

• **Word Definition 2** Level 8

Directions: Choose the answer choice that best defines the word in capital letters.

1) DUB

- A. to delay intentionally
- B. to name unofficially
- C. to contrast starkly
- D. to collide forcefully

2) ADJACENT

- A. slowing something down
- B. above something
- C. moving away from something
- D. next to something

3) REVERE

- A. to align
- B. to honor
- C. to shine
- D. to suspect

4) EMBARK

- A. to begin
- B. to applaud
- C. to research
- D. to enclose

5) VICE

- A. pressure
- B. greed
- C. immorality
- D. secrets

6) SAGA

- A. a dishonest man
- B. a successful book
- C. a long tale
- D. a well-kept secret

7) IMPULSIVE

- A. missing due to illness
- B. following a command
- C. making many demands
- D. acting without thinking

8) TRIVIAL

- A. powerful
- B. unimportant
- C. sarcastic
- D. burning

9) ERA

- A. a short-lived event or thing
- B. an attempt to completely destroy something
- C. a thing that makes loud sounds
- D. a long and distinct period of time

10) MINIMIZE

- A. to reduce something to the smallest possible size
- B. to cut or grind something into small pieces
- C. to satisfy a desire or thirst for something
- D. to make sure a place remains completely unoccupied

Answers and Explanations

1) **B**

dub (verb): to give an unofficial name or nickname to someone or something: *Mononucleosis has been dubbed "the kissing disease," but this name is not accurate: mono can be caught even without kissing an infected person.*

2) **D**

adjacent (adjective): next to something: *Your next-door neighbor lives in the house that is adjacent to yours.*

3) **B**

revere (verb): to honor: *The Founding Fathers of the United States are revered with special holidays and monuments, and other countries similarly honor their former leaders.*

4) **A**

embark (verb): to begin: *When my youngest daughter entered kindergarten, I decided to stop being a stay-at-home mom and embarked on a new career path.*

5) **C**

vice (noun): immorality: *My grandfather thinks that Las Vegas is a city of vice, since so much of its economy depends on gambling and immodesty, which he thinks are sins.*

6) **C**

saga (noun): a long tale: *Sturluson wrote many famous Viking sagas, which are long tales about the Viking conquerors and their mythical gods.*

7) **D**

impulsive (adjective): acting without thinking: *Shyla is an impulsive girl who often makes quick decisions she later regrets.*

8) **B**

trivial (verb): unimportant: *Mother and Father never have big fights, but they do have lots of little arguments about trivial things like TV shows and coffee brands.*

9) **D**

era (noun): a long and distinct period of history with particular features or characteristics: *The Era of Good Feelings was so called because it describes the decades in which the United States had a new sense of national purpose and a lack of hostility in politics.*

10) **A**

minimize (verb): to reduce something to the smallest possible size, amount, or degree: *Surgeons make sure everything they touch is completely clean of bacteria and other harmful substances in order to minimize the risk of infection for the patient.*