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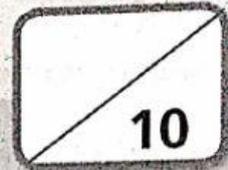
**The Write Tribe**



# Challenge 58

## Vocabulary

# Sportsmanship



For each question, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and write your answer in the brackets provided.

- Even though the ultra-marathon was a \_\_\_\_\_ one, Mark pushed on and completed it.  
(1) severe (2) harsh  
(3) formidable (4) gruelling ( )
- What \_\_\_\_\_ the coach to help a rival and save him from an inglorious defeat?  
(1) generated (2) prescribed  
(3) compelled (4) stimulated ( )
- In the 1988 Seoul Olympics, Canadian Larry Lemieux \_\_\_\_\_ the Olympic ideal when he abandoned his second place to rescue the Singapore duo whose dinghy had capsized.  
(1) enclosed (2) contained  
(3) symbolised (4) embodied ( )
- The Norwegian coach said that he helped the fallen skier because he wanted him to have \_\_\_\_\_ as he crossed the finish line.  
(1) dignity (2) stature  
(3) decorum (4) prestige ( )
- The team acted \_\_\_\_\_ by saying that the goal they scored should be disallowed because of an infringement.  
(1) loftily (2) dutifully  
(3) tactfully (4) honourably ( )

For each question, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Write your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

Sara Renner of the Canadian ski team was skiing in the 2006 Winter Olympics. In the middle of the race, her ski pole snapped. As she (6) persevered, she lost her first place as three skiers swept by her. Her hopes of gold, silver or bronze were (7) crushed.

Suddenly, a man stepped forward and handed her a men's pole. Though it was 15 centimetres longer, Renner was able to catch up and reach her relay partner. They (8) won the silver. The man who had helped Renner was Bjornar Hakensmoen, a Norwegian coach, whose team (9) came in fourth. His action may have cost his own team a medal but it showed (10) true sportsmanship. That is behaviour everyone should try to emulate.

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| 6.  | (1) continued | (2) strove    |     |
|     | (3) proceeded | (4) prevailed | ( ) |
| 7.  | (1) dashed    | (2) blighted  |     |
|     | (3) thwarted  | (4) pummelled | ( ) |
| 8.  | (1) clinched  | (2) gained    |     |
|     | (3) acquired  | (4) derived   | ( ) |
| 9.  | (1) finished  | (2) fulfilled |     |
|     | (3) concluded | (4) attained  | ( ) |
| 10. | (1) genuine   | (2) pure      |     |
|     | (3) accurate  | (4) realistic | ( ) |

# Challenge 59

## Vocabulary

## Support

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For each question, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and write your answer in the brackets provided.

- When we go through an emotional ordeal, we often seek the \_\_\_\_\_ of those who are close to us or in religion.  
(1) solace (2) condolence  
(3) solitude (4) benevolence ( )
- Having grown up in an orphanage, Jenny \_\_\_\_\_ for the love of a family.  
(1) aspired (2) strove  
(3) yearned (4) anticipated ( )
- Drifting at sea, Don's initial \_\_\_\_\_ that sharks were circling him vanished when he saw the friendly faces of the dolphins.  
(1) reflections (2) conclusions  
(3) misgivings (4) expectations ( )
- \_\_\_\_\_ by his family's support, Jim was determined to overcome the difficulties he faced after losing his legs in a road accident.  
(1) Defended (2) Justified  
(3) Bolstered (4) Reinforced ( )
- Sometimes, all our friends need is for us to listen \_\_\_\_\_ to them as they pour out their problems.  
(1) emphatically (2) cordially  
(3) empathetically (4) affectionately ( )

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Not many people are able to observe elephants in the wild. A herd of wild elephants is large and highly (6) social. When young elephants are born, they are (7) brought up within an extended family that is headed by females. Doting caregivers include not only the mother but a network of grandmothers, aunts, sisters, cousins and (8) established friends.

These bonds endure over their lifespan. This cohesiveness is (9) strengthened by a complex communication system which includes high-pitched screams and trumpets, as well as low rumblings that can travel far. Using their trunk, ears, head and tail, they are able to (10) relay visual signals and express a range of emotions. It is indeed remarkable how they are able to communicate with one another.

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| 6.  | (1) civil      | (2) cordial    |     |
|     | (3) communal   | (4) intimate   | ( ) |
| 7.  | (1) raised     | (2) cultivated |     |
|     | (3) trained    | (4) developed  | ( ) |
| 8.  | (1) ingrained  | (2) authorised |     |
|     | (3) entrenched | (4) recognised | ( ) |
| 9.  | (1) enlarged   | (2) restored   |     |
|     | (3) enhanced   | (4) toughened  | ( ) |
| 10. | (1) emit       | (2) convey     |     |
|     | (3) remit      | (4) dispatch   | ( ) |

# Challenge 60

## Vocabulary

# Survival

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For each question, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and write your answer in the brackets provided.

- To survive in this game, you have to avoid the traps which are placed to \_\_\_\_\_ you.  
(1) etch (2) embroil  
(3) ensnare (4) entangle ( )
- Some people consider \_\_\_\_\_ the ultimate survival skill. You must learn to look on the bright side of things.  
(1) optimism (2) idealism  
(3) enthusiasm (4) materialism ( )
- Reptiles have been able to live through different climate changes on Earth because they are \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1) malleable (2) fickle  
(3) adaptable (4) pliable ( )
- The ageing golfer was no longer \_\_\_\_\_ on the golf course as he once was, when he easily triumphed over his opponents.  
(1) invincible (2) impregnable  
(3) irresistible (4) immortal ( )
- Illegal poaching and trade is pushing some animal species to the \_\_\_\_\_ of extinction.  
(1) brim (2) fringe  
(3) brink (4) margin ( )

For each question, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Write your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

In winter, bears hibernate in order to conserve energy in a season when there is little to eat or drink. Before they do, they (6) consume large quantities of food, adding approximately forty-five kilograms to their usual weight. Having (7) prepared their den by lining it with leaves, grass and strips of bark, they go to sleep.

Their heartbeat (8) slows to as low as eight beats per minute. Their thick fur (9) ensures that their body temperatures do not drop more than a few degrees below normal. (10) Remarkably, female bears give birth to their cubs while hibernating! These cubs survive by drinking the milk of their sleeping mothers.

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| 6.  | (1) ingest      | (2) assimilate     |     |
|     | (3) digest      | (4) accumulate     | ( ) |
| 7.  | (1) fashioned   | (2) arranged       |     |
|     | (3) formulated  | (4) fabricated     | ( ) |
| 8.  | (1) abates      | (2) depreciates    |     |
|     | (3) decreases   | (4) procrastinates | ( ) |
| 9.  | (1) certifies   | (2) attests        |     |
|     | (3) establishes | (4) guarantees     | ( ) |
| 10. | (1) Uniquely    | (2) Notably        |     |
|     | (3) Curiously   | (4) Astoundingly   | ( ) |