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Word List

Study the definitions of the words. Then do the exercises that follow.

anarchy

an' ə r kē

n. 1. Total absence of government.Government officials fled, leaving the country in a state of **anarchy**.

2. Lack of order; total confusion.

After the 2003 Iraq war, the country was in a state of **anarchy** with no established law enforcement in place.**apprehend**

ap rē hend'

v. 1. To seize; to arrest.John Brown was **apprehended** when he tried to confiscate guns at Harper's Ferry, Virginia, in 1859.

2. To grasp the meaning of; to understand.

When contact with the space shuttle *Columbia* was lost on February 1, 2003, those tracking it **apprehended** at once what had happened.**arraign**

ə rān'

v. To bring before a court to face charges.Lee Harvey Oswald had barely been **arraigned** for the assassination of the president when he too was shot and killed.**assimilate**

ə sim' ə lāt

v. 1. To absorb into a population.By the second generation, the Cambodian immigrants had been **assimilated** into Canadian society.

2. to take in a part and absorb into the whole.

The students **assimilated** the new information, then began to apply it.**bizarre**

bi zār'

adj. Strikingly out of the ordinary; peculiar.The smashed and twisted automobile, resting in a bed of violets near the side of the road, created a **bizarre** image.**calamity**

kə lam' ə tē

n. An event that causes great suffering and harm; a disaster.The train engineer averted a **calamity** by slamming on the brakes as soon as he saw the car stalled on the tracks.**calamitous** *adj.* Disastrous.Filling in these wetlands to build a mall has been **calamitous** for the songbirds that migrated here each year.

conspire
kən spīr'

v. 1. To plan together secretly to do something wrong or illegal.
Campaign workers **conspired** to break into their opponent's headquarters.
2. To join or act together.
The beautiful weather, good friends, and delicious food **conspired** to make the weekend at the beach one I will always remember.
conspiracy n. (kən spīr' ə sē) A joining with others to plan or carry out unlawful acts.
The **conspiracy** of the German officers to kill Hitler failed on July 20, 1944.

dissension
di sen' shən

n. A difference of opinion; disagreement.
As representatives worked on the Constitution that hot summer of 1787, **dissension** over power for the states versus power for the federal government grew.

elapse
ē laps'

v. To pass or slip by (used with time).
Five years **elapsed** before they saw their cousins again.

imminent
im' ə nənt

adj. About to happen; likely to occur in the very near future.
The clouds rolling in made rain seem **imminent**.

interrogate
in ter' ə gāt

v. To ask questions of, especially in a thorough or formal manner.
The police will **interrogate** the suspects separately in order to compare their stories.
interrogation n. The act of questioning.
Helen's lawyer was present during the **interrogation** of the witness to the accident.

lionize
lī' ə nīz

v. To treat as a celebrity.
After he made the first solo transatlantic flight, Charles Lindbergh was **lionized**.

meticulous
mə tik' yə ləs

adj. Extremely careful; attentive to small details.
All of the parachutists gave their gear a **meticulous** final check before leaping from the plane.

shackle
shak' əl

n. 1. A ring or band put around the arm or leg to prevent free movement.
In the 1800s, Africans captured for the slave trade were crammed into ships where they sat in **shackles** for the duration of the voyage to America.
2. Something that prevents free action.
Kevin hoped he could throw off the **shackles** of parental control when he left for college.
v. To prevent freedom of action.
High school dropouts often find that their lack of education **shackles** them to low-paying jobs.

swelter
swel' tər

v. To suffer from or to be overcome by great heat.

We **sweltered** in the hot sun because there was no shade in the fields where we worked.

sweltering *adj.* Very hot and humid; uncomfortable because of extremely hot weather.

Going for a swim is the best way to cool down on a **sweltering** July day.

6A Finding Meanings

Choose two phrases to form a sentence that correctly uses a word from Word List 6. Write each sentence in the space provided.

- 1. (a) restricts free movement. (c) A calamity is something that
- (b) causes great joy. (d) A shackle is something that

- 2. (a) question that person closely. (c) To apprehend someone is to
- (b) To interrogate someone is to (d) fear that person.

- 3. (a) be uncomfortably hot. (c) To swelter is to
- (b) break up into smaller parts. (d) To elapse is to

- 4. (a) Dissension is (c) a total absence of government.
- (b) fear of what might happen. (d) Anarchy is

- 5. (a) A calamity is (c) a lifting of all restraint.
- (b) A conspiracy is (d) an event that causes great suffering.

- 6. (a) To recur (c) is to agree.
- (b) is to understand. (d) To apprehend

7. (a) To lionize someone is to (c) treat that person as a hero or heroine.
(b) To arraign someone is to (d) to make that person angry.
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8. (a) is one that keeps recurring. (c) is one that is very peculiar.
(b) An imminent event (d) A bizarre event
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9. (a) To arraign some people is to (c) To assimilate some people is to
(b) absorb them into a larger group. (d) show that they are innocent.
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10. (a) To elapse is to (c) fail to do what is expected or required.
(b) To conspire is to (d) plan secretly or illegally with others.
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6B

Just the Right Word

anarchy
apprehend
arraign
assimilate
bizarre
calamity
conspire
dissension
elapse
imminent
interrogate
lionize
meticulous
shackle
swelter

Improve each of the following sentences by crossing out the bold phrase and replacing it with a word (or a form of the word) from Word List 6.

1. The roots of trees **take in and absorb** water from the soil.
2. Janine, seeing that an accident was **about to happen in the very near future**, moved her baby brother away from the stove.
3. As we examined the ancient Peruvian embroideries, we were amazed by how **extremely careful and attentive to small details** the creators of these pieces had been.
4. Our teachers always encouraged us to finish high school because no one, they said, should be **prevented from doing what he or she wished** by the lack of education.
5. To avoid **a complete breakdown in government**, the president called for a new election and then resigned.

- 6. **Strong disagreement** about whether or not to permit the use of trail bikes in the state park flared up at the town meeting.
- 7. Margaret finished the test well before the thirty minutes had **slipped by**.
- 8. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., with the managers of the Colorado mine, **secretly made plans** to prevent the union leaders from entering the work area.
- 9. Rebecca remembered summers on a Maine lake, away from the **very hot and uncomfortable** city.
- 10. The Bill of Rights gives both citizens and noncitizens the right to have a lawyer represent them when being **called before a court to answer charges**.

6c Applying Meanings

Circle the letter or letters of each correct answer. A question may have more than one correct answer.

- 1. Which of the following could **shackle** a person?
 - (a) fear
 - (b) leg irons
 - (c) education
 - (d) responsibility
- 2. Which of the following might be considered **bizarre**?
 - (a) a dancing llama
 - (b) a July snowstorm
 - (c) an all-black zebra
 - (d) twins with different birthdays
- 3. Which of the following might be **apprehended**?
 - (a) a poem's meaning
 - (b) a profound utterance
 - (c) a hit-and-run driver
 - (d) a coded message
- 4. In which of the following might **dissension** occur?
 - (a) a club
 - (b) a nation
 - (c) an army
 - (d) an individual
- 5. Which of the following could be **imminent**?
 - (a) yesterday
 - (b) a blizzard
 - (c) a hurricane
 - (d) the 1920s

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6. Which of the following might be **lionized**?
- (a) an Olympic gold medalist (c) an anonymous poet
 (b) a movie star (d) a great white shark
7. Which of the following describes a **conspiracy**?
- (a) It is secret. (c) It involves just one person.
 (b) It is possibly illegal. (d) It occurs spontaneously.
8. Which of the following could be **calamitous**?
- (a) an earthquake (c) a flood
 (b) a toothache (d) a shipwreck

6D

Word Study

Circle the two synonyms in each group of words.

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|---------------|----------|-------------|------------|
| 1. meticulous | afraid | bizarre | careful |
| 2. assimilate | bind | interrogate | absorb |
| 3. anarchy | guile | calamity | disaster |
| 4. shackle | pass | elapse | suggest |
| 5. apprehend | arraign | charge | confiscate |
| 6. sweltering | peculiar | imminent | bizarre |

Circle the two antonyms in each group of words.

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| 7. conspiracy | order | entreaty | anarchy |
| 8. succumb | shackle | resist | interrogate |
| 9. chilly | serene | odd | sweltering |
| 10. dissension | confusion | agreement | conjecture |

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