

- 1, It was purely a _____ that we both ended up in the same café in Paris.
- A. coincidence
 - B. superstition
 - C. likelihood
 - D. fate
- 2, Prices of raw materials _____ wildly depending on global supply and demand.
- A. meander
 - B. wobble
 - C. fluctuate
 - D. transpire
- 3, Scientists suspect that the virus has _____ into a more contagious strain.
- A. strayed
 - B. mutated
 - C. startled
 - D. ascribed
- 4, The company's success can be largely _____ to the CEO's visionary leadership.
- A. attributed
 - B. assigned
 - C. speculated
 - D. gambled
- 5, The sudden loud clap of thunder _____ the resting horses in the field.
- A. startled
 - B. wobbled
 - C. meandered
 - D. strayed
- 6, The police have yet to _____ the exact cause of the fire that broke out last night.
- A. attribute
 - B. determine
 - C. foresee
 - D. assign
- 7, The manager decided to _____ the task of organizing the event to her senior assistants.
- A. ascribe
 - B. assign

C. attribute

D. speculate

8, The old legend says that a witch put a _____ on the castle, causing it to remain empty for centuries.

A. blow

B. charm

C. curse

D. sign

9, The table is old and legacy legs are uneven, so it tends to _____ if you press too hard on one side.

A. wobble

B. meander

C. fluctuate

D. transpire

10, Recent _____ indicate a significant decline in unemployment rates over the last quarter.

A. superstitions

B. statistics

C. coincidences

D. odds

Gap Filling

Meander stray instrumental deliberate speculate odds

15. The river begins to _____ slowly through the flat countryside as it approaches the sea.

16. She made a _____ decision to ignore his rude comments and walk away.

17. Against all the _____, the young athlete managed to win the gold medal.

18. The police officer warned the hikers not to _____ from the main trail into the thick forest.

19. She was _____ in negotiating the historic peace treaty between the two nations.

20. Journalists continue to _____ on who will be appointed as the new minister.