

## 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      C. itch or burn  
B. block or slow down      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      C. discovery  
B. choice of music      D. disagreement
3. When your plan brings us great wealth, you will be rewarded for your sagacity. What is sagacity?  
A. good looks      C. Intelligence  
B. mistakes      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      C. small  
B. shaky      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      C. loud  
B. helpful      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      C. makes you smell bad  
B. won't go away      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      C. get it started  
B. protect it      D. ignore it

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.

### 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**.

- They** refer to  
A. animals and birds      B. taxidermist      C. museum      D. Stuffed animals and birds
- 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.

- they** refer to  
A. classes      B. students      C. studies      D. teachers
- their** refer to  
A. classes      B. students      C. studies      D. teachers