



Supplementary Exercises (Lessons 31-35)

1 Read these definitions and synonyms; then fill in the spaces with one of the words given:

behold (*verb*): look at

compelling (*adjective*): that which captures your full attention

gorge (*yourself on*): (*verb*) eat too much

laudable (*adjective*): that which deserves praise

mayhem (*noun*): a situation in which people feel frightened and excited

morass (*noun*): (literally) muddy ground; (figuratively) a complicated, confused situation

redoubtable (*adjective*): imposing respect or fear

unbeknown: (or 'unbeknownst') (*adverb*): without the knowledge of someone

untimely (*adjective*): happening too early

withdrawn (*adjective*): quiet and shy, not wanting to talk with other people

1. _____ their parents, the children were planning to go camping in a dangerous place.
2. After his mother's death, he became more and more _____.
3. I had never faced such a _____ competitor in my life, which was a bit intimidating.
4. My children always _____ themselves on chocolate ice cream.
5. My parents' deaths dragged me into a _____ of painful emotions.
6. Our teacher efforts to meet educational standards can be defined as _____.
7. The carnival revellers were having fun, when suddenly _____ broke out.
8. The float parades in Rio de Janeiro's carnival is a wonderful sight to _____.
9. There was _____ evidence to suggest that situation would be further aggravated.
10. Unfortunately, the brilliant singer met an _____ death.

2 Match the words given (1-9) with a synonym (A-I):

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| 1. behold | a) ___ binge-eat |
| 2. compelling | b) ___ chaos |
| 3. gorge (yourself on) | c) ___ cogent |
| 4. laudable | d) ___ confusion |
| 5. mayhem | e) ___ contemplate |
| 6. morass | f) ___ daunting |
| 7. redoubtable | g) ___ introverted |
| 8. untimely | h) ___ praiseworthy |
| 9. withdrawn | i) ___ premature |

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Answer Key

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1. **Unbeknown** their parents, the children were planning to go camping in a dangerous place.
2. After his mother's death, he became more and more **withdrawn**.
3. I had never faced such a **redoubtable** competitor in my life, which was a bit intimidating.
4. My children always **gorge** themselves on chocolate ice cream.
5. My parents' deaths dragged me into a **morass** of painful emotions.
6. Our teacher efforts to meet educational standards can be defined as **laudable**.
7. The carnival revelers were having fun, when suddenly **mayhem** broke out.
8. The float parades in Rio de Janeiro's carnival is a wonderful sight to **behold**.
9. There was **compelling** evidence to suggest that situation would be further aggravated.
10. Unfortunately, the brilliant singer met an **untimely** death.

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