Using Context

*For each item, determine whether the **boldface** word from pages 42–43 makes sense in the context of the sentence. Circle the item numbers next to the six sentences in which the words are used correctly.*

1. I tried to **goad** the toddler to take her first steps by putting her favorite toy a few steps away, but she decided to crawl to it instead.

2. Although that rumor sounds fascinating, I suggest you **verify** its origin to make sure you're not simply spreading gossip.

3. I read over the **constituent**, hoping to find a clause that would allow me to get out of my responsibilities without penalty.

4. His **animated** voice suggested that he'd already had a long, hard day and could not handle any more stress.

5. I heard my stomach growl as the smell of dinner began to **seethe** throughout the house.

6. I proceeded to **hanker** my older brother into driving me to the mall until he was so annoyed that he gave in.

7. When I described her sense of fashion as **unique**, she did not realize that though her clothing is one of a kind, I did not find it particularly flattering.

8. I could not push back the doubt that began to **loom** in my mind over whether or not my supposed friend was actually trustworthy.

9. The **miscellaneous** items I found in my purse when I went to clean it out included old receipts, business cards, and some old lip balm.

10. When my science partner played a video game as I did all the work, I accused him of being **downright** lazy.

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Choosing the Right Word

*Select the **boldface** word that better completes each sentence. You might refer to the passage on pages 36–37 to see how most of these words are used in context. Note that the choices might be related forms of the Unit words.*



1. Even those who do not like New York must admit that it is a truly (**unique, animated**) city, quite unlike any other in the world.
2. Though the colonies had long (**seethed. hankered**) with resentment at the British, the cauldron of their discontent did not boil over into rebellion until 1776.
3. All the students in Sandra's advanced weaving class are making small rugs on their portable (**looms. goads**).
4. Modern scientists often try to (**loom. verify**) their ideas and theories by conducting extensive experiments in their laboratories.
5. On a cold night, what I (**goad, hanker**) for most is a hot bowl of chicken soup.
6. The man was not just "a little careless" in handling the club's funds; he was (**downright. animatedly**) dishonest!
7. The American people must take action right now to deal with the problem of pollution that (**looms. seethes**) so large on our horizon.
8. An important (**constituent. loom**) of what is commonly called luck is the willingness to take chances when an opportunity appears.
9. Neither threats nor force will (**hanker. goad**) me into doing something that in my heart I know is wrong.
10. In his many years in Congress, he has been (**animated, miscellaneous**) mainly by a strong desire to help the underdogs in our society.
11. Glenn has such a store of (**miscellaneous, downright**) information in his head that we have nicknamed him "The Encyclopedia"!
12. By Friday afternoon, all of us were (**verifying, hankering**) for a relaxing, enjoyable weekend.

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Completing the Sentence

Choose the word from the word bank that best completes each of the following sentences. Write the correct word or form of the word in the space provided.

animated	**downright**	**hanker**	**miscellaneous**	**unique**
constituent	**goad**	**loom**	**seethe**	**verify**

1. Larry has the _____ distinction of being the only student in our school ever to win varsity letters in four sports.
2. Like some storm-tossed sea, her inventive brain _____ with all kinds of new and imaginative answers to old problems and questions.
3. When storm clouds _____ on the horizon, we hurried to find shelter.
4. In every election, the candidates try to persuade their _____ that they know how to solve the problems and issues that most concern them.
5. Indian elephant keepers usually use a short wooden _____ to control and direct the movements of their huge charges.
6. When I saw how handsome my father looked in his brand-new jacket, I _____ for one exactly like it.
7. I believe in being careful, but Dan is _____ miserly when it comes to spending money.
8. The dull conversation became much more _____ when it turned to a subject in which we were all interested.
9. The man was the prime suspect in the crime until two eyewitnesses came forward to _____ his alibi.
10. Those books that do not fit logically under any of the subjects indicated will be placed in a group labeled "_____."

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