

USEFUL WORDS

Exercise 1

Choose the word which best completes each of the sentences. Write A, B, C or D in the brackets provided.

- As your good friend, I will not desert you in times of _____.
A patience
B prosperity
C prejudice
D adversity ()
- Don't be _____ with the idea of winning all the prizes. Try your best, that's all.
A obsessed
B instigated
C damaged
D prolonged ()
- The domestic helper rushed out of the house and _____ knocked over a pot of flowers on the corridor.
A regretfully
B inadvertently
C purposely
D persistently ()
- Some workers were _____ on their request for better wages and working conditions.
A aggressive
B hesitant
C threatening
D insistent ()
- Ordinary people do not live like rich people. For example, they cannot afford a lot of _____ things.
A rich
B luxurious
C far-fetched
D ambitious ()
- A person's mental development could be _____ if he has too many bad experiences.
A postponed
B prevented
C simplified
D delayed ()
- Besides dealing with major political issues, the new government has successfully _____ many international problems.
A solved
B contemplated
C encountered
D topple ()

8. The newcomer was _____ by the confusing transport system.
 A emboldened C trampled
 B perplexed D snarled ()
9. Any judgement which is subjective and _____ cannot be highly valued.
 A partial C considerable
 B considerate D predicted ()
10. Mr Bacon's business rival has been spreading _____ rumours about him in the industry.
 A sophisticated C malicious
 B magnificent D impartial ()

Answers:
 1 D
 6 D

2 A
 7 A

3 B
 8 B

4 D
 9 A

5 B
 10 C

Exercise 2

Read the passage and then choose the correct word from the brackets to fill in each blank.

All the animals in the forest went home before the rain came. But the monkey was still 1. _____ (wondering, wandering, pondering) about. He had no home to go to.

Not long later, the rain came. 2. _____ (Unfortunately, Coincidentally, Unwillingly), the monkey was wet from head to 3. _____ (toe, leg, ankle). Out of 4. _____ (trick, generosity, pity), the squirrel invited the monkey to his home but advised him to build a house quickly. The monkey's reply was 'wait until tomorrow'.

The next day, when the squirrel 5. _____ (repeated, related, reminded) the monkey of house-building, the monkey 6. _____ (refused, delayed, resisted) again.

The same 7. _____ (response, proposal, resistance) of 8. _____ (refusal, procrastination, reluctance) was repeated until one month later. This time, the monkey seemed to be quite 9. _____ (determined, confirmed, stubborn) to build his house. Then, he 10. _____ (welcomed, delivered, invited) all his friends to pay a visit to his house the next day. But when all his friends came the next day, the monkey said that he would build the house 'tomorrow'.

Answers:
1 wandering
2 delayed

3 Unfortunately
4 response

5 toe
6 procrastination

7 pity
8 determined

9 reminded
10 invited