



**Ultimate**  
**Vocabulary**  
**MCQs**

**The Write Tribe**



## Vocabulary

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1. Dieticians recommend using \_\_\_\_\_ herbs to flavour food in our cooking so that the amount of fat and salt can be reduced.

2. Durians, due to their \_\_\_\_\_ smell which is often compared to rotting meat or stinking socks, are banned in many hotels and from public transport.

3. Many people \_\_\_\_\_ great pleasure from eating and some may even travel to faraway places in search of good food.

4. Some people enjoy going on holidays to get away from the routine of life and \_\_\_\_\_ themselves.

- (1) refurbish                      (2) renovate  
(3) regenerate                  (4) rejuvenate                  ( )

5. People are encouraged to \_\_\_\_\_ their senses by breaking out of their routines and learning new things.  
(1) inflame (2) stimulate  
(3) instigate (4) embolden ( )
6. I enjoy going to this café because it has a warm and cosy \_\_\_\_\_ inviting us to relax and enjoy its offerings.  
(1) tendency (2) disposition  
(3) ambience (4) demeanour ( )
7. When Mr Tan opened the door of his son's room, he was \_\_\_\_\_ with the sounds of ear-splitting heavy metal music.  
(1) battered (2) besieged  
(3) bombarded (4) badgered ( )
8. When the police broke open the door, their noses were \_\_\_\_\_ by the smell of decomposing corpses.  
(1) berated (2) ensnared  
(3) assailed (4) maltreated ( )
9. The Rafflesia flower gives off a \_\_\_\_\_ odour like that of a rotting corpse, attracting flies that will help to pollinate it.  
(1) putrid (2) tainted  
(3) contaminated (4) noxious ( )
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ of voices in the stadium fell silent when everyone bowed their heads to observe a minute's silence for the victims of the earthquake.  
(1) bustle (2) turbulence  
(3) upheaval (4) cacophony ( )



## Challenge 44

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### Time

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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.*

1. Mrs Tan prefers watching \_\_\_\_\_ dance performances to classical ballet.  
(1) current (2) instant  
(3) contemporary (4) radical ( )
2. Genghis Khan was the \_\_\_\_\_ Mongol leader who created the biggest empire in history up to that time.  
(1) fanciful (2) authentic  
(3) legendary (4) customary ( )
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ noise in the night frightened me, knocking noises followed by long periods of silence.  
(1) infrequent (2) erratic  
(3) intermittent (4) flickering ( )
4. In the world of modelling, fame is \_\_\_\_\_ since the industry is always looking for the next fresh face.  
(1) flexible (2) variable  
(3) ephemeral (4) adjustable ( )

5. In \_\_\_\_\_, I think that I would have performed well if I had practised harder.
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| (1) retrospect   | (2) flashback    |     |
| (3) reminiscence | (4) recollection | ( ) |
6. Chocolate is a/an \_\_\_\_\_ favourite used to create delicious desserts.
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| (1) perennial | (2) incessant |     |
| (3) prolonged | (4) immortal  | ( ) |
7. Mrs Goh took a long time to get over the \_\_\_\_\_ death of her son.
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| (1) rash     | (2) brief    |     |
| (3) untimely | (4) immature | ( ) |
8. The Youth Festival is held \_\_\_\_\_, with uniformed groups and performance arts group participating every two years.
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| (1) biennially | (2) annually  |     |
| (3) biannually | (4) quarterly | ( ) |
9. Sometimes, people connect for \_\_\_\_\_ moments, a passing glance, a smile or a gesture of help.
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| (1) volatile  | (2) hasty   |     |
| (3) transient | (4) concise | ( ) |
10. After a six-month \_\_\_\_\_ from his teaching duties to carry out some important research, our professor is back.
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| (1) lull   | (2) rift   |     |
| (3) hiatus | (4) breach | ( ) |



## Challenge 45

### Vocabulary

## Similarity and Variation

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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.*

1. Jason fought to stay awake during the hot afternoon lesson as the teacher's \_\_\_\_\_ voice droned endlessly.  
(1) uniform (2) repetitive  
(3) constant (4) monotonous ( )
  
2. The students in this university are of \_\_\_\_\_ nationalities, from nations in Africa to those in North Asia.  
(1) diverse (2) assorted  
(3) divergent (4) miscellaneous ( )
  
3. The judge ruled that the man was guilty because of the \_\_\_\_\_ in his accounts.  
(1) differences (2) discord  
(3) discrepancies (4) diversification ( )
  
4. The temperature can \_\_\_\_\_ throughout the day, from a cold 10 degrees to a warm 24 degrees.  
(1) waver (2) undulate  
(3) vibrate (4) fluctuate ( )



5. We should stick to our main aim of helping the children who have learning needs and not \_\_\_\_\_ from it by adding unrelated programmes.  
 (1) vary (2) deflect  
 (3) avert (4) deviate ( )
6. He has made no progress in his work. His results have remained \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (1) still (2) dormant  
 (3) stagnant (4) stationary ( )
7. Because of the \_\_\_\_\_ in the witnesses' testimonies, the judge found them unreliable and dismissed the case.  
 (1) abnormalities (2) deformities  
 (3) inconsistencies (4) deficiencies ( )
8. She wrote on a \_\_\_\_\_ of subjects, ranging from career and work-life balance to the joy and difficulties of married life.  
 (1) plethora (2) sequence  
 (3) prosperity (4) continuity ( )
9. \_\_\_\_\_ everyone in class likes our form teacher Misss Amanda because she is caring but firm.  
 (1) Virtually (2) Relatively  
 (3) Specifically (4) Tentatively ( )
10. The losing team suffered a/an \_\_\_\_\_ disappointment after their epic victory the previous week.  
 (1) ample (2) bulky  
 (3) colossal (4) substantial ( )



## Challenge 46

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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.*

1. We managed to \_\_\_\_\_ our rivals and defend our title for the second time running.  
(1) ruin (2) hamper  
(3) trounce (4) suppress ( )
2. Wendy and I \_\_\_\_\_ pieced the thousand pieces of the jigsaw puzzle together over a month.  
(1) warily (2) consciously  
(3) vigilantly (4) painstakingly ( )
3. Road rage acts are a result of the offenders being unable to \_\_\_\_\_ their temper.  
(1) curb (2) limit  
(3) restrain (4) shun ( )
4. Our climb up the mountain was \_\_\_\_\_ and there were several times that I almost turned back.  
(1) arduous (2) lofty  
(3) rigorous (4) adroit ( )
5. In some places, the use of drugs by athletes is reportedly \_\_\_\_\_. The authorities should clamp down on it.  
(1) rife (2) bountiful  
(3) profuse (4) voluminous ( )



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.

I was nervous but excited. Having worked hard, I was ready for my last (6) challenge—the high wire. It was (7) probably the greatest of all circus stunts, an act that was both terrifying and elegant. I (8) vowed to myself that I would accomplish it.

Initially, I had to start low and safe, with a wire three metres off the ground. Stepping onto the wire with one foot, I held my arms out. Every time I fell, I got on again. Training finally (9) reached its finale with a move to a higher wire, almost ten metres up. I was excited at the (10) opportunity to perform at a higher level.

Standing at the brink, I counted, "One, two, three." Though my knees were shaking, I stepped out.

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| 6.  | (1) feat      | (2) test          |     |
|     | (3) coup      | (4) obstacle      | ( ) |
| 7.  | (1) plainly   | (2) absolutely    |     |
|     | (3) plausibly | (4) conspicuously | ( ) |
| 8.  | (1) testified | (2) vouched       |     |
|     | (3) pledged   | (4) wagered       | ( ) |
| 9.  | (1) abated    | (2) ascended      |     |
|     | (3) resolved  | (4) culminated    | ( ) |
| 10. | (1) grant     | (2) prospect      |     |
|     | (3) option    | (4) privilege     | ( ) |