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**EXERCISE 1 MATCHING WORDS AND DEFINITIONS**

Unit 13

Match the definition in Column B with the word in Column A. Write the letter of the correct definition on the answer line.

**Column A**

**Column B**

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| 1. innumerable  | a. of immense size or volume; huge               |
| 2. paucity      | b. capable of being noticed or measured          |
| 3. negligible   | c. large in quantity; abundant                   |
| 4. copious      | d. to increase or spread at a rapid rate         |
| 5. appreciable  | e. a small amount of money; a small portion      |
| 6. gargantuan   | f. the measurement from side to side; wide scope |
| 7. inordinate   | g. a short supply; scarcity                      |
| 8. breadth      | h. exceeding reasonable limits                   |
| 9. pittance     | i. not important enough to be considered         |
| 10. proliferate | j. too many to be counted or numbered            |

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**EXERCISE 2 USING WORDS CORRECTLY**

Decide whether the italicized vocabulary word has been used correctly in the sentence. On the answer line, write *Correct* for correct use and *Incorrect* for incorrect use.

1. With *gargantuan* effort, the movers hoisted the piano into the truck.
2. The *breadth* of the Mississippi River, running from northern Minnesota to the Gulf of Mexico, is about 2350 miles.
3. Ten minutes is an *inordinate* amount of time for cleaning house.
4. There is an *appreciable* difference in elevation between Pikes Peak, which is 14,110 feet high, and Mt. Everest, which is 29,028 feet high.
5. The peasants begged the king for relief from taxes, but he lacked *pittance*.
6. Jupiter's ring, discovered in 1979, is composed of *innumerable* particles of dust.
7. Maurice re-created the lecture from Maura's *copious* notes.
8. The course was canceled when a *negligible* number of people enrolled.
9. Nick's tropical fish *proliferated* so quickly that his aquarium was soon empty.
10. Working with a *paucity* of information, the journalist was able to write a detailed news report.

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**EXERCISE 3 IDENTIFYING SYNONYMS**

Decide which word or phrase has the meaning closest to that of the capitalized vocabulary word. Write the letter of your choice on the answer line.

1. COPIOUS:
 

a. huge	b. plentiful	c. small	d. outrageous
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1. \_\_\_\_\_

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| 2. NEGLIGIBLE:  | a. noticeable     | b. sheer        | c. increasing  | d. trifling        | 2. _____  |
| 3. INORDINATE:  | a. excessive      | b. minimal      | c. mediocre    | d. measurable      | 3. _____  |
| 4. APPRECIABLE: | a. critical       |                 | c. inexpensive |                    | 4. _____  |
|                 | b. understandable |                 | d. noticeable  |                    |           |
| 5. INNUMERABLE: | a. numberless     | b. thousands    | c. countable   | d. few             | 5. _____  |
| 6. PROLIFERATE: | a. die            | b. shrink       | c. spread      | d. remain constant | 6. _____  |
| 7. PITTANCE:    | a. convenience    | b. small amount | c. sorrow      | d. fortune         | 7. _____  |
| 8. BREADTH:     | a. length         | b. height       | c. width       | d. bulk            | 8. _____  |
| 9. PAUCITY:     | a. scarcity       | b. diversity    | c. abundance   | d. fatness         | 9. _____  |
| 10. GARGANTUAN: | a. weak           | b. immense      | c. agile       | d. muscular        | 10. _____ |

**EXERCISE 4 USING DIFFERENT FORMS OF WORDS**

Decide which form of the vocabulary word in parentheses best completes the sentence. The form given may be correct. Write your answer on the answer line.

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| 1. Because the candidate was only _____ behind in the polls, he still hoped to win the election. ( <i>negligible</i> )                             | 1. _____  |
| 2. Before the enactment of child-labor laws, some children worked long hours in factories for a _____. ( <i>pittance</i> )                         | 2. _____  |
| 3. King George IV of England consumed food so _____ that satirists called him the "Prince of Whales." ( <i>inordinate</i> )                        | 3. _____  |
| 4. In later years, when King George had grown _____ larger, he had to be lowered onto his horse by a machine. ( <i>appreciable</i> )               | 4. _____  |
| 5. They stared in awe at the _____ building that dominated the skyline. ( <i>gargantuan</i> )  | 5. _____  |
| 6. The volunteers traveled the length and _____ of the county gathering signatures for their petition. ( <i>breadth</i> )                          | 6. _____  |
| 7. _____ gypsy moth caterpillars have destroyed the trees that once shaded Main Street. ( <i>innumerable</i> )                                     | 7. _____  |
| 8. Rachel wrote _____ each day and finished her novel within the year. ( <i>copious</i> )  | 8. _____  |
| 9. The _____ of oranges this season has driven up the price of orange juice. ( <i>paucity</i> )  | 9. _____  |
| 10. In spite of Mr. Frankel's efforts to stop the growth of kudzu, the vine has _____ and all but strangled his rosebushes. ( <i>proliferate</i> ) | 10. _____ |

## READING COMPREHENSION

Each numbered sentence in the following passage contains an italicized vocabulary word or related form. After you read the passage, you will complete an exercise.

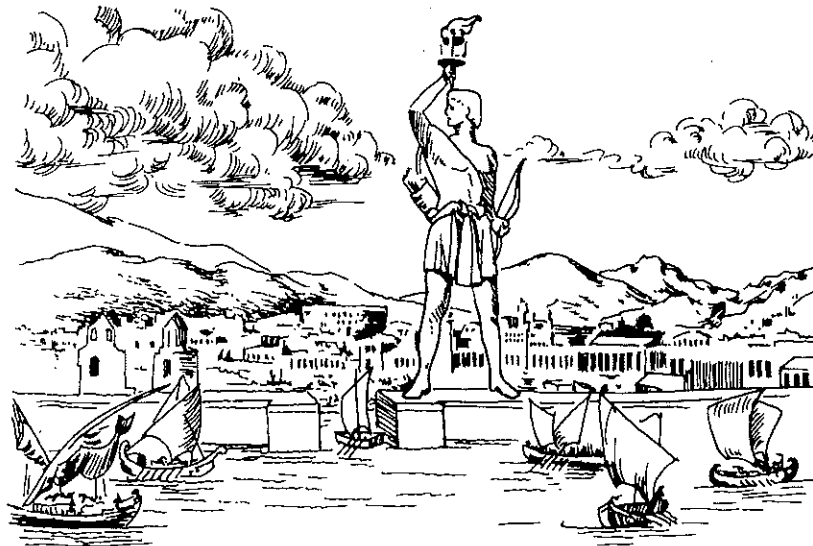
### THE COLOSSUS OF RHODES

(1) Travel guides became extremely popular in ancient Greece and Rome as the number of memorable sites for travelers *proliferated*. Among the earliest writers of travel guides was Antipater of Sidon, who compiled a list of wonders that were notable for their size or other unusual qualities. Included in Antipater's *Seven Wonders of the World* was the Colossus of Rhodes. (2) Although this giant statue no longer exists, Antipater's *copious* notes provide us with an excellent description and interesting historical background.

(3) According to Antipater, the *gargantuan* Colossus towered over the harbor of Rhodes, a small island in the Aegean Sea off the coast of modern Turkey. The bronze statue, one hundred feet tall, depicted Helios, the Greek sun god and patron of Rhodes, gazing out to sea.

(4) The *innumerable* tourists who passed beneath the statue were dwarfed by its tremendous size. Even ships in the harbor looked tiny in comparison to the Colossus of Rhodes.

The Colossus was constructed after the people of Rhodes had gallantly resisted and defeated a large force of Macedonians in 305 B.C. As an offering of thanks to their god Helios and as a commemoration of their victory, they commissioned Chares, a Greek



sculptor, to create an appropriate statue. (5) Chares had no *paucity* of materials close at hand. (6) The invaders had left behind *appreciable* amounts of bronze in the forms of armor and weapons. Every scrap of bronze was gathered and melted down to form the body of the statue.

Chares worked for twelve years on the Colossus, completing it in 280 B.C. Evidently, his original intention was to have the statue straddle the harbor so that ships would sail through Helios' legs. (7) The Colossus was so *inordinately* tall, however, that it could not be balanced properly. Instead, Chares used large stone blocks for a base. (8) When he found that even the *breadth* of the base could not support the height of the statue, he used seven and a half tons of iron to

reinforce the hollow figure.

Unfortunately, the Colossus of Rhodes stood in the harbor for only fifty-six years. In 224 B.C. a series of earthquakes destroyed the statue. (9) Although the first shocks caused *negligible* damage, succeeding shocks toppled the Colossus at the knees and finally leveled the statue. According to historical documents, the ruins lay in the harbor for centuries. In A.D. 653 a group of Arabs raided Rhodes. (10) In addition to defeating the island residents in battle, the Arabs had the statue broken up and carried away to be sold for what was scarcely more than a *pittance*. Evidently, nine hundred camels were required to remove the remains of one of the seven wonders of the ancient world.

## READING COMPREHENSION EXERCISE

Each of the following statements corresponds to a numbered sentence in the passage. Each statement contains a blank and is followed by four answer choices. Decide which choice fits best in the blank. The word or phrase that you choose must express roughly the same meaning as the italicized word in the passage. Write the letter of your choice on the answer line.

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| <p>1. Travel guides became popular as memorable sites for travelers ____.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. grew in interest                      c. decreased in interest</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">b. grew in number                        d. decreased in number</p>          | 1.  | _____ |
| <p>2. Antipater's ____ notes provide us with information about the Colossus of Rhodes.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. ample                      b. copied                      c. interesting                      d. scribbled</p>   | 2.  | _____ |
| <p>3. The ____ Colossus towered over the harbor of Rhodes.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. miniature                      b. immense                      c. slender                      d. broad</p>  | 3.  | _____ |
| <p>4. The ____ tourists who passed beneath the statue were dwarfed by its size.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. curious                                      c. tired</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">b. two few to be noticed                      d. too numerous to be counted</p> | 4.  | _____ |
| <p>5. Chares had no ____ of materials at hand.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. backlog                      b. diversity                      c. scarcity                      d. excess</p>  | 5.  | _____ |
| <p>6. The invaders had left behind ____ amounts of bronze.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. noticeable                      b. small                      c. excessive                      d. minimal</p>   | 6.  | _____ |
| <p>7. The Colossus was ____ tall and could not be balanced properly.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. somewhat                      b. excessively                      c. notably                      d. strangely</p>   | 7.  | _____ |
| <p>8. Chares found that even the ____ of the base could not support the height of the statue.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. width                      b. dimensions                      c. weight                      d. structure</p>   | 8.  | _____ |
| <p>9. The first earthquake shocks did ____ damage to the Colossus.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. much                      b. some                      c. insignificant                      d. no</p>   | 9.  | _____ |
| <p>10. Broken into thousands of pieces, the statue was sold for a ____.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. fortune                                      c. small amount of money</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">b. pair of bronze chariots                      d. chest of gold</p>    | 10. | _____ |

## PRACTICE WITH ANALOGIES

**Directions** On the answer line, write the vocabulary word or a form of it that completes each analogy.

See page 79 for some strategies to use with analogies.

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| <p>1. LAUNCH : PROJECT :: ____ : work (<i>Lesson 11</i>)</p>             | 1. | _____ |
| <p>2. HAMPER : MOVEMENT :: ____ : justice (<i>Lesson 11</i>)</p>         | 2. | _____ |
| <p>3. EXPERT : SKILL :: ____ : tardiness (<i>Lesson 11</i>)</p>          | 3. | _____ |
| <p>4. MASQUERADER : APPEARANCE :: ____ : identity (<i>Lesson 12</i>)</p> | 4. | _____ |
| <p>5. TINY : SMALL :: ____ : large (<i>Lesson 13</i>)</p>                | 5. | _____ |