



English

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Choose the best meaning to the *italic* word.

1. Because there was so little *precipitation* this year, the crops dried up and died.
 - a. fertilizer
 - b. planting
 - c. rain
 - d. synthesize
2. Although I was unable to understand all of the details of the presentation, I did get the *gist* of it.
 - a. humor
 - b. main point
 - c. notes
 - d. information
3. At a special ceremony, the police chief gave the officer a *commendation* for bravery.
 - a. an award for an outstanding achievement
 - b. an object designed to bring good luck
 - c. complaint
 - d. trophy
4. One brother is an *erudite* professor; the other brother, however, has never shown any interest in books or learning.
 - a. elderly
 - b. well-educated
 - c. snobbish
 - d. illiterate



5. Night is the time when many animals *forage*, or search for food
- a. go out at night
 - b. take a nap
 - c. explore
 - d. hibernate
6. The waiter was so *brusque* that we left only a small tip. He was impolite and impatient, and seemed annoyed whenever we asked for something.
- a. appreciative
 - b. frightening looking
 - c. rude
 - d. knowledgeable and skilled
7. The store specializes in *cutlery*, such as forks and knives, that has unique designs.
- a. spices and seasonings
 - b. plates, bowls, and cups
 - c. silverware; eating utensils
 - d. tool and device
8. My sister *loathes* broccoli, but she loves spinach.
- a. is fond of
 - b. eats eagerly
 - c. prepares and cooks
 - d. dislikes intensely
9. Expecting that his license would be renewed, the pilot was surprised when it was *revoked* instead.
- a. extended
 - b. expanded
 - c. cancelled
 - d. resigned
10. Andy was a real *avid* baseball card collector. He inherited the desire to collect cards because his dad had a collection, too.
- a. eager
 - b. careless
 - c. apart
 - d. fearful



