

• **Word Definition 2** Level 9

Directions: Choose the answer choice that best defines the word in capital letters.

1) INFER

- A. to fight a battle
- B. to reach a conclusion
- C. to postpone
- D. to mention someone

6) ADAGE

- A. a popular song
- B. a short poem
- C. an old saying
- D. an original composition

2) QUIRKY

- A. united
- B. poisonous
- C. stolen
- D. peculiar

7) OBLIGATORY

- A. absent
- B. pointless
- C. rude
- D. required

3) COMPLY

- A. to follow a rule
- B. to make a demand
- C. to suspect someone
- D. to criticize something

8) SORDID

- A. powerful or mighty
- B. dirty or disgusting
- C. imaginary or unreal
- D. burning or on fire

4) REPRESS

- A. to hold back
- B. to dig up
- C. to lift
- D. to question

9) AVENGE

- A. to look up
- B. to applaud
- C. to make softer
- D. to take vengeance

5) GURU

- A. a wise person
- B. an influential teacher
- C. a young child
- D. a disobedient person

10) VAGUE

- A. unclear
- B. fashionable
- C. wealthy
- D. rural

Answers and Explanations

1) **B**

infer (verb): to reach a conclusion from evidence and reasoning rather than explicit statements: *Using the clues he'd already found plus the statements from the witness, Sherlock Holmes was able to infer who the criminal was.*

2) **D**

quirky (adjective): peculiar: *The movie's main character is a quirky young woman whose comically odd ways lift the spirits of her romantic interest.*

3) **A**

comply (verb): to follow a rule: *Research shows that most US teenagers do not fully comply with laws that set the legal drinking age at 21.*

4) **A**

repress (verb): to hold back: *Many psychologists used to believe that people repressed unpleasant memories in order to intentionally forget them, but current research shows this is not true.*

5) **B**

guru (noun): an influential teacher or popular expert: *Many people consider Alan Greenspan to be an economic guru, and they listen closely to all of his financial advice.*

6) **C**

adage (noun): an old saying: *"Better to be safe than sorry" is an old adage that encourages people to be cautious and prudent.*

7) **D**

obligatory (adjective): required: *In order to graduate, students at my school must complete an obligatory class in computer skills; anyone who doesn't complete the class doesn't graduate.*

8) **B**

sordid (verb): dirty or disgusting: *Disgusting stories of the politician's sordid sexual affairs were all over the news for weeks.*

9) **D**

avenge (verb): to take vengeance: *Inigo Montoya sought to avenge his father's death by killing the man who murdered his dad.*

10) **A**

vague (adjective): unclear: *Stefano is certain about which college he wants to attend, but he only has vague ideas about what he wants to study when he gets there.*