

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

1. With her \_\_\_\_\_ eyesight, Krystyna spotted a trio of deer on the hillside and she reduced the speed of her car.  
a. Inferior      b. keen      c. impressionable  
d. Ductile      e. conspiratorial
2. With a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ grin, the boy quickly slipped the candy into his pocket without his mother's knowledge.  
a. Jaundiced      b. nefarious      c. stereotypical  
d. Sentimental      e. impartial
3. Her \_\_\_\_\_ display of tears at work did not impress her new boss, who felt she should try to control her emotions.  
a. Maudlin      b. meritorious      c. precarious  
d. Plausible      e. schematic
4. Johan argued, "If you know about a crime but don't report it, you are \_\_\_\_\_ in that crime because you allowed it to happen."  
a. Acquitted      b. steadfast      c. tenuous  
d. Complicit      e. nullified
5. The authorities, fearing a \_\_\_\_\_ of their power, called for a military state in the hopes of restoring order.  
a. Subversion      b. premonition  
c. Predilection      d. infusion  
e. inversion
6. The story's bitter antagonist felt such great \_\_\_\_\_ for all of the other characters that as a result, his life was very lonely and he died alone.  
a. Insurgence      b. malevolence  
d. Reciprocation      d. declamation  
e. preference
7. It is difficult to believe that charging 20% on an outstanding credit card balance isn't \_\_\_\_\_!  
a. Bankruptcy      b. usury      c. novice  
d. Kleptomania      e. flagrancy
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ weather patterns of the tropical island meant tourists had to carry both umbrellas and sunglasses.  
a. Impertinent      b. supplicant  
d. Preeminent      c. illustrative  
e. kaleidoscopic
9. Wedding ceremonies often include the exchange of \_\_\_\_\_ rings to symbolize the couple's promises to each other.  
a. Hirsute      b. acrimonious  
c. Plaintive      d. deciduous  
e. votive
10. Kym was \_\_\_\_\_ in choosing her friends, so her parties were attended by vastly different and sometimes bizarre personalities.  
a. Indispensable      b. indiscriminate  
c. Commensurate      d. propulsive  
e. Indisputable
11. Phillip's \_\_\_\_\_ tone endeared him to his comical friends, but irritated his serious father.  
a. aloof  
b. jesting  
c. grave  
d. earnest  
e. conservative
12. Brian's pale Irish skin was \_\_\_\_\_ to burn if he spent too much time in the sun.  
a. prone  
b. urbane  
c. eminent  
d. erect  
e. daunted
13. A fan of historical fiction, Joline is now reading a novel about slavery in the \_\_\_\_\_ South.  
a. decorous  
b. rogue  
c. droll  
d. antebellum  
e. onerous
14. Over the years the Wilsons slowly \_\_\_\_\_ upon the Jacksons' property, moving the stone markers that divided their lots farther and farther onto the Jacksons' land.  
a. encroached  
b. jettisoned  
c. conjoined  
d. repudiated  
e. teemed
15. Mary became \_\_\_\_\_ at typing because she practiced every day for six months.  
a. proficient  
b. reflective  
c. dormant  
d. redundant  
e. valiant

### Answers

1. 2. *Keen* (adj.) means being extremely sensitive or responsive; having strength of perception
2. 2. *Nefarious* (adj.) means wicked, vicious, or evil.
3. 1. *Maudlin* (adj.) means excessively and weakly sentimental or tearfully emotional.
4. 4. *Complicit* (adj.) means participating in or associated with a questionable act or a crime.
5. 1. *Subversion* (n.) means an overthrow, as from the foundation.
6. 2. *Malevolence* (n.) means ill will or malice toward others; hate.
7. 2. *Usury* (n.) is the lending of money at exorbitant interest rates.
8. 5. *Kaleidoscopic* (adj.) means continually changing or quickly shifting.
9. 5. *Votive* (adj.) means dedicated by a vow.
10. 2. *Indiscriminate* (adj.) means not discriminating or choosing randomly; haphazard; without distinction.
11. 2. *Jesting* (adj.) means characterized by making jests; joking; playful.
12. 1. *Prone* (adj.) means a tendency or inclination to something.
13. 4. *Antebellum* (adj.) means belonging to the period before a war, especially the American Civil War.
14. 1. To *encroach* (v.) means to gradually or stealthily take the rights or possessions of another; to advance beyond proper or formal limits; trespass.
15. 1. *Proficient* (adj.) means well versed in any business or branch of learning; adept.