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9.6.2 The Fossil Hunters

EXERCISE 1 Write a word that is similar in meaning to the underlined part.

- _____ 1. He chose to make his sculpture out of a smooth paste that hardens when it dries.
- _____ 2. Our violent and cruel boss forced us to work twelve hours in a row without a break.
- _____ 3. The race was close, so it was difficult to determine an open and direct winner.
- _____ 4. This is the perfect small area where something happens for a picnic.
- _____ 5. Truck drivers often stay awake for many hours to make their difficult and tiring drives.
- _____ 6. The salesperson's claim seemed quite dishonest, unsafe, and unreliable.
- _____ 7. Mike was thrilled to pass the driving test and gain his driver's license
- _____ 8. Physics on the moon are much different than Earth-related physics.
- _____ 9. The prisoners were unable to imagine and believe a plot for escaping the jail.
- _____ 10. To plant these seeds, I will first need to buy a tool used for digging.

EXERCISE 2 Choose the answer that best fits the question.

- _____ 11. What might a person with a large ego say?
 - a. "I am the best."
 - b. "I can't do it."
 - c. "I'm hungry."
 - d. "I'm sorry."
- _____ 12. Which is likely to be jagged?
 - a. A doll
 - b. A cliff
 - c. A cloud
 - d. A pillow
- _____ 13. Which is likely to be excavated?
 - a. Water
 - b. A sofa
 - c. A computer
 - d. The ground

- _____ 14. What is part of the skeletal system?
- a. The skin
 - b. The tongue
 - c. The skull
 - d. The fingernails
- _____ 15. What is an example of an endeavor?
- a. Waking up
 - b. Inventing a new machine
 - c. Making coffee
 - d. Combing your hair

EXERCISE 3 Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.

Write I if the word is used incorrectly.

- _____ 16. The alarm clock was set to *endeavor* every morning at seven A.M.
- _____ 17. Experts *excavated* the site in hopes of finding an ancient city buried underneath.
- _____ 18. Everyone loved to hug and kiss the *vicious* baby.
- _____ 19. The elephant is one of the largest *terrestrial* animals still in existence.
- _____ 20. The *dubious* chocolate ice cream is a favorite treat at the restaurant.
- _____ 21. The concerned owner built a fence along the *periphery* of the parking lot.
- _____ 22. Preparing for the difficult test was an *arduous* task for the nervous students.
- _____ 23. You'll need a *shovel* if you plan on getting on top of the roof.
- _____ 24. The delicate flower was a *jagged* addition to the arrangement.
- _____ 25. Children cheered as the circus clown *attained* balloons into different shapes.
- _____ 26. He filled the ugly holes in the ceiling with plaster.
- _____ 27. At the factory, the workers made screws by pouring liquid metal into a *mold*.
- _____ 28. I hope she is able to *engrave* all of her homework before school tomorrow.
- _____ 29. I cannot *conceive* the reason why he would act in such a mean way.
- _____ 30. The small fights and arguments eventually led to an *outright* war.
- _____ 31. When the glass vase fell to the floor, we heard an *elastic* sound.
- _____ 32. She bought a cute new *ego* from the pet store today.
- _____ 33. We need to choose a *locale* for Brian's birthday party.
- _____ 34. Derrick bought a skeletal from that new clothing store downtown.
- _____ 35. Although they were rivals, the stores were able to *coexist* in the same neighborhood.