

1. Murphy Mole is the protagonist in the new novel by Trent Troll. Murphy must stop Oscar Rat and Shrimpy Shark from enslaving the inhabitants of Lazy Woods Park. He risks his life in a series of events that lead to a final battle between good and evil.

What is a protagonist?

- a. the main character of a story
- b. an animal that lives underground
- c. someone whose first and last names start with the same letter
- d. someone with bad body odor

2. I just can't beat Paula when we play chess! Every time I make a move that should lead me to victory, she makes a better move that thwarts my plan.

If you thwart a robbery, you _____.

- a. commit a crime
- b. stop a crime from happening
- c. imagine a theft
- d. give warts to a thief

3. Don't feel stupid. Yes, you thought this worthless replica was a valuable work of art. But it even fooled a lot of experts. It certainly looked like the real thing!

A replica is _____.

- a. a dishonest act
- b. something ugly
- c. anything that has no value
- d. a copy

4. Your poster is very good. The drawing really lets people know what our club is all about. I do think that you could enhance it by adding some more color. That will tend to grab everyone's attention.

When you enhance something, you _____.

- a. draw it
- b. throw it out
- c. ruin it
- d. make it better

5. Prunella and Paula are sisters, but they're very different. Just look at how they dress. Prunella doesn't care what she wears. Paula, on the other hand, is quite chic [sheek].

- a. intelligent
- b. stylish
- c. full of feathers
- d. dressed in old clothes

6. I looked at the plans for your new house. This is earthquake country. You need to fortify the frame or you'll have a disaster with the first tremor.

- a. shake
- b. build
- c. strengthen
- d. destroy

7. Helen's attitude toward dealing with criminals has changed over the years. She used to believe that everyone can change and deserves a second chance. She now believes that some crimes are so heinous that those responsible should be shown no mercy.

- a. guilty
- b. terrible
- c. accidental
- d. unimportant

8. There may be some parts of my plan to arrest the thieves that should be changed. But I feel very strongly that renting the apartment over their headquarters is the linchpin of the scheme. We must do that immediately!

- a. part that everything else depends on
- b. piece of metal used to connect things
- c. place where people live
- d. a computer designed for police work

9. Amy was feeling low. Every business she tried lost money or made only pennies a day. Her newest idea was selling chocolate covered baby shoes. She was convinced that it would be a lucrative business. Her friends tried to warn her that it was not a certain road to riches.

- a. tasting great with vanilla ice cream
- b. helping young feet to grow correctly
- c. showing no careful thought
- d. bringing in a lot of money, or profit

10. The signal from the cable is too strong for our television. We'll have to use a filter to attenuate it.

When you attenuate something, you _____.

- a. watch it carefully
- b. take good care of it
- c. make it be less
- d. get past it