

CTBS VOCABULARY PRACTICE # 1

Choose the word that means the same, or about the same for the underlined word.

- ____ 1. amiable understanding
a. hateful
b. unique
c. profitable
d. friendly
- ____ 2. improvise the demonstration
a. organize
b. to tear apart
c. illogical
d. create on the spur of the moment
- ____ 3. brevity of speech
a. flock of birds
b. expression in few words
c. beginnings
d. wordy
- ____ 4. abate the argument
a. to debate
b. to scandalize
c. fondness
d. to reduce in degree
- ____ 5. effective approach
a. efficient
b. forceful
c. unimpressive
d. unhelpful
- ____ 6. encumber his running ability
a. to strike
b. to dill cucumbers
c. to uncover
d. to burden
- ____ 7. circumvent the obstacle
a. to avoid
b. to hide
c. to open
d. to blow in steam
- ____ 8. tenure of office
a. insecurity
b. helpfulness
c. direction
d. job security

Choose the word that means the opposite of the underlined word.

- ____ 1. unusual stamina
a. figure
b. endurance
c. frailty
d. strength
- ____ 2. salvage the ship
a. help
b. save
c. steer
d. abandon
- ____ 3. expression of gratitude
a. appreciation
b. anger
c. thanklessness
d. involvement
- ____ 4. a mute response
a. noisy
b. silent
c. huge
d. aggressive
- ____ 5. a steadfast friend
a. inconstant
b. movable
c. trusting
d. spectacular
- ____ 6. new facts emerged
a. disappeared
b. evolved
c. guided
d. shared
- ____ 7. impetuous decision
a. considered
b. risky
c. spontaneous
d. large
- ____ 8. lucrative decision
a. weak
b. advantageous
c. unprofitable
d. kindly

Read the sentence with the missing word and the question relating to that word. Then choose the word that best answers the question.

____ 1. The car was visible through the _____ curtains.

Which of these words would indicate that the curtains were sheer?

- a. foggy
- b. designer
- c. transparent
- d. open

____ 2. The students were in _____ over the graduation requirements.

Which of these words would indicate that the students had conflicting ideas?

- a. discord
- b. unity
- c. unanimous agreement
- d. disbelief

____ 3. The teacher asked the students to _____ the chatter.

Which of these words would indicate that the teacher wanted the students to stop talking.

- a. increase
- b. cease
- c. evolve
- d. whisper

____ 4. The boy was a _____ basketball player.

Which of these words would indicate that the basketball player was tall and skinny.

- a. fat
- b. imposing
- c. lanky
- d. serious

Read the sentences, then choose the word that correctly completes both sentences.

_____ 1. She _____ an essay for a scholarship.

He _____ to the dogs' barking demands for a biscuit.

- a. completed
- b. submitted
- c. surrendered
- d. questioned

_____ 2. She showed a/ an _____ to her role.

She gave a/an _____ at graduation.

- a. indifference
- b. dedication
- c. speech
- d. sincerity

_____ 3. The party she was throwing would be very _____.

Her purchases were more than expensive, in fact they were quite _____.

- a. gorgeous
- b. loud
- c. extravagant
- d. popular

_____ 4. My bank _____ came in the mail, with my current balance.

He made a blunt _____ about my hair, obviously he didn't approve.

- a. form
- b. remark
- c. speech
- d. statement

_____ 5. Her uncle was buried in a deep _____.

His _____ expression showed the seriousness of the prank.

- a. grave
- b. plot
- c. hole
- d. painful