

I. Matching. Match the word on the left with its definition on the right. You will use each letter once.

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| ___ 1. ameliorate | A. ___ saliva or mucus flowing from mouth/nose; foolish, aimless talk/nonsense; ___ to allow saliva/mucus to flow from mouth/nose; to waste or fritter away foolishly |
| ___ 2. aplomb | B. ___ summary or condensed account; instance that represents a larger reality |
| ___ 3. bombastic | C. ___ poise, assurance, great self-confidence; perpendicularity |
| ___ 4. callow | D. ___ to violate, trespass, go beyond recognized bounds |
| ___ 5. drivel | E. ___ to make oneself agreeable and thus gain favor or acceptance by others |
| ___ 6. epitome | F. ___ to urge strongly, advise earnestly |
| ___ 7. exhort | G. ___ to improve, make better, correct a flaw or shortcoming |
| ___ 8. ex officio | H. ___ without experience; immature, not fully developed; lacking sophistication |
| ___ 9. infringe | J. ___ pompous or overblown; full of high-sounding words to conceal a lack of ideas |
| ___ 10. ingratiate | K. ___ / ___ by virtue of holding a certain office |

II. Fill in the blank. Choose from the list of vocabulary words to complete the sentences. Change the form of the word if necessary to fit the sentence. One of these words is used twice.

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23. It is not a good idea to _____ oneself by making cloying compliments.
24. The President is the _____ Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces during a war.
25. If you continue to _____ on my responsibilities, will you also take the blame for any mistakes?
26. With dramatic gestures, our fans vigorously _____ the team to play harder.
27. Admitting when you have been fairly defeated is the _____ of good sportsmanship.
28. A hot meal can _____ the discomforts of even the coldest day.
29. To me, my dream made perfect sense, but when I told it to my friend, it sounded like _____.
30. He delivered a/an _____ speech that did not even address our problems.
31. They entered the army as _____ recruits and left as seasoned veterans.
32. Considering the family's tense mood, you handled the situation with _____.
33. Knowing that his time was nearly up, we kept silent and let him _____ on.

III. Short questions. Choose one vocabulary word to answer each question. Each word is used once.

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34. _____ How does the annoying lackey try to get you to like him?
35. _____ What describes the pretentious speech given by the woman who knows nothing?
36. _____ What is a perfect example?
37. _____ What horrible stuff is coming out of your mouth!?
38. _____ How can we make this better?
39. _____ How does the Vice-President of the U.S. become the President of the Senate?

40. _____ How did you get into the conversation to which you weren't really invited?
41. _____ With what did the expert complete the job?
42. _____ What did the kids do to get the teacher to postpone the test?
43. _____ Which employee is naive and green enough to believe that she can make a difference?

III. Synonyms and Antonyms. Below are synonyms and antonyms for the vocabulary words. Choose the vocabulary word that best fits the same meaning and the opposite meaning.

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epitome

aplomb
exhort

bombastic
ex officio

callow

drivel
infringe

ingratiate

SYNONYMS

44. _____ abstract, digest, model, archetype
45. _____ balderdash, hogwash, tommyrot, slaver
46. _____ inflated, highfalutin, high-flown,
47. _____ amend, better
48. _____ entreat, implore, adjure
49. _____ cozy up to, curry favor with
50. _____ composure, levelheadedness
51. _____ encroach, impinge, intrude
52. _____ green, raw, unfledged, inexperienced
53. _____ by position, by right, officially

ANTONYMS

54. _____ confusion, embarrassment, abashment
55. _____ mature, polished, sophisticated
56. _____ discourage, advise against, deprecate
57. _____ stay in bounds
58. _____ alienate, humiliate, or mortify oneself
59. _____ unadorned, simple, plain, austere
60. _____ without authority, without right,
61. _____ worsen, aggravate, exacerbate
62. _____ dry mouthed, cottonmouth
63. _____ original, real thing, one and only