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| <p>1. deplorable de PLOR a ble (m) regrettable; miserable</p> <p>2. corona cor ON a (n) halo; ring of light</p> <p>3. impale im PALE (v) to pierce; to stab</p> <p>4. bungle BUN gle (v) to mismanage; to spoil</p> <p>5. arduous AR duo us (m) tiring; difficult</p> | <p>a. He _____ the butterfly on a pin and put it in his collection.</p> <p>b. When you _____ a job, you botch it.</p> <p>c. She didn't take care of her teeth, and they are in _____ shape.</p> <p>d. Mountain climbing is an _____ sport.</p> <p>e. On hazy nights, you can see a _____ around the moon.</p> |
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| <p>1. adherent ad HER ent (n) supporter; follower</p> <p>2. bewilder be WIL der (v) to confuse; to puzzle</p> <p>3. dynamic dy NAM ic (m) powerful; full of energy</p> <p>4. meander me AN der (v) to wander aimlessly; to roam</p> <p>5. eloquent EL o quent (m) well spoken; articulate</p> | <p>a. She is _____, and everyone loves to listen to her.</p> <p>b. He is a strong _____ because he believes in what the group does.</p> <p>c. The river has no straight lines to it and _____ from east to west.</p> <p>d. They _____ me with words I couldn't understand.</p> <p>e. A forceful and _____ person can convince everyone.</p> |
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| <p>1. clarity CLAR i ty (n) clearness of appearance, thought, or style</p> <p>2. aggravate AG gra vate (v) to worsen; to heighten</p> <p>3. prudish PRUD ish (m) priggish; excessively concerned with propriety, modesty</p> <p>4. indignant in DIG nant (m) angry; incensed</p> <p>5. balk BALK (v) to refuse; to draw back</p> | <p>a. He showed that he was _____ about the matter by yelling at the student.</p> <p>b. When I asked him to pick up the four-hundred-pound weight, he _____.</p> <p>c. She is very _____ and touchy about sexual discussions.</p> <p>d. Everyone understood his point of view because of its _____.</p> <p>e. Instead of calming the situation, he _____ it.</p> |
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| <p>1. apportion ap POR tion (v) to divide up; to allocate</p> <p>2. latent LA tent (m) hidden; underlying</p> <p>3. carom CAR om (v) to ricochet; to bounce off</p> <p>4. synopsis syn OP sis (n) outline; summary</p> <p>5. biannual bi AN nu al (m) happening twice a year; semiannual</p> | <p>a. He _____ the food so that everyone got some.</p> <p>b. Her _____ of the book was used to help other students write summaries.</p> <p>c. _____ reasons came to the surface after investigation.</p> <p>d. The ball _____ off the backboard at an odd angle.</p> <p>e. We can't meet four times a year, so we meet on a _____ basis.</p> |
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Grade 9

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| 1. bigot | BIG ot | (n) biased person; a racist | a. It has always been said that if one works hard, one will _____. |
| 2. deadlock | DEAD lock | (n) standstill; stalemate | b. They _____ themselves and were discovered in their deceit. |
| 3. misrepresent | mis rep re SENT | (v) to falsify; to misstate | c. He has always shown hatred for certain groups because he is a _____. |
| 4. adequate | AD e quate | (m) sufficient; suitable | d. The two teams fought to a _____ in regulation time and had to go on playing. |
| 5. prevail | pre VAIL | (v) to win out; to succeed | e. She is not the greatest mathematician, but she is _____ for our purposes. |

9-18

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| 1. bleak | BLEAK | (m) hopeless; empty | a. The brain has a _____ side and a less influential side. |
| 2. cede | CEDE | (v) to give up; to surrender | b. Everyone ran in fear when the _____ appeared. |
| 3. dominant | DOM in ant | (m) ruling; governing | c. Farmers expect _____ times when crops fail. |
| 4. atone | a TONE | (v) to make amends; to pay the penalty | d. A conquered country often _____ territory to the victorious country. |
| 5. wraith | WRAITH | (n) ghost; spirit | e. He _____ for his crimes by doing community service. |

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| 1. avert | a VERT | (v) to prevent; to avoid | a. Customers often get a _____ when they buy a lot of products. |
| 2. bankrupt | BANK rupt | (v) to cripple financially; to make poor | b. Paper deteriorates when it becomes _____. |
| 3. discount | DIS count | (n) reduction; markdown | c. She _____ her parents' anger by promising not to steal again. |
| 4. sodden | SOD den | (m) soggy; dripping | d. He always has a smile on his face because he's an _____. |
| 5. optimist | OP ti mist | (n) hopeful person; one who sees the bright side | e. The swift decline of the stock market in 1929 _____ a lot of financiers. |

9-20

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|--------------------|------------|--|---|
| 1. adverse | ad VERSE | (m) hurtful; unfriendly | a. _____ weather prevented us from traveling. |
| 2. credible | CRED i ble | (m) believable; possible | b. After the soldiers invaded the town, they _____ and burned it. |
| 3. enfold | en FOLD | (v) to wrap up; to envelop | c. He made _____ arguments, and people accepted them. |
| 4. setback | SET back | (n) a check on one's progress; a change from better to worse | d. Fog _____ everything; we couldn't see at all. |
| 5. pillage | PILL age | (v) to rob; to plunder | e. They decided they were going to win despite numerous _____. |

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| 1. abundance | a BUN dance | (n) plenty; ample supply | a. An inquiry _____ the circumstances around the crime. |
| 2. braggart | BRAG gart | (n) boaster; exaggerator of one's own accomplishments | b. He is an idealist who has _____ ideals. |
| 3. probe | PROBE | (v) to investigate; to look into | c. When there is an _____ of rain, corn flourishes. |
| 4. concede | con CEDE | (v) to admit; to yield | d. That man is a _____ who shows off all the time. |
| 5. lofty | LOFT y | (m) elevated; remote | e. One witness _____ on the stand that he had not seen the incident. |

9-22

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| 1. adhere | ad HERE | (v) to stick to; to be loyal to | a. One detective _____ about the existence of a motive in the crime. |
| 2. brazen | BRA zen | (m) bold; arrogant | b. The glue on the paper _____ to his fingers when he touched it. |
| 3. prefix | PRE fix | (n) attachment; affix | c. He is fully confident and almost _____ in what he is doing. |
| 4. inquire | in QUIRE | (v) to ask; to examine | d. A _____ at the beginning of the word changes its meaning. |
| 5. casual | CA su al | (m) by chance; unexpected | e. They had not planned to meet, but did meet in a _____ way. |

9-23

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| 1. chasten | CHAS ten | (v) to admonish; to discipline | a. A judge and jury _____ the man and set him free. |
| 2. sapling | SAP ling | (n) young tree; young person | b. Some surrounding _____ was too rugged to traverse. |
| 3. acquit | ac QUIT | (v) to uphold the innocence of; to set free | c. Whoever stole the blind man's money must be a _____ person. |
| 4. despicable | des PI ca ble | (m) contemptible; hateful | d. She _____ the child for taking too much candy. |
| 5. terrain | ter RAIN | (n) the ground; the topography | e. He was referred to as a _____ because he didn't have to shave yet. |

9-24

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| 1. iota | i O ta | (n) small or insignificant part | a. The lake was _____ because there was no wind. |
| 2. append | ap PEND | (v) to attach to; to add to | b. I was so nervous I could not remember even one _____ of the speech I had memorized. |
| 3. serene | se RENE | (m) calm; tranquil | c. She _____ her letter of intent to her original application. |
| 4. maltreat | mal TREAT | (v) to abuse; to injure | d. A restaurant owner deals with _____ food and must be careful. |
| 5. perishable | PER ish a ble | (m) fragile; destructible | e. He _____ his dog and was fined for his inhumanity. |



Grade 9

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| 1. abnormal | ab NORM al | (m) not ordinary; peculiar | a. Life preservers have to be _____, or they are of no use. |
| 2. immerse | im MERSE | (v) to plunge; to dip (into liquid) | b. The study of a word's _____ will help one understand what it meant originally. |
| 3. buoyant | BUOY ant | (m) weightless; capable of floating | c. She _____ the year-long course into three months. |
| 4. compress | com PRESS | (v) to shrink; to fit into a smaller area | d. Her body temperature was well above average and was considered _____. |
| 5. derivation | der i VA tion | (n) source; origin | e. In certain religions, parents _____ newborns in water in a baptismal ceremony. |

9-26

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| 1. audition | au DI tion | (v) to evaluate; to try out | a. We lost the game by fifty points and considered it a _____. |
| 2. cosmopolitan | cos mo POL i tan | (m) broadminded; sophisticated | b. One escaping prisoner _____ the police by running into the woods. |
| 3. humdrum | HUM drum | (m) monotonous; repetitious | c. The producers of the show _____ him for the part. |
| 4. debacle | de BA cle | (n) disaster; downfall; defeat | d. Some jobs are exciting; others, _____. |
| 5. elude | e LUDE | (v) to avoid; to dodge | e. He has been around the world several times and is considered a _____ man. |

9-27

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| 1. avenge | a VENGE | (v) to revenge; to retaliate | a. The _____ of the two cars could be heard blocks away. |
| 2. impact | IM pact | (n) collision; crash | b. When he _____ them with the evidence, they tried to deny it. |
| 3. confront | con FRONT | (v) to come face to face with, especially with defiance or hostility | c. He tried to sell me a worthless computer, and I called him a _____. |
| 4. domestic | do MES tic | (m) having to do with the home, household | d. Cats and dogs are _____ animals; deer and bears are not. |
| 5. huckster | HUCK ster | (n) swindler; cheat; con artist | e. Their defeated king _____ his loss by attacking civilians. |

9-28

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| 1. abrupt | a BRUPT | (m) sudden; rude | a. He _____ the thieves by sounding an alarm. |
| 2. combatant | com BAT ant | (n) fighter; attacker | b. His answers were _____ because he was in a hurry. |
| 3. foil | FOIL | (v) to prevent; to frustrate | c. The Grand Canyon provides a _____ panorama for the visitor. |
| 4. deviate | DE vi ate | (v) to turn aside from; to stray | d. If you _____ from the formula, you will not succeed. |
| 5. spectacular | spec TAC u lar | (m) picturesque; impressive | e. There were two _____ in the boxing ring. |

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1. **chronological** chron o LOG i cal (m) in order of time; in sequence
2. **analogy** a NAL o gy (n) comparison; likeness
3. **entreat** en TREAT (v) to plead; to request
4. **despot** DES pot (n) dictator; tyrant
5. **nourish** NOUR ish (v) to feed; to provide for

- a. He tried to make a parallel, or an _____, between the two things.
- b. Mother bears _____ their young in the early spring.
- c. Odysseus _____ the gods to spare his ship.
- d. Brutus killed Julius Caesar because he thought Caesar would become a _____.
- e. The events occurred in _____ order, and a time line was easy to make.

9-29

1. **apparel** ap PAR el (n) clothing; clothes
2. **implore** im PLORE (v) to beg; to pray for
3. **downtrodden** DOWN trod den (m) oppressed; abused
4. **convene** con VENE (v) to assemble; to gather
5. **belligerent** bel LIG e rent (m) warlike; hostile

- a. Our local minister _____ the state governor to pardon the man.
- b. The senate _____ for the spring legislative session.
- c. One beggar's _____ was torn and tattered.
- d. When you carry a chip on your shoulder, you're a _____ person.
- e. All the _____ people knew they were under the rule of a despot.

9-30

1. **capsize** CAP size (v) to turn over; to knock over (an object on water)
2. **extol** ex TOL (v) to praise; to laud
3. **drudgery** DRUDG er y (n) tedious, menial, unpleasant work
4. **lyric** LYR ic (m) songlike; musical
5. **antonym** AN to nym (n) word having an opposite meaning

- a. _____ and monotony wear people down.
- b. The bird sang a _____ melody at twilight.
- c. Bright is an _____ for dark.
- d. Huge waves _____ the small ship, and it sank quickly.
- e. Our principal _____ the students in the National Honor Society.

9-31

1. **counterfeit** COUN ter feit (m) bogus; fake
2. **dominate** DOM in ate (v) to rule over; to control
3. **erosion** e RO sion (n) wearing down; wearing away
4. **bona fide** BO na fide (m) sincere; genuine
5. **abstain** ab STAIN (v) to refrain from; to desist from

- a. He was so tall that he _____ the basketball game.
- b. People with diabetes should _____ from ingesting sugar.
- c. The cliffs suffered from _____ because no one had planted trees or grass.
- d. Her money was _____, and the bank teller confiscated it.
- e. With straight A's, the student could be considered a _____ scholar.

9-32



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9-33

1. **exodus** EX o dus (n) migration; escape
2. **fidelity** fi DEL i ty (n) devotion; dedication
3. **consolidate** con SOL i date (v) to unite; to combine
4. **denote** de NOTE (v) to indicate; to mark; to signify
5. **amiable** A mi a ble (m) pleasant; good-natured

- a. Two companies _____ and formed a new company.
- b. Dogs are known for their _____ and are often called Fido.
- c. She is one of the most cordial and _____ people I have ever met.
- d. The red rose he sent _____ his passion.
- e. When the mall closed, there was a great _____ of teenagers.

9-34

1. **dishearten** dis HEART en (v) to discourage; to daunt
2. **cumbersome** CUM ber some (m) clumsy; tiresome
3. **hardy** HARD y (m) sturdy; rugged
4. **accent** AC cent (v) to stress; to emphasize
5. **insignia** in SIG nia (n) badge; decoration

- a. You _____ your words to make them understood.
- b. The odds against me _____ me for a while.
- c. A Roman soldier always has an eagle as an _____ on his helmet.
- d. He has a _____ body because he was brought up in a very cold climate.
- e. Because her knapsack was loaded down with tools, it was _____.

9-35

1. **awry** a WRY (m) wrong; amiss
2. **frigid** FRIG id (m) cold; icy
3. **abduct** ab DUCT (v) to carry off; to kidnap
4. **ingredient** in GRE di ent (n) component; part
5. **clamor** CLAM or (v) to cry out; to shout

- a. When the water is very _____, cold-water fish abound in the lake.
- b. The crowd _____ for more action between the boxers.
- c. Kidnappers _____ the child and demanded a ransom.
- d. A recipe indicates what the _____ are for a special dish.
- e. My plan to climb Mount Everest went _____ when my Sherpa guide disappeared.

9-36

1. **cringe** CRINGE (v) to recoil; to flinch
2. **fervent** FER vent (m) earnest; eager
3. **insuperable** in SU per able (m) fearless; indomitable
4. **desist** de SIST (v) to stop; to cease
5. **generation** gen er A tion (n) breeding; bringing to life

- a. We _____ before the sight of the ghost.
- b. That soldier was _____ and went into battle without a word.
- c. Gardeners look forward to the _____ of new plants.
- d. As a _____ baseball fan, he attended every game.
- e. They _____ only after being ordered to suspend activities.