

EXERCISE 1 COMPLETING DEFINITIONS

On the answer line, write the word from the vocabulary list that best completes each definition.

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| 1. If you value or rate something too highly, you _____ it. | 1. _____ |
| 2. If you compute numbers incorrectly or if you make an error in judgment, you _____. | 2. _____ |
| 3. If you understand something incorrectly, you _____ it. | 3. _____ |
| 4. To make nervous, upset, or confused is to _____. | 4. _____ |
| 5. Something out of proper order is _____. | 5. _____ |
| 6. An embarrassing social error is a _____. | 6. _____ |
| 7. To confuse or befuddle is to _____. | 7. _____ |
| 8. If someone is capable of error or likely to be wrong, the person is _____. | 8. _____ |
| 9. A serious mistake caused by ignorance or confusion is a _____. | 9. _____ |
| 10. If something is wrong, mistaken, or false, it is _____. | 10. _____ |

EXERCISE 2 USING WORDS CORRECTLY

Each of the following questions contains an italicized vocabulary word. Decide the answer to the question, and write *Yes* or *No* on the answer line.

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| 1. Is a <i>faux pas</i> a serious mistake? | 1. _____ |
| 2. Is an <i>erroneous</i> answer incorrect? | 2. _____ |
| 3. Is a <i>fallible</i> person perfect? | 3. _____ |
| 4. If you compute numbers incorrectly, do you necessarily <i>overestimate</i> ? | 4. _____ |
| 5. If you <i>misinterpret</i> a statement, do you misunderstand it? | 5. _____ |
| 6. If something is <i>amiss</i> , is it in its proper place? | 6. _____ |
| 7. Is a <i>blunder</i> a minor error in mathematics? | 7. _____ |
| 8. If you are <i>bewildered</i> by something, are you confused? | 8. _____ |
| 9. If you make an error in judgment, do you <i>miscalculate</i> ? | 9. _____ |
| 10. If you <i>fluster</i> someone, do you make that person nervous or upset? | 10. _____ |

EXERCISE 3 CHOOSING THE BEST WORD

Decide which vocabulary word or related form best completes the sentence, and write the letter of your choice on the answer line.

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| 1. The police searched the room carefully but found nothing _____. | 1. _____ |
| a. fallible b. flustered c. bewildered d. amiss | |
| 2. People's use of erasers shows that they are _____. | 2. _____ |
| a. flustered b. fallible c. amiss d. bewildered | |

3. Michael made a _____ by forgetting to introduce his mother to his friends.
a. miscalculation b. fluster c. faux pas d. overestimation
4. Michael then exaggerated his error, saying "Oh, what a _____!"
a. miscalculation b. blunder c. faux pas d. overestimation
5. Helga was _____ when she forgot her lines.
a. flustered b. erroneous c. overestimated d. miscalculated
6. The highways in and around Los Angeles can _____ many a visitor.
a. miscalculate b. misinterpret c. bewilder d. blunder
7. Before the time of Copernicus, most people held the _____ view that Earth was the center of the solar system.
a. erroneous b. overestimated c. bewildered d. flustered
8. David _____ the amount of time that remained for finishing the test.
a. bewildered b. flustered c. blundered d. miscalculated
9. Researchers who _____ their information may draw conclusions that are false.
a. blunder b. misinterpret c. bewilder d. fluster
10. Jessica _____ her strength when she attempted to carry both bags of groceries at once.
a. bewildered b. flustered c. overestimated d. blundered

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EXERCISE 4 USING DIFFERENT FORMS OF WORDS

Decide which form of the vocabulary word in parentheses best completes the sentence. The form given may be correct. Write your answer on the answer line.

1. Written sentences without punctuation are often open to _____. (*misinterpret*)
2. The student took _____ the teacher's well-intentioned criticism. (*amiss*)
3. A person who _____ is frequently compared to a bull in a china shop. (*blunder*)
4. During an election campaign, a _____ can cost a candidate hundreds of votes. (*faux pas*)
5. Many animals try to _____ their enemies by making threatening gestures before an attack. (*fluster*)
6. In 1948 some newspapers _____ reported that Thomas Dewey had defeated Harry Truman for the presidency. (*erroneous*)
7. Instant replays of sporting events sometimes show the _____ of the officials. (*fallible*)
8. To untrained people, Morse code is a _____ collection of dots and dashes. (*bewilder*)
9. We definitely _____ the intelligence of our dog, who could not even learn to fetch the newspaper. (*overestimate*)
10. _____ of timing and distance can cause a trapeze artist to fall into the safety net. (*Miscalculate*)

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