



Supplementary Exercises

Lessons 11 – 15

1 Fill in the spaces with one of the words given below (from units 11 – 15):

abhor - anodyne - averse - complacent - egregious - elusive - obliging - overbearing - painstaking - uncompromising

- a) A: “How did you like the staff?” B: “I think everyone was very _____.”
- b) After _____ research, the project was finally submitted to the board of examiners.
- c) Much as I hate her _____ personality, I have to admit she is a true professional.
- d) Everyone can learn something new, so let’s not rest on our laurels and become _____.
- e) Explanations for these mysteries of life remain as _____ as ever.
- f) I absolutely _____ any kind of gratuitous violence in films.
- g) I think I’ll cancel my subscription. This magazine’s articles are at their most _____ now.
- h) There’s no use complaining. The teacher is _____ and will not change her mind.
- i) Though quiet by nature, my mother was not _____ to quarrelling sometimes.
- j) Trying to diminish her efforts was a(n) _____ mistake on your part.

2 Match the words 1-10 with a synonym (or near synonym) (A-J):

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| 1. abhor | a) ___ abominate |
| 2. anodyne | b) ___ accommodating |
| 3. averse | c) ___ adamant |
| 4. complacent | d) ___ bland |
| 5. egregious | e) ___ disinclined |
| 6. elusive | f) ___ domineering |
| 7. obliging | g) ___ evasive |
| 8. overbearing | h) ___ glaring |
| 9. painstaking | i) ___ smug |
| 10. uncompromising | j) ___ thorough |

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Lessons 11 – 15 (Answer Key)

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- a) obliging
- b) painstaking
- c) overbearing
- d) complacent
- e) elusive
- f) abhor
- g) anodyne
- h) uncompromising
- i) averse
- j) egregious

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- a) 1
- b) 7
- c) 10
- d) 2
- e) 3
- f) 8
- g) 6
- h) 5
- i) 4
- j) 9