



## Supplementary Exercises

### Lessons 36 – 40

❶ Fill in the spaces with one of the following words: *abreast – asset – burgeon – cogently – comely – extoll – falter – nondescript – philistine unsettling*

1. Devoted workers are a company's greatest \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Even though she was stinking rich, she didn't like fancy clothes, choosing instead a \_\_\_\_\_ style.
3. He's such a proud \_\_\_\_\_. He even takes pride in never having read a book.
4. His voice \_\_\_\_\_ when he tried to convince his teacher he should be given another chance.
5. If you want to be a celebrated scientist, you have to keep \_\_\_\_\_ of all groundbreaking research findings.
6. My teacher is always \_\_\_\_\_ our virtues as the brilliant, dedicated students we are not.
7. She was going through a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ time while she was living abroad.
8. Not only was she a talented woman, but also very \_\_\_\_\_.
9. The company began to \_\_\_\_\_ as everyone embraced its true values.
10. The students \_\_\_\_\_ argued for the postponement of the examination.

❷ Match the words (1-10) with a synonym (A-J):

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| 1. abreast     |                    |
| 2. asset       | a) acclaim         |
| 3. burgeon     | b) acquainted with |
| 4. cogently    | c) compellingly    |
| 5. comely      | d) disturbing      |
| 6. extol       | e) gorgeous        |
| 7. falter      | f) hesitate        |
| 8. nondescript | g) lowbrow         |
| 9. philistine  | h) prosper         |
| 10. unsettling | i) resource        |
|                | j) unremarkable    |

## ANSWER KEY – LESSONS 36 – 40

### 1

1. Devoted workers are a company's greatest **asset**.
2. Even though she was stinking rich, she didn't like fancy clothes, choosing instead a **nondescript** style.
3. He's such a proud **philistine**. He even takes pride in never having read a book.
4. His voice **faltered** when he tried to convince his teacher he should be given another chance.
5. If you want to be a celebrated scientist, you have to keep **abreast** of all groundbreaking research findings.
6. My teacher is always **extolling** our virtues as the brilliant, dedicated students we are not.
7. She was going through a(n) **unsettling** time while she was living abroad.
8. Not only was she a talented woman, but also very **comely**.
9. The company began to **burgeon** as everyone embraced its true values.
10. The students **cogently** argued for the postponement of the examination.

### 2

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

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