

Vocabulary Lesson 7

Understanding Meanings

Read the following sentences. Write the vocabulary that best fits the sentence in the space provided. Spelling counts.

1. A(n) _____ scheme is one that is detestable.
2. To _____ something is to weaken it.
3. A(n) _____ student is one who serves as a good example to others.
4. _____ is a doctrine that holds all life to be senseless and meaningless.
5. A(n) _____ object does not have a defined shape.
6. _____ is a strong dislike or hatred.
7. A(n) _____ is a split into two distinct parts.
8. A(n) _____ surface will have more than one color.
9. _____ hostility is animosity without a clear focus.
10. To _____ a division is to incorporate it into a larger one.
11. A(n) _____ report is one that causes resentment.

12. A(n) _____ is a mixture.

13. To _____ something is to formally confirm it.

14. To _____ a decision is to reverse it and distance oneself from it.

15. A(n) _____ struggle is one requiring enormous effort.

Images of Words

If the sentence suggests the word above it, type Y in the box at the end. If the sentence does not suggest the word, type N in the box.

1. animus

(a) The painting is the work of an artist whose name is unknown. ____

(b) I don't know why she hates me; I've always been friendly to her. ____

(c) The children were shy at first, but then they became quite lively. ____

2. herculean

(a) Organizations such as OXFAM America work to help people all over the world who face starvation. ____

(b) The weight lifter proceeded to lift the car with his bare hands. ____

(c) Rebuilding the towns hit by the earthquake will take many months. ____

3. variegated

(a) Looking down from the plane, we could see a patchwork of fields below. ____

(b) We tried several different approaches before we worked out a plan. ____

(c) The cat's fur was a curious mixture of black, brown, white, and gray. ____

4. amorphous

- (a) Viewers gave various interpretations of the painting's vague shapes. ____
- (b) The diagram consisted of a triangle inside a circle inside a square. ____
- (c) Neon lights created strange, rippling images in the large puddles. ____

5. dichotomy

- (a) She loved to wear her black satin shirt with her old blue jeans. ____
- (b) In literature, the good Dr. Jekyll and the evil Mr. Hyde were the same person. ____
- (c) The equator divides the world into its northern and southern hemispheres. ____

6. ratify

- (a) Treaties with foreign powers must be approved by the Senate. ____
- (b) The new student was reluctant to report the cheater. ____
- (c) Despite its supporters' vigorous work and substantial gains, the Equal Rights Amendment has yet to become part of the United States Constitution. ____

7. mélange

- (a) Any vegetables, chicken, and rice left over from yesterday were put into a pot with broth, cooked, and then served up for today's lunch. ____
- (b) Her deep sadness moved everyone with whom she came in contact. ____
- (c) The lemon pie was topped with a many-peaked mixture of whipped cream and sugar. ____

8. inchoate

- (a) "I am working on an idea; I just can't adequately express it yet." ____
- (b) From incoherent grunts and cries, somehow language emerged. ____
- (c) Computation begins with simple addition and subtraction. ____

9. nihilism

- (a) When asked what he believed in, Gospodin replied, "Nothing." ____
- (b) If you start with 17 and take away $9+8$, you are left with 0. ____
- (c) Stalin ruled by terrifying the Russian people. ____

10. invidious

- (a) For a while yesterday, bandits closed the border into Laos. ____
- (b) Erin could not find the words to express the joy she felt when she passed the exam. ____
- (c) Pejorative terms reflect the ignorance of the speaker. ____