

### • • Exercise 3: Using Words in Context

Correct or Incorrect: Write **C** on the line if the word is used correctly; write **I** if the word is used incorrectly.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. The teacher will **chastise** us if we get our homework in on time.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. With her curiosity, Eliza has a **penchant** for stumbling into trouble.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. The **maxim** you can earn on a test is 100%.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Ellie looked at the bully with **disdain**, almost pitying him.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Maria was afraid her sister would **mettle** in her business, so she seldom shared news.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. When you use irony, you say something that is the **contrary** of what you mean.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. As a **gregarious** person, Dan usually preferred to be alone.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. The judge explained the entry **requirement** and basic rules for the contest.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Alan was expecting a large loan payment from his **creditor**.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. After the **torment** of the long wait at the airport, the tour group boarded the plane gratefully.

### • • Exercise 4: Sentence Completion

From the Master Words, choose the appropriate word for the blank in each of the following sentences. Write the word in the space provided at the right.

1. Sarah was good at her job as a receptionist because she was so ...?... and genuinely enjoyed interacting with clients. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Tamlyn treated with ...?... the idea that she caused the misunderstanding. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Having to "stay" on command was (a, an) ...?... to the hungry dog. \_\_\_\_\_
4. As soon as the glass hit the ground and shattered, Mark knew his brother would ...?... him for his carelessness. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Sancho tried to live by the ...?..., "Try, try again." \_\_\_\_\_
6. With hard work, Millie completed each ...?... for the merit badge. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Zach had (a, an) ...?... for finding humor even in tough situations. \_\_\_\_\_
8. The ...?... sent repeated reminders to the borrower that the loan payment was overdue. \_\_\_\_\_
9. As strongly as Zach believed his point of view, his sister believed the ...?... \_\_\_\_\_
10. The counselor never doubted that Max had the ...?... to succeed. \_\_\_\_\_

## ... Exercise 5: Related Words and Meanings

The italic words in the sentences below are related to the Master Words. Write the matching synonym from the list on the line following the sentence.

chastise

disdain

gregarious

mettle

penchant

1. Theo's *friendly* personality helped guests feel at ease right away. \_\_\_\_\_
2. The coach would *scold* players if he saw them taking the easy way out. \_\_\_\_\_
3. With his *liking* for honesty, Leon refused to lie about the prank. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Carly had nothing but *contempt* for cheaters. \_\_\_\_\_
5. The volunteer really showed her *spirit* when she gave up her holiday to spend time helping out at the soup kitchen. \_\_\_\_\_

## ... Exercise 6: Analogies

Determine the relationship between the first pair of words below. Then write the Master Word on the blank that would create a similar relationship with the second pair of words. The types of analogies used in this activity are synonyms, antonyms, noun/related adjective, adjective/related noun, and product/producer. (See page 158 for a guide to analogy types.)

1. ornament : decoration :: \_\_\_\_\_ : proverb
2. thunderstorm : severe :: \_\_\_\_\_ : minimum
3. ballerina : graceful :: \_\_\_\_\_ : unbearable
4. land : sea :: same : \_\_\_\_\_
5. garage : carpenter :: loan : \_\_\_\_\_
6. modesty : shyness :: backbone : \_\_\_\_\_
7. idolize : glorify :: censure : \_\_\_\_\_
8. hobby : profession :: \_\_\_\_\_ : indifference
9. awkward : situation :: \_\_\_\_\_ : host
10. laziness : sloth :: scorn : \_\_\_\_\_

### Write About It: Lincoln Legacy

Five days after Lincoln's death, the *New York Times* published this statement: "Everything which made Abraham Lincoln the loved and honored man he was, it is in the power of the humblest American [child] to imitate." Find examples in the passage that back up this view and **write a brief essay** using this statement as the foundation. Use at least four Master Words or words related to the Master Words.