

**Fill in the blank with the appropriate word:**

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ seventh-grader towered over the other players on his basketball team.
  1. gangling
  2. studious
  3. mimetic
  4. abject
  5. reserved
2. Carson was at first flattered by the \_\_\_\_\_ of his new colleagues, but he soon realized that their admiration rested chiefly on his connections, not his accomplishments.
  1. reprisal
  2. adulation
  3. bulwark
  4. rapport
  5. retinue
3. For a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ fee, it is possible to upgrade from regular gasoline to premium.
  1. nominal
  2. judgmental
  3. existential
  4. bountiful
  5. jovial
4. Searching frantically to find the hidden jewels, the thieves proceeded to \_\_\_\_\_ the entire house.
  1. justify
  2. darken
  3. amplify
  4. ransack
  5. glorify
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ deer stuck close to its mother when venturing out into the open field.
  1. starling
  2. foundling
  3. yearling
  4. begrudging
  5. hatchling
6. The police officer \_\_\_\_\_ the crowd to step back from the fire so that no one would get hurt.
  1. undulated
  2. enjoined
  3. stagnated
  4. permeated
  5. delineated
7. Jackson's poor typing skills were a \_\_\_\_\_ to finding employment at the nearby office complex.

1. benefit
  2. hindrance
  3. partiality
  4. temptation
  5. canon
8. Through \_\_\_\_\_, the chef created a creamy sauce by combining brown sugar, butter, and cinnamon in a pan and cooking them over medium-high heat.
    1. impasse
    2. obscurity
    3. decadence
    4. diversion
    5. liquefaction
  9. The defendant claimed that he was innocent and that his confession was \_\_\_\_\_.
    1. coerced
    2. flagrant
    3. terse
    4. benign
    5. futile
  10. Harvey was discouraged that his visa application was \_\_\_\_\_ due to his six convictions.
    1. lethargic
    2. immeasurable
    3. nullified
    4. segregated
    5. aggravated
  11. The rebel spies were charged with \_\_\_\_\_ and put on trial.
    1. sedition
    2. attrition
    3. interaction
    4. reiteration
    5. perdition
  12. Keith was \_\_\_\_\_ in his giving to friends and charities throughout the year, not just during the holidays.
    1. munificent
    2. portly
    3. amphibious
    4. guileful
    5. forensic
  13. Calvin reached the \_\_\_\_\_ of his career in his early thirties when he became president and CEO of a software company.
    1. zephyr
    2. plethora
    3. vale
    4. nocturne

5. zenith

14. Although I'd asked a simple "yes" or "no" question, Irfan's reply was \_\_\_\_\_, and I didn't know how to interpret it.

1. prodigal
2. irate
3. equivocal
4. voracious
5. harrowing

15. The high-profile company CEO was given an \_\_\_\_\_ for speaking at the monthly meeting of the area business leaders' society.

1. expiation
2. honorarium
3. inoculation
4. interpretation
5. inquisition

#### Answers

1. **1. *Gangling* (adj.)** means awkward, lanky, or unusually tall and thin.
2. **2. *Adulation* (n.)** means strong or excessive admiration or praise; fawning flattery.
3. **1. *Nominal* (adj.)** means small, virtually nothing, or much below the actual value of a thing.
4. **4. To *ransack* (v.)** means to thoroughly search, to plunder, pillage.
5. **3. A *yearling* (n.)** is a young animal past its first year but not yet two years old.
6. **2. To *enjoin* (v.)** means to issue an order or command; to direct or impose with authority.
7. **2. *Hindrance* (n.)** is an impediment or obstruction; a state of being hindered; a cause of being prevented or impeded.
8. **5. *Liquefaction* (n.)** is the process of liquefying a solid or making a liquid.
9. **1. To *coerce* (v.)** is to force to do through pressure, threats, or intimidation; to compel.

10. **3. To *nullify* (v.)** means to make invalid or nonexistent.

11. **1. *Sedition* (n.)** means resistance, insurrection; conduct directed against public order and the tranquility of the state.

12. **1. *Munificent* (adj.)** means extremely generous or liberal in giving; lavish.

13. **5. *Zenith* (n.)** means the highest point of any path or course.

14. **3. *Equivocal* (adj.)** means open to two or more interpretations, ambiguous and often intended to mislead; open to question, uncertain.

15. **2. *Honorarium* (n.)** is payment or reward for services for which payment is not usually required.