
c. orderly
d. unkempt

259. a. word for word
b. exact
c. verbatim
d. paraphrased

260. a. recklessly
b. carefully
c. warily
d. prudently

261. a. destitute
b. poverty-stricken
c. affluent
d. impoverished

262. a. dour
b. inviting
c. welcoming
d. cheery

263. a. clumsy
b. nimble
c. all thumbs
d. maladroit

264. a. compliment
b. ridicule
c. deride
d. gibe

265. a. deprived
b. bereft
c. replete
d. bereaved

266. a. resolve
b. fortitude
c. mettle
d. timidity

267. a. submissive
 b. obedient
 c. acquiescent
 d. officious

268. a. proficient
 b. inept
 c. deft
 d. adroit

269. a. felicitous
 b. inopportune
 c. inappropriate
 d. ill-timed

270. a. vex
 b. aggravate
 c. mollify
 d. agitate

271. a. stately
 b. abject
 c. lowly
 d. humble

272. a. mercenary
 b. venal
 c. honest
 d. corruptible

273. a. pinnacle
 b. perigee
 c. summit
 d. acme

274. a. demur
 b. concur
 c. consent
 d. accede

275. a. replica
 b. permutation
 c. facsimile
 d. reproduction

276. a. pernicious
 b. toxic
 c. innocuous
 d. virulent

277. a. stentorian
 b. booming
 c. thundering
 d. tranquil

278. a. permissive
 b. lenient
 c. indulgent
 d. implacable

279. a. bedlam
 b. pandemonium
 c. repose
 d. tumult

280. a. stimulating
 b. somnolent
 c. soporific
 d. hypnotic

281. a. impassioned
 b. vehement
 c. emphatic
 d. apathetic

282. a. savory
 b. distasteful
 c. piquant
 d. aromatic

VERBAL CLASSIFICATION

- 283.** a. dissent
b. sanction
c. concur
d. assent

- 284.** a. devout
b. fervent
c. zealous
d. dispirited

C H A P T E R

5



Analogies

Many kinds of academic and work-related tests include analogies. Analogies are comparisons. To answer an analogy question, look for a relationship between the first set of words. Then, look for a similar relationship in the second set of words.

For the following questions, choose the answer that best completes the comparison.

- 285.** polite : gracious :: cordial : _____
- a. courteous
 - b. confident
 - c. comfortable
 - d. bold

- 286.** embarrassed : humiliated :: frightened : _____
- a. courageous
 - b. agitated
 - c. terrified
 - d. reckless

- 287.** scarcely : mostly :: quietly : _____
- a. secretly
 - b. rudely
 - c. loudly
 - d. silently

- 288.** candid : indirect :: honest : _____
- a. frank
 - b. wicked
 - c. truthful
 - d. devious

ANALOGIES

- 289.** control : dominate :: magnify : _____
a. enlarge
b. preserve
c. decrease
d. divide
- 290.** exactly : precisely :: evidently : _____
a. positively
b. apparently
c. narrowly
d. unquestionably
- 291.** meaningful : insignificant :: essential : _____
a. basic
b. important
c. unremarkable
d. unnecessary
- 292.** simple : complex :: trivial : _____
a. inconspicuous
b. significant
c. permanent
d. irrelevant
- 293.** neophyte : novice :: pursuit : _____
a. passion
b. restraint
c. quest
d. speed
- 294.** regard : esteem :: ambivalence : _____
a. uncertainty
b. withdrawal
c. resemblance
d. injustice
- 295.** elated : despondent :: enlightened : _____
a. aware
b. tolerant
c. miserable
d. ignorant
- 296.** divulge : conceal :: conform : _____
a. construe
b. differ
c. retain
d. offer
- 297.** restrain : curb :: recant : _____
a. foretell
b. retract
c. entertain
d. resent
- 298.** admire : despise :: praise : _____
a. ravage
b. surrender
c. admonish
d. warn
- 299.** advance : retreat :: curtail : _____
a. damage
b. discard
c. consume
d. prolong
- 300.** implant : embed :: expel : _____
a. beseech
b. oust
c. accept
d. examine

ANALOGIES

- 301.** assemble : convene :: categorize : _____
a. systematize
b. dismiss
c. congregate
d. alternate
- 302.** grind : crush :: demolish : _____
a. divulge
b. check
c. pulverize
d. steam
- 303.** continuation : sequel :: scheme : _____
a. supplication
b. management
c. aftermath
d. plot
- 304.** phase : segment :: epoch : _____
a. document
b. institution
c. era
d. emotion
- 305.** declare : affirm :: cringe : _____
a. scorn
b. cower
c. reason
d. arrange
- 306.** ally : enemy :: anonymity : _____
a. restraint
b. wealth
c. fame
d. anxiety
- 307.** personable : agreeable :: friendly : _____
a. genial
b. skillful
c. willful
d. relevant
- 308.** heterogeneous : mixed :: profuse : _____
a. lush
b. timid
c. scarce
d. painful
- 309.** trust : suspicion :: doubt : _____
a. aperture
b. reliance
c. method
d. saga
- 310.** hide : flaunt :: forget : _____
a. sympathetic
b. unappreciative
c. retain
d. unsociable
- 311.** disclose : reveal :: intimate : _____
a. forbid
b. denounce
c. announce
d. suggest
- 312.** conceal : obscure :: procrastinate : _____
a. anticipate
b. relinquish
c. delay
d. pretend

ANALOGIES

313. ornate : plain :: blithe : _____

- a. generous
- b. morose
- c. pretentious
- d. fervent

314. futile : vain :: covert : _____

- a. secret
- b. grand
- c. seductive
- d. habitual

315. opposing : differing :: candid : _____

- a. conclusive
- b. strict
- c. credible
- d. frank

316. expeditiously : swiftly :: diligently :

- _____
- a. openly
 - b. persistently
 - c. increasingly
 - d. vividly

317. antics : actions :: banter : _____

- a. deference
- b. repartee
- c. pranks
- d. candor

318. obstinate : stubborn :: staunch : _____

- a. oppressive
- b. ominous
- c. faithful
- d. arrogant

319. persistent : persevering :: spurious :

- _____
- a. false
 - b. dejected
 - c. delightful
 - d. abundant

320. broadcast : obscure :: welcome : _____

- a. prostrate
- b. promontory
- c. strengthen
- d. eject

321. enthusiastic : blasé :: upright : _____

- a. deplore
- b. prone
- c. unlikely
- d. passionate

322. sedate : sober :: prim : _____

- a. staid
- b. convalescent
- c. elaborate
- d. clairvoyant

323. courtier : aristocrat :: unknown : _____

- a. noble
- b. celebrity
- c. nonentity
- d. icon

324. nourish : foster :: abolish : _____

- a. continue
- b. undergo
- c. maintain
- d. annul

ANALOGIES

- 325.** undermine : bolster :: reinforce : _____
a. infringe
b. boost
c. weaken
d. forego
- 326.** skim : peruse :: delve : _____
a. scrutinize
b. scan
c. validate
d. memorize
- 327.** comical : witty :: humorous : _____
a. ghostly
b. plunging
c. facetious
d. engraved
- 328.** intersect : diverge :: ratify : _____
a. conceal
b. promote
c. determine
d. nullify
- 329.** proclaim : announce :: restrict : _____
a. invalidate
b. stint
c. convince
d. mystify
- 330.** barter : swap :: irritate : _____
a. annoy
b. engage
c. appoint
d. employ
- 331.** design : devise :: upbraid : _____
a. praise
b. acclimate
c. reprimand
d. contrive
- 332.** accord : understanding :: conversion : _____
a. modification
b. transition
c. concurrence
d. confirmation
- 333.** taint : decontaminate :: enrage : _____
a. provoke
b. delve
c. rely
d. appease
- 334.** judicious : prudent :: wise : _____
a. ill-mannered
b. astute
c. sophisticated
d. satisfied
- 335.** arbitrator : mediator :: referee : _____
a. manager
b. boor
c. umpire
d. director
- 336.** ensue : follow :: precede : _____
a. pursue
b. monitor
c. track
d. herald

ANALOGIES

337. courage : valor :: chivalry : _____

- a. autonomy
- b. gallantry
- c. cowardice
- d. freedom

338. regale : amuse :: impart : _____

- a. conceal
- b. withhold
- c. bestow
- d. chance

339. pivotal : crucial :: conventional : _____

- a. respectable
- b. loathsome
- c. admirable
- d. conservative

340. fallacy : misconception :: fact : _____

- a. logic
- b. judgment
- c. evidence
- d. verdict

341. gratuitous : expensive :: sedentary :

- _____
- a. active
 - b. legitimate
 - c. stable
 - d. selective

342. hypocrite : phony :: lethargy : _____

- a. modesty
- b. stupor
- c. pride
- d. disappointment

343. revere : venerate :: esteem : _____

- a. deny
- b. disdain
- c. respect
- d. proclaim

344. refined : plebeian :: selective : _____

- a. unjust
- b. indiscriminate
- c. cultivated
- d. ordinary

345. improbable : plausible :: stable : _____

- a. designated
- b. unilateral
- c. volatile
- d. farfetched

346. immoral : ethical :: insufficient : _____

- a. unscrupulous
- b. dishonest
- c. inert
- d. ample

347. distance : proximity :: economical :

- _____
- a. prodigal
 - b. lenient
 - c. bereft
 - d. dishonest

348. shocked : aghast :: skittish : _____

- a. innovative
- b. restive
- c. dynamic
- d. enterprising

ANALOGIES

349. deprivation : affluence :: capitulation :

- _____
- a. resistance
 - b. potency
 - c. indigence
 - d. complacency

350. dupe : deceive :: exculpate : _____

- a. falsify
- b. disappear
- c. invade
- d. absolve

351. ostracize : banish :: consequence : _____

- a. truth
- b. repercussion
- c. ritual
- d. restitution

352. churlish : surly :: steadfast : _____

- a. sly
- b. assertive
- c. shy
- d. resolute

353. indirect : forthright :: unashamed :

- _____
- a. evasive
 - b. deceitful
 - c. abashed
 - d. detached

354. superlative : abysmal :: atrocious : _____

- a. pallid
- b. haggard
- c. sharp
- d. noble

355. impending : imminent :: calamitous :

- _____
- a. disastrous
 - b. fortunate
 - c. beneficial
 - d. salutary

356. implant : infuse :: inculcate : _____

- a. demand
- b. instill
- c. transplant
- d. consider

357. foreboding : premonition :: qualm :

- _____
- a. conviction
 - b. assurance
 - c. guarantee
 - d. misgiving

358. milieu : environment :: culture : _____

- a. commencement
- b. departure
- c. customs
- d. dismay

359. downcast : jaunty :: despondent : _____

- a. reticent
- b. taciturn
- c. jubilant
- d. indomitable

360. enumerate : cite :: disregard : _____

- a. ignore
- b. contain
- c. list
- d. file

ANALOGIES

- 361.** flashy : garish :: gaudy : _____
 a. refined
 b. muted
 c. tawdry
 d. subdued
- 362.** traitor : deserter :: renegade : _____
 a. diehard
 b. driver
 c. loyalist
 d. insurgent
- 363.** etiquette : protocol :: statute : _____
 a. decree
 b. promotion
 c. modicum
 d. contradiction
- 364.** prominent : conspicuous :: gaunt : _____
 a. haggard
 b. elated
 c. ostentatious
 d. familiar
- 365.** outlandish : conservative :: reserved : _____
 a. modest
 b. garrulous
 c. appeased
 d. failed
- 366.** belief : doctrine :: hesitation : _____
 a. desecration
 b. communication
 c. vacillation
 d. transportation
- 367.** amateur : novice :: representative : _____
 a. opposition
 b. proxy
 c. author
 d. philosopher
- 368.** skyrocket : plummet :: diminish : _____
 a. withdraw
 b. retreat
 c. augment
 d. control
- 369.** excitable : stoical :: delighted : _____
 a. rankled
 b. confined
 c. restrained
 d. entertained
- 370.** mendicant : vagabond :: scavenger : _____
 a. scout
 b. recipient
 c. forager
 d. explorer
- 371.** friendship : amity :: enmity : _____
 a. companionship
 b. camaraderie
 c. chaos
 d. animosity
- 372.** indiscernible : perceptible :: incalculable : _____
 a. genuine
 b. infinitesimal
 c. serious
 d. solemn

ANALOGIES

373. veritable : actual :: specious : _____

- a. sanctimonious
- b. overdone
- c. false
- d. roomy

374. anxiety : trepidation :: lethargy : _____

- a. vitality
- b. mutuality
- c. empathy
- d. lassitude

375. absorbed : engrossed :: bored : _____

- a. unrealistic
- b. inured
- c. excluded
- d. stultified

376. involvement : aloofness :: clumsiness :

- _____
- a. finesse
 - b. indecision
 - c. authority
 - d. awkwardness

377. incoherent : articulate :: fluent : _____

- a. eloquent
- b. halting
- c. lethargic
- d. expressive

378. shiftless : lackadaisical :: hardworking :

- _____
- a. sloppy
 - b. careless
 - c. assiduous
 - d. slipshod

379. pert : lively :: impudent : _____

- a. insolent
- b. gloomy
- c. morose
- d. sullen

380. native : foreign :: commonplace : _____

- a. routine
- b. exotic
- c. ordinary
- d. mundane

381. compassionate : insensitive :: conceited :

- _____
- a. disarming
 - b. pretentious
 - c. modest
 - d. unassuming

382. characteristic : attribute :: ingredient :

- _____
- a. component
 - b. recipe
 - c. vegetarian
 - d. formula

383. capricious : whimsical :: shrewd : _____

- a. cruel
- b. different
- c. grateful
- d. astute

ANALOGIES

384. gluttonous : abstentious :: complimentary :

- a. prominent
- b. permissive
- c. disparaging
- d. calculating

385. yielding : submissive :: tractable : _____

- a. amenable
- b. unruly
- c. refractory
- d. obstreperous

S E C T I O N

2



Vocabulary in Context

THE FOUR CHAPTERS in this section test your skills in identifying vocabulary in context. By using the sentences provided, you will figure out which answer choice best fills each blank. In Chapter 6 you are provided with a sentence that gives you clues to finding the appropriate word or phrase. In Chapter 7 you are provided with reading passages that offer clues to finding the correct answer. For each passage, you will be asked a few reading comprehension questions. In Chapter 8 you will replace a common word or phrase with a more descriptive one that has the same or a very similar meaning. This is called identifying synonyms in context. Finally, in Chapter 9, you will be given a pair of words to choose from in order to best complete the sentences provided.

C H A P T E R

6



Sentence Completion

Choose the best word to fill the blank.

- 386.** To get the promotion she wanted, Priya _____ that it was best to go back to school to get her master's degree as soon as she could.
- a. anticipated
 - b. hindered
 - c. augmented
 - d. resolved

- 387.** The car rental company considered the scratches on the driver's door to be caused by a minor _____.
- a. mishap
 - b. coercion
 - c. infiltration
 - d. quirk

- 388.** Being a direct relative of the deceased, her claim to the estate was _____.
- a. optional
 - b. vicious
 - c. prominent
 - d. legitimate

SENTENCE COMPLETION

- 389.** The hail _____ the cornfield until the entire crop was lost.
 a. belittled
 b. pummeled
 c. rebuked
 d. commended
- 390.** The Earth Day committee leader placed large garbage bins in the park to _____ Saturday's cleanup.
 a. confound
 b. pacify
 c. integrate
 d. facilitate
- 391.** Her rapport with everyone in the office _____ the kind of interpersonal skills that all of the employees appreciated.
 a. prevailed
 b. diverged
 c. exemplified
 d. delegated
- 392.** When you discuss the characters from *The Catcher in the Rye*, please be sure to give a _____ description of the narrator.
 a. principled
 b. determined
 c. comprehensive
 d. massive
- 393.** _____ elephants from the wild not only endangers the species but also upsets the balance of nature.
 a. Contriving
 b. Poaching
 c. Provoking
 d. Hindering
- 394.** The two cats could be _____ only by the number of rings on their tails; otherwise, they were exactly alike.
 a. separated
 b. diversified
 c. disconnected
 d. differentiated
- 395.** Despite her _____ dress, she was a simple girl at heart.
 a. sophisticated
 b. casual
 c. shoddy
 d. personable
- 396.** The non-profit agency bought office supplies using a tax _____ number.
 a. liability
 b. exempt
 c. information
 d. accountability
- 397.** With great and admirable _____, the renowned orator spoke to the crowd gathered in the lecture hall.
 a. toil
 b. ado
 c. finesse
 d. tedium
- 398.** _____, the skilled pediatric nurse fed the premature baby.
 a. Carelessly
 b. Precariously
 c. Gingerly
 d. Wantonly

SENTENCE COMPLETION

- 399.** For the first assignment of the fall term, the students in Professor Norman's English 101 class had to write a/an _____ to summarize the short story they had read.
- a. reconciliation
 - b. acronym
 - c. précis
 - d. proclamation
- 400.** She pretended to be _____ about her upcoming performance, but secretly she was very excited.
- a. agitated
 - b. receptive
 - c. candid
 - d. blasé
- 401.** We were tired when we reached the _____, but the spectacular view of the valley below was worth the hike.
- a. circumference
 - b. summit
 - c. fulcrum
 - d. nadir
- 402.** The suit had a/an _____ odor, as if it had been stored in a trunk for a long time.
- a. olfactory
 - b. illicit
 - c. musty
 - d. decrepit
- 403.** Since his workplace was so busy and noisy, he longed most of all for _____.
- a. solitude
 - b. ascension
 - c. loneliness
 - d. irreverence
- 404.** The teacher put the crayons on the bottom shelf to make them _____ to the young children.
- a. accessible
 - b. receptive
 - c. eloquent
 - d. ambiguous
- 405.** My computer was state-of-the-art when I bought it three years ago, but now it is _____.
- a. flammable
 - b. desolate
 - c. retroactive
 - d. outmoded
- 406.** Visiting all the coffee shops in the city, they were on a/an _____ to find the perfect cup of coffee.
- a. surge
 - b. quest
 - c. ultimatum
 - d. cadence
- 407.** George developed an _____ plan to earn the extra money he needed to start his own business.
- a. elitist
 - b. irrational
 - c. aloof
 - d. ingenious
- 408.** We knew everything about the newest member of our group; she was very _____.
- a. expressive
 - b. brash
 - c. reserved
 - d. egotistical

- 409.** I have always liked your positive attitude; it has _____ affected our working relationship.
- a. adversely
 - b. woefully
 - c. candidly
 - d. favorably
- 410.** Dog-sitting for Buddy is easy; he is a _____ and obedient pet.
- a. delectable
 - b. trite
 - c. meddlesome
 - d. docile
- 411.** The directions to the new school were _____, and I had no trouble finding it in time for class.
- a. provident
 - b. arduous
 - c. explicit
 - d. embodied
- 412.** If your drinking water is not _____, it could cause serious health problems.
- a. valid
 - b. quenchable
 - c. indignant
 - d. potable
- 413.** The new board member said she would vote in favor of the proposed city ordinance because it _____ many of the points discussed earlier this year.
- a. encompassed
 - b. released
 - c. reminisced
 - d. dispersed
- 414.** Rachel _____ a plan to become a millionaire by age thirty.
- a. conformed
 - b. devised
 - c. curtailed
 - d. condoned
- 415.** Wanting to make a good impression, he found himself in a _____ about the right tie to wear to the business meeting.
- a. prestige
 - b. redundancy
 - c. quandary
 - d. deficit
- 416.** Since Jennifer needed an “A” in her economics class, she gave studying _____ over watching her favorite television show.
- a. precedence
 - b. conformity
 - c. perplexity
 - d. contention
- 417.** Hoping to win a prize for the best costume, Mark dressed _____ with bright red suspenders and a purple tie.
- a. eminently
 - b. virtuously
 - c. conspicuously
 - d. obscurely
- 418.** Brad fell asleep during the lecture because the speaker had such a/an _____ voice.
- a. monotonous
 - b. torrid
 - c. ample
 - d. vital

SENTENCE COMPLETION

- 419.** The narrator's description was an accurate _____ of a true southern family.
a. portrayal
b. council
c. desolation
d. degeneration
- 420.** Due to slippery road conditions and the slope of the narrow, winding highway, the car _____ down the steep mountainous road.
a. dissented
b. ventilated
c. careened
d. agitated
- 421.** The fire alarm _____ beckoned the volunteer fireman of the small community to come to action.
a. indifferently
b. frightfully
c. symbolically
d. audibly
- 422.** After running an early 5K race, Simone _____ devoured a hearty breakfast.
a. dynamically
b. voraciously
c. generously
d. contemptuously
- 423.** The participants in the road rally agreed to _____ near the village commons by five o'clock.
a. rendezvous
b. scatter
c. filibuster
d. disperse
- 424.** The _____ data supports the belief that there has been a population increase.
a. nominal
b. demographic
c. pragmatic
d. nocturnal
- 425.** The new congressman was considered a _____ because he refused to follow his party's platform on nearly every issue.
a. mentor
b. maverick
c. protagonist
d. visionary
- 426.** The audience puzzled over the _____ remark made by the mayoral candidate.
a. obvious
b. cryptic
c. shrewd
d. conniving
- 427.** Her _____ remarks were not taken seriously by anyone on the nominating committee.
a. porous
b. obsessive
c. frivolous
d. durable
- 428.** A key reference book detailing eyewitness accounts had to have _____ updates when new information surfaced.
a. subsequent
b. personable
c. rote
d. steadfast

SENTENCE COMPLETION

- 429.** The National Parks Service, in _____ with its mission, preserves the great outdoors for all to enjoy.
 a. contention
 b. amnesty
 c. conflict
 d. accordance
- 430.** Although the freeway system continues to grow, it often cannot keep pace with a _____ population.
 a. burgeoning
 b. beckoning
 c. capitulating
 d. exasperating
- 431.** She had a reputation as a _____ hostess and could always be found in the midst of a group telling a humorous story or joke.
 a. jovial
 b. maudlin
 c. predominant
 d. tractable
- 432.** Understanding the troubling world economic conditions, the recent graduates spoke _____ about job prospects for the future.
 a. warily
 b. luxuriously
 c. coyly
 d. narrowly
- 433.** The _____ of sunshine and warm weather were the perfect combination for a vacation by the seashore.
 a. assumption
 b. confluence
 c. seclusion
 d. treatise
- 434.** After the _____ of his license, he was forbidden to drive.
 a. institution
 b. foundation
 c. revocation
 d. preservation
- 435.** Allan _____ placed the bill in the wrong folder, and it was not paid in a timely manner, which adversely affected his credit rating, causing distress.
 a. purposely
 b. inadvertently
 c. voluntarily
 d. deliberately
- 436.** Do you have the _____ paperwork to register for your class?
 a. punitive
 b. grandiose
 c. restorative
 d. requisite
- 437.** Do not _____ yourself; you must pass the last exam of the semester to graduate.
 a. delude
 b. depreciate
 c. relinquish
 d. prohibit
- 438.** Although Hunter was too _____ to reveal information to us when we first met him, he soon began to talk more than anyone.
 a. customary
 b. reticent
 c. animated
 d. conceited

SENTENCE COMPLETION

- 439.** The darkening skies in the west were a _____ to the dangerous thunderstorm that summer afternoon.
- a. tedium
 - b. precursor
 - c. bane
 - d. momentum
- 440.** The classified information discussed in the board room was _____ to a reporter shortly after the meeting.
- a. testified
 - b. divulged
 - c. developed
 - d. rectified
- 441.** After an hour of heavy rain, the heavy storm _____, and we were able to continue our golf game.
- a. abated
 - b. germinated
 - c. constricted
 - d. evoked
- 442.** After years of experience, Florin became a _____ veterinarian who could treat and operate on many different kinds of animals.
- a. acute
 - b. superficial
 - c. consummate
 - d. ample
- 443.** On each slick curve in the road, I was afraid we would _____ and have an accident.
- a. elongate
 - b. hydroplane
 - c. submerge
 - d. reconnoiter
- 444.** My cousin claimed to be _____; evidently she was right, because she always seemed to know what would happen in the future.
- a. transitory
 - b. comical
 - c. paramount
 - d. clairvoyant
- 445.** One _____ shriek would be all it would take to scare the Halloween trick-or-treaters.
- a. unearthly
 - b. covert
 - c. alluring
 - d. esoteric
- 446.** Our tiny boat spun into the _____, and we were sure that all hope was lost.
- a. matrix
 - b. paradox
 - c. vector
 - d. vortex
- 447.** The project seemed both _____ and beneficial, and the committee supported it enthusiastically.
- a. implacable
 - b. feasible
 - c. savory
 - d. irreparable
- 448.** The many colors on the wings of the Monarch butterfly seem to create a/an _____ glow.
- a. divergent
 - b. iridescent
 - c. ornate
 - d. cumulous

SENTENCE COMPLETION

- 449.** Michael and Jamal had such a terrific _____ that they always seemed to know, without being told, what the other felt.
 a. altercation
 b. equilibrium
 c. rapport
 d. symmetry
- 450.** The politician's _____ voice emphatically detailed the many projects he planned to tackle once he was in office.
 a. clamorous
 b. flocculent
 c. affable
 d. fervent
- 451.** The newspaper _____ the statement made in the article because it was inaccurate.
 a. abolished
 b. invalidated
 c. retracted
 d. annulled
- 452.** Penny glared and looked _____ when she saw the new puppy getting all the attention.
 a. demure
 b. contrite
 c. askance
 d. analogous
- 453.** Typically, new dress designs become _____ within six months.
 a. pristine
 b. discordant
 c. obsolete
 d. avant garde
- 454.** For information about making a sound investment, you should get advice from a/an _____.
 a. prospectus
 b. entrepreneur
 c. demagogue
 d. proxy
- 455.** School calendars were originally based on a/an _____ lifestyle—when all family members needed to be available to help in the fields.
 a. business
 b. partisan
 c. pedestrian
 d. agrarian
- 456.** She shed _____ tears when she heard the tragic news.
 a. copious
 b. scant
 c. nonchalant
 d. genteel
- 457.** After graduation, Charles requested a/an _____ so that he did not have to pay his school loans immediately.
 a. surrogate
 b. deferment
 c. tincture
 d. improvement
- 458.** With this group of _____ personalities, she was sure her party would be a success.
 a. scintillating
 b. mundane
 c. irradiated
 d. burnished

SENTENCE COMPLETION

- 459.** The exhibit at the botanical gardens is an unusual collection of cacti and other _____ from around the world.
- a. perennials
 - b. succulents
 - c. annuals
 - d. tubers
- 460.** His _____ behavior made him seem childish and immature.
- a. beguiling
 - b. receding
 - c. forlorn
 - d. puerile
- 461.** The _____ young woman gave generously to many worthy causes.
- a. incisive
 - b. benevolent
 - c. gregarious
 - d. personable
- 462.** The _____ president differs from the past president on social reform issues.
- a. loquacious
 - b. consummate
 - c. ersatz
 - d. incumbent
- 463.** Anthony, a meticulous young man, always watered his neighbor's plants _____ when they went away on vacation.
- a. terminally
 - b. perpendicularly
 - c. assiduously
 - d. sagaciously
- 464.** The old man was _____; he refused to leave his home, even when he was warned of rising floodwaters.
- a. recitative
 - b. redundant
 - c. repatriated
 - d. recalcitrant
- 465.** The _____ advice offered by his friend saved him from making a grave mistake.
- a. insensitive
 - b. judicious
 - c. metaphorical
 - d. unorthodox

C H A P T E R

7



Reading Comprehension

Answer questions 466–468 on the basis of the following passage.

The ravages [of the storm] were terrible in America, Europe, and Asia. Towns were *overthrown*, forests uprooted, coasts devastated by the mountains of water which were precipitated on them, vessels cast on the shore, whole districts *leveled* by waterspouts, several thousand people crushed on land or drowned at sea; such were the traces of its (468) _____, left by this devastating tempest.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

466. What is the meaning of the word *overthrown* in the context of this passage?

- a. surrendered
- b. devastated
- c. capitulated
- d. yielded

467. What is the meaning of the word *leveled* as it is used in the passage?

- a. razed
- b. marked
- c. spread
- d. raised

- 468.** Which word, if inserted in the blank, makes the most sense in the context of the passage?
- a. velocity
 - b. fury
 - c. reward
 - d. benevolence

Answer questions 469–470 on the basis of the following passage.

One summer, while visiting in the little village among the Green Mountains where her ancestors had dwelt for (469) _____, my Aunt Georgiana kindled the callow fancy of my uncle, Howard Carpenter, then an idle, *shiftless* boy of twenty-one.

—Willa Cather

- 469.** Which word, if inserted in the blank, makes the most sense in the context of the passage?
- a. days
 - b. seasons
 - c. infinity
 - d. generations
- 470.** What is the meaning of the word *shiftless* as it is used in the passage?
- a. amiable
 - b. ruthless
 - c. lazy
 - d. carefree

Answer questions 471–472 on the basis of the following passage.

Experts who study rhesus monkeys have determined that the species uses facial expressions to communicate with each other and to enforce social order. For example, the fear *grimace*—although it looks ferocious—is actually given by a (472) _____

monkey who is intimidated by a (472) _____ member of the group.

- 471.** What is the meaning of the word *grimace* as it is used in the passage?
- a. smirk
 - b. contortion
 - c. howl
 - d. simper
- 472.** Which pair of words or phrases, if inserted into the blanks in sequence, makes the most sense in the writer’s context?
- a. calm . . . aggressive
 - b. dominant . . . subordinate
 - c. confident . . . fearless
 - d. subordinate . . . dominant

Answer question 473–475 on the basis of the following passage.

In space flight there are the obvious (473) _____ of meteors—debris and radiation. However, astronauts must also deal with two *vexing physiological foes*—muscle *atrophy* and bone loss.

- 473.** Which word, if inserted in the blank, makes the most sense in the context of the passage?
- a. thrills
 - b. ages
 - c. hazards
 - d. speed
- 474.** The phrase *vexing physiological foes* as used in the paragraph refers to
- a. physical deterioration.
 - b. serious illness.
 - c. nervous disorder.
 - d. contagious disease.

- 475.** The word *atrophy* as used in the paragraph most nearly means
- a. pain.
 - b. wasting.
 - c. aches.
 - d. cramping.

Answer questions 476–478 on the basis of the following passage.

There are as many types of business correspondence as there are kinds of corporate *atmospheres*. Office environments come in all sizes and can be ordinary and traditional or *quirky* entrepreneurial offices; some of them actually started in garages. Others can be very formal, multinational *behemoths*.

- 476.** What is the meaning of the word *atmospheres* as it is used in the passage?
- a. commodities
 - b. ambiance
 - c. elements
 - d. resources
- 477.** What is the meaning of the word *quirky* as it is used in the passage?
- a. idiosyncratic
 - b. engaging
 - c. quaint
 - d. exceptional
- 478.** Which of the following words is a synonym for *behemoth*?
- a. conglomerate
 - b. millionaire
 - c. scandal
 - d. chain

Answer questions 479–481 on the basis of the following passage.

A few species of birds are *parasitic*. The glossy cowbird, for example, lays five or six eggs a season, each in a different nest and then abandons them. The old world cuckoo lays her *clutch* in the nest of the host that reared her, her young *ejecting* the host's offspring as soon as they are able.

- 479.** In the context of the passage, what does *parasitic* mean?
- a. to take advantage of another without contributing anything
 - b. to devour a member of one's own species
 - c. to abandon one's offspring very early in life
 - d. to kill the offspring of another member of one's own species
- 480.** As used in the context of this passage, a *clutch* consists of
- a. eggs.
 - b. chicks.
 - c. feathers.
 - d. nests.
- 481.** What is the meaning of the word *ejecting* as used in the passage?
- a. fighting
 - b. killing
 - c. combating
 - d. expelling

Answer questions 482–483 on the basis of the following passage.

When we were learning to read, most of us learned to sound out words by syllables in order to pronounce them. Syllables are parts of words that carry separate sounds, though those sounds may be *comprised* of several letters. Every syllable must have a vowel sound. That vowel sound may be made up of more than one vowel letter. For instance, in the word *arraignment*, the *a* and *i* together make the long *a* sound. The *g* is silent. Breaking words into syllables is one of the best (483) _____ to divide and conquer longer words.

482. Based on the context of this passage, what is the best synonym for *comprised*?

- a. excluded
- b. composed
- c. fashioned
- d. produced

483. Which word, if inserted in the blank, makes the most sense in the context of the passage?

- a. mediums
- b. markers
- c. strategies
- d. caveats

Answer questions 484–485 on the basis of the following passage.

Martin Luther King was in Ghana when Ghana gained its independence. He said that the experience was an emotional one for him. As he watched the lowering of the old flag, (484) _____ British rule, and the raising of the new flag of the *sovereign* nation, he wept.

484. Which word, if inserted into the blank, makes the most sense in the context of the passage?

- a. symbolizing
- b. regaling
- c. incorporating
- d. demanding

485. What is the meaning of the word *sovereign* as it is used in the passage?

- a. isolated
- b. autonomous
- c. dominant
- d. commanding

Answer questions 486–488 on the basis of the following passage.

WARNING: Antihistamines can cause drowsiness, so you should avoid driving or other operations that demand alertness, coordination, or *dexterity*. Do not use this product if you are *intolerant to aspirin*. Allergic reactions may occur in *susceptible* persons.

486. What is the meaning of the word *dexterity* as it is used in the passage?

- a. balance
- b. agility
- c. clumsiness
- d. gait

487. What is the meaning of the phrase *intolerant to aspirin* as it is used in the passage?

- a. unable to absorb aspirin without adverse effects
- b. disliking the effects of aspirin
- c. unaffected by the healing effects of aspirin
- d. needing a stronger medication than aspirin

- 488.** What is the meaning of the word *susceptible* as it is used in the passage?
- a. adaptable
 - b. robust
 - c. malleable
 - d. sensitive

Answer questions 489–490 on the basis of the following passage.

The (489) _____ use by physicians of medical abbreviations can cause medication errors and incorrect interpretation of notes in the medical chart. It can create treatment delay if the nurse has to seek out the physician to ask for (490) _____.

- 489.** Which word, if inserted into the first blank, makes the most sense in the context of the passage?
- a. clandestine
 - b. indiscriminate
 - c. unlawful
 - d. intrepid
- 490.** Which word, if inserted into the second blank, makes the most sense in the context of the passage?
- a. reenactment
 - b. restitution
 - c. recompense
 - d. clarification

Answer questions 491–493 on the basis of the following passage.

John Reed was a schoolboy of fourteen years old; four years older than I, for I was but ten; large and (491) _____ for his age, with a dingy and unwholesome skin; thick lineaments in a *spacious visage*, heavy limbs, and large *extremities*.

—Charlotte Brontë

- 491.** Which word, if inserted in the blank, makes the most sense in the context of the passage?
- a. thin
 - b. stout
 - c. big
 - d. pleasant
- 492.** What is the meaning of the phrase *spacious visage* as it is used in the passage?
- a. large frame
 - b. big face
 - c. huge room
 - d. dull expression
- 493.** What is the meaning of the word *extremities* as it is used in the passage?
- a. hands and feet
 - b. neck and shoulders
 - c. arms and legs
 - d. height and weight

Answer questions 494–496 on the basis of the following passage.

In this *refulgent* summer it has been a luxury to draw the breath of life. The grass grows, the buds burst, the meadow is spotted with fire and gold in the tint of flowers. The air is full of birds, and sweet with the breath of the pine, the *balm-of-Gilead*, and the new hay. Night brings no gloom to the heart with its welcome *shade*.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

- 494.** Based on the context of the passage, what is the meaning of the word *refulgent*?
- a. downhearted
 - b. wholesome
 - c. radiant
 - d. stifling
- 495.** To what does the phrase *balm-of-Gilead* most likely refer as it is used in the passage?
- a. a plant
 - b. a cloud
 - c. a meadow
 - d. a scent
- 496.** What is the meaning of the word *shade* as it is used in the passage?
- a. ghost
 - b. obscurity
 - c. darkness
 - d. indistinctness

Answer questions 497–500 on the basis of the following passage.

Voting is the *privilege* for which wars have been fought, protests have been organized, and editorials have been written. “No taxation without representation,” was a *battle cry* of the American Revolution. Women struggled for *suffrage*, as did many minorities. Eighteen year olds clamored for the right to vote, saying that if they were old enough to go to war, they should be allowed to vote. Yet Americans have a *deplorable* voting history, and many will tell you they have never voted.

- 497.** Which of the following words is the best synonym for the word *privilege* as it is used in the passage?
- a. duty
 - b. responsibility
 - c. right
 - d. nonentity
- 498.** What is the meaning of the word *suffrage* as it is used in the passage?
- a. the right to honor all Americans
 - b. the right to vote in elections
 - c. the right to go to war
 - d. the right to protest taxes
- 499.** The phrase *battle cry* means the same as _____.
- a. legislation
 - b. limitation
 - c. motto
 - d. amendment

- 500.** What is the meaning of the word *deplorable* as it is used in the passage?
- a. covetous
 - b. conclusive
 - c. enviable
 - d. shameful

Answer questions 501–502 on the basis of the following passage.

The wandering albatross (*diomedea exulans*) has a wingspan of twelve feet and lays a single *chalky* egg in sand or in a simple grass nest. Sailors are said to catch albatrosses with baited hooks dropped into the *turbulent* wake of a boat. Since it is considered bad luck to kill an albatross, sailors release the birds immediately.

- 501.** What is the most likely meaning of the word *chalky* as it is used in the passage?
- a. having the chemical makeup of chalk
 - b. having the color of chalk
 - c. tasting like chalk
 - d. made of chalk
- 502.** What is the best synonym for the word *turbulent*, as it is used in the passage?
- a. undercurrent
 - b. mammoth
 - c. tumultuous
 - d. cumbersome

Answer questions 503–509 on the basis of the following passage.

After studying the Civil War and the antebellum period, an (503) _____ of history students (504) _____ on the magnificent, (505) _____ waterfront home and presidential library of Jefferson Davis. Davis lived on the estate toward the end of his life to write his (506) _____. He was the first and only president of the Confederacy. The students learned that this man, so passionate about his nation, had to (507) _____ his seat in the Senate when his state (508) _____ from the nation and assume a role he knew would cause great (509) _____ in his life.

- 503.** a. analogy
b. associate
c. assemblage
d. intimation
- 504.** a. converged
b. departed
c. deviated
d. swerved
- 505.** a. paltry
b. palatial
c. meager
d. trifling
- 506.** a. pretext
b. vanguard
c. ledgers
d. memoirs

- 507.** a. engage
b. resign
c. occupy
d. adopt

- 508.** a. affiliated
b. allied
c. related
d. seceded

- 509.** a. constancy
b. tranquility
c. upheaval
d. stability

Answer questions 510–515 on the basis of the following passage.

Probably no town, city, or state in this country is immune to the (510) _____ that always surrounds attempts to cut government budgets. Many communities are already faced with (511) _____ expenses related to high labor costs, costly social services, and shrinking tax bases. In (512) _____, some think we are paying for the unprecedented government spending of the last decade. The (513) _____ of opinion today, however, seems to be that budgets must be cut, though such cuts threaten to (514) _____ the services to the neediest groups of people. Consequently, the (515) _____ for the economic future of our cities is guarded.

- 510.** a. controversy
b. praise
c. admiration
d. applause

- 511.** a. equitable
b. sensible
c. exorbitant
d. reasonable

- 512.** a. general
b. retrospect
c. conclusion
d. denial

- 513.** a. consensus
b. compromise
c. confrontation
d. cooperation

- 514.** a. preserve
b. conserve
c. safeguard
d. diminish

- 515.** a. effect
b. prognosis
c. consequence
d. outcome

Answer questions 516–521 on the basis of the following passage.

It is quite (516) _____ that we watch television to learn about current events. We are drawn to stories presented to us by attractive, (517) _____ people whose sophistication gives (518) _____ to the remarks they make about a wide range of subjects. Critics say television reporting is ordinary and (519) _____, offering little more than a mindless (520) _____ of unimportant facts disguised as news. Proponents of news programs say that reporters offer (521) _____ and insightful

accounts of world events that enhance our understanding of the events that shape our lives.

- 516. a. ambiguous
b. evident
c. indistinct
d. opportune
- 517. a. urbane
b. straightforward
c. primitive
d. unrefined
- 518. a. diffidence
b. dissonance
c. complacency
d. credence
- 519. a. outstanding
b. exceptional
c. admirable
d. uninspired
- 520. a. recapitulation
b. instigation
c. proliferation
d. labyrinth
- 521. a. lackluster
b. monotonous
c. incisive
d. tacit

Answer questions 522–529 on the basis of the following passage.

To visit a computer superstore these days is to step into a dizzying world of (522) _____ by way of computer applications unimagined even a generation ago. A dazzling array of (523) _____ packages allows computer users a wide choice of programs to load onto a home computer. Brightly colored screens on (524) _____, or video display terminals, invite the browser to use a mouse, a (525) _____ that allows users to point to the operations they want to use on the computer. They can also explore the (526) _____, an international network of computer networks, connected by means of a telephone device called a (527) _____. Interested consumers can learn how to correspond electronically from their home computers by (528) _____ and how to organize household accounts on a (529) _____ program that is designed for record keeping.

- 522. a. databases
b. cybernetics
c. hardware
d. networks
- 523. a. websites
b. cursors
c. software
d. icons
- 524. a. monitors
b. televisions
c. video recorders
d. hardware

- 525.** a. design
b. prototype
c. pattern
d. peripheral

- 526.** a. websites
b. Internet
c. terminals
d. networks

- 527.** a. mouse
b. mousepad
c. modem
d. monitor

- 528.** a. e-mail
b. telephone
c. voice mail
d. interface

- 529.** a. hardware
b. code
c. spreadsheet
d. system

- 530.** a. global
b. environmental
c. longitudinal
d. societal

- 531.** a. outcries
b. denominations
c. testimonials
d. denials

- 532.** a. depletion
b. reinstatement
c. restoration
d. restitution

- 533.** a. advancing
b. proceeding
c. progressing
d. receding

- 534.** a. former
b. latter
c. concluding
d. secondary

Answer questions 530–534 on the basis of the following passage.

A major (530) _____ problem, the magnitude of which we are just beginning to realize, is global warming. When people say that the winters are not as cold as they used to be, or that there was definitely more snow in past years, they are correct. In addition to these personal (531) _____, there is concrete visual evidence of global warming. Most noticeable is the (532) _____ of the ice caps. In recent years, glaciers have been (533) _____ at a greater rate than in (534) _____ years.

Answer questions 535–539 on the basis of the following passage.

When the ice caps, made of fresh water, melt, it changes many things. These changes affect the (535) _____ of the oceans, the currents, and the conditions for survival for myriad species. Additionally, (536) _____ species could move in, affecting the entire ecosystem. This has a (537) _____ effect, as all species are (538) _____ and survive according to predictable sources of food and living conditions. A specific example recently described on an environmental calendar told of the effect of global warming on polar bears. Melting ice caps (539) _____ bears from hunting food. Without food,

they lose body fat and can be unable to give birth to cubs.

- 535.** a. radiation
 b. salinity
 c. alkalinity
 d. phosphorescence

- 536.** a. beneficial
 b. constructive
 c. practical
 d. invasive

- 537.** a. singular
 b. domino
 c. curious
 d. remarkable

- 538.** a. interdependent
 b. dependent
 c. submissive
 d. altruistic

- 539.** a. encourage
 b. enable
 c. preclude
 d. inspire

Answer questions 540–545 on the basis of the following passage.

Some experts say that ice ages followed by warming (540) _____ have been cyclical throughout the eons and that there is little that can be done to prevent those cycles. However, most scientists believe that the actions of humans have (541) _____ the warming process. They blame the increased burning of wood and fossil fuels—oil and coal—on a population that demands more heat, travels greater distances, and enjoys the comforts that electrical power

can bring. As more energy is (542) _____, the amounts of carbon dioxide and other pollutants in the (543) _____ increases. The phenomenon caused by warm air and pollutants trapped around the earth has been labeled the greenhouse effect. Searching for alternative sources of energy may (544) _____ global warming. Otherwise, serious environmental (545) _____ will affect almost every aspect of life.

- 540.** a. subdivisions
 b. phases
 c. geology
 d. contaminants

- 541.** a. modified
 b. slowed
 c. hastened
 d. solidified

- 542.** a. consumed
 b. admitted
 c. formulated
 d. consecrated

- 543.** a. ionosphere
 b. clouds
 c. atmosphere
 d. stratosphere

- 544.** a. mitigate
 b. intensify
 c. aggravate
 d. exacerbate

- 545.** a. manipulations
 b. resolutions
 c. fluctuations
 d. ramifications

C H A P T E R

8



Synonyms in Context

In each of the following sentences, replace the italicized word or phrase with a more descriptive word or phrase that means the same thing.

546. He *got* three A's on his report card.

- a. observed
- b. earned
- c. listed
- d. determined

547. The best-selling author wrote a *story that followed* her first book.

- a. prelude to
- b. overture to
- c. sequel to
- d. preface to

548. There were so many riders on the crosstown bus that I was *shoved from one side to the other* on my way to work.

- a. jostled
- b. neglected
- c. maneuvered
- d. abashed

549. Helicopters are specially designed to *float in the air* over an area.

- a. hydroplane
- b. revert
- c. transition
- d. hover

- 550.** Certain *passages* were taken from the book for the purpose of illustration.
- a. excerpts
 - b. contents
 - c. diatribes
 - d. indices
- 551.** The rescue team searched among the *ruins* for signs of life.
- a. terminal
 - b. foundation
 - c. rubble
 - d. establishment
- 552.** New experiments enabled manufacturers to make a *long-lasting* material that would save consumers a great deal of money.
- a. fleeting
 - b. fragile
 - c. perishable
 - d. durable
- 553.** The teacher *distributed* four sheets of paper for each student so each one could complete the necessary assignments for class.
- a. grappled
 - b. allotted
 - c. mustered
 - d. asserted
- 554.** The front page article reported that the senator *suffered* a serious injury in the car crash.
- a. sustained
 - b. retained
 - c. maintained
 - d. preserved
- 555.** Her attorney claimed that she suffered great mental *distress* as a result of the accident.
- a. euphoria
 - b. rapture
 - c. disdain
 - d. anguish
- 556.** The new business owner remained *bold and determined* in spite of the many setbacks.
- a. fatigued
 - b. resolute
 - c. prominent
 - d. acute
- 557.** The masterpiece bought by an antique dealer at the auction was *credited* to Picasso.
- a. attributed
 - b. denied
 - c. excised
 - d. attested
- 558.** Americans have become *used* to consuming large quantities of oil to run their homes and automobiles.
- a. deprogrammed
 - b. habituated
 - c. unaccustomed
 - d. reconciled
- 559.** His hope was to *pass on* a love of wood-working to his son.
- a. impart
 - b. conceal
 - c. withhold
 - d. infringe

- 560.** The most infamous *misleading trick* in his-
tory was a wooden horse sent to Troy by the
Greeks.
a. omen
b. veracity
c. authenticity
d. ruse
- 561.** The *smooth, thin outer layer* on the dining
room table was designed to make the table
look as if it were constructed entirely of oak.
a. veneer
b. shell
c. epidermis
d. interior
- 562.** Since all of the employees *worked together*
on the project, they met their deadline.
a. evolved
b. advanced
c. deconstructed
d. collaborated
- 563.** Carolyn prevented a *petty disagreement*
between Ethan and Andrew.
a. bramble
b. squabble
c. geyser
d. perseverance
- 564.** To make her stories more appealing, Cynthia
was known to *add to* her writing with ficti-
tious details.
a. isolate
b. detract
c. embellish
d. disavow
- 565.** He *ate and drank* all the food on the table.
a. divulged
b. conversed
c. consumed
d. retracted
- 566.** She was *very happy* to greet her cousin,
whom she hadn't seen in ten years.
a. ecstatic
b. appalled
c. efficacious
d. egregious
- 567.** Everyone in the military zone looked for-
ward to an *agreement to halt the fighting*.
a. inauguration
b. initiation
c. armistice
d. instigation
- 568.** The most accomplished chefs *use* exotic
ingredients to make appetizing meals.
a. prescribe
b. advise
c. proposition
d. incorporate
- 569.** We drove on some *pretty roads* as we made
our way through the countryside.
a. scenic byways
b. interstate highways
c. principal highways
d. county roads
- 570.** It is not a good idea to *show off* your riches
in such a showy way.
a. jostle
b. plunder
c. flaunt
d. direct

- 571.** Those who fail to meet their obligations will be *excluded* from the group.
- a. articulated
 - b. resigned
 - c. fraternized
 - d. ostracized
- 572.** She proclaimed her love in a very *direct* manner.
- a. forthright
 - b. oblique
 - c. evasive
 - d. deceitful
- 573.** Grandma *created* a love for reading in her grandchildren.
- a. downplayed
 - b. instilled
 - c. prevented
 - d. eradicated
- 574.** She gave an excuse that did not seem *real*.
- a. plausible
 - b. improbable
 - c. far-fetched
 - d. particular
- 575.** The *closeness* of the two homes allowed the girls to visit each other often.
- a. proximity
 - b. remoteness
 - c. inconvenience
 - d. architecture
- 576.** The new Broadway show was a very profitable, box-office *smash*.
- a. recluse
 - b. bonanza
 - c. debacle
 - d. conundrum
- 577.** Many *old sayings* have a ring of truth to them.
- a. translations
 - b. pedigrees
 - c. adages
 - d. decrees
- 578.** With great pleasure, the actor accepted the *praise* given to him by his fans.
- a. dissonance
 - b. plaudits
 - c. disapproval
 - d. armistice
- 579.** His actions would *prevent* anyone from offering him any help.
- a. preclude
 - b. promote
 - c. facilitate
 - d. allege
- 580.** The young children kept a *watch through the night* for signs of Santa Claus.
- a. clarification
 - b. vigil
 - c. resolution
 - d. decision
- 581.** Zeus was a *well-known* character from Greek mythology.
- a. infamous
 - b. legendary
 - c. obscure
 - d. recondite
- 582.** As a generation, we were taught to *look up to* our leaders with great respect.
- a. venerate
 - b. deride
 - c. derail
 - d. admonish

- 583.** A seal can be *clumsy and awkward* on land but graceful and elegant in the water.
- a. supple
 - b. ungainly
 - c. agile
 - d. sinuous
- 584.** The tall, old-fashioned armoire was *sent up to* the attic storeroom because the young couple wanted to decorate their house with more contemporary furniture.
- a. banished to
 - b. franchised by
 - c. venerated by
 - d. vilified by
- 585.** As a speaker, I found him to be extremely *clear and expressive*.
- a. garrulous
 - b. incoherent
 - c. articulate
 - d. verbose
- 586.** The latest job promotion found him at the *high point* of his professional career.
- a. nadir
 - b. median
 - c. acme
 - d. epitome
- 587.** The military troop's maneuvers allowed them to *secretly gain entrance behind* enemy lines.
- a. diverge
 - b. plummet
 - c. infiltrate
 - d. submerge
- 588.** His *self-controlled* behavior portrayed him as a man with little emotion.
- a. stoic
 - b. incessant
 - c. irascible
 - d. august
- 589.** When the concert was cancelled, there were many *annoyed* fans.
- a. perplexed
 - b. anonymous
 - c. disgruntled
 - d. solemn
- 590.** The shy five year old approached his kindergarten class with great *fear*.
- a. trepidation
 - b. contempt
 - c. verve
 - d. poise
- 591.** The old gentleman *entertained* all of his friends with thrilling stories of his seafaring days.
- a. divulged
 - b. regaled
 - c. dovetailed
 - d. bilked
- 592.** The most *vital and important* part of the election came when the candidates decided to hold a public debate.
- a. trivial
 - b. pivotal
 - c. indignant
 - d. enticing

- 593.** The conclusion reached by the jury was based on a *false notion*.
- a. fallacy
 - b. synopsis
 - c. banter
 - d. misdemeanor
- 594.** The science teacher was impressed by the *short and to the point* explanation her student gave for photosynthesis.
- a. pallid
 - b. banal
 - c. inane
 - d. pithy
- 595.** It seems unfair that the candidate should base his campaign on the *unjust abuse* of the other candidate.
- a. ratification
 - b. vilification
 - c. lionization
 - d. restitution
- 596.** When she met Sebastian, she knew they were *similar people even though they were not related*.
- a. kin
 - b. antipodes
 - c. kindred spirits
 - d. citizens
- 597.** The *playful, unpredictable, and fanciful* characters often found in fairy tales amuse children of all ages.
- a. vain
 - b. boorish
 - c. whimsical
 - d. fickle
- 598.** Annoyed by her *rude and impolite* reply, I decided to mingle with other people at the party.
- a. serene
 - b. churlish
 - c. quaint
 - d. communal
- 599.** Our colleges and universities are *strong and commanding places* that guard against ignorance and prejudice.
- a. monuments
 - b. citadels
 - c. portals
 - d. tableaux
- 600.** Most soldiers go to war for the sake of their country, but some fight for *monetary* reasons.
- a. altruistic
 - b. cohesive
 - c. vindictive
 - d. mercenary
- 601.** The skier lay *unable to move* after the jump she made on the advanced trail.
- a. volatile
 - b. inert
 - c. vigorous
 - d. remiss
- 602.** With the threat of war, the country has placed *certain limitations or restrictions* on foreign trade.
- a. platitudes
 - b. accolades
 - c. strictures
 - d. pinnacles

- 603.** The lion tamer's act demonstrated many *recklessly dangerous* feats.
a. pusillanimous
b. audacious
c. timid
d. sinuous
- 604.** A *great many* life forms make up the rain forest environment of the Amazon.
a. A myriad of
b. Scintilla
c. Sparse
d. A paucity of
- 605.** The waiver meant that you would *go along with* all of our wishes.
a. dissent
b. emancipate
c. discard
d. comply with
- 606.** An octogenarian may be *deprived of strength and ability* by age.
a. incapacitated
b. rehabilitated
c. reformed
d. converted
- 607.** Every Sunday morning she would *carefully read* the classified ads in hopes of finding the right job.
a. admonish
b. peruse
c. envision
d. perambulate
- 608.** Cheers from the parents *supported* the members of the little league team.
a. subverted
b. fettered
c. impaired
d. bolstered
- 609.** Lawmakers wished to *get rid of* the outdated law because it was no longer suitable for the citizens in the community.
a. ratify
b. aver
c. annul
d. validate
- 610.** The *concerned and compassionate* inquiry made by the doctors and nurses showed the patient that the medical staff was very sincere.
a. apathetic
b. solicitous
c. amiable
d. mediocre
- 611.** The history professor always dressed in *subdued* grays and browns.
a. staid
b. gaudy
c. jaunty
d. flamboyant
- 612.** One *wastefully extravagant* shopping spree could place your credit rating in danger.
a. prodigal
b. frugal
c. stringent
d. meticulous

- 613.** *Out-of-control* spending by the government was to blame for the mounting national debt.
- a. Judicious
 - b. Indiscriminate
 - c. Selective
 - d. Discriminate
- 614.** The captain had to *give up and surrender* in order to save the last of his troops.
- a. persist
 - b. attune
 - c. capitulate
 - d. exalt
- 615.** The salesman at the door greeted me with such a *friendly* smile that I could not possibly suspect dishonesty.
- a. disarming
 - b. slovenly
 - c. perturbing
 - d. disquieting
- 616.** The eight year old was a chess *expert with extraordinary ability and talent*.
- a. dullard
 - b. laggard
 - c. practitioner
 - d. prodigy
- 617.** The guidebook she purchased proved to be a *real* treasure that pointed out historic sites and monuments as well as good restaurants.
- a. unfounded
 - b. veritable
 - c. specious
 - d. exorbitant
- 618.** The *environment* of the model home was elegant but inviting.
- a. sanctuary
 - b. consensus
 - c. milieu
 - d. fortitude
- 619.** To break the new horse and make it *easy to deal with*, the owner had to train it daily.
- a. obstreperous
 - b. refractory
 - c. fractious
 - d. tractable
- 620.** Her boss accused her of *pretending to be ill to avoid work*.
- a. enormity
 - b. steadfastness
 - c. malingering
 - d. foreboding
- 621.** The woman sitting next to me on the flight was extremely *talkative* when all I wanted to do was rest.
- a. taciturn
 - b. loquacious
 - c. pugnacious
 - d. irksome
- 622.** The invention of the computer marked a new *age* in technology.
- a. beginning
 - b. distribution
 - c. administration
 - d. epoch

C H A P T E R

9



Choose the Right Word

For the following questions, choose the word that best fits each sentence.

- 623.** The furniture in the attic turned out to be a veritable (bonanza/rubble) of valuable antiques.
- 624.** The baby had an (uncanny/insipid) way of knowing just when mom and dad walked in the room.
- 625.** By the (scrutiny/grimace) on your face, I could tell you were displeased with the findings.
- 626.** The plummeting stock market (jeopardized/evoked) the portfolios of millions of investors.
- 627.** The importance of defensive driving was (indelibly/nostalgically) implanted in the minds of all driver education students by a very concerned instructor.
- 628.** The (intoxicating/acrid) smell from the nearby lumber mill was eliminated after the installation of the new pollution-free machinery.

- 629.** The (placid/turbulent) waters of the lake were perfect for learning to row a boat.
- 630.** The way the research assignment was presented seemed (palatable/contemptible) to the class because there were lots of resources and choices available.
- 631.** The ambitious young couple wanted to buy a (pristine/dilapidated) house to refurbish.
- 632.** The novel was told by an (ephemeral/omniscient) narrator—one who understood all of the events and characters.
- 633.** Choosing to (bequeath/extract) her estate to the literacy foundation, she was able to help those who could not read.
- 634.** Her haughty and (poignant/supercilious) manner was not appealing to her constituents.
- 635.** The classified ad called for a (methodical/belligerent) person who could meticulously manage the accounts at the construction firm.
- 636.** After a (logical/cursory) glance at the outline, he tucked it away so he could examine it later.
- 637.** After a sizzling heat wave, the water in the pool was so (tepid/tumultuous) I felt like I was taking a bath.
- 638.** I could not (invoke/ascertain) the exact number of people who attended the concert last night.
- 639.** The author described a (malevolent/pejorative) wind that swept through the countryside that fateful night.
- 640.** (Petulant/Nocturnal) raids on the refrigerator were commonplace at our house once the clock struck midnight.
- 641.** The candidates planned a (clandestine/capricious) meeting before the election on Tuesday.
- 642.** My grandfather's (vanguard/ruminations) gave me great insight into the progress we have made over the past century.
- 643.** "Using (platitudes/edicts) and clichés is not an effective way to write. They rarely let you express yourself exactly," said the English instructor.
- 644.** After the hurricane, the agency needed to (contravene /disperse) food, water, and clothing to the thousands of people whose homes were destroyed.
- 645.** The law partners separated (amicably/rancorously) and vowed to cooperate on new business ventures in the future.
- 646.** (Magnanimous/Parsimonious) donations from a generous but anonymous benefactor were received every year at the children's hospital.

- 647.** An eloquent speech was made by the charming and (urbane/recalcitrant) master of ceremonies.
- 648.** The city planners determined that the construction of a movie complex would (exacerbate/allocate) traffic in a city already plagued with traffic jams.
- 649.** The motivational speaker gave a speech that served to (stultify/galvanize) the audience.
- 650.** The (sinuous/discomfited) movements of the ballet dancers showed evidence of many years of dedication and practice.

S E C T I O N

3



Spelling

IN THIS FINAL section, you will practice your spelling skills with hundreds of spelling questions. Many of the items involve commonly misspelled words, and the words in each chapter range from easy to difficult. Chapter 10 focuses on identifying the correctly spelled words. In Chapter 11, you will choose the correct answer from commonly confused homophones, which are words that sound alike but have different spellings and meanings. Chapter 12 tests your ability to choose the correct word based on your knowledge of the common spelling errors derived from plurals, mixing up letter combinations, and tricky prefixes and suffixes. Finally, Chapter 13 asks you to choose the words that are misspelled.

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Choose the Correctly Spelled Word

Choose the correct spelling for the missing word in each of the following sentences.

- 651.** The newly-fallen snow _____ transformed the landscape.
- a. magically
 - b. magickelly
 - c. majicelly
 - d. magicaly

652. Her _____ into mathematical concepts was evident when she correctly analyzed a challenging question.

- a. insite
- b. inscite
- c. ensight
- d. insight

653. The baby's soft skin was _____ to the harsh winter wind.

- a. sinsitive
- b. sensitive
- c. sensative
- d. sinsative

CHOOSE THE CORRECTLY SPELLED WORD

- 654.** It is my _____ that municipal employees handle their jobs with great professionalism.
- a. beleif
 - b. bilief
 - c. belief
 - d. beleaf
- 655.** My sister is going to be on the cover of *Seventeen* _____.
- a. magizine
 - b. magazene
 - c. magezine
 - d. magazine
- 656.** The sounding alarm signaled a _____ in security.
- a. breach
 - b. breche
 - c. broach
 - d. briech
- 657.** For some reason, I _____ a change in her attitude.
- a. percieved
 - b. preceived
 - c. perceived
 - d. precieved
- 658.** If you stay in the water too long, your fingertips will _____.
- a. shrivel
 - b. shrivvel
 - c. shrivell
 - d. shrival
- 659.** I just don't know what I would do in her _____.
- a. situation
 - b. situatoin
 - c. situashun
 - d. sitiation
- 660.** The caverns were so damp that my skin felt _____.
- a. clamby
 - b. clamy
 - c. clammy
 - d. clammy
- 661.** It was a _____ day for the annual picnic.
- a. superb
 - b. supperb
 - c. supurb
 - d. sepurb
- 662.** The first time Wendy drove her new car into town, all of her friends were _____.
- a. jellous
 - b. jealous
 - c. jealuse
 - d. jeolous
- 663.** The opening night performance was so _____ that the cast was given many extra curtain calls.
- a. teriffic
 - b. terrific
 - c. terriffic
 - d. terific

CHOOSE THE CORRECTLY SPELLED WORD

- 664.** To be elected _____, candidates must have a solid background in law enforcement.
- a. sherrif
 - b. sherriff
 - c. sherif
 - d. sheriff
- 665.** Learning the words to all of Robert Frost's poetry has become an _____ for Jonathan.
- a. obsession
 - b. obsessian
 - c. obsession
 - d. obsessiun
- 666.** Driving on icy roads can place you in _____.
- a. jeoperdy
 - b. jepardy
 - c. jeapardy
 - d. jeopardy
- 667.** Nora was awestruck by the _____ mountain range in the national park.
- a. magnifisint
 - b. magnifisent
 - c. magnificent
 - d. magnifficent
- 668.** From inside the box came a strange _____ sound.
- a. mechinical
 - b. mechanical
 - c. mechenical
 - d. machanical
- 669.** The agents were searching for _____ cargo on the airplane.
- a. elicitt
 - b. ellicit
 - c. illicet
 - d. illicit
- 670.** There will be an immediate _____ into the cause of the accident.
- a. inquiry
 - b. inquirry
 - c. enquirry
 - d. enquiry
- 671.** The contract for the teachers' union could not be _____ before the school year ended.
- a. terminated
 - b. termenated
 - c. terrminated
 - d. termanated
- 672.** The Pilgrims came to America to escape religious _____.
- a. persecution
 - b. purseccution
 - c. presecution
 - d. persecusion
- 673.** The color she chose was a _____ shade of blue.
- a. peculior
 - b. peculiar
 - c. peculliar
 - d. piculear

CHOOSE THE CORRECTLY SPELLED WORD

- 674.** Some people say that _____ is not a true science.
a. psychology
b. psycholigy
c. psychollogy
d. psychology
- 675.** Getting a driver's _____ is a rite of passage for most teenagers.
a. lisense
b. lisence
c. lycence
d. license
- 676.** The reporter gave a _____ and accurate account of the events.
a. concise
b. concize
c. consise
d. cuncise
- 677.** My next-door _____ planted some beautiful flowers near his sidewalk.
a. nieghbor
b. neihbor
c. niehbor
d. neighbor
- 678.** The paramedics attempted to _____ the victim.
a. stabilize
b. stablize
c. stableize
d. stabalize
- 679.** The attorney asked a question that was _____ to the case; the judge overruled it.
a. irelevant
b. irrelevant
c. irrelevant
d. irrelevent
- 680.** The mayor highlighted the _____ statistics during her campaign speech.
a. encouredging
b. encouraging
c. incurraging
d. incouraging
- 681.** The journalist made a _____ to finish the article by Friday.
a. commitment
b. committent
c. comittment
d. comitment
- 682.** Dad thinks it is _____ to stay up late on a school night.
a. rediculous
b. rediculus
c. ridiculous
d. ridiculus
- 683.** The large donation came from an _____ source.
a. anynonymous
b. anonimus
c. anounymous
d. anonymous

CHOOSE THE CORRECTLY SPELLED WORD

- 684.** The scientists had to do an _____ amount of research on the project.
a. extraordinary
b. extraordinery
c. extrordinary
d. ecstraordinary
- 685.** The customer service representative gave his _____ that the refund would be made within two weeks.
a. asurance
b. assurance
c. assurence
d. assurance
- 686.** The purpose of the new city ordinance was debated _____.
a. frequently
b. frequintly
c. frequently
d. frequentley
- 687.** Throughout the trial, the _____ was placed on scientific evidence.
a. enphasis
b. emphisis
c. emphasis
d. emfasis
- 688.** The presidential candidate refused to _____ the election until every vote was counted.
a. concede
b. conceed
c. consede
d. conseed
- 689.** Each of the new employees had similar _____.
a. aspirations
b. asparations
c. aspirrations
d. aspirations
- 690.** The young man wished to _____ his right to speak freely.
a. excercise
b. exercise
c. exersize
d. exercize
- 691.** The president and the vice president were a _____ pair.
a. compatibel
b. compatable
c. compatible
d. commpatible
- 692.** I was _____ of the claims made by the loquacious salesman.
a. skeptical
b. skeptikal
c. skepticle
d. skepticil
- 693.** The valedictorian will give the _____ address.
a. comencement
b. commencement
c. commencment
d. comencment
- 694.** Who is your immediate _____?
a. superviser
b. supervizer
c. supervizor
d. supervisor

CHOOSE THE CORRECTLY SPELLED WORD

- 695.** There are two types of _____: viral and bacterial.
a. neumonia
b. pneumonia
c. pnumonia
d. newmonia
- 696.** The _____ size of the cathedral was typical of the Middle Ages.
a. colossal
b. collossal
c. collosal
d. colassal
- 697.** All of the _____ is set up for the gymnastic tournament.
a. apperatus
b. aparatus
c. apparatus
d. aparratus
- 698.** With such huge debt, he was forced to file for _____.
a. bankruptsy
b. bankruptcy
c. bankropcy
d. bankrupcy
- 699.** The auto repair shop specialized in rebuilding _____.
a. carbueretors
b. carburetors
c. carboretors
d. carborators
- 700.** All day long there was an _____ drone of automobiles from the freeway.
a. incessent
b. insessant
c. incesant
d. incessant
- 701.** All of a sudden they found themselves facing a terrible _____.
a. delemma
b. dilemma
c. dilema
d. dilemna
- 702.** That method is the most _____ way to get the job done.
a. eficient
b. eficeint
c. efficient
d. efficeint
- 703.** The labor union took steps to _____ the poor working conditions.
a. ameliorate
b. amiliorate
c. amieliorate
d. amielierate
- 704.** My _____ needs to be paid every month.
a. morgage
b. morgauge
c. mortgage
d. morgauge
- 705.** His curt answer _____ me even more.
a. agravated
b. agravaeted
c. aggravated
d. aggravatid

CHOOSE THE CORRECTLY SPELLED WORD

- 706.** The pilot was a _____ in the Air Force.
a. lieutenant
b. lieutenant
c. leutenant
d. lutenant
- 707.** Please try to _____ me on the trip.
a. accompany
b. accompany
c. accompeny
d. accompany
- 708.** The editor's _____ can only be expressed on the Op-Ed page.
a. viewpoint
b. veiwpoint
c. viewpointe
d. veiupoint
- 709.** The lights of the Aurora Borealis are a natural _____.
a. phenominon
b. phenominnon
c. phenomenon
d. phinominon
- 710.** Since it was a formal affair, he had to wear a _____.
a. tuxedo
b. tuxedo
c. tuxedo
d. tuxeedo
- 711.** The three sisters were all _____.
a. brunettes
b. brunetes
c. brunetts
d. brunnets
- 712.** There was some _____ of order when I finished cleaning the house.
a. semblence
b. semblince
c. semblance
d. semblanse
- 713.** The dentist took care of her _____ tooth.
a. abscessed
b. absessed
c. abscesed
d. abcessed
- 714.** Over four-hundred applicants entered the beauty _____.
a. pagiant
b. pajiant
c. pageant
d. pajeant
- 715.** In many states, passing a road test requires drivers to _____ park.
a. paralel
b. paralell
c. parallal
d. parallel
- 716.** His logic was _____ flawed.
a. fundimntally
b. fundamentally
c. fundamentaly
d. fundamentelly
- 717.** The breakfast _____ she served were the best I have ever tasted.
a. bisciuts
b. biscutes
c. biscuits
d. biscuits

CHOOSE THE CORRECTLY SPELLED WORD

- 718.** The new homeowners chose the _____ carpeting.
a. biege
b. bieje
c. beige
d. beije
- 719.** Evan suffered from a severe case of _____.
a. tonsillitis
b. tonsilitis
c. tonscilitis
d. tonscillitis
- 720.** Not only did he play the guitar, he played the _____ as well.
a. ukalele
b. ukelele
c. ukulale
d. ukulele
- 721.** Being an honor student, he _____ in his studies.
a. exeled
b. exceled
c. exseled
d. excelled
- 722.** She believed it was her _____ to change her mind.
a. perogative
b. perugative
c. prerogative
d. prerogetive
- 723.** The _____ disappearance of my diary bothered me all day.
a. mystereous
b. mistereous
c. misterious
d. mysterious
- 724.** My brother is _____ to taking long walks after dinner.
a. accustomed
b. acustomed
c. acusstomed
d. accustommed
- 725.** My best friend is an _____ optimist.
a. incorigible
b. incorrigible
c. incorrigible
d. incorrigable
- 726.** Milk is _____ before it is sold to customers.
a. pastureized
b. pasteurized
c. pastuerized
d. pastuerised
- 727.** He was a self-proclaimed _____ of fine wines.
a. connoiseur
b. conoisiseur
c. connoisseur
d. connisiseur
- 728.** When the paramedics arrived, the victim was in a _____ state.
a. delirious
b. delerious
c. delireous
d. delireous

CHOOSE THE CORRECTLY SPELLED WORD

- 729.** His job was to _____ information to the troops.
a. disemminate
b. disseminate
c. disseminate
d. desseminate
- 730.** The radio show was _____ with callers responding to today's trivia question.
a. inundated
b. innundated
c. inondated
d. inundatid
- 731.** For most people, a slice of chocolate cake can be _____.
a. iresistible
b. irresistibile
c. irresistable
d. irrিসistible
- 732.** After the tornado, _____ was scattered everywhere.
a. debrie
b. dibrie
c. debris
d. debree
- 733.** He decided to dress in a gray suit in order to be _____.
a. incunspicuous
b. inconspicuous
c. inconspicus
d. inconspicious
- 734.** The accounting firm was _____ for fraudulent practices.
a. prosecuted
b. prosscuted
c. prosecuttid
d. prosecuted
- 735.** The twenty dollar bills appeared to be _____.
a. counterfiet
b. counterfit
c. countirfit
d. counterfeit
- 736.** Is it _____ to bring pets into the park?
a. permissable
b. permisable
c. permissible
d. permisible
- 737.** Unlike the other sections on the estate, the rose garden was arranged _____.
a. symetrically
b. symetrically
c. symmetricully
d. symmetrically
- 738.** For many years, _____ was a popular form of entertainment in America.
a. vaudville
b. vawdville
c. vaudeville
d. vaudiville
- 739.** It took me thirty minutes to _____ the entire house.
a. vacuum
b. vaccuum
c. vacum
d. vacume

CHOOSE THE CORRECTLY SPELLED WORD

- 740.** The auditorium could _____ five-hundred people.
a. acomodate
b. accomodate
c. accomedate
d. accommodate
- 741.** The lemon _____ pie was enticing, but I had to remember my diet.
a. meringue
b. merengue
c. merangue
d. merange
- 742.** The support from her _____ was overwhelming.
a. coleagues
b. collegues
c. colleagues
d. colleages
- 743.** They returned from Europe with many _____.
a. souvenirs
b. suovenirs
c. suvenirs
d. souvenirs
- 744.** In some cultures, _____ young couples have prearranged weddings.
a. marrigeable
b. marriageable
c. marriageable
d. mariageable
- 745.** Coffee stains made the note _____.
a. ilegible
b. illegible
c. ilegable
d. illegable
- 746.** _____ is an antibiotic used to cure many illnesses.
a. Penicillen
b. Penicillin
c. Penicillen
d. Penicilin
- 747.** _____ is often called the awkward stage.
a. Adolescence
b. Adollessents
c. Adolescence
d. Adolscence
- 748.** William Shakespeare is considered the most famous _____ of all times.
a. playwrighte
b. playwright
c. playright
d. playwright
- 749.** Many lifelong rules can be learned in _____.
a. kindergarten
b. kindergarden
c. kindregarden
d. kintergarden
- 750.** She received her _____ of arts degree last spring.
a. bachelor
b. bacheler
c. batchelor
d. batcheler

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Choose the Correct Homophone

For each of the following sentences, choose the correct spelling for the missing word. The words in each set of choices are homophones—words that sound alike but are spelled differently and have different meanings.

751. My favorite _____ is peach pie with vanilla ice cream.

- a. desert
- b. dessert

752. Do you think I should run for a seat on the city _____?

- a. counsel
- b. council

753. The amount for the carpet was a _____ price.

- a. fair
- b. fare

754. This is the _____ of the new art museum.

- a. sight
- b. cite
- c. site

755. Come _____ the park later this evening to see the sunset.

- a. buy
- b. bye
- c. by

CHOOSE THE CORRECT HOMOPHONE

- 756.** This is the _____ book George has read.
a. fourth
b. forth
- 757.** When the driver slammed on the _____, his car slid into the ditch.
a. breaks
b. brakes
- 758.** A very experienced guide _____ the group on a hike into the wilderness.
a. lead
b. led
- 759.** Have dinner with us at the restaurant; we'll meet you _____.
a. they're
b. their
c. there
- 760.** May I have a _____ of cheese?
a. piece
b. peace
- 761.** All children have the _____ to an education.
a. write
b. rite
c. right
- 762.** It is a good idea to exercise on a _____ bicycle during inclement weather.
a. stationery
b. stationary
- 763.** At the beach, we went digging for clams and _____.
a. mussels
b. muscles
- 764.** We _____ the exit and had to turn around.
a. past
b. passed
- 765.** The French Revolution was known as the "_____ of Terror."
a. Rain
b. Reign
c. Rein
- 766.** I don't understand today's math _____.
a. lesson
b. lessen
- 767.** While nuclear energy is efficient, storing nuclear _____ is always a problem.
a. waste
b. waist
- 768.** The acoustics in the auditorium made it easy for the audience to _____ the melodic sounds of the soloist.
a. here
b. hear
- 769.** This problem is _____ complex.
a. two
b. to
c. too
- 770.** My grandmother is an _____ historian.
a. imminent
b. immanent
c. eminent

CHOOSE THE CORRECT HOMOPHONE

771. She had to buy a _____ of shoes to match her dress.

- a. pair
- b. pear
- c. pare

772. The _____ of the school asked all faculty members to attend a meeting.

- a. principal
- b. principle

773. The _____ of the perfume was intoxicating.

- a. sent
- b. cent
- c. scent

774. The room was completely _____ of furniture.

- a. bear
- b. bare

775. _____ only four o'clock in the afternoon.

- a. It's
- b. Its

776. Creativity is _____ best asset.

- a. you're
- b. your

777. The _____ in the mountains was peaceful and still.

- a. air
- b. heir

778. Take the _____ to the second floor.

- a. stares
- b. stairs

779. She boarded a _____ to San Francisco last night.

- a. plane
- b. plain

For the following questions, choose the sentence in which the italicized word is spelled incorrectly. All of the choices are homophones—words that sound alike but are spelled differently and have different meanings. If there are no mistakes, choose answer d.

780. a. I will take a *course* in economics next semester.

- b. Follow the river's *coarse*.
- c. Sandpaper is always *coarse*.
- d. No mistakes.

781. a. Do you want to meet at nine or ten? The *latter* is better for me.

- b. Let's go shopping *later* this week.
- c. *Later*, he told us of his plans to build a new house.
- d. No mistakes.

782. a. We will *bored* the plane at 4:00.

- b. The *board* members will all attend.
- c. He used his drill and *bored* a hole in the wall.
- d. No mistakes.

783. a. Terrence is old enough to *pour* his own glass of milk now.

- b. There are some very *poor* people living in that part of the United States.
- c. Josie *pours* over the catalogs she receives in the mail.
- d. No mistakes.

CHOOSE THE CORRECT HOMOPHONE

- 784.** a. He had a reputation for being very *vane* and self-centered.
b. We studied the *veins* in the leaves.
c. Mr. Hanson put a weather *vane* on his roof.
d. No mistakes.
- 785.** a. The sun *shone* brightly.
b. The house was *shown* by the real estate agent.
c. Why wasn't I *shown* how to operate this machine?
d. No mistakes.
- 786.** a. They will *raze* this old building and build a skyscraper in its place.
b. *Raise* your hand if you know the answer.
c. Many farmers *raise* chickens.
d. No mistakes.
- 787.** a. The first graders were learning how to write *capital* letters.
b. We don't have enough *capitol* to buy a new building.
c. What is the *capital* of North Dakota?
d. No mistakes.
- 788.** a. The *great* majority of the class will attend the pep rally.
b. Be sure to clean the *grate* in the fireplace.
c. That music *greats* on my nerves.
d. No mistakes.
- 789.** a. I prefer to eat *plain*, home-cooked meals.
b. Some people say it is a boring landscape, but I like the *planes* of the Midwest.
c. We need to use a *plane* to make the top of the door level.
d. No mistakes.
- 790.** a. There are *holes* in your socks.
b. I found a *whole* set of dishes at a garage sale.
c. He ate the *hole* pie.
d. No mistakes.
- 791.** a. What is the *morale* of the story?
b. Have you no *moral* standards?
c. Employee *morale* was low.
d. No mistakes.

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Plurals, IE/EI Rule, and Prefixes and Suffixes

For each of the following questions, choose the correct plural form.

792. a. pianos
b. pianoes

793. a. skys
b. skies

794. a. mouses
b. mice

795. a. bunches
b. bunchs

796. a. strawberrys
b. strawberries

797. a. shelves
b. shelves

798. a. boxs
b. boxes

799. a. deer
b. deers

800. a. stimuluses
b. stimuli

801. a. son-in-laws
b. sons-in-law

802. a. attorneys
b. attornies

803. a. industries
b. industrys

804. a. handsful
b. handfuls

805. a. tomatoes
b. tomatos

806. a. crises
b. criseses

807. a. turkies
b. turkeys

808. a. species
b. specieses

809. a. valleys
b. vallies

For each of the following questions, choose the correct spelling for the words that contain *ei* or *ie*.

810. a. recieve
b. receive

811. a. piece
b. peice

812. a. reign
b. rieg

813. a. neither
b. niether

814. a. weight
b. wieght

815. a. decieve
b. deceive

816. a. yeild
b. yield

817. a. caffeine
b. caffiene

818. a. friendly
b. freindly

819. a. greif
b. grief

820. a. efficeint
b. efficient

821. a. concieted
b. conceited

822. a. achieve
b. acheive

823. a. foreign
b. foriegn

824. a. vareity
b. variety

825. a. pateint
b. patient

826. a. queitly
b. quietly

827. a. chief
b. cheif

828. a. sleigh
b. sliegh

829. a. leisure
b. liesure

830. a. seize
b. sieze

831. a. beleive
b. believe

For each of the following questions, choose the correct spelling for the words that have prefixes or suffixes.

832. a. ilegal
b. illegal

833. a. misspelled
b. misspelled

834. a. unnecessary
b. unecessary

835. a. ilegible
b. illegible

836. a. overrated
b. overated

837. a. driving
b. driveing

838. a. suddeness
b. suddeness

839. a. disatisfy
b. dissatisfy

840. a. finaly
b. finally

841. a. truely
b. truly

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Find the
Misspelled
Word

In each of the following questions, find the word that is misspelled. If all of the words are spelled correctly, choose answer d.

- 842.** a. women
b. people
c. babys
d. no mistakes

- 843.** a. radios
b. leaves
c. alumni
d. no mistakes

- 844.** a. announcement
b. advisement
c. description
d. no mistakes

- 845.** a. omission
b. aisle
c. litrature
d. no mistakes

- 846.** a. informal
b. servent
c. comfortable
d. no mistakes

- 847.** a. vegetable
 b. width
 c. variation
 d. no mistakes

- 848.** a. twentieth
 b. fortieth
 c. ninetieth
 d. no mistakes

- 849.** a. asociacion
 b. unnecessary
 c. illegal
 d. no mistakes

- 850.** a. villin
 b. volunteer
 c. voracious
 d. no mistakes

- 851.** a. hindrence
 b. equipped
 c. possessive
 d. no mistakes

- 852.** a. procedure
 b. judgment
 c. testamony
 d. no mistakes

- 853.** a. explicit
 b. abduct
 c. rotate
 d. no mistakes

- 854.** a. through
 b. threw
 c. thorough
 d. no mistakes

- 855.** a. quantaty
 b. quality
 c. quaint
 d. no mistakes

- 856.** a. requirement
 b. reverence
 c. resistant
 d. no mistakes

- 857.** a. incorporate
 b. contridict
 c. exhale
 d. no mistakes

- 858.** a. pertain
 b. reversel
 c. memorization
 d. no mistakes

- 859.** a. marshal
 b. martial
 c. tyrenny
 d. no mistakes

- 860.** a. optimum
 b. palpable
 c. plunder
 d. no mistakes

- 861.** a. ravinous
 b. miraculous
 c. wondrous
 d. no mistakes

- 862.** a. phenomonal
 b. emulate
 c. misconception
 d. no mistakes

FIND THE MISPELLED WORD

- 863.** a. mischief
b. temperture
c. lovable
d. no mistakes

- 864.** a. stadium
b. competitor
c. atheletic
d. no mistakes

- 865.** a. dictionary
b. auditorium
c. biology
d. no mistakes

- 866.** a. geometry
b. perimeter
c. circumferance
d. no mistakes

- 867.** a. general
b. corporal
c. lieutenant
d. no mistakes

- 868.** a. poltry
b. rhubarb
c. marmalade
d. no mistakes

- 869.** a. transparent
b. strenthen
c. lightning
d. no mistakes

- 870.** a. primarily
b. finallity
c. specifically
d. no mistakes

- 871.** a. parliament
b. governor
c. congressional
d. no mistakes

- 872.** a. relegious
b. insurance
c. military
d. no mistakes

- 873.** a. mortar
b. outweigh
c. pursue
d. no mistakes

- 874.** a. balcony
b. delenquent
c. emergency
d. no mistakes

- 875.** a. gratitude
b. horrendous
c. forcast
d. no mistakes

- 876.** a. ketchup
b. condiment
c. relish
d. no mistakes

- 877.** a. rightious
b. strenuous
c. manageable
d. no mistakes

- 878.** a. sincerly
b. faithfully
c. reliably
d. no mistakes

- 879.** a. label
 b. vacency
 c. medal
 d. no mistakes

- 880.** a. bookkeeping
 b. accounting
 c. bankrupcy
 d. no mistakes

- 881.** a. bungalow
 b. construction
 c. architecture
 d. no mistakes

- 882.** a. crusade
 b. political
 c. campain
 d. no mistakes

- 883.** a. digestion
 b. resperation
 c. circulation
 d. no mistakes

- 884.** a. potatoe
 b. artichoke
 c. cucumber
 d. no mistakes

- 885.** a. parachute
 b. rehearsel
 c. together
 d. no mistakes

- 886.** a. intrigued
 b. hypnotized
 c. fasinated
 d. no mistakes

- 887.** a. distructive
 b. decisive
 c. distinguished
 d. no mistakes

- 888.** a. evaporate
 b. vanish
 c. dissolve
 d. no mistakes

- 889.** a. illuminate
 b. enlighten
 c. clarify
 d. no mistakes

- 890.** a. abolish
 b. forfit
 c. negate
 d. no mistakes

- 891.** a. zoology
 b. meterology
 c. anthropology
 d. no mistakes

- 892.** a. ajournment
 b. tournament
 c. confinement
 d. no mistakes

- 893.** a. vague
 b. trepidation
 c. vengence
 d. no mistakes

- 894.** a. tuition
 b. mediocre
 c. tramendous
 d. no mistakes

FIND THE MISPELLED WORD

- 895.** a. integrity
b. ingenuity
c. immortality
d. no mistakes

- 896.** a. conjunction
b. preposition
c. capitolization
d. no mistakes

- 897.** a. narled
b. knobby
c. blemished
d. no mistakes

- 898.** a. brackets
b. parenthisis
c. ellipsis
d. no mistakes

- 899.** a. visionary
b. virtuoso
c. vigor
d. no mistakes

- 900.** a. language
b. philosophy
c. sonet
d. no mistakes

- 901.** a. depo
b. aisle
c. knight
d. no mistakes

- 902.** a. perscribe
b. deviate
c. plausible
d. no mistakes

- 903.** a. association
b. personel
c. solidarity
d. no mistakes

- 904.** a. playwright
b. dramatic
c. actor
d. no mistakes

- 905.** a. specialized
b. negotiate
c. scruteny
d. no mistakes

- 906.** a. abundant
b. bounteous
c. luxurient
d. no mistakes

- 907.** a. gullable
b. lyrical
c. inheritance
d. no mistakes

- 908.** a. initial
b. graditude
c. influential
d. no mistakes

- 909.** a. loosely
b. emancipate
c. muzzled
d. no mistakes

- 910.** a. columm
b. business
c. acquisition
d. no mistakes

FIND THE MISPELLED WORD

- 911.** a. border
b. bullitin
c. acquisition
d. no mistakes

- 912.** a. ambassador
b. dignitary
c. embassy
d. no mistakes

- 913.** a. jockey
b. equestrian
c. maneuver
d. no mistakes

- 914.** a. nevertheless
b. neutral
c. neurotic
d. no mistakes

- 915.** a. problematic
b. questionnaire
c. controversial
d. no mistakes

- 916.** a. disciple
b. sublime
c. zeneth
d. no mistakes

- 917.** a. pungeant
b. aromatic
c. spicy
d. no mistakes

- 918.** a. restle
b. persevere
c. joust
d. no mistakes

- 919.** a. hybrid
b. hypnosis
c. hygenic
d. no mistakes

- 920.** a. carriage
b. carburator
c. chauffeur
d. no mistakes

- 921.** a. digestible
b. corrugated
c. currency
d. no mistakes

- 922.** a. judicious
b. ilegal
c. magistrate
d. no mistakes

- 923.** a. colosal
b. magnanimous
c. extravagant
d. no mistakes

- 924.** a. correspondent
b. corosive
c. coronation
d. no mistakes

- 925.** a. acrobat
b. somersault
c. gymnist
d. no mistakes

For the following sentences, choose the sentence that contains a misspelled word. If there are no mistakes, choose answer d.

- 926.** a. We were dissatisfied with the results of the experiment.
 b. Our office has a plentiful supply of staples.
 c. Stringent controls were placed on the county's budget.
 d. no mistakes
- 927.** a. Curt will probably stay home tonight.
 b. The coach praised the team for last night's game.
 c. It was a relief to learn that Brad had arrived safely.
 d. no mistakes
- 928.** a. The speaker presented an idea that was foreign to us.
 b. Marcus spoke directly to the governor.
 c. The boys and girls in the musical gave a stunning performance.
 d. no mistakes
- 929.** a. William is the most sensible person I know.
 b. The festival is held at a different time every year.
 c. It is customary for the members to arrive fashionably late.
 d. no mistakes
- 930.** a. Her father is a captain in the navy.
 b. The weather here changes frequently.
 c. We adopted a new policy.
 d. no mistakes
- 931.** a. Pick up the car on Wednesday.
 b. Let's go shopping on Thursday.
 c. My birthday is on Saturday.
 d. no mistakes
- 932.** a. There are many ways to increase your vocabulary.
 b. Read the fourth chapter by next week.
 c. You have thousands of choices.
 d. no mistakes
- 933.** a. The welfare of the community depends on this decision.
 b. He is undecided about which job to accept.
 c. Unfortunately, we do not have this sweater in another color.
 d. no mistakes
- 934.** a. Check your paper to see if you have any misspellings.
 b. Safety is my primary concern.
 c. We are all individual and unique.
 d. no mistakes
- 935.** a. I am going to wear my velvet skirt on New Year's Eve.
 b. The sentences in the second paragraph are too vague.
 c. George wrapped the birthday present for me.
 d. no mistakes
- 936.** a. My friends bought a new home in an upscale community.
 b. I am truly sorry about the outcome.
 c. Rhoda has a private office.
 d. no mistakes

- 937.** a. Mark carved the roast with a razor-sharp knife.
 b. You have been more than charitable.
 c. Which president is buried in this cemetery?
 d. no mistakes
- 938.** a. He has revealed his innermost secrets.
 b. There is a town in New Mexico called Truth or Consequences.
 c. You think he is funny, but I think he is vulgar.
 d. no mistakes
- 939.** a. Her conversation was filled with sarcasm.
 b. I would like to be as poised as Susanna.
 c. You can learn self-confidence.
 d. no mistakes
- 940.** a. Smart consumers read food labels.
 b. Your new dress is lovely.
 c. Did you see the lightning?
 d. no mistakes
- 941.** a. The parachute opened properly.
 b. Carlos is a physical therapist.
 c. This story has received too much publicity.
 d. no mistakes
- 942.** a. Her contribution was significant.
 b. Save all of your receipts.
 c. Lena has three great roommates.
 d. no mistakes
- 943.** a. Mercury is a poisonous substance.
 b. Todd served in the military for twenty years.
 c. Their relationship suffered as a result of his immaturity.
 d. no mistakes
- 944.** a. She did not even acknowledge my presence.
 b. Do you think this is an attainable goal?
 c. For the fiftieth time, the answer is no.
 d. no mistakes
- 945.** a. There is a five-year warranty on this appliance.
 b. Measure both the length and the width of the table.
 c. How many witnesses do we have?
 d. no mistakes
- 946.** a. Harry is a kind-hearted man.
 b. We have a fundamental difference of opinion.
 c. Your behavior can only be described as professional.
 d. no mistakes
- 947.** a. A bad decision could have been detrimental to her health.
 b. Coffee is a stimulant.
 c. The color scheme in the living room was monochromatic.
 d. no mistakes

- 948.** a. Scott was in unaform when he sat for the family portrait.
 b. The tenants' association will hold its meeting tonight.
 c. This is the best value you will find anywhere.
 d. no mistakes
- 949.** a. I am taking my neice and nephew to the amusement park.
 b. They placed their wedding announcement in the Sunday paper.
 c. That is one argument that will never be resolved.
 d. no mistakes
- 950.** a. What is your assessment of the situation?
 b. How much paint do we need to compleat this job?
 c. Your assignment is to write a four-page report.
 d. no mistakes
- 951.** a. I am planning to cook two turkeys on Thanksgiving.
 b. Why did you refuse to accept his offer?
 c. The traffic during rush hour today was unbelievable.
 d. no mistakes
- 952.** a. The dancer was graceful and elegend.
 b. Is that horse a thoroughbred?
 c. He can be annoying and meddlesome.
 d. no mistakes
- 953.** a. Avery's thriftyness is sometimes a problem.
 b. Marlene is dignified and self-assured.
 c. You have given me the best advice I have ever had.
 d. no mistakes
- 954.** a. My sister accepted an administrative position with the state department.
 b. Erin works for a federal agency in Chicago.
 c. Honesty is said to be the best policy.
 d. no mistakes
- 955.** a. The actor's illustrious career began almost fifty years ago.
 b. Poler bears are beautiful but dangerous creatures.
 c. A poll was conducted by the officials at the end of the election.
 d. no mistakes
- 956.** a. Barbara is very ambitious and knows how to set goals.
 b. The actor bears a striking resemblance to Abraham Lincoln.
 c. Do not ruin your good reputation by making the wrong decision.
 d. no mistakes
- 957.** a. A cup of herbal tea will sooth my nerves.
 b. I received lots of encouragement from my science teacher.
 c. Alcohol acts as a depressant.
 d. no mistakes

- 958.** a. The orchestra played my favorite symphony.
b. After registration, we will know if enrollment has increased or decreased.
c. We paid homage to the soldiers who fought in the war.
d. no mistakes
- 959.** a. Meet me during intermission.
b. He quareled frequently with other members of his family.
c. She buys only quality merchandise.
d. no mistakes
- 960.** a. The movie was immensely popular with children.
b. Joshua made a commitment to practice the piano every day.
c. We do not know the correct pronnunciation.
d. no mistakes
- 961.** a. The winners received their prizes several days ago.
b. The principle met with the members of the student council.
c. How many passengers traveled by train?
d. no mistakes
- 962.** a. The scedule was posted on the bulletin board.
b. Patrick made a solemn promise to arrive on time.
c. I have an indoor thermometer on the wall in my kitchen.
d. no mistakes
- 963.** a. When will you have time to knit another sweater?
b. The fireplace has become a focal point in the room.
c. I have no knowlege of how the bicycle was damaged.
d. no mistakes
- 964.** a. The coach did not think the opposing team played aggressively.
b. The mayor and the city manager were not in agreement.
c. The basement of the building was like a dungeon.
d. no mistakes
- 965.** a. The scizzors were not sharp enough.
b. The intense heat scorched my houseplants.
c. The Milky Way is only one of many galaxies.
d. no mistakes
- 966.** a. Edwin made his announcement yesterday.
b. It would not be a good idea to swim in such stagnant water.
c. I want to buy a portable dishwasher.
d. no mistakes
- 967.** a. They hoped to avert a tragedy.
b. The quartett sang at my sister's wedding.
c. Try to patronize your local stores.
d. no mistakes
- 968.** a. The guard dogs searched the premises.
b. Due to the lack of rain, drought conditions exist.
c. Is that a rhetorical question?
d. no mistakes

- 969.** a. We knew that Ellen was embarrassed.
 b. I am teaching my brother to read mathematical symbols.
 c. Neither Joe nor Gary has done any research for the report.
 d. no mistakes
- 970.** a. The speaker elegantly defined the meaning of a democracy.
 b. Occasionally, our dog Skippy will dig under the fence.
 c. This weather is terribly depressing.
 d. no mistakes
- 971.** a. All employees will be eligible for three weeks of vacation.
 b. The managment team promised to look into the situation.
 c. We studied the geology and topology of the region.
 d. no mistakes
- 972.** a. The commissioner has assumed responsibility.
 b. Kate likes to visit with her nieghbor.
 c. This is not a commonly held viewpoint.
 d. no mistakes
- 973.** a. Edith and her sister closely resemble one another.
 b. Her handwriting was barely legible.
 c. The butterfly's wings are perfectly symetrical.
 d. no mistakes
- 974.** a. Our company sent forty representatives to the meeting.
 b. When did you realize that the theory could not be proven?
 c. We both filled out an application for employment.
 d. no mistakes
- 975.** a. All of the musicians were well trained.
 b. Thank you for your assistance and support.
 c. You are required to follow standard procedures.
 d. no mistakes
- 976.** a. I knew she was bored because she wriggled in her seat.
 b. If you want to succeed, please report to work imediately.
 c. He was conscious of his surroundings.
 d. no mistakes
- 977.** a. My mother will soon celebrate her fortieth birthday.
 b. Autumn is my favorite time of year.
 c. My cousin will be skiing in Febuary.
 d. no mistakes
- 978.** a. As treasurer, Jenny has complete financial responsibility.
 b. I have been assured that his illness is not contagious.
 c. The design for the book jacket seemed wierd.
 d. no mistakes

- 979.** a. She is the only veterinarian that I will trust with my dachshunds.
 b. The senators will vote on two critical issues.
 c. Please pick up my prescription at the pharmacy.
 d. no mistakes
- 980.** a. Rita is a freshman; her sister is a sophomore.
 b. My grandfather was a distinguished professor.
 c. This is the most efficient way.
 d. no mistakes
- 981.** a. Sally plays five different musical instruments.
 b. Use your persuasive powers to get results.
 c. What are you wearing to the masquerade party?
 d. no mistakes
- 982.** a. The hospital stocked a sufficient amount of anti-venom in case of snakebite.
 b. The new pharmacy has twenty-eight aisles.
 c. During the semester, we were required to read all of the stories in the anthology.
 d. no mistakes
- 983.** a. After all, he is a bureaucrat.
 b. The fragrance from the lilac bushes permeated the room.
 c. I fractured my ankle playing soccer.
 d. no mistakes
- 984.** a. His inauguration speech was forty-three minutes long.
 b. There are too many people in the gymnasium.
 c. My brother has always been a nonconformist.
 d. no mistakes
- 985.** a. Did you memorize the grammar rules?
 b. I will phone you tomorrow.
 c. Benedict Arnold was a traitor.
 d. no mistakes
- 986.** a. Do not be deterred.
 b. Which is most economical?
 c. We made a unanimous decision.
 d. no mistakes
- 987.** a. The painters forgot to take their ladders.
 b. Be careful not to make an irrational decision under the circumstances.
 c. The food critic overrated this restaurant.
 d. no mistakes
- 988.** a. They began their ascent up the mountain.
 b. That chair is ancient and probably an antique.
 c. Since the reservoirs are full, there is an abundant water supply this year.
 d. no mistakes
- 989.** a. The secretary of state spoke to the nation last Tuesday.
 b. Do you know what a promissory note is?
 c. We are unable to ascertain the truth.
 d. no mistakes

- 990.** a. I think it is a mechanical problem.
b. His credentials are impeccable.
c. He repeatedly interrupted the speaker.
d. no mistakes
- 991.** a. Harrison is a confirmed chocolate enthusiast.
b. I am pleased to make your acquaintance.
c. Is that a maple or a sycamore tree?
d. no mistakes
- 992.** a. I prefer to take the bus when it rains.
b. In business math, I learned to reconcile my checkbook.
c. Irene will study medicine next year.
d. no mistakes
- 993.** a. Mark Twain is a renowned writer who wrote about some notorious characters.
b. Today, we are giving impromptu speeches in class.
c. That is certainly a legitimate concern for each and every citizen.
d. no mistakes
- 994.** a. There will be elaborate preparations for the celebration.
b. Who is responsible for this predicament?
c. He distributed the pamphlet yesterday.
d. no mistakes
- 995.** a. Elyse made a significant contribution.
b. He owns eleven properties and a yacht.
c. Her daughter's siloette hung on the bedroom wall.
d. no mistakes
- 996.** a. I think we will use lacquer to finish the table.
b. The laboratory is down that hallway.
c. Our friendship was irreparably damaged.
d. no mistakes
- 997.** a. There have been twenty burgleries in the neighborhood this year.
b. He is the most belligerent person I have ever met.
c. She received a citation for her bravery.
d. no mistakes
- 998.** a. They have the arduous task of counting all the votes.
b. Put the horses back in the corral.
c. The door is falling from the hinges of the dilapidated frame.
d. no mistakes
- 999.** a. That corporation is subsidized by the government.
b. Did you get your tetanus shot?
c. After her foot surgery, she was unable to ascend the stairs.
d. no mistakes
- 1000.** a. The odor in the building made me nauseous.
b. He believes that war is an imoral act.
c. Watching too much television can affect mental acuity.
d. no mistakes
- 1001.** a. What is the tarrif on foreign car imports?
b. The heart surgeon performed the delicate operation.
c. I want to play in the chess tournament.
d. no mistakes

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Answer Explanations

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