



I Became Her Target (by William Rogers)

Study the following Vocabulary items then read the passage in your book.

Word	Meaning
pristine (adj.)	In perfect condition: completely clean, fresh, neat, etc. Example: My office is a mess, but her office is always <i>pristine</i> .
dominant (adj.)	Exercising the most power, control, or influence Example: <i>the dominant nations during the Cold War</i> .
deplore (v.)	Feel or express strong disapproval of (something). Example: <i>to deplore the present state of morality</i> .
dimensions (n.)	A measurement of the size of something in a particular direction, such as the length, width, height, or diameter Example: <i>Space-time has three dimensions of space and one of time</i> .
stereotypes (n.)	A generalization usually exaggerated or oversimplified and often offensive, that is used to describe or distinguish a group. Example: <i>The cowboy is an American stereotype</i> .
stared (v.)	To gaze fixedly and intently, especially with the eyes wide open. Example: <i>to stare a person up and down</i> .
ignorant (adj.)	Not knowing something you should know, or you need to know. Example: Rich people are ignorant to the reality of the lives of those living in poverty.
prevailing (adj.)	Existing at a particular time or in a particular place. Example: The prevailing market conditions are not favorable to small investors.
transplant (v.)	To move from one place to another. Example: Wilkins was transplanted from Harlem to Grand Rapids.
impulsively adv.	Done suddenly without thinking what the result will be. Example: He often acts impulsively and later regrets it.



A. Fill in blanks with a suitable word from vocabulary bank.

DRAG AND DROP

Vocab. Bank		Statements
transplant	1	The promise of tax cuts became the _____ element in the campaign.
impulsively	2	He stood there like a weak-kneed schoolboy who'd _____ confessed to stealing the headmaster's wallet.
pristine	3	Beyond the _____ beaches are rain forests.
dominant	4	It is important to measure the exact _____ of the room.
deplore	5	The book repudiates the racist _____ about black women.
dimensions	6	His dazed eyes _____ at the eels, which still writhe and entwine.
stereotypes	7	He will have to have a heart-lung _____ within 48 hours.
stared	8	For a cultivated man to be _____ of foreign languages is a great inconvenience.
ignorant	9	This reflects attitudes and values _____ in society these days.
prevailing	10	Like everyone else, I _____ and condemn this killing.

B. Fill in blanks with a suitable word from vocabulary bank.

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Vocab. Bank		Statements
transplant	1	It's bad manners to _____ at people.
impulsively	2	She taught in a racially mixed school and was at pains to correct simple _____ and unthinking prejudices.
pristine	3	The UN General Secretary said, "We _____ any use of excessive force and urge the authorities to exercise restraint and ensure the safety and security of its people."
dominant	4	Drilling will continue on the site to assess the _____ of the new oilfield.
deplore	5	Paris has played a _____ role in France, not just in political terms but also in economic power.
dimensions	6	All parents damage their children. It cannot be helped. Youth, like _____ glass, absorbs the prints of its handlers. Some parents smudge, others crack, a few shatter childhoods completely into jagged little pieces beyond repair. Mitch Albom [sentencedict.com],
stereotypes	7	This is certainly not the case, although this has been the _____ attitude from senior nurses for many years.
stare	8	He often acts _____ and later regrets it.
ignorant	9	We hope she won't need a bone-marrow _____.
prevailing	10	We are still woefully _____ of the causes of this disease.