

The Pearl
Vocabulary Quiz

1. At the worst possible time, Coyotito became _____, and Juana tried to keep her baby quiet.
(A) dank
(B) disinterested
(C) furtive
(D) plaintive
(E) petulant
2. Kino instinctively thought that he was being taken advantaged when he observed the _____ looks the pearl buyers were passing between each other.
(A) dank
(B) disinterested
(C) furtive
(D) plaintive
(E) germane
3. After the doctor's servant cast his _____ at Kino, the haughty man shut the _____ door, a strong obstacle between the poor and any medical treatment.
(A) tithe . . . lucent
(B) disparagement . . . stalwart
(C) bulwark . . . disinterested
(D) edifice . . . germane
(E) collusion . . . plaintive
4. The knife, the dead body, and his home in flames were images that were _____ like hot brands on his mind as Kino made his escape.
(A) skirled
(B) countenanced
(C) disparaged
(D) disinterested
(E) seared
5. Kino tried his best to _____ the path which he and his family were taking in order to confuse the trackers; then when he knew they would soon be discovered, he headed towards the mountains, those _____ pieces of rock.
(A) countenance . . . disinterested
(B) dissemble . . . monolithic
(C) sear . . . furtive
(D) skirl . . . stalwart
(E) disparage . . . petulant

OVER

6. COVEY : BIRD ::

- (A) pride : lion
- (B) fleet : water
- (C) hospital : bed
- (D) package : twine
- (E) valley : forest

7. COLLUSION : CONSPIRACY ::

- (A) perjury : trial
- (B) lettuce : salad
- (C) sheriff : bailiff
- (D) charge : offensive
- (E) tunnel : turnpike

8. BULWARK : SAFEGUARD ::

- (A) well : water
- (B) tree : shade
- (C) lie : falsehood
- (D) monk : religion
- (E) insult : praise

9. COUNTENANCE : DISAPPROVE ::

- (A) forage : search
- (B) limit : restrict
- (C) yell : shout
- (D) gawk : stare
- (E) recall : forget

10. SKYSCRAPER : EDIFICE ::

- (A) lock : key
- (B) monster : fairytale
- (C) aircraft carrier : ship
- (D) cup : pitcher
- (E) canoe : vessel

11. All around Kino and his family were the plaintive sounds of the tropical forest, numerous and haunting.

The word "plaintive" means

- (A) cheery.
- (B) abundant.
- (C) frightening.
- (D) mournful.
- (E) loud.

12. Far from being disinterested, Kino studied the terrain carefully in order to attempt a certain and secure escape for his family.

The word "disinterested" means most nearly in this sentence

- (A) angry.
- (B) indifferent.
- (C) cautious.
- (D) melancholy.
- (E) shifty.

13. The trackers looked at every broken twig and leaf, every indentation in the sand, indeed every germane sign that would eventually lead them to Kino.

The word "germane" means

- (A) massive.
- (B) hidden.
- (C) relevant.
- (D) plain.
- (E) disagreeable.