

Using Context

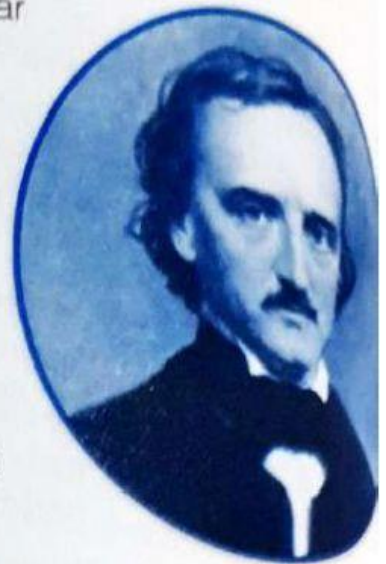
For each item, determine whether the **boldface** word from pages 38–39 makes sense in the context of the sentence. Circle the item numbers next to the six sentences in which the words are used correctly.

1. As the pilot prepared the plane for landing, the flight attendant requested that the passengers return their seats to an **upright** position.
2. I am not **literate** in coding or other computer science skills, but I plan to change that by taking courses during the summer.
3. Fairy tales often **culminate** with the words "once upon a time."
end
4. A **peevish** attitude is not appropriate for anyone whose job involves dealing with the public.
cross
5. In her opening argument, the lawyer promised that the evidence would **indulge** the jury to find her client not guilty of the crime.
6. It can be very soothing to sit on a covered porch on a summer day and listen to the **luster** of a steady rain.
drone
7. After a difficult year-long voyage, the ship was finally in sight of its **oration**, a group of small islands in the Caribbean Sea.
8. When the air conditioner began to **drone**, we feared that it was about to break down and we would have to replace it.
9. A mother alligator will defend her **brood** by fiercely hissing at any intruder.
10. The **singe** on the wooden spoon was caused when it was left too close to the flame on the stovetop.

Choosing the Right Word

Select the **boldface** word that better completes each sentence. You might refer to the passage on pages 36–37 to see how most of these words are used in context. Note that the choices might be related forms of the Unit words.

1. Anyone who strives to be (**peevish, literate**) in American literature should be familiar with the strange, mysterious tales of Edgar Allan Poe.
2. Instead of (**droning, brooding**) about the misfortunes that have befallen you, why don't you go out and do something to correct the situation?
3. It's all right for us to disagree, but let's argue about the facts only, without (**indulging, droning**) in name-calling.
4. Probably no (**oration, luster**) in American history is so well known and beloved as Lincoln's address on the battlefield of Gettysburg.
5. Each year the professional football season (**culminates, broods**) in the Super Bowl.
6. The school board candidate delivered a stirring, twenty-minute (**luster, oration**) on her plans for lowering the district's dropout rate.
7. It was really difficult to hear the speaker because of the steady (**oration, drone**) of airplanes landing, taxiing, and taking off.
8. I have my doubts about people who spend too much time telling the world how noble and (**upright, literate**) they are.
9. The last thing I heard before falling asleep was the (**brood, drone**) of their voices as they continued their endless discussion of politics.
10. You may make friends very easily, but if you continue to be so (**peevish, upright**), you aren't going to keep them for long.
11. The (**luster, oration**) of her reputation as a friend of humanity has grown brighter with the years.
12. "If you choose to play with fire," I warned them, "you run the risk of (**brooding, singeing**) your fingers."



Completing the Sentence

Choose the word from the word bank that best completes each of the following sentences. Write the correct word or form of the word in the space provided.

brood
culminate

drone
indulge

literate
luster

oration
peevish

singe
upright

1. Like the traffic guard at a school crossing, the mother hen directed her large _____ across the yard toward a torn sack of feed.
2. The sunlight shining on her hair gave it an almost metallic _____.
3. The mayor will deliver her annual Fourth of July _____ in City Square right after the parade.
4. We put supports around the tree that had been partially uprooted by the storm, and it was soon standing _____ again.
5. "You're just supposed to _____ the meat," I shouted at him in dismay, "not burn it to a crisp!"
6. I'm normally fairly even-tempered, but I can become _____ and irritable when I'm tired or frustrated.
7. The resentment of the American colonists against the harsh policies of the British government _____ in armed rebellion.
8. I don't know which is worse—parents who are too strict with their children or parents who _____ them too much.
9. Because of limited resources, only one half of the population of that underdeveloped nation is _____.
10. How pleasant it is for us city dwellers to smell the new-mown hay and listen to the _____ of bees in the clover patch!

ended
a plant of the pea family