

Vocabulary Review

IELTS Text 01: William Henry Perkin

Look at the highlighted word in each sentence. Choose the letter of the answer that best matches the meaning of the highlighted word.

1. It was a chance **stumbling upon** a run-down, yet functional, laboratory in his late grandfather's home that solidified the young man's enthusiasm for chemistry.
a. to discover by accident b. to slip and fall while walking c. encounter d. backdrop
2. As a student at the City of London School, Perkin became **immersed** in the study of chemistry.
a. completely caught up in something b. dipped in water c. mysterious d. unexpected
3. At the time of Perkin's **enrolment**, the Royal College of Chemistry was headed by the noted German chemist August Wilhelm Hofmann.
a. entry into college as a student b. graduation from high school c. excellent grades
d. achievement in science
4. Perkin's scientific breakthrough would bring him both fame and **fortune**.
a. Success b. popularity c. a new and better job d. money
5. Perkin was trying to find a **substitute** for quinine.
a. Replacement b. cure c. medicine d. bacteria
6. Perkin's experiments in the laboratory produced a mysterious dark sludge.
a. Substance b. stain c. thick black liquid d. textile
7. Historically, textile dyes were made from such natural sources as plants and animal **excretions**.
a. liquid that comes from the body b. water c. immerse d. skin of an animal
8. Perkin made the world's first **synthetic** dye.
a. Natural b. man-made c. long-lasting d. commercial
9. Robert Pullar assured Perkin that manufacturing the dye would be well worth it if the dye would **not fade**.
a. become lighter over time b. stain the fabric c. change hue d. be invisible
10. Perkin's dye making company received a **boost** from the Empress Eugenie of France when she decided that the new color flattered her.
a. reprimand b. substitute c. increase in profit d. official recognition