

adept	presumptuous
encompass	sordid
entrepreneur	standardize
eradicate	stint
homogeneous	stringent

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Ten Words in Context

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1 **adept**
 (ə-dĕpt')
-adjective

___ *Adept* means

- People enjoy visiting my parents, who are **adept** at making guests feel welcome and at home.
- Justin is an **adept** liar. He always looks so innocent and sincere that everyone believes his lies.

a. skillful. b. profitable. c. awkward.

2 **encompass**
 (ĕn-kŭm'pəs)
-verb

___ *Encompass* means

- Our history teacher's broad knowledge of the subject **encompasses** details of life in ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome.
- Tomorrow's test will be difficult because it **encompasses** all the material covered this semester.

a. to suggest. b. to omit. c. to include.

3 **entrepreneur**
 (ĕn'trə-prə-nŭr')
-noun

___ *Entrepreneur* means

- Glenville has no shopping center, but the city is growing so quickly that smart **entrepreneurs** are sure to start up new businesses there soon.
- My ten-year-old neighbor is already an **entrepreneur**. He set up a lemonade stand last summer and sold homemade cookies at Halloween.

a. a business investor. b. an overconfident person. c. a conformist.

4 **eradicate**
 (ĭ-rād'ĭ-kāt')
-verb

___ *Eradicate* means

- In recent years, smallpox has been **eradicated**—the first time in history that humans have been able to wipe out a disease. Today many fear the virus may return to the world in the form of biological warfare.
- What makes so many people feel they must **eradicate** all signs of aging? Why should we have to get rid of our wrinkles and gray hair?

a. to reveal. b. to regulate strictly. c. to erase.

5 **homogeneous**
 (hō'mō-jĕ'nĕ-əs)
-adjective

___ *Homogeneous* means

- The student body at Eastman College appears quite **homogeneous**, but there are significant social and economic differences among the students.
- "Homogenized" milk has been made **homogeneous**. This means that it's treated so it will be of uniform consistency, rather than having the cream rise to the top.

a. strictly controlled. b. the same throughout. c. of high quality.

6 **presumptuous**
 (prĕ-zŭmp'chō-əs)
-adjective

___ *Presumptuous* means

- It was **presumptuous** of Eric to announce his engagement to Phyllis before she had actually agreed to marry him.
- If you ask personal questions at a job interview, you'll be thought **presumptuous**. So, for example, don't ask the interviewer, "What are they paying you?"

a. too forward. b. skilled. c. cautious.

- 7 **sordid**
(sôr' dĭd)
-adjective
- ___ *Sordid* means
- Supermarket tabloids sell well because many people want to know the **sordid** details of celebrities' addictions and messy divorces.
 - The reformed criminal now lectures at high schools on how to avoid the mistakes that led him into a **sordid** life as a drug dealer.
- a. proud. b. ugly. c. natural.
- 8 **standardize**
(stăn' dĕr-dĭz')
-verb
- ___ *Standardize* means
- When the company **standardized** its pay scale, the salary for each type of job became identical throughout all the departments.
 - If Jessica begins selling her homemade soup, she'll have to **standardize** the ingredients. Now she just puts in whatever she has on hand, so the soup is never the same from one day to the next.
- a. to do away with. b. to make consistent. c. to vary.
- 9 **stint**
(stĭnt)
-noun
- ___ *Stint* means
- My **stint** serving hamburgers and fries at a fast-food restaurant convinced me that I needed to get a college degree.
 - After traveling during her **stint** in the Navy, Alise wanted a job that would let her continue to see the world.
- a. an assigned job. b. a risky undertaking. c. future work.
- 10 **stringent**
(strĭn' jənt)
-adjective
- ___ *Stringent* means
- Ms. Jasper has the most **stringent** standards in the department. Passing her course is difficult; getting an A is next to impossible.
 - Elected officials should be held to a **stringent** code of ethics, requiring them to avoid even the appearance of wrongdoing.
- a. different. b. flexible. c. demanding.

Matching Words with Definitions

Following are definitions of the ten words. Clearly write or print each word next to its definition. The sentences above and on the previous page will help you decide on the meaning of each word.

1. _____ A person who organizes, manages, and takes the risk of a business undertaking
2. _____ Highly skilled; expert
3. _____ A period of work or service
4. _____ Too bold; overly confident
5. _____ To get rid of altogether; wipe out
6. _____ Strictly controlled or enforced; strict; severe
7. _____ To make uniform; cause to conform to a model
8. _____ To include; contain
9. _____ Made up of similar or identical parts; uniform throughout
10. _____ Indecent; morally low; corrupt

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a. adept	b. encompass	c. entrepreneur	d. eradicate	e. homogeneous
f. presumptuous	g. sordid	h. standardize	i. stint	j. stringent

- _____ 1. It's ___ of Amy to assume she's got the job when others are still being interviewed.
- _____ 2. It takes years of study and practice to become ___ at acupuncture.
- _____ 3. In the novel *Oliver Twist*, innocent young Oliver falls into the hands of a gang of pickpockets, who teach him their ___ trade.
- _____ 4. My grandfather held many jobs during his life. He even did a(n) ___ as a circus performer.
- _____ 5. Joyce and Steven's adopted son was abused in an earlier home. They're working hard to ___ the lingering effects on him of that experience.
- _____ 6. The town is so close-knit and ___ that newcomers feel out of place. Many of the residents are even related.
- _____ 7. The articles in our small newspaper ___ local and statewide news, but not national or international events.
- _____ 8. My sister applied to several colleges, some with very high admission standards for their students and others with less ___ requirements.
- _____ 9. Doug has just opened an auto repair shop. Now that he's a(n) ___, he can join the National Association for the Self-Employed.
- _____ 10. Should the high school curriculum be ___(e)d throughout the state? Or should each school district be free to design its own courses?

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➤ Sentence Check 2

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- _____ 1-2. To succeed, ___s must be ___ at organization and management. In addition, they must be resilient^o enough to deal with the ups and downs of running a business.
- _____ 3-4. During Nate's ___ as a teacher at a military academy, he found the rules too ___ for his easygoing, flexible approach.
- _____ 5-6. After serving a prison term for theft, Charlie is contrite^o. He's decided to begin a new life as an honest citizen and ___ all traces of his ___ past.

- _____ 7-8. I've been working at the daycare center only one week, so this
 _____ suggestion may be ____, but I think the center's program should ____
 _____ activities geared to shy children as well as ones for gregarious^o kids.
- _____ 9-10. After running the English as a Second Language class a different way
 _____ every term for a few years, the instructors have finally ____ (e)d their
 _____ approach. On the first night, all students meet as one large class,
 _____ regardless of their English ability. By the second night, instructors have
 _____ divided them into smaller, more ____ classes.

► **Final Check: An Ohio Girl in New York**

Here is a final opportunity for you to strengthen your knowledge of the ten words. First read the following selection carefully. Then fill in each blank with a word from the box at the top of the previous page. (Context clues will help you figure out which word goes in which blank.) Use each word once.

Soon after Gina moved from her small Ohio town to New York City, she became so discouraged that she nearly returned home. It was easy to see why she was despondent^o: New York had the glamour and excitement that she had expected, but not the high-paying jobs. However, Gina decided to stay in the big city and put in a(n) (1) _____ as a waitress in a coffee shop while hoping for something better to turn up. She had been offered only one higher-paying job, as someone who called elderly people and tried to scare them into buying an expensive, unproven "anti-cancer pill," but she felt that this kind of work was too (2) _____.

At least she enjoyed the coffee shop. For someone used to a small, (3) _____ town, the customers seemed to come in an enormous variety. Also, the low salary forced her to stick to a(n) (4) _____ budget. As a result of this financial situation, she was becoming (5) _____ at making one dollar go as far as two did before.

One day, Gina met a customer who had recently opened a video rental store. This (6) _____ was about to open a second store, and he sometimes discussed his plans with Gina. Although she worried that he might think it (7) _____ of a waitress to offer a suggestion about the video business, Gina told him a thought she had about how he might (8) _____ his rental system. He could ask all his customers to fill out the same form. Then a single computer file could (9) _____ all the information. Customers would be signed up automatically for both stores at once. To Gina's relief, the customer didn't scoff^o at her idea; in fact, he thanked her for the advice.

Sometime later, he stopped in at the coffee shop to say he needed a capable person to manage his new store. He offered Gina the job. Within a year, she was the manager of three video stores and earning an excellent salary. She was euphoric^o, but her happiness would never fully (10) _____ her memories of those difficult first months in New York.

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affiliate	dissent
agnostic	diversion
aspire	lucrative
benevolent	mandatory

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- 1 **abstain**
(ăb-stān')
-verb
___ *Abstain from* means
- Although Lou has given up cigarettes, he doesn't **abstain** from tobacco. Now he chews it.
 - My sister called off her engagement to Clayton because he wouldn't **abstain** from dating other women.
- a. to desire. b. to believe in. c. to deny oneself.
- 2 **affiliate**
(ə-fīl'ē-āt')
-verb
___ *Affiliate with* means
- Diane is neither a Democrat nor a Republican. She isn't **affiliated** with any political party.
 - The young singer could have earned more if she had been **affiliated** with the musicians' union, but she couldn't afford the membership dues.
- a. to join. b. to study. c. to hold back from.
- 3 **agnostic**
(ăg-nōs'tīk)
-noun
___ *Agnostic* means
- Iris believes there is a God, and Marcia feels sure there isn't. Jean, an **agnostic**, feels that we can't be certain one way or the other.
 - My uncle, who was an **agnostic**, used to say, "Humans cannot understand a flower, let alone whether or not there's a God."
- a. one who denies God's existence. b. one who feels we can't know if God exists. c. one who is sure there is a God.
- 4 **aspire**
(ə-spīr')
-verb
___ *Aspire* means
- Twelve-year-old Derek, who loves drawing buildings, **aspires** to be a great architect.
 - Millions of young people **aspire** to be professional athletes, but only a few will succeed.
- a. to fear. b. to wish. c. to volunteer.
- 5 **benevolent**
(bə-něv'ə-lənt)
-adjective
___ *Benevolent* means
- People are more **benevolent** when they get tax deductions for their donations.
 - In 1878, William Booth founded a **benevolent** association to help the poor of London. He called it the Salvation Army.
- a. recreational. b. profitable. c. charitable.
- 6 **deficit**
(děf'ə-sīt)
-noun
___ *Deficit* means
- Our club has spent so much more than it has taken in that it now has a huge budget **deficit**.
 - Residents are asked not to water their lawns because a **deficit** of rain has dangerously lowered the water supply.
- a. a lack. b. an overflow. c. a collection.

- 7 dissent**
(dĭ-sĕnt')
-noun
- The committee was so torn by **dissent** that its members could not agree even on whether or not to schedule another meeting.
 - The dictator permitted people to agree with his policies or keep silent about them, but not to express **dissent**.
- *Dissent* means a. plans. b. opposition. c. relief.
- 8 diversion**
(də-vûr'zhən)
-noun
- My history teacher says that one of her favorite **diversions** during summer vacation is reading mystery novels.
 - Skip likes his job, but he also enjoys such **diversions** as playing video games, watching baseball, and reading humorous stories.
- *Diversion* means a. a recreation. b. something easy. c. an assignment.
- 9 lucrative**
(lŭō'krə-tĭv)
-adjective
- Investments in the stock market can be **lucrative**. However, they can also result in great financial loss.
 - "Teaching at a small college isn't **lucrative**," Professor Baum admitted, "but I've never felt the need to make lots of money."
- *Lucrative* means a. required. b. financially rewarding. c. risky.
- 10 mandatory**
(măn'də-tôr'ē)
-adjective
- Members of the basketball team have to follow strict rules. For example, it's **mandatory** that each player attend at least 80 percent of the practices.
 - "A research paper isn't **mandatory**," the instructor said, "but if you write one, you'll get extra credit."
- *Mandatory* means a. unimportant. b. helpful. c. essential.

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- _____ To strongly desire; to be ambitious (to do something or to get something)
- _____ Profitable; well-paying
- _____ A shortage; a lack (in amount)
- _____ To hold oneself back from something; refrain
- _____ Charitable
- _____ A person who believes we cannot know whether or not there is a God
- _____ Required
- _____ An amusement or pastime; anything that relaxes or amuses
- _____ To associate; join
- _____ Disagreement

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f. deficit	g. dissent	h. diversion	i. lucrative	j. mandatory

- _____ 1. My kid brother ___s to become the video-game champion of the world.
- _____ 2. The ___ fund at my church collects money to help poor families in our parish.
- _____ 3. My parents enjoy card games, but my sister and I like such ___s as computer games and music videos.
- _____ 4. An entrance fee wasn't ____, but a sign at the museum entrance suggested that visitors make a donation.
- _____ 5. Because Hank needs to lose weight, his doctor recommended that he ___ from all sweets and fatty foods.
- _____ 6. We could overcome a(n) ___ of organs for transplants if more people would agree to have their organs donated after they die.
- _____ 7. There was no ___ in the family on whether or not to start a vegetable garden this year. We all agreed it was a great idea.
- _____ 8. Yong could have joined the all-male club, but he prefers to ___ with organizations that welcome both men and women.
- _____ 9. "When someone who believes in God marries someone who does not," the comic asked, "do they give birth to a(n) ___?"
- _____ 10. Acting is ___ for only a small percentage of performers. The rest need additional sources of income, such as waiting on tables or driving a cab.

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- _____ 1–2. My uncle decided to splurge and ___ with a country club because golf is his favorite ___.
- _____ 3–4. Gail didn't ___ from smoking cigarettes at the office until her employer made not smoking ____. Keeping her job was a very good incentive^o to get her to quit.

- _____ 5-6. Some people think that since Stan is a(n) ____, he must be amoral°. It's true he's not sure if God exists, but that doesn't mean he lacks a moral sense. In fact, he recently founded a ____ society at work to raise money for disabled children in the area.
- _____ 7-8. The ____ in the township treasury is causing a lot of ____ over whether or not taxes should be raised.
- _____ 9-10. Because my father ____s to make enough money to send his children to college, he's working hard to make his auto repair business as ____ as possible.

► **Final Check: Conflict Over Holidays**

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While Jeanne and Paul are generally a happily married couple, they do struggle over one point of (1)_____. They disagree as to how their family should observe religious holidays.

"The emphasis on presents," says Jeanne, "has made the season (2)_____ for all those mercenary° retailers who overcharge at holiday time. Also, people who should be watching their expenses create unnecessary (3)_____s in their budgets by squandering° money on unimportant gifts." She complains that exchanging presents at Christmas is practically (4)_____, whether or not one believes in the holiday's religious significance. Jeanne (5)_____s to keep her home free of all such nonreligious customs and thus wants her children to (6)_____ from traditions such as gift-giving and dyeing Easter eggs. She feels the family's money would be better spent if it were donated to a (7)_____ organization for helping the poor. Some of Jeanne's neighbors assume that she is a(n) (8)_____ because of her lack of holiday spirit. They are wrong, however. Jeanne believes deeply in God and is (9)_____ (e)d with a church.

While Paul understands Jeanne's concerns, he prefers the conventional° way of celebrating holidays. "Children enjoy the customary (10)_____s that are connected with the holidays," he says. "What would Christmas be without a visit to Santa and gifts under the tree? What would Easter be without colorful eggs and an Easter egg hunt? These are pleasant practices that enhance° the joy of the season."

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