

Choose the answer that best completes the sentence or answers the question.

1. Another word for *kinship* might be:
Ⓐ propriety
Ⓑ platitude
Ⓒ quintessence
Ⓓ propinquity
2. Which of the following would you use to describe behavior that is not in character?
Ⓐ incendiary
Ⓑ unwonted
Ⓒ unwarranted
Ⓓ overt
3. To romp or prance around exuberantly is to:
Ⓐ congeal
Ⓑ cavort
Ⓒ slumber
Ⓓ temporize
4. If the language in a speech is very wordy and pompous, it might be referred to as:
Ⓐ symbolism
Ⓑ foreshadowing
Ⓒ verbiage
Ⓓ invective

I have never had a *substantive* knowledge of cooking and so have always relied on cookbooks when I need to make any kind of dish. My brother Jeffrey, on the other hand, is a natural cook. Recently, he encouraged me to try his more intuitive approach and make something for dinner without the help of a recipe. I accepted the challenge and decided to make soup out of the vegetables that were in the refrigerator. After two hours of peeling, chopping, and cooking, however, I did not end up with the tasty and *piquant* soup I had been striving for. Instead, I had made a muddy-looking mixture that was *verdant* in color and *viscous* in consistency. Jeffrey said it looked like a *primordial* swamp! Even my parents, who are generally very supportive of my efforts to try out new ways of doing things, could not *evince* any approval for my culinary creation.

5. If someone's knowledge of a subject is *substantive* (line 1), it can be said to be:
Ⓐ solid
Ⓑ shaky
Ⓒ flimsy
Ⓓ overrated
6. Which of the following words could be used to replace *piquant* (line 5)?
Ⓐ steaming
Ⓑ pungent
Ⓒ bland
Ⓓ watery
7. In line 6, *verdant* means:
Ⓐ brown
Ⓑ reddish
Ⓒ green
Ⓓ clear
8. Which of the following words could not be used to replace *viscous* (line 6)?
Ⓐ thin
Ⓑ gluey
Ⓒ sticky
Ⓓ gooey
9. In line 7, *primordial* means:
Ⓐ ancient
Ⓑ huge
Ⓒ green
Ⓓ dangerous
10. To *evince* one's approval (line 8) is to:
Ⓐ show it
Ⓑ mask it
Ⓒ deserve it
Ⓓ withhold it

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Answer Section

1. ANS: D
2. ANS: B
3. ANS: B
4. ANS: C
5. ANS: A
6. ANS: B
7. ANS: C
8. ANS: A
9. ANS: A
10. ANS: A