

1. Your uncle wouldn't even part with a dime to help the kids pay for their trip. That's just one more example of his **penurious** ways. In contrast, many people who have much less money have donated a great deal to the cause.

What does "penurious" mean?

- a. very old
- b. very wealthy
- c. very humorous
- d. very stingy

2. There is a very interesting article about solar storms in the February 14, 2000 issue of Time magazine. It tells about how these disturbances not only affect spacecraft, but can also disrupt **terrestrial** life. For example, they have even caused automatic garage doors to open in one town.

What does "terrestrial" mean?

- a. of or on the planet Earth
- b. protective of automotive equipment
- c. solar
- d. in or near a pond

3. "Michelle, I'm very upset about what you said," Rosie stated firmly. "You didn't come right out and accuse me of eating all your candy. On the other hand, your remarks about my love of chocolate were made for a reason. You are **insinuating** that I'm the candy thief!"

What does "insinuate" mean?

- a. to keep something hot or cold
- b. to suggest without clearly saying
- c. to do something evil
- d. to protect from disease

4. I think it would help our basketball team, if we allowed girls to play. I've seen how Patty has a **knack** for making the tough shots when they're needed most. She wants to play on our team and we'd win more games with her help.

What does "knack" mean?

- a. to throw or toss
- b. a hard punch
- c. a kind of sports bag
- d. an ability

5. Connie is never happy when everyone is getting along. She always instigates fights and then acts like little Miss Innocent.

When you **instigate** something, you _____.

- a. check it out
- b. protect it
- c. get it started
- d. ignore it

6. I like that store. All the employees strive to make the customers feel right at home.

Which word is a synonym of “**strive**”?

- a. complain
- b. try
- c. fail
- d. clean

7. This is a clandestine operation. It is extremely important that no one discovers what you’re doing!

A **clandestine** operation is supposed to be _____.

- a. dangerous
- b. harmful
- c. exciting
- d. secret

8. If you don’t recover quickly from your condition, it could become chronic. Then you might have to take medicine for the rest of your life.

If something is **chronic**, it _____.

- a. is very painful
- b. won’t go away
- c. makes you smell bad
- d. isn’t real

9. David hoped that nobody would know that he was in the building. Didn’t he realize that parking his new car in the driveway made his presence rather conspicuous?

If something is **conspicuous**, it is _____.

- a. important
- b. expensive
- c. unfortunate
- d. noticeable