



## Supplementary Exercises

### Lessons 16 – 20

❶ Go over the words below again by studying the definitions and then fill in the spaces with one of them:

1. *backlash* (noun): strong public reaction against something
  2. *conscientious* (adjective): careful about doing your duties
  3. *dearth* (noun): a lack of something
  4. *demeanor* (noun): someone's appearance or behavior
  5. *disruptive* (adjective): said of something that disturbs normal progress
  6. *fraught* (adjective): full of something unpleasant
  7. *judicious* (adjective): having or showing good judgment
  8. *lackluster* (adjective): lacking excitement or interest
  9. *tactful* (adjective): careful not to offend or upset someone
  10. *withdraw*: take back, go back on your word
- a) As a \_\_\_\_\_ teacher, he always makes a point of grading his students' tests as soon as possible.
- b) Because of the \_\_\_\_\_ of jobs, many families were forced to leave their countries.
- c) My teacher gave a \_\_\_\_\_ and instructive critique of my first attempts at poetry.

- d) Our boss's quiet, reassuring \_\_\_\_\_ gives us confidence to do our best.
- e) That was certainly a \_\_\_\_\_ decision on your part. I would have done the same.
- f) The actor's \_\_\_\_\_ performance got a fairly bad press from influential critics.
- g) The principal had finally \_\_\_\_\_ his threat to expel the student from school for a week.
- h) Their relationship has been \_\_\_\_\_ with problems ever since he started to drink.
- i) There has been a \_\_\_\_\_ against feminism in Brazil on social media.
- j) Unfortunately, that student became a \_\_\_\_\_ influence on everyone in class.

**2 Match the definitions given above (1-10) with one of the following synonyms:**

- a) \_\_\_ bearing
- b) \_\_\_ delicate
- c) \_\_\_ diligent
- d) \_\_\_ discriminating
- e) \_\_\_ run-of-the-mill
- f) \_\_\_ obstreperous
- g) \_\_\_ reprisal
- h) \_\_\_ retract
- i) \_\_\_ scarcity
- j) \_\_\_ swarming

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## Answer key

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- a) conscientious
- b) dearth
- c) tactful
- d) demeanor
- e) judicious
- f) lackluster
- g) withdrawn
- h) fraught
- i) backlash
- j) disruptive

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