

#1

ID: 84b5125b

Artist Marilyn Dingle’s intricate, coiled baskets are _____ sweetgrass and palmetto palm. Following a Gullah technique that originated in West Africa, Dingle skillfully winds a thin palm frond around a bunch of sweetgrass with the help of a “sewing bone” to create the basket’s signature look that no factory can reproduce.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) indicated by
- B) handmade from
- C) represented by
- D) collected with

#2

ID: fa014d2d

The invention in 1958 of the integrated circuit (or microchip) radically altered the semiconductor industry. In fact, some historians argue that it fundamentally _____ the industry by enabling it to take advantage of mass production methods for the first time.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) overwhelmed
- B) bypassed
- C) obstructed
- D) transformed

#3

ID: 5fe53347

Botanist Al Kovalesski has pointed out that maple trees already thrive in a wide variety of climates and thus may _____ changes in climate better than some other tree species do. The alterations maples may undergo in response to a changing climate are likely to be relatively small and easily achieved.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) relocate from
- B) refer to
- C) originate from
- D) adapt to

#4

ID: 45a109a3

The following text is from Bram Stoker’s 1897 novel *Dracula*. The narrator is being driven in a carriage through a remote region at night.

The baying of the wolves sounded nearer and nearer, as though they were closing round on us from every side. I grew dreadfully afraid, and the horses shared my fear. The driver, however, was not in the least disturbed; he kept turning his head to left and right, but I could not see anything through the darkness.

As used in the text, what does the word “disturbed” most nearly mean?

- A) Disorganized
- B) Alarmed
- C) Offended
- D) Interrupted

#5

ID: d4a8f7cb

Dance choreographer Jawole Willa Jo Zollar aims to give people the opportunity to be _____ her creative process. For example, live performances of her dance *HairStories*, which debuted in 2001, featured videos of people across the United States talking about their hair and audience members sharing pictures of their interesting hairstyles.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) nervous about
- B) completed by
- C) delayed by
- D) involved in

#6

ID: 95f037ad

The works of Chicana artist Ester Hernandez are now _____ in museums both in the United States and abroad, but the murals she contributed to as a member of Las Mujeres Muralistas early in her artistic career were displayed in outdoor public spaces across San Francisco.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) invented
- B) adjusted
- C) featured
- D) recommended

#7

ID: a1139ff8

In the 1990s, conservationists began planting more than 500,000 native trees in the habitat of the Azores bullfinch to boost the bird's numbers. This approach was apparently _____: the Azores bullfinch's population size increased from as few as 100 birds at the end of the 1980s to around 1,300 in 2023.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) amusing
- B) costly
- C) successful
- D) disastrous

#8

ID: 97ab5669

Former astronaut Ellen Ochoa says that although she doesn't have a definite idea of when it might happen, she _____ that humans will someday need to be able to live in other environments than those found on Earth. This conjecture informs her interest in future research missions to the moon.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) demands
- B) speculates
- C) doubts
- D) establishes

#9

ID: a0777403

The following text is from Anita Desai's 2011 novella *Translator Translated*. While working on her translation of a novel written in Odia (a language of India) into English, the narrator looks out her window at night to clear her mind.

I tried to distract myself with these sights of the ordinary world, but in my mind it was the lines I had been translating and the lines that I had been writing that remained in the forefront. I longed for sleep to obliterate them but it eluded me. Perhaps everything would be normal again once I had sent off the manuscript, I thought, and looked forward to completing the work.

As used in the text, what does the word "completing" most nearly mean?

- A) Destroying
- B) Finishing
- C) Advertising
- D) Rejecting

#10

ID: 06b96bfc

A musician and member of the Quechua of Peru, Renata Flores Rivera was eager to promote the Quechua language in her music, but she was _____ speaking it. She met this challenge by asking her grandmother, a native speaker of Quechua, to help her pronounce words in her song lyrics and also by taking classes in the language.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) prepared for
- B) inexperienced with
- C) skilled in
- D) excited about

#11

ID: 0f040c50

The following text is from Yann Martel’s 2001 novel *Life of Pi*. The narrator’s family owned a zoo when he was a child.

It was a huge zoo, spread over numberless acres, big enough to require a train to explore it, though it seemed to get smaller as I grew older, train included.

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As used in the text, what does the word “spread” most nearly mean?

- A) Hidden
- B) Discussed
- C) Extended
- D) Coated

#12

ID: e1d5d5df

According to botanists, a viburnum plant experiencing insect damage may develop erineum—a discolored, felty growth—on its leaf blades. A _____ viburnum plant, on the other hand, will have leaves with smooth surfaces and uniformly green coloration.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) struggling
- B) beneficial
- C) simple
- D) healthy

#13

ID: 9e501aaf

Research conducted by planetary scientist Katarina Miljkovic suggests that the Moon's surface may not accurately _____ early impact events. When the Moon was still forming, its surface was softer, and asteroid or meteoroid impacts would have left less of an impression; thus, evidence of early impacts may no longer be present.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) reflect
- B) receive
- C) evaluate
- D) mimic

#14

ID: 9cdcd902

Charles "Teenie" Harris was a photographer for the *Pittsburgh Courier* from 1936 to 1975. During his career he took over 70,000 photographs documenting everyday life in Pittsburgh's Black communities. The Carnegie Museum of Art maintains thousands of his photographs, carefully _____ them so that audiences can continue to view them well into the future.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) replacing
- B) inventing
- C) preserving
- D) counting

#15

ID: 3ec184af

Many ancient sculptures of people's heads are missing their noses. This is because the nose is the most _____ part of a sculpture of a person's head. It is delicate and sticks out from the rest of the sculpture, making it especially easy to break.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) recognizable
- B) fragile
- C) common
- D) sophisticated

#16

ID: e3f05561

In the 1970s, video cameras became increasingly affordable for ordinary consumers and gave Ulysses Jenkins and other artists capabilities that were previously unavailable except to television broadcasters. Jenkins recognized and took full advantage of this _____ access to powerful technology to create groundbreaking works of video art, such as *Mass of Images* (1978).

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) newfound
- B) delicate
- C) inevitable
- D) habitual

#17

ID: 4a2b2535

A brief book review cannot fully convey the _____ of Olga Tokarczuk's novel *The Books of Jacob*, with its enormous cast of characters, its complicated, wandering plot, and its page numbers that count backward (beginning at 965 and ending at 1).

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) accuracy
- B) inactivity
- C) complexity
- D) restraint

#18

ID: 9ccf463e

The following text is from Nella Larsen's 1928 novel *Quicksand*.

The trees in their spring beauty sent through her restive mind a sharp thrill of pleasure. Seductive, charming, and beckoning as cities were, they had not this easy unhuman loveliness.

As used in the text, what does the word "beckoning" most nearly mean?

- A) Demanding
- B) Signaling
- C) Inviting
- D) Shifting

#19

ID: ca47273b

Biologist Jane Edgeloe and colleagues have located what is believed to be the largest individual plant in the world in the Shark Bay area of Australia. The plant is a type of seagrass called *Posidonia australis*, and it _____ approximately 200 square kilometers.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) acknowledges
- B) produces
- C) spans
- D) advances

#20

ID: 69a6d050

In the early 1800s, the Cherokee scholar Sequoyah created the first script, or writing system, for an Indigenous language in the United States. Because it represented the sounds of spoken Cherokee so accurately, his script was easy to learn and thus quickly achieved _____ use: by 1830, over 90 percent of the Cherokee people could read and write it.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) widespread
- B) careful
- C) unintended
- D) infrequent

#21

ID: e41dfaab

In 1929 the *Atlantic Monthly* published several articles based on newly discovered letters allegedly exchanged between President Abraham Lincoln and a woman named Ann Rutledge. Historians were unable to _____ the authenticity of the letters, however, and quickly dismissed them as a hoax.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) validate
- B) interpret
- C) relate
- D) accommodate

#22

ID: 4d1a9c0d

Following the principles of community-based participatory research, tribal nations and research institutions are equal partners in health studies conducted on reservations. A collaboration between the Crow Tribe and Montana State University _____ this model: tribal citizens worked alongside scientists to design the methodology and continue to assist in data collection.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) circumvents
- B) eclipses
- C) fabricates
- D) exemplifies

#23

ID: 5effa190

The process of mechanically recycling plastics is often considered _____ because of the environmental impact and the loss of material quality that often occurs. But chemist Takunda Chazovachii has helped develop a cleaner process of chemical recycling that converts superabsorbent polymers from diapers into a desirable reusable adhesive.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) resilient
- B) inadequate
- C) dynamic
- D) satisfactory

#24

ID: a49500cc

Predatory animals differ widely in how they _____ food for their young. Some leave dead prey nearby for their young to consume, some bring live prey to their young, and some feed their young directly from their own mouths.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) avoid
- B) guess
- C) provide
- D) describe

#25

ID: f3fac04f

Bioluminescent beetles called fireflies may seem to create flashes of light randomly, but each species of firefly actually has its own special series of repeated flashes and pauses. These unique _____ allow fireflies of the same species to find each other.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) quantities
- B) decorations
- C) patterns
- D) agreements

#26

ID: 6d5ddea4

According to Potawatomi ecologist Robin Wall Kimmerer, the Indigenous method of harvesting *Hierochloe odorata*, or sweetgrass, by snapping the plant off at the root actually _____ wild populations: it may seem counterintuitive, she says, but this method of removal allows new sweetgrass plants to repopulate the space, with an overall increase in number and vigor.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) selects
- B) originates
- C) conditions
- D) replenishes

#27

ID: 4b8244ca

One challenge of generating electricity from ocean waves is that wave power isn't _____: it varies in unpredictable ways that pose technological and planning problems for electricity generation.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) accidental
- B) confident
- C) expensive
- D) consistent

#28

ID: a2835734

Visual artist Gabriela Alemán states that the bold colors of comics, pop art, and Latinx culture have always fascinated her. This passion for the rich history and colors of her Latinx community translates into the _____ artworks she produces.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) vivid
- B) unknown
- C) definite
- D) reserved

#29

ID: 37219ba2

The following text is from John Muir’s 1913 autobiography *The Story of My Boyhood and Youth*. Muir describes being on a boat.

The water was so clear that it was almost invisible, and when we floated slowly out over the plants and fishes, we seemed to be miraculously sustained in the air while exploring a veritable fairyland.

As used in the text, what does the word “clear” most nearly mean?

- A) Simple
- B) Understandable
- C) Obvious
- D) Transparent

#30

ID: a4ca92fd

Beginning in the 1950s, Navajo Nation legislator Annie Dodge Wauneka continuously worked to promote public health; this _____ effort involved traveling throughout the vast Navajo homeland and writing a medical dictionary for speakers of *Diné bizaad*, the Navajo language.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) impartial
- B) offhand
- C) persistent
- D) mandatory

#31

ID: d91e5499

A team of paleontologists has found a rich fossil deposit near Gulgong, Australia. The fossils are so well preserved that the team has been able to _____ detailed information about the life forms that left them behind, such as color patterns and how they interacted with other species.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) occupy
- B) hoard
- C) reserve
- D) obtain

#32

ID: 7d84fe2b

Particle physicists like Ayana Holloway Arce and Aida El-Khadra spend much of their time _____ what is invisible to the naked eye: using sophisticated technology, they closely examine the behavior of subatomic particles, the smallest detectable parts of matter.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) selecting
- B) inspecting
- C) creating
- D) deciding

#33

ID: d2eb1df1

In recommending Bao Phi's collection *Sông I Sing*, a librarian noted that pieces by the spoken-word poet don't lose their _____ nature when printed: the language has the same pleasant musical quality on the page as it does when performed by Phi.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) scholarly
- B) melodic
- C) jarring
- D) personal

#34

ID: cb526866

The recent discovery of a carved wooden figure dating to around 2,000 years ago in a ditch in England was truly surprising. Wooden objects _____ survive for so long due to their high susceptibility to rot, but archaeologists suspect layers of sediment in the ditch preserved the figure by creating an oxygen-free environment.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) sturdily
- B) carelessly
- C) rarely
- D) simply

#35

ID: 83687083

Due to their often strange images, highly experimental syntax, and opaque subject matter, many of John Ashbery's poems can be quite difficult to _____ and thus are the object of heated debate among scholars.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) delegate
- B) compose
- C) interpret
- D) renounce

#36

ID: 637d0878

The Appalachian Trail is a hiking path in the eastern United States. Much of the 2,000 mile trail passes through wilderness areas. In order to _____ those areas, the United States Congress passed the National Trails System Act in 1968, ensuring that the trail would not be sold or commercially developed.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) borrow
- B) postpone
- C) protect
- D) decorate

#37

ID: 6cf906fc

The following text is adapted from José Martí's 1891 poem "At the Salon" (translated by Cecil Charles in 1898). The speaker describes a painting featuring a female figure.

From the sterile soil no ray
 Of hope in a blade of green,
 Nor sheltering roof is seen—
 Though the skies are heavy and gray.
 Ah, this is the woman fair
 Who stole away my heart

In the splendid halls of art
 Yester-e'en as I wandered there!

As used in the text, what does the word "sheltering" most nearly mean?

- A) Protective
- B) Restrictive
- C) Affectionate
- D) Suspicious

#38

ID: 4480fae9

The following text is adapted from Sui Sin Far's 1912 short story "Mrs. Spring Fragrance." Mr. and Mrs. Spring Fragrance immigrated to the United States from China.

Mrs. Spring Fragrance was unaware that Mr. Spring Fragrance, tired with the day's business, had thrown himself down on the bamboo settee on the veranda, and that although his eyes were engaged in scanning the pages of the *Chinese World*, his ears could not help receiving the words which were borne to him through the open window.

As used in the text, what does the word "receiving" most nearly mean?

- A) Denying
- B) Entering
- C) Carrying
- D) Hearing

#39

ID: 5d2fd27d

While we can infer information about climate activity in Earth's distant past from physical evidence, we of course cannot observe past climates directly. To study early Earth's climate in action, we must _____ that climate using computer models that represent various climate conditions consistent with the physical evidence.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) invent
- B) simulate
- C) exaggerate
- D) preserve

#40

ID: afd48140

In 1877, 85% of California's railways were already controlled by the Southern Pacific Railroad. The company further solidified its _____ in rail access to the state's Pacific coast when it completed the Sunset Route in 1883: running from Louisiana to Southern California, the route established the first transcontinental rail line across the southern United States.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) dominance
- B) creativity
- C) insignificance
- D) neutrality

#41

ID: daaed806

Mônica Lopes-Ferreira and others at Brazil's Butantan Institute are studying the freshwater stingray species *Potamotrygon rex* to determine whether biological characteristics such as the rays' age and sex have _____ effect on the toxicity of their venom—that is, to see if differences in these traits are associated with considerable variations in venom potency.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) a disconcerting
- B) an acceptable
- C) an imperceptible
- D) a substantial

#42

ID: 5514fd1f

Archaeologist Erika Karuzas works with the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of Montana to preserve culturally significant sites. In 2015 they decided that creating a new national trail connecting many of these sites would _____ their preservation efforts, because the US government provides some protections to national trails that aren't given to other areas.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) inspire
- B) ignore
- C) promote
- D) reduce

#43

ID: bdab32fc

Cucurbits, a group of plants that includes squash and melons, relied on mastodons to spread their seeds in the Ice Age. When these animals died out, cucurbits faced extinction in turn, having lost their means of seed dispersal. Around this time, however, the ancestors of Indigenous peoples in North America began raising cucurbits as crops, thus _____ the plants' survival.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) verifying
- B) multiplying
- C) comforting
- D) ensuring

#44

ID: b92c13fa

According to statistician Nassim Nicholas Taleb, the best way to predict the amount of time a nonperishable entity (such as a building or a technology) will continue to exist is to examine how long it has survived so far. In this view, an item's age is the strongest _____ how much longer it will last.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) uncertainty about
- B) indicator of
- C) motivation for
- D) criticism of

#45

ID: 74ee7737

Whether Carmen Lomas Garza is creating small paintings and illustrations or large public artworks—such as *Baile*, a copper cutout of traditional Mexican dance in the San Francisco International Airport—she is _____ direct experience, drawing from memories of her childhood in Texas or details of her current surroundings in California.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) complimented by
- B) uncertain about
- C) unbothered by
- D) inspired by

#46

ID: 849bf8d7

In the mid-nineteenth century, some abolitionist newspapers _____ westward migration in the United States; by printing a letter that described the easy fortunes and high salaries miners could make in California during the Gold Rush, Frederick Douglass's newspaper *North Star* was one such publication that inspired readers to relocate.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) stimulated
- B) assigned
- C) opposed
- D) disregarded

#47

ID: f7d58b53

Like other tribal nations, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation is self-governing; its National Council generates laws regulating aspects of community life such as land use and healthcare, while the principal chief and cabinet officials _____ those laws by devising policies and administering services in accordance with them.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) implement
- B) presume
- C) improvise
- D) mimic

#48

ID: 6286dd96

The following text is adapted from Frances Hodgson Burnett's 1905 novel *A Little Princess*. Sara is a young student at a school in London.

Sara not only could tell stories, but she adored telling them. When she sat or stood in the midst of a circle and began to invent wonderful things, her green eyes grew big and shining, her cheeks flushed, and, without knowing that she was doing it, she began to act and made what she told lovely or alarming by the raising or dropping of her voice.

As used in the text, what does the word “invent” most nearly mean?

- A) Mislead
- B) Disguise
- C) Create
- D) Discover

#49

ID: 44cc5f75

Artificially delivering biomolecules to plant cells is an important component of protecting plants from pathogens, but it is difficult to transmit biomolecules through the layers of the plant cell wall. Markita del Carpio Landry and her colleagues have shown that it may be possible to _____ this problem by transmitting molecules through carbon nanotubes, which can cross cell walls.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) conceptualize
- B) neglect
- C) illustrate
- D) overcome

#50

ID: afd2a9eb

Manul cats are small, shy felines. They live mostly alone in out-of-the-way parts of Asia, such as on Mount Everest. These cats have been difficult to research because their habitats are so _____ large populations of humans.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) full of
- B) drawn to
- C) responsible for
- D) distant from

#51

ID: 3654202f

Radar and sonar can detect objects or people through walls, but they are too costly for consumer use. Researchers Fadel Adib and Dina Katabi have shown, however, that there may be a comparatively _____ alternative: small changes to the Wi-Fi technology used in smartphones can give users a cheap way to count people or even identify their gestures through walls.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) infrequent
- B) inexpensive
- C) unmistakable
- D) impractical

#52

ID: 03f5a9b7

When marine biologist Brittany Williams played different ocean recordings to groups of oyster larvae, groups that heard sounds of a healthy oyster reef were the most _____. They were twice as likely as other groups to show signs of making a permanent home. This suggests that playing recordings of a healthy ocean reef may encourage oysters to create such a reef.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) responsive
- B) inactive
- C) liked
- D) distressed

#53

ID: edd64a4a

The following text is adapted from Charles Chesnutt's 1899 story "The Wife of His Youth." Mr. Ryder is hosting a formal gathering where he will propose marriage to the woman he has been courting.

[A] younger and less cautious man would long since have spoken. But he had made up his mind, and had only to determine the time when he would ask her to be his wife. He decided to give a ball in her honor, and at some time during the evening of the ball to offer her his heart and hand.

As used in the text, what does the word "determine" most nearly mean?

- A) Choose
- B) Influence
- C) Demonstrate
- D) Measure

#54

ID: f8ca5766

Nigerian American author Teju Cole’s _____ his two passions—photography and the written word—culminates in his 2017 book, *Blind Spot*, which evocatively combines his original photographs from his travels with his poetic prose.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) indifference to
- B) enthusiasm for
- C) concern about
- D) surprise at

#55

ID: 9671d61d

The following text is from Claude McKay’s 1922 poem “Morning Joy.” The speaker is looking out a window and observing a wold, or large area of land.

At night the wide and level stretch of wold,
Which at high noon had basked in quiet gold,
Far as the eye could see was ghostly white;
Dark was the night save for the snow’s weird
light.

I drew the shades far down, crept into bed;
Hearing the cold wind moaning overhead

Through the sad pines, my soul, catching its
pain,
Went sorrowing with it across the plain.

As used in the text, what does the word “drew” most nearly mean?

- A) Pulled
- B) Drained
- C) Inspired
- D) Sketched

#56

ID: 05575bca

The following text is adapted from Lewis Carroll’s 1871 novel *Through the Looking-Glass, and What Alice Found There*. Alice, a child, is talking to her cat.

“Do you hear the snow against the window-panes,
Kitty? How nice and soft it sounds! Just as if
someone was kissing the window all over
outside.”

As used in the text, what does the word “soft” most nearly mean?

- A) Gentle
- B) Sensitive
- C) Shapeless
- D) Bland

#57

ID: 1ad04ea0

In habitats with limited nutrients, certain fungus species grow on the roots of trees, engaging in mutually beneficial relationships known as ectomycorrhizae: in this symbiotic exchange, the tree provides the fungus with carbon, a nutrient necessary for both species, and the fungus _____ by enhancing the tree's ability to absorb nitrogen, another key nutrient, from the soil.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) overreacts
- B) reciprocates
- C) retaliates
- D) deviates

#58

ID: 04e4c51d

Taking photographs in the mid-1800s was complicated and expensive, but this changed with the 1854 invention of the *carte de visite*, a small photo that cost little to make. *Carte de visite* photos helped to _____ photography: they made it easy and enjoyable for everyday people to have their pictures taken, and people at the time loved exchanging these small photos with friends and family.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) weaken
- B) praise
- C) popularize
- D) isolate

#59

ID: 479c7e82

Although critics believed that customers would never agree to pay to pick their own produce on farms, such concerns didn't _____ Booker T. Whatley's efforts to promote the practice. Thanks in part to Whatley's determined advocacy, farms that allow visitors to pick their own apples, pumpkins, and other produce can be found throughout the United States.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) enhance
- B) hinder
- C) misrepresent
- D) aggravate

#60

ID: 52fe862a

Researcher Lucy Salazar is using radiocarbon dating to study Machu Picchu, an ancient Incan fortress in the Andes Mountains. She and her colleagues have found that the site's age differs from the _____ estimate: it is approximately 20 years older than scholars thought when first encountering Machu Picchu in 1911.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) genuine
- B) intentional
- C) independent
- D) original

#61

ID: 7a327791

Novelist Leon Forrest admired William Faulkner's writing style. Forrest's novel *Divine Days* contains a long passage in tribute to Faulkner that is a perfect _____ of Faulkner's style: anyone familiar with Faulkner's writing would see the resemblance.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) forgetting
- B) rejection
- C) imitation
- D) opinion

#62

ID: 0ee67e09

Anthropologist Kristian J. Carlson and colleagues examined the fossilized clavicle and shoulder bones of a 3.6-million-year-old early hominin known as "Little Foot." They found that these bones were _____ the clavicle and shoulder bones of modern apes that are frequent climbers, such as gorillas and chimpanzees, suggesting that Little Foot had adapted to life in the trees.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) surpassed by
- B) comparable to
- C) independent of
- D) obtained from

#63

ID: 760ee1db

Although the playwrights hoped that their play would be _____ when performed live, critics generally agreed that the production and performances had the opposite effect, wearying audiences instead of energizing them.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) multifaceted
- B) realistic
- C) rousing
- D) subtle

#64

ID: 417f8dfa

The following text is from Darcie Little Badger’s 2021 novel *A Snake Falls to Earth*. Nina is looking at old family photographs.

Nina couldn’t stop looking at the sepia-toned photograph in an oak frame. Propped on the window ledge, it featured a portrait of Great-Great-Grandmother Rosita as a young woman.

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As used in the text, what does the word “featured” most nearly mean?

- A) Displayed
- B) Questioned
- C) Approved
- D) Ignored

#65

ID: 9d73c9eb

Osage Nation citizen Randy Tinker-Smith produced and directed the ballet *Wahzhazhe*, which vividly chronicles Osage history and culture. Telling Osage stories through ballet is _____ choice because two of the foremost ballet dancers of the twentieth century were Osage: sisters Maria and Marjorie Tallchief.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) a suitable
- B) a determined
- C) an arbitrary
- D) an unpredictable

#66

ID: 8d579825

The printing of Virginia Woolf's novels featured a creative _____ between Woolf and her sister Vanessa Bell: a talented painter, Bell worked closely with Woolf to create original cover art for most of the novels.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) rebellion
- B) partnership
- C) discovery
- D) disagreement

#67

ID: 79dec1e1

Art scholars have noted that some colors seem to be more _____ viewers than others. For example, people tend to find paintings featuring blues and greens more appealing than paintings featuring yellows and oranges.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) confusing for
- B) attractive to
- C) corrected by
- D) similar to

#68

ID: bcc91b1e

The spacecraft OSIRIS-REx briefly made contact with the asteroid 101955 Bennu in 2020. NASA scientist Daniella DellaGiustina reports that despite facing the unexpected obstacle of a surface mostly covered in boulders, OSIRIS-REx successfully _____ a sample of the surface, gathering pieces of it to bring back to Earth.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) attached
- B) collected
- C) followed
- D) replaced

#69

ID: 31d0bd9a

The parasitic dodder plant increases its reproductive success by flowering at the same time as the host plant it has latched onto. In 2020, Jianqiang Wu and his colleagues determined that the tiny dodder achieves this _____ with its host by absorbing and utilizing a protein the host produces when it is about to flower.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) synchronization
- B) hibernation
- C) prediction
- D) moderation

#70

ID: cf9a3f34

The following text is adapted from Elizabeth von Arnim's 1922 novel *The Enchanted April*. Mrs. Wilkins and her friend Rose are traveling in Italy.

"I'm going to have one of these gorgeous oranges," said Mrs. Wilkins, staying where she was and reaching across to a black bowl piled with them. "Rose, how can you resist them. Look — have this one. Do have this beauty —" And she held out a big one.

As used in the text, what does the phrase "reaching across to" most nearly mean?

- A) Joining with
- B) Gaining on
- C) Stretching toward
- D) Arriving at

#71

ID: 47955354

Sumerian civilization (which lasted from around 3300 to 2000 BCE) _____ many concepts that persist into present-day civilizations: for example, the first description of the seven-day week appears in the Sumerian *Epic of Gilgamesh*.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) transformed
- B) introduced
- C) inherited
- D) overlooked

#72

ID: a3761c7e

Physicist Joseph Weber performed _____ work in gravitational wave research in the 1960s and 1970s, conducting key experiments that scientists later used as the basis for their own investigations that led to the first verified detection of a gravitational wave in 2015.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) foundational
- B) supplementary
- C) repetitive
- D) ineffective

#73

ID: 80ebb189

As an architect in Los Angeles in the 1950s, Helen Liu Fong became known for avoiding _____ designs in her buildings. Instead of using standard shapes and colors, she typically explored innovative forms and daring hues.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) creative
- B) bold
- C) traditional
- D) understandable

#74

ID: b940952c

On the basis of extensive calculations and models, astronomers in the 1990s predicted that the collision of two neutron stars or a neutron star and a black hole could release a massive burst of gamma rays in an event called a kilonova. This _____ was confirmed with observations in 2017.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) theory
- B) evidence
- C) constant
- D) experiment

#75

ID: 683f66c9

Though not closely related, the hedgehog tenrecs of Madagascar share basic _____ true hedgehogs, including protective spines, pointed snouts, and small body size—traits the two groups of mammals independently developed in response to equivalent roles in their respective habitats.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) examples of
- B) concerns about
- C) indications of
- D) similarities with

#76

ID: 10a409bd

The following text is adapted from Ida B. Wells’s 1970 autobiography *A Crusade for Justice*. Mr. Watts is a reference to George Frederic Watts, an English painter.

[Manchester’s] art galleries are so arranged that the name of every picture is plainly seen and one has no need of a catalogue to pick out the name and the artist. This is a convenience to the general public, which other art galleries, which shall be nameless, might copy to advantage. To her treasure of art Manchester has added Mr. Watts’ latest picture, the Good Samaritan.

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As used in the text, what does the word “arranged” most nearly mean?

- A) Organized
- B) Ranked
- C) Scheduled
- D) Discussed

#77

ID: b0ea8c28

Sueño de Familia is an exhibition of drawings, paintings, and ceramics that explores the artistic heritage of US-based artist Yolanda González. The exhibition _____ five generations, featuring works by González’s great-grandfather, grandmother, mother, and niece as well as González herself.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) borrows
- B) spans
- C) judges
- D) neglects

#78

ID: e5e7f264

The general store was essential to daily life in the rural United States during the 1800s because it provided the supplies that the people living in nearby communities needed. Also, the store was a _____ of information. People socializing at the general store would share news and help spread it throughout their communities.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) source
- B) rival
- C) condition
- D) waste

#79

ID: 0d402146

US traffic signals didn't always contain the familiar three lights (red, yellow, and green). Traffic lights only _____ red and green lights until the three-light traffic signal was developed in the 1920s.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) avoided
- B) featured
- C) appreciated
- D) disregarded

#80

ID: a4f50d30

Scientists previously thought that all electric eels belong to a single species, but a team of researchers led by zoologist C. David de Santana proved this idea wrong by _____ that there are in fact three distinct species of electric eels.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) pretending
- B) complaining
- C) requiring
- D) demonstrating

#81

ID: fa7a89f1

Studying how workload affects productivity, Maryam Kouchaki and colleagues found that people who chose to do relatively easy tasks first were less _____ compared to those who did hard tasks first. Finishing easy tasks gave participants a sense of accomplishment, but those who tackled hard tasks first actually became more skilled and productive workers over time.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) secretive
- B) efficient
- C) outgoing
- D) unsympathetic

#82

ID: faa5696c

Arturo A. Schomburg was dedicated to preserving books, art, and other materials from peoples of African descent around the world. To get these items, Schomburg _____ friends and colleagues, whom he asked to bring back rare and valuable objects from their international travels. Now, Schomburg's collection is a valuable resource for scholars of Black history and culture.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) admired
- B) disagreed with
- C) warned
- D) depended on

#83

ID: d8d33cc5

The early British postal system required the cost of mail delivery to be paid upon receipt, a system which encouraged inventive strategies by the intended recipient to avoid payment. To improve this system, _____ were proposed in 1837, including the use of a postage stamp, a small receipt pasted to the mail indicating that delivery costs had been paid by the sender.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) investigations
- B) expansions
- C) reforms
- D) possessions

#84

ID: 49bbe4d7

For painter Jacob Lawrence, being _____ was an important part of the artistic process. Because he paid close attention to all the details of his Harlem neighborhood, Lawrence’s artwork captured nuances in the beauty and vitality of the Black experience during the Harlem Renaissance and the Great Migration.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) skeptical
- B) observant
- C) critical
- D) confident

#85

ID: f6d1f735

Researchers have struggled to pinpoint specific causes for hiccups, which happen when a person’s diaphragm contracts _____. However, neuroscientist Kimberley Whitehead has found that these uncontrollable contractions may play an important role in helping infants regulate their breathing.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) involuntarily
- B) beneficially
- C) strenuously
- D) smoothly

#86

ID: 01de46bb

The Menominee and Anishinaabe peoples have been growing wild rice—known as *manoomin* in the Ojibwe language—in the Great Lakes region of North America for centuries, but climatic changes are causing lakes to get deeper, thereby threatening wild rice. These plants are extremely _____ to water depth during the “floating leaf” stage of development, and if the water is too deep, the buoyancy of the young wild-rice plants can literally uproot them from the lake bottom, destroying them.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) immune
- B) sensitive
- C) limited
- D) receptive

#87

ID: aa7ae735

The following text is adapted from Mohsin Hamid’s 2017 novel *Exit West*. Saeed lives with his mother and father.

On cloudless nights after a daytime rain, Saeed’s father would sometimes bring out the telescope, and the family would sip green tea on their balcony, enjoying a breeze, and take turns to look up at objects whose light, often, had been emitted before any of these three viewers had been born—light from other centuries, only now reaching Earth.

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As used in the text, what does the word “reaching” most nearly mean?

- A) Arriving at
- B) Consulting with
- C) Running to
- D) Clinging to

#88

ID: a7991da1

A unique dialect, or regional variety, of Spanish is spoken in Puerto Rico. It contains many words borrowed from the language of the Taínos, the Indigenous people of Puerto Rico. African languages also made important contributions to the Puerto Rican dialect. For example, the way certain vowel sounds are pronounced in it can be _____ to how they are pronounced in Yoruba, a West African language.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) traced
- B) surrendered
- C) announced
- D) offered

#89

ID: 84a7fbca

When Mexican-American archaeologist Zelia Maria Magdalena Nuttall published her 1886 research paper on sculptures found at the ancient Indigenous city of Teotihuacan in present-day Mexico, other researchers readily _____ her work as groundbreaking; this recognition stemmed from her convincing demonstration that the sculptures were much older than had previously been thought.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) acknowledged
- B) ensured
- C) denied
- D) underestimated

#90

ID: 5179fd36

Urban planning expert Francisco Lara-Valencia and colleagues have argued that managing environmental matters along the US-Mexico border _____ coordination between the two countries' governments. Since ecosystems extend across the border, actions taken on one side can have environmental effects on the other side, making international cooperation essential.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) requires
- B) praises
- C) reports
- D) advises

#91

ID: 428cd2c1

Some people have speculated that two helmets with attached horns discovered in Denmark in 1942 belonged to Vikings, but scholars have long been skeptical. Archaeologist Helle Vandkilde and colleagues recently provided radiocarbon dates for the helmets, and their findings _____ scholars' skepticism: the helmets date to the Nordic Bronze Age, centuries before the Vikings existed.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) anticipate
- B) inspect
- C) reveal
- D) justify

#92

ID: c2c26e20

The following text is adapted from Sadakichi Hartmann's 1894 short story "Magnolia Blossoms." The narrator is standing on the deck of a boat.

What a night it was! My soul had left its body to lose itself in the wild unrestrained beauty around me—from where it came—and only left a trembling suggestion of its existence within me. The other passengers moved around me like shadows, and again and again my eyes drank in all the glory and wealth of that night.

As used in the text, what does the word "suggestion" most nearly mean?

- A) Trace
- B) Opinion
- C) Dispute
- D) Command

#93

ID: f773a56b

As Mexico's first president from an Indigenous community, Benito Juarez became one of the most _____ figures in his country's history: among the many significant accomplishments of his long tenure in office (1858–1872), Juarez consolidated the authority of the national government and advanced the rights of Indigenous peoples.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) unpredictable
- B) important
- C) secretive
- D) ordinary

#94

ID: 3118ca93

The fashion resale market, in which consumers purchase secondhand clothing from stores and online sellers, generated nearly \$30 billion globally in 2019. Expecting to see continued growth, some analysts _____ that revenues will more than double by 2028.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) produced
- B) denied
- C) worried
- D) predicted

#95

ID: 21d95d1d

Ofelia Zepeda's contributions to the field of linguistics are _____: her many accomplishments include working as a linguistics professor and bilingual poet, authoring the first Tohono O'odham grammar book, and co-founding the American Indian Language Development Institute.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) pragmatic
- B) controversial
- C) extensive
- D) universal

#96

ID: b622fb78

The following text is from the 1913 story “The King’s Coin” by Emily Pauline Johnson, a Kanienkahagen (Mohawk) writer also known as Tekahionwake. Fox-Foot, a young Ojibwe man, is guiding a group of fur traders who are traveling by canoe and suspects that they are being followed.

At supper time, Fox-Foot would allow no fire to be built, no landing to be made, no trace of their passing to be left. They ate canned meat and marmalade, drank again of the stream and pushed on, until just at dusk they reached the edge of a long, still lake, with shores of granite and dense fir forest.

As used in the text, what does the word “trace” most nearly mean?

- A) Evidence
- B) Blemish
- C) Amount
- D) Sketch

#97

ID: a318c1ef

The Cambrian explosion gets its name from the sudden appearance and rapid diversification of animal remains in the fossil record about 541 million years ago, during the Cambrian period. Some scientists argue that this _____ change in the fossil record might be because of a shift in many organisms to body types that were more likely to be preserved.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) catastrophic
- B) elusive
- C) abrupt
- D) imminent

#98

ID: d5235d39

The Mule Bone, a 1930 play written by Zora Neale Hurston and Langston Hughes, is perhaps the best-known of the few examples of _____ in literature. Most writers prefer working alone, and given that working together cost Hurston and Hughes their friendship, it is not hard to see why.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) characterization
- B) interpretation
- C) collaboration
- D) commercialization

#99

ID: 9b2fbb2e

Logically, a damaged fossil should provide less information than an intact one, but for paleontologist Brigitte Schoenemann, a broken area on a fossilized trilobite (a crustacean-like creature) _____ fresh insight, allowing her to view the inner structure of the organism's eye.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) resolved
- B) adjusted
- C) offered
- D) directed

#100

ID: 53542eb5

Shoppers can help keep money cycling within a community by making purchases at small local businesses instead of large retailers. Some cities are _____ programs to encourage this behavior, establishing reward points and other incentives for shopping at small businesses.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) instituting
- B) occupying
- C) underestimating
- D) encountering

#101

ID: 82b7c3b2

The following text is from Booth Tarkington's 1921 novel *Alice Adams*.

Mrs. Adams had always been fond of vases, she said, and every year her husband's Christmas present to her was a vase of one sort or another—whatever the clerk showed him, marked at about twelve or fourteen dollars.

As used in the text, what does the word “marked” most nearly mean?

- A) Staged
- B) Priced
- C) Stained
- D) Watched

#102

ID: e1e89221

The following text is from Frances Hodgson Burnett's 1911 novel *The Secret Garden*. Mary, a young girl, is outside trying her new jump rope.

The sun was shining and a little wind was blowing
—not a rough wind, but one which came in
delightful little gusts and brought a fresh scent of
newly turned earth with it. She skipped round the
fountain garden, and up one walk and down
another.

As used in the text, what does the word “rough” most nearly mean?

- A) Harsh
- B) Scratchy
- C) Basic
- D) Vague

#103

ID: b11bb2a3

The following text is adapted from Amy Lowell's 1912 poem “Summer.”

It is summer, glorious, deep-toned summer,
The very crown of nature's changing year
When all her surging life is at its full.
To me alone it is a time of pause,
A void and silent space between two worlds,
When inspiration lags, and feeling sleeps,

Gathering strength for efforts yet to come.

As used in the text, what does the phrase “a void” most nearly mean?

- A) A useless
- B) An empty
- C) A forgotten
- D) An incomplete

#104

ID: 051d3065

Kelp forests grow underwater along the eastern Pacific Coast. These underwater forests are important to fish and other marine animals. Ocean currents can be powerful and rough, making it difficult for animals to find safe places to hide from predators. The underwater forests slow down the currents. This creates a more _____ environment with calmer waters where animals can take shelter.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) tranquil
- B) dangerous
- C) imaginative
- D) surprising

#105

ID: 359b891c

Painter Alma W. Thomas was fascinated by the colors and shapes found in nature. The flowers and trees in the garden at her home in Washington, DC, _____ her work. For example, Thomas's use of broken brushstrokes was inspired by the way that light would shine through the leaves of a tree in front of her house.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) restricted
- B) announced
- C) distracted
- D) influenced

#106

ID: aad56f2b

As a young photographer in the 1950s, William Klein _____ the conventions of photography by creating images that were high contrast and included blurred and distorted elements—features generally seen as flaws. So unorthodox was Klein's work that he had difficulty finding a publisher for his now-iconic 1956 photo book *Life is Good & Good for You in New York*.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) reviewed
- B) defied
- C) respected
- D) prevented

#107

ID: e7b709fc

Archaeologists studying an ancient amphitheater in Switzerland believe that it dates back to the fourth century CE. Their discoveries of a coin made between 337 and 341 CE and era-appropriate building materials _____ evidence for this theory.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) dismiss
- B) provide
- C) regulate
- D) refuse

#108

ID: dc0bca21

It would be a mistake to _____ the exhibit that artist and curator Joe Baker, who is a member of the Lenape (Delaware) people, has organized at the Brooklyn Public Library. The exhibit, which includes Lenape beadwork from the 1850s as well as modern works that use traditional patterns, is essential viewing.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) complicate
- B) amplify
- C) overlook
- D) assemble

#109

ID: 2c82068f

The following text is from Mark Oshiro's 2018 novel *Anger Is a Gift*. In the novel, Moss and his friends are on a subway train in Northern California.

Lights from the outside world then filled the train car as it rose out of the ground and climbed the elevated track. As long as Moss had lived in West Oakland, he'd never tired of this specific view, so he pointed toward the windows. "Check it," he said, and the Port of Oakland began to pass by them.

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As used in the text, what does the word "specific" most nearly mean?

- A) Imaginary
- B) Energetic
- C) Correct
- D) Particular

#110

ID: b93428a6

Animal researcher Amalia P.M. Bastos led a 2021 study about a wild kea parrot that used small stones as tools to preen its feathers. Skeptical colleagues had initially suggested to Bastos that the kea's interactions with the stones might simply be _____, but Bastos and her team showed that the kea was using the stones deliberately.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) intriguing
- B) obvious
- C) accidental
- D) observable

#111

ID: 213248f7

The following text is adapted from Lewis Carroll’s 1865 novel *Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland* .

“The second thing is to find my way into that lovely garden. I think that will be the best plan.” It sounded like an excellent plan, no doubt, and very neatly and simply arranged; the only difficulty was, that Alice had not the smallest idea how to set about it.

As used in the text, what does the word “simply” most nearly mean?

- A) Faintly
- B) Hastily
- C) Easily
- D) Foolishly

#112

ID: 5fa165f7

In the 1960s, Sam Gilliam, a Black painter from the southern United States, became the first artist to drape painted canvases into flowing shapes. He later explored a different style, _____ quilt-like paintings inspired by the patchwork quilting tradition of Black communities in the South.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) predicting
- B) refusing
- C) hiding
- D) creating

#113

ID: 441e2b9e

Researchers and conservationists stress that biodiversity loss due to invasive species is _____. For example, people can take simple steps such as washing their footwear after travel to avoid introducing potentially invasive organisms into new environments.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) preventable
- B) undeniable
- C) common
- D) concerning

#114

ID: b507f90f

Latro, the main character of Gene Wolfe’s novel *Soldier of the Mist*, is a man in ancient Greece. He completely loses his memory whenever he sleeps. So, before sleeping, Latro records the important experiences of each day on a scroll, carefully choosing which ones to _____.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) suspect
- B) preserve
- C) suggest
- D) imagine

#115

ID: 5d48f889

The following text is adapted from Mercedes de Acosta’s 1921 poem “Spring and You.”

Now, Love and April, and the gold of your
hair,
Are all mingled together
Like the blending of an exotic dream plant
With the fragrant perfume of a strange, frail
flower.

As used in the text, what does the word “mingled” most nearly mean?

- A) Identified
- B) Combined
- C) Remembered
- D) Celebrated

#116

ID: 2390e956

Ronyoung Kim creatively captures the Korean American immigrant experience in her novel *Clay Walls* by writing about a family from three _____ perspectives. The first section of the novel is from the mother Haesu’s perspective, the second is from the father Chun’s perspective, and the last is from the daughter Faye’s perspective.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word?

- A) distinct
- B) required
- C) unintended
- D) unknown