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idiosyncrasy
imminent

impede
inclusive
jurisdiction
precarious
preposterous

Ten Words in Context

In the space provided, write the letter of the meaning closest to that of each **boldfaced** word. Use the context of the sentences to help you figure out each word's meaning.

1 **advocate**

(ăd'və-kāt')
-verb

___ *Advocate* means

- One author was refused permission to give a speech on campus because he **advocates** violence as a means of social reform.
- Some gardeners consider chemicals and pesticides harmful; instead, they **advocate** using "organic" methods of growing fruits and vegetables.

A. to oppose. B. to promote. C. to understand.

2 **antipathy**

(ăn-tí'pə-thē)
-noun

___ *Antipathy* means

- Malik's parents didn't understand why he hated school until they found that the reason for his **antipathy** was poor eyesight: he couldn't see the chalkboard.
- I can't believe that my sister is going to marry Frank. Just a few months ago, she showed complete **antipathy** toward him.

A. a strong dislike. B. a lack of concern. C. a preference.

3 **emancipate**

(ē-măn'si-pāt')
-verb

___ *Emancipate* means

- The salesman promised that his amazing machine—a vacuum cleaner, floor polisher, and carpet shampooer in one—would **emancipate** us from hours of backbreaking housework.
- When the Allies entered Germany at the end of World War II, they **emancipated** many foreigners and political prisoners who had been used as slave laborers in German industries.

A. to encourage. B. to administer justice. C. to free.

4 **idiosyncrasy**

(id'ē-ō-sing'krə-sē)
-noun

___ *Idiosyncrasy* means

- My uncle asks very personal questions, but please don't be offended—it's just an **idiosyncrasy** of his. He doesn't realize how odd it seems to others.
- For as long as I've known Cara, she's had the unusual **idiosyncrasy** of dressing only in black.

A. a personal habit. B. a dangerous habit. C. a selfish habit.

5 **imminent**

(im'ə-nənt)
-adjective

___ *Imminent* means

- We canceled the picnic because a thunderstorm seemed **imminent**.
- As word spread that the king's death was **imminent**, the people began to gather at the palace gates. They wanted to be nearby when he died.

A. over. B. delayed. C. likely to occur soon.

6 **impede**

(im'pēd')
-verb

___ *Impede* means

- Muddy roads **impeded** the progress of the trucks bringing food to the refugees.
- The construction work at the mall **impeded** shoppers, who had to step around piles of planks, cables, crates, tools, and sacks of cement.

A. to oppress. B. to slow down. C. to include.

7 inclusive
(ĭn-klōō'sĭv)
-adjective

___ *Inclusive* means

- The cost of the vacation package was **inclusive**, covering our airfare and all hotels, meals, and tours.
 - The newspaper's coverage of the trial was **inclusive**; every day, it printed a word-for-word transcript of the courtroom proceedings.
- A. complete. B. lacking something. C. about to start.

8 jurisdiction
(jōōr'ĭs-dĭk'shən)
-noun

___ *Jurisdiction* means

- Shakespeare's theater, the Globe, was built across the river from London. Officials had forbidden theaters in London, but the other side of the river was beyond their **jurisdiction**.
 - The United States has no **jurisdiction** over foreign embassies on American soil; those embassies are under the authority of their own governments.
- A. advice. B. beliefs. C. control.

9 precarious
(prē-kâr'ē-əs)
-adjective

___ *Precarious* means

- The icy roads made travel **precarious**.
 - The old, worn-out electrical wiring in the building puts all the residents in a **precarious** position. At any moment, it could fail, causing a fire.
- A. unsafe. B. illegal. C. unusual.

10 preposterous
(prē-pōs'tər-əs)
-adjective

___ *Preposterous* means

- Louis always comes up with **preposterous** get-rich-quick schemes. Now he wants to open a doughnut shop in Antarctica.
 - The discovery of x-rays in 1895 was followed by some **preposterous** ideas and fears. For example, merchants in England sold "x-ray-proof" underwear.
- A. risky. B. exciting. C. ridiculous.

Matching Words with Definitions

Following are definitions of the ten words. Clearly write or print each word next to its definition. The sentences above and on the previous page will help you decide on the meaning of each word.

1. _____ To delay or slow; get in the way of
2. _____ Including much or everything; broad or complete in coverage
3. _____ To speak or write in favor of; support
4. _____ The authority to administer justice; power; range or extent of authority
5. _____ A strong dislike or distaste; hatred
6. _____ To set free from slavery, captivity, or oppression
7. _____ Contrary to nature or reason and thus laughable; absurd
8. _____ A personal peculiarity; quirk
9. _____ Dangerous; risky; dangerously uncertain
10. _____ About to happen

CAUTION: Do not go any further until you are sure the above answers are correct. Then you can use the definitions to help you in the following practices. Your goal is eventually to know the words well enough so that you don't need to check the definitions at all.