

## EXERCISE 1

Choose the best answer. Use the contextual clues to help you find the correct answer.

1. Put this medicine on your arm and rub it into your skin until it's invisible. It will inhibit the infection's attempt to spread. What does "inhibit" mean?
  - A. live in a certain place
  - B. block or slow down
  - C. itch or burn
  - D. help to do something important
2. Fatin and Lizzy are having a dispute over which radio station to play at work. It would be so much simpler if they both liked the same kind of music. A dispute is a
  - A. musical instrument
  - B. choice of music
  - C. discovery
  - D. disagreement
3. When your plan brings us great wealth, you will be rewarded for your sagacity. What is sagacity?
  - A. good looks
  - B. mistakes
  - C. Intelligence
  - D. huge appetite for herbs
4. We have rather lofty expectations for you, son. You will attend college. You will become rich and famous. You will be elected president of the United States before you turn forty. Which word is a synonym of "lofty"?
  - A. high
  - B. shaky
  - C. small
  - D. slowly
5. 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. Covert is...
  - A. Friendly
  - B. helpful
  - C. loud
  - D. hidden
6. If you don't recover quickly from your condition, it could become chronic. Then you might have to take medicine for the rest of your life. If something is chronic, it
  - A. is very painful
  - B. won't go away
  - C. makes you smell bad
  - D. isn't real
7. Connie is never happy when everyone is getting along. She always instigates fights and then acts like little Miss Innocent. When you instigate something, you
  - A. check it out
  - B. protect it
  - C. get it started
  - D. ignore it

8. I like that store. All the employees strive to make the customers feel right at home. Which word is a synonym of "strive"?
- A. complain                      C. fail  
B. try                                D. clean
9. The United States has a vast amount of newly discovered clean geothermal (natural heat from the Earth's crust) energy. Tapping into this energy source could provide at least 10 times the energy that can be obtained from the nation's known coal reserves. What does "vast" mean?
- A. a large amount                  C. dangerous  
B. not enough                     D. having no known use

Which word in the above paragraph means supplies that are available to be used?

- A. geothermal  
B. tapping  
C. continent  
D. reserves
10. Using IQ tests and MRI brain scans, researchers have found that the measurable intelligence of teenagers can rise and fall over time. We used to believe that intelligence was static. But now, because of new studies, we know that teens and even fully mature adults can grow more brain cells when needed.
- What does “static” mean in the above selection?
- A. noise  
B. not changing  
C. moldy  
D. unreal

## EXERCISE 2

Guess the word in each sentence. The underlined words will help you.

- I have many \_\_\_\_ at home. They are my pets. They love to drink milk and they catch mice.  
A. Rabbits  
B. Cats  
C. Hamster  
D. Bird
- Yesterday I went to the seaside with my friend. We went for a \_\_\_\_ and enjoyed ourselves.  
A. Skate  
B. Dance  
C. Jog  
D. Slide
- I walked \_\_\_\_ because I did not want my little brother to hear me. He was sleeping and I did not want to wake him.  
A. fast  
B. angrily  
C. quietly  
D. bravely

4. I have a \_\_\_\_ because I walked in the rain yesterday. Today my nose is running. I have to stay at home, take a medicine and use a lot of tissues.
- A. flu C. stomachache  
B. headache D. toothache
5. My father is a very \_\_\_\_ man. But my uncle does not like that at all because he does not do any work. He sleeps all day and eats too much.
- A. lazy C. hardworking  
B. sleepy D. brave
6. That small \_\_\_\_ is flying around the beautiful sunflower before it steps down to get some honey from that yellow gigantic flower.
- A. bee C. fly  
B. spider D. dragonfly
7. Julie puts some \_\_\_\_ in the coffee before stirring it. The coffee is quite sweet, so she adds some hot water to balance the taste.
- A. cream C. sugar  
B. fresh milk D. salt

### EXERCISE 3

The following sentences contain reference words that are underlined. Write what each reference word refers to.

1. The government should support the local scientist in **their** research on flora and fauna **that** are found in our country.
- i. **their** refer to
- A. government                      B. local scientists                      C. flora and fauna                      D. our country
- ii. **that** refers to
- A. government                      B. local scientists                      C. flora and fauna                      D. our country
2. Jenny is going to hold a party at her house next weekend. She put the directions to **her** house in the invitation card. **They** will lead the guest to her house easily.
- i. **her** refers to
- A. Jenny                      B. party                      C. Jenny's house                      D. directions
- ii. **They** refer to
- A. Jenny                      B. party                      C. Jenny's house                      D. directions

3. When we go to the museum, we can see several stuffed animals and birds. **They** are life- like because the taxidermist used the real skins of the **creatures**.
- i. **They** refer to
- A. animals and birds      B. taxidermist      C. museum      D. Stuffed animals and birds
- ii. **creatures** refer to
- A. animals and birds      B. taxidermist      C. museum      D. Stuffed animals and birds
4. Students should not miss classes. This is because **they** will not be able to keep up with **their** studies.
- i. **they** refer to
- A. classes      B. students      C. studies      D. teachers
- ii. **their** refer to
- A. classes      B. students      C. studies      D. teachers