



adept
encompass
entrepreneur
eradicate
homogeneous

presumptuous
sordid
standardize
stint
stringent

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 adept
(ə-dĕpt')
-adjective

___ *Adept* means

- People enjoy visiting my parents, who are **adept** at making guests feel welcome and at home.
 - Justin is an **adept** liar. He always looks so innocent and sincere that everyone believes his lies.
- A. skillful. B. profitable. C. awkward.

2 encompass
(ĕn-kŭm'pəs)
-verb

___ *Encompass* means

- Our history teacher's broad knowledge of the subject **encompasses** details of life in ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome.
 - Tomorrow's test will be difficult because it **encompasses** all the material covered this semester.
- A. to suggest. B. to omit. C. to include.

3 entrepreneur
(ŏn'trə-prə-nŭr')
-noun

___ *Entrepreneur* means

- Glenville has no shopping center, but the city is growing so quickly that smart **entrepreneurs** are sure to start up new businesses there soon.
 - My ten-year-old neighbor is already an **entrepreneur**. He set up a lemonade stand last summer and sold homemade cookies at Halloween.
- A. a business investor. B. an overconfident person. C. a conformist.

4 eradicate
(ĭ-răd'ĭ-kăt')
-verb

___ *Eradicate* means

- In recent years, smallpox has been **eradicated**—the first time in history that humans have been able to wipe out a disease.
 - What makes so many people feel they must **eradicate** all signs of aging? Why should we have to get rid of our wrinkles and gray hair?
- A. to reveal. B. to regulate strictly. C. to erase.

5 homogeneous
(hŏ'mŏ-jĕ'nĕ-əs)
-adjective

___ *Homogeneous* means

- The student body at the local college appears quite **homogeneous**, but there are significant social and economic differences among the students.
 - "Homogenized" milk has been made **homogeneous**. This means that it's treated so it will be of uniform consistency, rather than having the cream rise to the top.
- A. strictly controlled. B. the same throughout. C. of high quality.

6 presumptuous
(prĕ-zŭmp'chŏŏ-əs)
-adjective

___ *Presumptuous* means

- It was **presumptuous** of Eric to announce his engagement to Phyllis before she had actually agreed to marry him.
 - If you ask personal questions at a job interview, you'll be considered **presumptuous**. So, for example, don't ask the interviewer, "What are they paying you?"
- A. too forward. B. skilled. C. cautious.

