1. **Complete each sentence with a word from the list below in the correct form.**

innate *compulsive* *nit-pick* *eccentric* *mundane* *hackneyed*

hierarchy *earth-shattering* *determine* *contrive*

a Even though I was only doing the most _____ of jobs, cleaning floors and changing sheets, I enjoyed my time at the hotel.

b For most of his life, Pierre was despised as a(n) _____ gambler. He spent every penny he had on his habit.

c I felt she was only pretending to cry as there was something very _____ about her sobbing.

d His normal practice was to saunter up to an unsuspecting girl in the park and softly ask, 'Have I seen you before?' The _____ phrase nearly always worked.

e My neighbour is very _____ He wears a white suit while doing the gardening and sings to his tomatoes.

f While George was happy to offer a helping hand when required, he fully believed in a(n) _____ society and that inequality of power should persist in the workplace.

g It was then that Adam made the _____ discovery that his best friend of twenty years was actually his half-brother.

h Is our ability to count _____ or learned?

i In _____ the positive outcome of a complex building project, the key factors are preparation, timing, and luck.

j His pedantic attitude and constant _____ sent his long-suffering wife to an early grave.