

• Word Definition 3 Level 8

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

1) DOCTRINE

- A. a belief
- B. a desire
- C. a path
- D. a medicine

6) CONFISCATE

- A. to stare at
- B. to begin again
- C. to speed up
- D. to take away

2) ENVIOUS

- A. common
- B. jealous
- C. cheerful
- D. honest

7) SERVILE

- A. excessively aggressive toward others
- B. excessively tense or awkward around others
- C. excessively willing to please others
- D. excessively devoted to religious faith

3) TEDIOUS

- A. original and creative
- B. beautiful and elegant
- C. firm and persevering
- D. tiresome and dull

8) DECEPTIVE

- A. misleading
- B. strict
- C. regretful
- D. missing

4) STANCE

- A. a victory
- B. a vision
- C. a text
- D. a position

9) INSTITUTE

- A. to capture
- B. to immigrate
- C. to establish
- D. to block

5) GROPE

- A. to twist around
- B. to feel for
- C. to decrease
- D. to result in

10) SLEEK

- A. sharp
- B. smooth
- C. obvious
- D. successful

Answers and Explanations

1) A

doctrine (noun): a belief: *The Catholic Church teaches the doctrine of papal infallibility, the belief that the Pope's decrees can never be wrong.*

2) B

envious (adjective): jealous: *Christina starts feeling very envious whenever her friends have new clothes or hairstyles; she wants to look as good as them, or even better.*

3) D

tedious (adjective): too long, slow, dull, tiresome, and monotonous: *The professor kept rambling on, making for a very tedious class that each of us could not wait to leave.*

4) D

stance (noun): a position: *The Republican candidate said he'd consider a military strike against Iran, but the Democrat remained devoted to his more anti-war stance.*

5) B

grope (verb): to feel for: *I couldn't see anything, so I groped for the light switch until I found it.*

6) D

confiscate (verb): to take away: *Ms. Mills confiscated my cell phone when she noticed that I was secretly using it in class, and she did not give it back to me until the end of the school day.*

7) C

servile (adjective): having an excessive to serve or please others: *He has a very servile attitude whenever he interacts with his boss; even though he dislikes her, he does everything she says without question.*

8) A

deceptive (adjective): misleading: *The company is very deceptive: it says you can make \$500 a week as a salesman, but what it doesn't tell you is that you have to buy all the company's products upfront and then resell them on your own.*

9) C

institute (verb): to set in motion or establish something: *When the city instituted the new law banning smoking indoors, it became illegal to consume most tobacco products indoors.*

10) B

sleek (adjective): smooth: *Although Hanna's hair was usually a frizzy mess, the stylist made it look sleek and beautiful.*