



Supplementary Exercises

Lessons 6 – 10

❶ Fill in the spaces with one of the following words (a synonym has been given in brackets to help you make your choice):

*baffling * depict * hazardous * lukewarm * notorious * panache * penchant * pussyfoot * thrive * unerring*

- He had to retire earlier because he suffered a serious injury in a _____ occupation. (*dangerous*)
- I hated my wife's _____ for lying about our achievements. (*inclination*)
- I think that singer has an _____ talent for writing catchy lyrics. (*unfailing*)
- My proposal got nothing more than a _____ response from my peers. (*unenthusiastic*)
- Some students seem to _____ even under stressful conditions. (*flourish*)
- The band drove their fans wild, playing with enthusiasm and great _____. (*flair*)
- The dangerous criminal was _____ for his cruelty to his victims. (*disreputable*)
- This convoluted theory is completely _____ to me. (*incomprehensible*)
- The writer's novel _____ the nineteenth century as a bygone era of glamour. (*represent*)
- You can't _____ around forever. What is your decision? (*prevaricate*)

❷ Match the words given in brackets (A-J) above with one of these synonyms (or near synonyms 1-10):

- ___ **bewildering**: (*adjective*) making you feel confused
- ___ **burgeon**: (*verb*) begin to develop prosperously
- ___ **dodge**: (*verb*) try to avoid something unpleasant
- ___ **faultless**: (*adjective*) having no mistakes, perfect
- ___ **flamboyance**: (*noun*) exuberantly confident behaviour
- ___ **infamous**: (*adjective*) famous for something bad
- ___ **perilous**: (*adjective*) that which brings risks
- ___ **phlegmatic**: (*adjective*) showing no emotions or excitement
- ___ **portray**: (*verb*) describe in a particular way
- ___ **propensity**: (*noun*) a tendency to behave in a particular way

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Lessons 6 – 10 (Answer Key)

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- a) hazardous
- b) penchant
- c) unerring
- d) lukewarm
- e) thrive
- f) panache
- g) notorious
- h) baffling
- i) depicts
- j) pussyfoot

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