



Ultimate
Vocabulary
MCQs

The Write Tribe



Challenge 49

Vocabulary

Danger

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For each question, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and write your answer in the brackets provided.

- Ignoring his mother's warnings, Ivan _____ into the deep end of the pool.
(1) explored (2) probed
(3) ventured (4) migrated ()
- Danger was _____ when the forest fire was put out before it reached the town.
(1) averted (2) deterred
(3) deflected (4) abstained ()
- As a keen mountain climber, Jack knows about the _____ that lie in wait for the one who loses vigilance.
(1) perils (2) duress
(3) plagues (4) liabilities ()
- The boys were frolicking in the sea, unaware of the currents that lay _____ beneath the calm surface.
(1) ferociously (2) treacherously
(3) malignantly (4) intimidatingly ()
- Is Mr Sim aware that smoking can cause _____ damage to his lungs?
(1) insatiable (2) irreversible
(3) impossible (4) inconsolable ()

For each question, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Write your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

"Let me out! Let me out!" yelled Peterson, pounding on the door. "Let me out, you old coot!" However, it was no use. A sense of (6) imminent doom gripped him. Pausing to catch his breath, his fists throbbing, Peterson's eyes roved around wildly. Slowly his eyes grew (7) used to the dark. What appeared to be a black (8) chasm was, in fact, the side entrance to the shed.

Despite the heat in the shed, Peterson shivered. There was a (9) peculiar smell too—the sickly, sweet scent of rotting meat. Wham! Something had struck him. Scrambling up, he turned and gasped. The spider was the size of a mouse, legs tensed, ready to (10) attack. He stood rooted on the spot, not knowing what to do.

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| 6. | (1) looming | (2) impending | |
| | (3) advancing | (4) forthcoming | () |
| 7. | (1) acquainted | (2) attuned | |
| | (3) accustomed | (4) reconciled | () |
| 8. | (1) abyss | (2) ravine | |
| | (3) valley | (4) region | () |
| 9. | (1) erratic | (2) queer | |
| | (3) macabre | (4) quaint | () |
| 10. | (1) bolt | (2) strike | |
| | (3) skitter | (4) recoil | () |

Challenge 50

Vocabulary

Distress

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For each question, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and write your answer in the brackets provided.

1. They were still _____ in shock at the news that the plane their parents were in had been shot down and that there were no survivors.
(1) raving (2) faltering
(3) reeling (4) lurching ()
2. Careless gossip can sow _____ between friends or family members.
(1) disdain (2) disparity
(3) discord (4) discrepancy ()
3. Owing to a drought over two years, there has been a _____ of food in the country.
(1) shortage (2) deficiency
(3) drawback (4) shortcoming ()
4. Despite the unexpected _____, he was determined to make his life count instead of indulging in self-pity.
(1) climax (2) bane
(3) calamity (4) deluge ()
5. When the rat ran across my foot, I screamed _____ and ran blindly, straight into a huge drain.
(1) gravely (2) rashly
(3) hysterically (4) feverishly ()

For each question, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Write your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

One afternoon, the police received an anonymous call. The caller told the police that someone had planted a bomb in a shopping centre downtown. Although it could be a (6) trick, the police knew they had to act fast.

Acting on that (7) tip-off, the police made their way to Glitter Shopping Centre. The bomb disposal unit had also been dispatched to the scene. The management was (8) informed and an announcement was made to request everyone in the shopping centre to calmly exit the building. After it was (9) emptied, the police went in to conduct a search. Soon, an officer spotted a suspicious-looking package in a male toilet. Upon inspection, it was confirmed that it was a real bomb that was about to (10) explode. The police knew they had to act quickly.

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| 6. | (1) scam | (2) hoax | |
| | (3) threat | (4) stunt | () |
| 7. | (1) rumour | (2) forecast | |
| | (3) suggestion | (4) warning | () |
| 8. | (1) briefed | (2) advised | |
| | (3) alerted | (4) prompted | () |
| 9. | (1) discharged | (2) vacated | |
| | (3) surrendered | (4) abandoned | () |
| 10. | (1) burst | (2) burn | |
| | (3) detonate | (4) rupture | () |

Challenge 51

Vocabulary

Education

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For each question, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and write your answer in the brackets provided.

- Dr Lim was bestowed an award for her work which has led to a/an _____ in finding a cure for cancer.
(1) headway (2) enrichment
(3) revolution (4) breakthrough ()
- The bicycle was a/an _____ invention that helped to reduce the energy humans spent to move around.
(1) talented (2) masterful
(3) ingenious (4) resourceful ()
- What Nora's art teacher said boosted her morale and _____ her to pursue her passion in pottery.
(1) provoked (2) motivated
(3) activated (4) compelled ()
- Playing sports or learning to play a musical instrument can help to _____ the value of perseverance.
(1) educate (2) refine
(3) cultivate (4) enrich ()
- At the end of the debate, our opponents had to _____ defeat because of our superior arguments.
(1) confess (2) confirm
(3) concede (4) contend ()

For each question, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Write your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

What determines a child's readiness for school? Research has shown that it is greatly (6) dependent on the environment a child comes from. Although genetic factors play an important role in a child's (7) intrinsic abilities, the environment provided for a child remains an important overall factor.

Environmental factors (8) include family resources and income. Parents' behaviour with respect to learning and preschool experiences are just as important. However, there are exceptions where a child does extraordinarily well even without a (9) favourable environment. Thus, the (10) debate on nature versus nurture in a child's development continues. It will continue to persist until conclusive evidence can be gathered.

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| 6. | (1) culpable | (2) liable | () |
| | (3) contingent | (4) accountable | () |
| 7. | (1) fixed | (2) native | () |
| | (3) innate | (4) central | () |
| 8. | (1) embody | (2) encircle | () |
| | (3) embrace | (4) encompass | () |
| 9. | (1) agreeable | (2) amicable | () |
| | (3) sympathetic | (4) advantageous | () |
| 10. | (1) conjecture | (2) judgement | () |
| | (3) deliberation | (4) controversy | () |

Challenge 52

Vocabulary

Emotions

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For each question, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and write your answer in the brackets provided.

- The audience was _____ by the dramatic performance of the musical 'Les Miserables'.
(1) saturated (2) infatuated
(3) enthralled (4) intoxicated ()
- Frankly, I do not find this cartoon character _____ at all. There's nothing attractive about him!
(1) delectable (2) winsome
(3) tantalising (4) toothsome ()
- Seventy-year-old Mr Lai has a/an _____ desire for adventure. He says that he is still young at heart.
(1) zealous (2) eager
(3) insatiable (4) ardent ()
- Seeing Jane's _____ expression which signified that she did not understand the situation, I quickly launched into an explanation of what had happened earlier.
(1) aghast (2) baffled
(3) equivocal (4) sceptical ()
- Feeling _____ for having lied to her mother, Gina confessed to her mother about it.
(1) sluggish (2) lethargic
(3) remorseful (4) lackadaisical ()

For each question, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Write your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

The day of the audition arrived. I left home with a thumping heart and clammy hands. The journey to the concert hall felt like a (6) never-ending one. I was (7) hopeful throughout the journey that the audition would be a success. At the same time, pessimistic thoughts were racing through my head.

"What if the judges' criteria are (8) tough? What if I am asked to perform a tough piece of music?" The various 'what ifs' that swirled through my mind were (9) overwhelmingly great. To add to my nervousness, I entered the concert hall by the wrong entrance. (10) Flustered, I was almost in tears by the time I found the place. However, I had to maintain my composure and do my best.

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| 6. | (1) boundless | (2) chronic | |
| | (3) interminable | (4) persistent | () |
| 7. | (1) earnest | (2) animated | |
| | (3) optimistic | (4) auspicious | () |
| 8. | (1) stern | (2) ambitious | |
| | (3) stringent | (4) oppressive | () |
| 9. | (1) fiercely | (2) intensely | |
| | (3) superficially | (4) vigorously | () |
| 10. | (1) Distracted | (2) Agitated | |
| | (3) Distraught | (4) Intoxicated | () |