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Ten Words in Context

In the space provided, write the letter of the meaning closest to that of each **highlighted** word. Use the context of the sentences to help you figure out each word's meaning.

- 1. affinity** (ə-fī-ni-tē)
-noun
... affinity means
It is hard for someone with an **affinity** for warm weather to be happy living in Alaska.
My car has an **affinity** for small, dark, hilly places—I've often found her parked on my driveway at sunset, under the forest, and made my entrance.
A. a preference B. a fear C. ignorance
- 2. fledgling** (flɪdʒ-ɪŋ)
-adjective
... fledgling means
The show-stops show is full of **fledgling** writers. They're all enthusiastic, but since they're beginners, they're shy about sharing their work.
Myra and her sisters are so excited about their **fledgling** catering service, which was headed for those parties during the week of business.
A. old B. new C. different
- 3. hackneyed** (hæk-ɪ-ɪd)
-adjective
... hackneyed means
The **hackneyed** phrase "Have a nice day!" is heard so often that it has become almost meaningless.
This was part of our family tradition in hearing my uncle's **hackneyed** joke—the ones he's been telling since about 1980.
A. wondrous B. amusing C. funny
- 4. incessant** (ɪ-n-ɛ-s-ənt)
-adjective
... incessant means
Mrs. Sew finally realized that her husband was a doctor about his **incessant** snoring. It didn't bother her, but she was getting on edge.
The children nearby above their parents' crows on the long car trip with their **incessant** questions. "When are we going?" "Do we have gas yet?" "When can we get out of the car?"
A. silent B. wise C. nonstop
- 5. opulence** (ɒ-py-ū-l-əns)
-noun
... opulence means
The **opulence** of the magnificent, luxurious manor was in stark contrast to the poverty of the dirt-floored village on the plain.
The writer Thoreau had no liking for **opulence**. He wrote in his journal, "It is a man to enrich whose pleasures are his charges."
A. cleanliness B. richness C. permanence
- 6. proximity** (prɒx-ɪ-m-ə-ti)
-noun
... Proximity means
The **proximity** of her railroad tracks worried neighborhood parents, when their children play outside.
My brother doesn't drive a car, so when he was apartment hunting, he had to consider the **proximity** of public transportation.
A. similarity B. contrast C. distance