

Exercise I: Complete each sentence in a way that shows you understand the meaning of the underlined vocabulary word.

1. When Roger saw the specter lurking in the corner, he reacted by ...
2. I found Charlie a rather invidious character because he always...
3. The actor had to improvise his lines because...
4. I like to say jokingly that my cat is phototropic because she always...
5. Nina tried to elucidate the meaning of the poem by...
6. Buck savored the prospect of the nature walk because...
7. Because he was not considered very photogenic, Steven...
8. The headdress was woven of a beautiful translucent silk that...
9. Unless something extraordinarily providential happens before the swim meet, we...
10. Tom thinks the reason Gerald's explanations are so lucid is ...
11. Carl was usually circumspect when choosing what investments to make with his money because...
12. One of the phosphorescent gemstones can be identified by...

Exercise II: Fill in each blank with the best word from the choices provided. Next, underline or highlight the context clue in each sentence that helped you to choose the correct definition. One word in each group will not be used.

providential circumspect photogenic translucent improvise

1. The delicate, _____ ribbons in the girl's hair seemed to glow.
2. When my first strategy didn't work, I had to _____ a new one on the spot.
3. Even the most _____ people don't look attractive in overdeveloped pictures.
4. The one _____ occurrence in Ralph's life was his lucky discovery of the ancient tomb.

invective

invidious

phototropic

specter

phosphorescent

5. Scientists were amazed to discover that the plant was not _____, and could grow in total darkness.
6. Dawn can be quite _____ at times; she has started several nasty rumors.
7. The _____ wandered the halls of the aged mansion in search of a resident to frighten.
8. The _____ fish emitted a faint glow even at the bottom of the dark sea.

lucid

prospect

inspect

elucidate

circumspect

9. If you are more _____ about your finances, you won't be out of money at the end of the month.
10. Nick can discuss and analyze history in a clear and _____ manner.
11. While trying to _____ the book's theme, I made some interesting discoveries.
12. The _____ of spending the winter on a tropical island was thrilling to Rebecca.

Exercise III: Use the notes on prefixes and suffixes, along with your understanding of this week's Greek and Latin roots, to write the literal meaning of the following words.

the prefix *re-* means *again*
 the suffix *-age* means *the result of an action*
 the suffix *-ate* means *the act of*
 the root *copia* means *abundance*
 the suffix *-ary* means *one who*

revise (v)= _____

visage (n)= _____

speculate (v)= _____

photocopier (n)= _____

luminary (n)= _____

Exercise I: Choose the set of words that best completes each sentence. Circle the correct pair for each sentence.

1. After George ___ his plan, the ___ of climbing the mountain became more appealing to me.
 Photogenic; lucid elucidated; prospect phototropic; lucid improvised; translucent

2. Daria was upset that she could not provide a(n) ___ explanation of her encounter with the ___ in the old mansion.
 Providential; prospect prospect; introspective lucid; specter spectrum; invidious

3. The ___ discovery of a new ___ organism helped researchers, who were doing work on light and biology, make a long-desired breakthrough.
 Photogenic; circumspect invidious; circumspect providential; phototropic lucid; phototropic

4. Although the actor thought he did an excellent job ___ his lines, he received several ___ reviews the next day.
 Elucidating; lucid spectrum; provisional elucidating; translucent improvising; invidious

5. Even my modest, ___ grandmother became as excited as a child when she saw the ___ white silk with which she would make the wedding dress.
 Providential; improvise circumspect; lucid circumspect; translucent invidious; phototropic

Exercise II: Complete each sentence by drawing an inference about the italicized word.

6. If your neighbor becomes *invidious*, you may conclude that...

7. When a substitute teacher *improvises* a schedule, we can assume...

8. When buying a new car, it's best to be *circumspect* because...

9. If a friend has experienced a *providential* event in his life, you can expect him to feel...

10. If your math teacher is especially good at *elucidating* complex material, she is...

Exercise III: Using your knowledge of this week's vocabulary words as well as context clues, fill in each blank with the word from the unit that best completes the writing below, using the root provided as a clue. Then, answer the comprehension questions that follow the paragraphs.

For nearly two centuries, a man's appearance had no effect on his candidacy for President of the United States. George Washington, the father of our country, had wooden teeth. Because of a severe visual disability, James Buchanan tended to lean his head to the side. Abraham Lincoln, although known for his height, did not have the sort of // _____ (PHOT) face that would attract interest on television. William Howard Taft was a Supreme Court Justice as well as President, but he also weighed over 400 pounds. Franklin Delano Roosevelt could not walk, but his confinement to a wheelchair remained unknown to the public because he communicated to the nation primarily through radio addresses.

All of this changed with the 1960 presidential election, a tight contest between Vice President Richard Nixon and Senator John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts. The tradition of debate between candidates is a rich one in American history, but never before had one of these debates appeared on television. According to reports of the time, Senator Kennedy appeared much more at ease than his rival. Kennedy used cosmetics to emphasize his suntan, and his confidence and bright smile clearly impressed the television audience. His ability to ¹²_____ (VIS) in the middle of this heated debate made him seem collected and relaxed. Vice President Nixon, on the other hand, did not fare well with his makeup. His pale complexion was not suited to television lights, his need for a shave showed through the makeup, and , as the debate wore on, he began to sweat. His forced smile and nervous movements also made him appear defensive and confused.

After the debate, two separate polls were taken, one of radio audiences and the other of television viewers. Both asked the same question: Who do you think won the debate? The results were striking. The radio audience thought that Vice President Nixon had won the debate, while the television viewers thought Senator Kennedy had won. The difference ¹³_____ (LUC) an important point about human nature: what you see, more than any other sense, greatly influences your opinions of other people. Clearly, a visual impression of a leader also affects the choice we make at the polls.

14. Which of the following is a SYNONYM of “confinement” as it is used in the first paragraph?
 - A. pregnancy
 - B. restriction
 - C. insanity
 - D. disability

15. Which of the following best summarizes the MAIN IDEA of the essay?
 - A. Tall presidents tend to perform better in office than short ones.
 - B. Physical appearance accurately indicates Presidential performance.
 - C. The visual sense seems to dominate all other senses in creating ideas about a public figure.
 - D. The television age made people more superficial in their judgments.

16. Make an INFERENCE based on your reading: Why did the television audience think that Kennedy had won the debate?
 - A. Kennedy had a less confident voice than Nixon on the radio.
 - B. Kennedy seemed to dislike speaking on the radio.
 - C. Nixon appeared less confident on television than Kennedy.
 - D. Both Kennedy and Nixon showed excellent debating skills.

Exercise IV: Drawing on your knowledge of roots and words in context, read the following selection and define the italicized words. If you cannot figure out the meaning of the words on your own, look them up in a dictionary.

When she took the photographer’s stool, the entire class was silenced. Lucinda was the loveliest girl in her school; the camera seemed to adore her. In every portrait, her *visage* was as bright and clear as that of an angel. Everyone who saw the pictures said that her face glowed with enthusiasm and *speculated* as to why this might be the case.

17. Visage _____

18. Speculated _____