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Reading Comprehension
Context Clues

Use the context to help you choose the best meaning or synonym for each highlighted word.

1. Your plan looks good. I hope it will really work. It's time to **implement** it and see if it's as brilliant as you claim.

a. instrument b. take apart c. change d. carry out

2. If your plan fails, we'll have to find someone who can **devise** a better one.

a. design b. dislike c. cancel d. fake

3. Of course, I'm not saying that your plan is no good. I tend to be **optimistic**, so I won't be surprised when you succeed.

a. expecting the best to happen
b. needing glasses to see
c. full of gas
d. unselfish

4. We have rather **lofty** expectations for you, son. You will attend college. You will become rich and famous. You will be elected prime minister of the Bahamas before you turn forty.

a. high b. shaky c. small d. lowly

5. Ashlee was not happy with her friend T'Andra. "I've been waiting here for an hour!" she growled into her cell phone. "You'd better **hie** yourself over here," she continued, "or we'll leave without you.

a. hurry, or hasten
b. stroll, or walk slowly
c. float above the trees
d. greet in an unfriendly manner

6. When Beth and Donna were fighting over a boy who didn't like either one of them, Shana stepped in as a **mediator**. She sat them both in a corner and kept them talking to each other. Finally, Shana's efforts resulted in her two friends making up.

a. troublemaker b. peacemaker c. witness d. competitor

7. No one suspected that Jerry was a spy. On the surface he behaved like any normal citizen. When his **covert** activity was discovered and announced to the world, we were all shocked.

a. friendly b. helpful c. loud d. hidden

8. "I am going to **rescind** the permission I gave you to use my toys!" T. J. announced angrily. "I thought you would take good care of them, but I was wrong!"

a. repeat b. celebrate c. continue d. cancel

9. Don't **dawdle**. We must be ready in five minutes!

a. waste time b. hurry c. get dressed d. run

10. The late students always had a **plethora** of excuses.

a. shortage b. none c. excessive number d. few