

Assistance Vocabulary Quiz

This assistance vocabulary quiz reviews the academic vocabulary practiced in *English Detective* issues 13-14, as well as some earlier vocabulary. See how many words you have learned!

Multiple Choice

Choose the best answer for each question.

1. With wise investments a small non-profit organization like Ashoka can extend its _____ of influence far beyond the apparent limits of its revenue and staff.

The best word to fill in the blank above is:

- A. symbol
- B. cycle
- C. item
- D. sphere

2. Many nonprofit organizations are founded to _____ or compensate for the lack of government funding for an issue of primary importance to their founders.

- A. offset
- B. exceed
- C. reverse
- D. compile

3. Another verb meaning 'make certain' is

- A. certainty
- B. ensure
- C. sure
- D. positive

4. Which of the following is not an antonym (opposite) of 'civil'?

- A. military
- B. religious
- C. polite
- D. rude

5. The ancient document had been irreversibly damaged by moisture, so that some of the _____ was no longer visible and more was illegible.

- A. chapters
- B. comments
- C. guidelines
- D. text

6. Which of these sentences does not use the word 'cycle' (or one of its family members) correctly?

- A. The business cycle was repeated again recently, from strong growth to a major recession to a limited recovery.
- B. His systolic blood pressure cycles between 140 and 180.
- C. He purchased cycles of somewhat-used clothing to resell.
- D. Many great classics of literature use various symbols to represent the cycle of life.
- E. Recycling used items is an important way to reduce waste to a minimum and protect the environment.

7. In the U.S., many research institutions receive revenue (income) from the government to investigate possible causes and cures of diseases. The government sets _____ for these grants that include requirements for reporting and accountability. It also expects that the research will be designed solely to serve the welfare of the public, not the private interests of the researchers.

The best word to fill in the blank above is:

- A. authority
- B. flexibility
- C. parameters
- D. infrastructure

8. Five of these six sentences show possible ways to use forms of 'file.' Which one does not?

- A. The doctor's office kept patients' files for five years.
- B. Civil lawyers often encourage their clients to file lawsuits, which just increases the lawyers' revenues.
- C. Nail files can remove rough edges from fingernails.
- D. The cook filed the soup until it was hot.
- E. In the U.S. a married couple can file for divorce due to incompatibility when they just cannot get along with each other.
- F. Have you filed your income tax forms yet?

9. The word 'welfare' has various meanings. Which of these is **not** a synonym of 'welfare'?

- A. well-being
- B. public assistance
- C. train fare
- D. prosperity

Odd One Out

Choose the one word that is different from or opposite to the meaning of all the others.

1. aid, hindrance, assistance, help
2. recovery, improvement, gain, loss
3. actual, symbolic, virtual, imaginary
4. varied, same, different, diverse
5. facilitate, hinder, assist, support
6. cooperate, compete, collaborate, assist
7. minimize, exceed, reduce, limit
8. substitution, replacement, original, exchange
9. basic, secondary, important, fundamental
10. compile, gather, collect, scatter
11. devious, indirect, straightforward, roundabout
12. reverse, proceed, go forward, progress
13. inadequate, insufficient, enough, lacking
14. minimum, most, smallest, least
15. aware, informed, unconscious, knowledgeable
16. incomplete, thorough, comprehensive, full-blown

Answers

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B. ensure

4. Which of the following is not an antonym (opposite) of 'civil'?

C. polite (It's a synonym of one of the meanings of civil.)

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D. text

6. Which of these sentences does not use the word 'cycle' correctly?

C. He purchased cycles of somewhat-used clothing to resell.

This sentence doesn't even make sense in English as written. Replace 'cycles' with 'quantities' or 'a large amount' or 'boxes' (or another word involving volume or containers) to make a meaningful sentence.

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1. hindrance

2. loss

3. actual

4. same

5. hinder

6. compete

7. exceed

8. original

9. secondary

10. scatter

11. straightforward

12. reverse

13. enough

14. most

15. unconscious

16. incomplete

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