

Vocabulary

A Complete the words in the sentences with the prefixes *ab-*, *dys-*, *mal-* and *mis-*. What meaning do these prefixes share?

- 1 His was a _____ spent youth, devoted only to pleasurable pastimes and pursuits.
- 2 It's a terribly _____ functional relationship; I don't know why they're still together.
- 3 Sadly, children who suffer continued neglect often become _____ adjusted adults.
- 4 The psychologist was at a loss to explain the patient's _____ errant behaviour.
- 5 Trauma to the brain led to a(n) _____ normal mental condition in the patient.
- 6 Our old neighbour was quite the _____ anthrope who avoided all human contact.

B Complete the sentences with the words in the correct form.

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- 1 Harry is always _____ his anger; he really needs to calm down!
- 2 They had a disagreement months ago, but Amy still _____ him a grudge.
- 3 Don't spend all your time with Fred; after all, familiarity _____ contempt.
- 4 Why don't you just _____ your pride and apologise to your friend?
- 5 The football players _____ themselves appallingly during the return flight.
- 6 Mike's so-called friends were _____ pressure on him to quit university.
- 7 Whenever we have visitors, it _____ our nosy neighbour's curiosity.
- 8 Vanessa began to _____ ner independence once she turned 18.

C Circle the odd ones out.

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| 1 adamant | cynical | inflexible | obstinate |
| 2 elated | jubilant | overjoyed | meticulous |
| 3 apathetic | dispassionate | uneasy | withdrawn |
| 4 compulsive | neurotic | obsessive | obnoxious |
| 5 amiable | impassive | poised | serene |
| 6 eloquent | principled | scrupulous | upright |

D Use the odd words out in C to complete the sentences below.

- 1 He'll never change; he'll always be a nasty, _____, bad-tempered, little man!
- 2 It's a pleasure to be in her company as she is always so _____ and welcoming.
- 3 Madge had become _____ in her old age and was distrustful of my motive for helping her.
- 4 An _____ speaker, the prime minister had won many battles in parliament over the years.
- 5 The suspect began to feel _____ when the detective mentioned a CCTV camera.
- 6 _____ by nature, Alex made sure every detail was perfect on the day of the wedding.