



CHAPTER 27

auspicious	rebuke
expedite	redeem
extenuating	subordinate
fraudulent	transgress
innuendo	vehement

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 **auspicious**

(ô-spîsh'əs)

-adjective

___ *Auspicious* means

- The beginning of the semester was **auspicious** for Liza; she got an A on the first quiz and saw this as a promise of more good grades to come.
- Jen and Robert's marriage plans did not get off to an **auspicious** start. They couldn't agree on what kind of ceremony they wanted or which guests to invite.
 - A. deceptive.
 - B. indirect.
 - C. favorable.

2 **expedite**

(ĕks'pə-dīt')

-verb

___ *Expedite* means

- Express lanes in supermarkets **expedite** the checkout process for shoppers who buy only a few items.
- To **expedite** payment on an insurance claim, be sure to include all the necessary information on the form before mailing it in.
 - A. to hurry up.
 - B. to reduce the cost of.
 - C. to delay.

3 **extenuating**

(ĕk-stĕn'yōō-ā'tīng)

-adjective

___ *Extenuating* means

- I know I promised to come to the surprise party, but there were **extenuating** circumstances: my car broke down.
- When my father had a heart attack, I missed a final exam. Due to the **extenuating** circumstances, the professor agreed to let me take a makeup exam.
 - A. providing a good excuse.
 - B. assigning blame.
 - C. encouraging.

4 **fraudulent**

(frô'jə-lənt)

-adjective

___ *Fraudulent* means

- Leroy was jailed for filing **fraudulent** income tax returns. He had been cheating the government for years.
- The art dealer was involved in a **fraudulent** scheme to pass off worthless forgeries as valuable old paintings.
 - A. inferior.
 - B. dishonest.
 - C. careless.

5 **innuendo**

(ĭn'yōō-ĕn'dō)

-noun

___ *Innuendo* means

- People weren't willing to say directly that the mayor had taken a bribe, but there were many **innuendos** such as "Someone must have gotten to him."
- When Neil said, "Emily's home sick. Again," he was using an **innuendo**. He really meant that she was just taking another day off.
 - A. a sharp scolding.
 - B. an obvious lie.
 - C. a suggestion.

6 **rebuke**

(rĭ-byōōk')

-verb

___ *Rebuke* means

- When the puppy chews the furniture, don't hit him; instead, **rebuke** him in a harsh voice.
- Although my father scolded me many times in private, I'm grateful that he never **rebuked** me in public.
 - A. to criticize.
 - B. to make excuses for.
 - C. to hit.

7 redeem

(rĭ-dēm')

-verb— *Redeem* means

- Tuan's parents were angry with him for neglecting his chores, but he **redeemed** himself by washing and waxing their car.
 - Cal was suspended from the basketball team because of his low grades, but he **redeemed** himself the next semester by earning a B average.
- A. to reveal. B. to make up for past errors. C. to punish.

8 subordinate

(sə-bôr'də-nĭt)

-adjective— *Subordinate to* means

- As a waiter, I take orders from the headwaiter, and he's **subordinate** to the manager of the restaurant.
 - The federal District Courts are lower than the United States Court of Appeals, which in turn is **subordinate** to the Supreme Court.
- A. lower than. B. a substitute for. C. superior to.

9 transgress

(trăns-grĕs')

-verb— *Transgress* means

- Adam **transgressed** by eating an apple Eve gave him; God punished them both.
 - Kianna knew she had **transgressed** against family wishes when she sold the ring her grandmother had given her.
- A. to benefit. B. to tell a lie. C. to commit an offense.

10 vehement

(vē'ə-mənt)

-adjective— *Vehement* means

- I knew my parents would not be happy about my plan to take a year off from school, but I didn't expect their objections to be so **vehement**.
 - When Nell's boyfriend angrily grabbed her, she responded with **vehement** fury. Yelling "That's the last time you'll ever touch me!" she walked out on him.
- A. strong. B. secret. C. unjustified.

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. _____ An indirect remark or gesture, usually suggesting something belittling or improper; an insinuation; a hint
2. _____ To speed up or ease the progress of; make easier
3. _____ To scold sharply; express blame or disapproval
4. _____ *Intense; forceful*
5. _____ Characterized by trickery, cheating, or lies
6. _____ Being a good sign; favorable; encouraging
7. _____ Serving to make (a fault, an offense, or guilt) less serious or seem less serious through some excuse
8. _____ To sin or commit an offense; break a law or command
9. _____ Under the authority or power of another; inferior or below another in rank, power, or importance
10. _____ To restore (oneself) to favor by making up for offensive conduct; make amends

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.