**Understanding Meanings**

Read the sentences. If a sentence correctly uses the word in bold, write *C* on the line. If a sentence is incorrect, fix the incorrect portion so that the vocabulary word in bold is used correctly.

1. To **encumber** someone is to load down that person, making it difficult for him to move.
2. An **ingenious** solution is one that requires mental agility.
3. The **zenith** of something is its lowest point.
4. To do something with **alacrity** is to do it in a dejected manner.
5. To **deduce** something is to cause it to happen.
6. To do something in a **haphazard** way is to do it in an organized way.
7. A journey **fraught** with risk is one that is not safe.
8. To **traverse** something is to do it over again.
9. **Sustenance** is something that supports life.
10. If something is **ubiquitous,** it is wicked or evil.
11. A **laggard** is a person who commits petty crimes.
12. If something is **inexplicable,** it is very puzzling.
13. An **array** of items is a list of them.
14. If something is **incontrovertible,** it cannot be defeated.
15. A **torrid** place is one that is very hot and dry.

**Using Words**

If the word (or a form of the word) in bold fits in a sentence in the group following it, circle the letter preceding the sentence. There may be more than one correct answer.

1. **encumber**
2. Boulders strewn across the path our progress through the woods.
3. We were advised not to  ourselves with too much equipment on our camping trip.
4. with only a few possessions, we set off on our journey.
5. **alacrity**
6. With  Timmy headed across the room to take the last piece of cake.
7. At the Indianapolis “500,” the racing car’s  was clocked at over 150 mph.
8. Reading Stephen King’s horror story *Pet Sematary* filled me with .
9. **torrid**
10. The more scenes were cut from the film to upgrade its rating.
11. Heat the water until it is  and then put the pasta in the pot.
12. The  noonday sun beat down unmercifully on the desert caravan.
13. **deduce**
14. The salesperson offered to  four-hundred dollars from the sticker price of the car.
15. I  from his disguise that he didn’t want to be recognized.
16. If A equals B, and B equals C, then I  that A equals C.
17. **incontrovertible**
18. Sal was when his parents told him they were getting a divorce.
19. Immigration and welfare are  subjects.
20. The evidence now seems  that smoking cigarets causes lung cancer.
21. **fraught**
22. The journeys of nineteenth-century pioneers along the Oregon Trail were  with hardship.
23. Still feeling  from the flu, Mrs. Koza had to go and lie down.
24. According to my English teacher, the best poetry is  with emotional intensity.
25. **array**
26. The wedding party was  in formal attire.
27. The young women,  in long summery dresses, strolled through the gardens of the pre-Civil War plantation.
28. The jeweler laid out an  of rings for our inspection.
29. **laggard**
30. When the  showed up at the writing lab, they found that all the computers were in use.
31. My watch is  so I have to reset it every evening.
32. Although the tortoise was , it still finished the race ahead of the hare.

**Word Study**

Choose from the two words provided and use each word only once when filling in the spaces. One space should be left blank.

**torrid/hot**

1. The waters off Greenland’s coast were once rich in cod.
2. Temperatures on Venus reach a 460 degrees Celsius.
3. As it gets , iron begins to glow a dull red.

**ingenious/clever**

1. The dog could sit, stay, and roll over on command.
2. The escape plan was so that there was a good chance it would work.
3. When things start to get , it’s time to go home.

**extol/praise**

1. They made a great effort to the problem before it got bigger.
2. If you people for good behavior, their manners may improve.
3. Most leaders hard work as the best way to get ahead.

**zenith/peak**

1. Astronomers calculate the sky’s as ninety degrees above the horizon.
2. Demand for electricity reaches its during very hot weather.
3. The bottom rung was broken, at the ladder’s .

**visage/face**

1. Looking at the teacher’s stern reminded us to behave.
2. It’s claimed that anti-aging cream applied to the helps fight wrinkles.
3. The thin of the mountain made it difficult to breathe.

**Images of Words**

Circle the letter of each sentence that suggest the numbered bold vocabulary word. In each group, you may circle more than one letter or none at all.

1. **encumbrance**
2. Wilma couldn’t get a bank loan because she was already heavily in debt.
3. The backpack made it difficult for Brent to move quickly.
4. The painting was a gift for the Chins’ wedding anniversary.
5. **ingenuity**
6. Mr. Asimov takes a great interest in his children’s activities.
7. Learning to walk a tightrope takes a lot of practice.
8. Creating a seating plan that pleases everyone at the dinner party will not be easy.
9. **traverse**
10. I shifted into the wrong gear, and the car started to go backwards.
11. The George Washington Bridge connects New York and New Jersey.
12. The 1,200-mile journey across the polar ice cap took five weeks.
13. **haphazard**
14. The ten collapsed because Willy ignored the directions when putting it up.
15. The attendants made no attempt to line up the cars when parking them in the lot.
16. I tossed the coin into the air and it came down “heads.”
17. **array**
18. I showed Charlie how to set up the chess pieces for the start of the game.
19. The performers all wore black and metallic silver outfits for the show.
20. The sea glowed with rosy light as the sun set.
21. **zenith**
22. After her one great success on Broadway, she disappeared from the limelight.
23. The road ran straight ahead for as far as the eye could see.
24. The flagpole cast no shadow even though the sun was shining.
25. **ubiquitous**
26. The sudden reappearance of the portrait stolen from the museum baffled us all.
27. You can hardly move in Florence, Italy, during the summer without bumping into tourists.
28. These rocks are over 350 million years old.
29. **sustenance**
30. Jamie’s luck is bound to run out sooner or later.
31. While Elsie had the flu, she consumed only chicken soup, dry toast, water, and tea.
32. The beams in the ceiling help support the building.
33. **deduce**
34. Jonathan tried to subtract his portion from the total bill.
35. Fifteen minus eight equals seven.
36. Nothing you can say will persuade me to go on that roller coaster.
37. **inexplicable**
38. Scientists still wonder about the origin and purpose of a huge and ancient monument in Stonehenge, England.
39. My kitten became entangled in many feet of yarn and couldn’t get free.
40. I’ve given up trying to figure out why Alex does the things he does.