

Fill in the blank with the appropriate word:

1. She hadn't eaten all day, and by the time she got home she was _____.
1. Blighted 2. confutative 3. ravenous
4. Ostentatious 5. blissful
2. The movie offended many of the parents of its younger viewers by including unnecessary _____ in the dialogu5.
1. Vulgarity 2. verbosity 3. vocalizations
4. Garishness 5. tonality
3. His neighbors found his _____ manner bossy and irritating, and they stopped inviting him to backyard barbeques.
1. Insentient 2. magisterial 3. reparatory
4. Restorative 5. modest
4. Steven is always _____ about showing up for work because he feels that tardiness is a sign of irresponsibility.
1. Legible 2. tolerable 3. punctual
4. Literal 5. belligerent
5. Candace would _____ her little sister into an argument by teasing her and calling her names.
1. Advocate 2. provoke 3. perforate
4. Lamente 5. expunge
6. The dress Ariel wore _____ with small, glassy beads, creating a shimmering effect.
1. Titillated 2. reiterated 3. scintillated
4. Enthralled 5. striated
7. Being able to afford this luxury car will _____ getting a better-paying jo2.
1. Maximize 2. recombinant
3. Reiterate 4. necessitate
5. reciprocate
8. Levina unknowingly _____ the thief by holding open the elevator doors and ensuring his escap5.
1. coerced 2. proclaimed
3. abetted 4. sanctioned
5. solicited
9. Shakespeare, a(n) _____ writer, entertained audiences by writing many tragic and comic plays.
1. numeric 2. obstinate
3. dutiful 4. prolific
5. generic
10. had the _____ experience of sitting next to an over-talkative passenger on my flight home from Brussels.
1. satisfactory 2. commendable

3. galling 4. acceptable
5. acute
11. Prince Phillip had to choose: marry the woman he loved and _____ his right to the throne, or marry Lady Fiona and inherit the crown.
1. reprimand 2. upbraid
3. abdicate 4. winnow
5. extol
12. If you will not do your work of your own _____, I have no choice but to penalize you if it is not done on tim5.
1. predilection 2. coercion
3. excursion 4. volition
5. infusion
13. After sitting in the sink for several days, the dirty, food-encrusted dishes became _____.
1. malodorous 2. prevalent
3. imposing 4. perforated
5. emphatic
14. Giulia soon discovered the source of the _____ smell in the room: a week-old tuna sandwich that one of the children had hidden in the closet.
1. quaint 2. fastidious
3. clandestine 4. laconic
5. fetid
15. After making _____ remarks to the President, the reporter was not invited to return to the White House pressroom.
1. hospitable 2. itinerant
3. enterprising 4. chivalrous
5. irreverent

Answers

1. 3. *Ravenous* (adj.) means extremely hungry.
2. 1. *Vulgarity* (n.) means offensive speech or conduct.
3. 2. *Magisterial* (adj.) means overbearing or offensively self-assured.
4. 3. *Punctual* (adj.) means arriving exactly on time.
5. 2. To *provoke* (v.) is to incite anger or resentment; to call forth a feeling or action.

- 6. 3.** To *scintillate* (v.) means to emit or send forth sparks or little flashes of light, creating a shimmering effect; to sparkle.
- 7. 4.** To *necessitate* (v.) means to make necessary, especially as a result.
- 8. 3.** To *abet* (v.) means to assist, encourage, urge, or aid, usually an act of wrongdoing.
- 9. 4.** *Prolific* (adj.) means abundantly creative.
- 10. 3.** *Galling* (adj.) means irritating, annoying, or exasperating.
- 11. 3.** To *abdicate* (v.) means to formally relinquish or surrender power, office, or responsibility.
- 12. 4.** *Volition* (n.) means accord; an act or exercise of will.
- 13. 1.** *Malodorous* (adj.) means having a foul-smelling odor.
- 14. 5.** *Fetid* (adj.) means having a foul or offensive odor, putrid.
- 15. 5.** *Irreverent* (adj.) means lacking respect or seriousness; not reverent.