

Vocabulary and Idioms Review: Choose the best word to complete the sentence.

1. Sara's boss was really impressed because she showed _____. On her first day on the job, she presented several new ideas for the next marketing campaign.
a. mingle b. breakthrough c. initiative d. hunch
2. Sara knew that if she wanted to succeed in her career, she needed to be _____ and look into potential problems in order to avoid them.
a. overwhelmed b. proactive c. dependent d. perspective
3. For the first office party, Sara _____ with her coworkers so that she could get to know them better and form strong relationships with them.
a. hunched b. lurked c. mingled d. supervised
4. When we are trying to come up with a solution to a problem, we often need to feel _____.
a. inspired b. crucial c. scrap d. hunch
5. We might listen to music, take a walk, or talk to a friend to get a different _____.
a. lurk b. mingle c. perspective d. breakthrough
6. After Halloween, all of the cousins _____ the candy that they didn't like for other candy. John gave his Snickers bar to Sarah and Sarah gave him her Milky Way bar.
a. recurring b. swapped c. incubated d. scrapped
7. Jackson was very _____ when he was a child. He didn't need help from anyone. He could do everything by himself.
a. independent b. dependable c. mature d. supervised
8. Determination and perseverance are usually _____ for success. You cannot succeed without them.
a. mature b. independent c. crucial d. dormant
9. The scientists had been testing their theory for several weeks with no success. They felt overwhelmed and were hoping for a _____ so they could move on to the next step in their project.
a. intrinsically b. breakthrough c. decision d. self-direction
10. After the professor's lecture on evolution, many students asked for clarification about natural selection. The professor _____ it by giving additional examples.
a. for one thing b. incubate c. shed light on d. break out
11. He _____ all of his old papers yesterday when he cleaned out his desk.
a. scrapped b. burned out c. hunch d. self-directed
12. We need to be more _____ with how we celebrate this holiday season because of the rising number of COVID cases in the United States.
a. dependent b. blow up c. innovative d. independent