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**Lesson NINE Vocabulary**

***All the words in this lesson may be associated with intellect.***

**Acquisitive:** ADJ. strongly desiring to acquire or possess; grasping *(Because of his acquisitive nature, Will had a huge collection of records and tapes.)*

**Arbitrary:** ADJ. determined by chance or whim rather than by necessity, reason, or principle *(The crowd felt that the umpire made an arbitrary and incorrect call.)*

**Deliberate:** ADJ. not hastily determined; careful in deciding *(The student was very deliberate as he worked each math problem.)*

**Desultory:** ADJ. rambling; jumping around from one thing to another *(The desultory presentation left most of the audience confused.)*

**Discerning:** ADJ. having insight; perceptive *(Dr. Alvarez is a sensitive and discerning individual.)*

**Discriminatory:** ADJ. biased; showing prejudice *(The applicant felt the hiring practices were discriminatory.)*

**Discursive:** ADJ. moving from one subject to another; rambling *(The lawyer’s discursive arguments did not impress the judge.)*

**Fragmentary:** ADJ consisting of disconnected parts *(Until Anna could pull together her fragmentary thoughts, she could not write the story.)*

**Implicit:** ADJ. suggested or understood but not stated *(Instructions that are implicit and not written down can be confusing.)*

**Inclined:** ADJ tending toward one direction or preference *(Because you seldom lie, I feel inclined to believe your story.)*

**Incongruous:** ADJ. inappropriate; not fitting in *(High heels would be incongruous for hiking.)*

**Innovative:** ADJ. creative; having to do with the introduction of something new*(That advertising executive always has innovative ideas.)*

**Inquiring:** ADJ. questioning; wondering *(An inquiring mind is a great asset for learning.)*

**Logical:** ADJ. having to do with consistent and valid reasoning *(There must be a logical explanation for this mystery.)*

**Novel.** ADJ. new and unusual *(The group came up with a novel solution to the problem.)*

**Perceptive:** ADJ. having the ability to understand *(The perceptive woman realized that her friend was unhappy.)*

**Philosophical:** ADJ. thoughtful; wise *(Everyone could benefit from developing a philosophical outlook on life.)*

**Questioning:** ADJ. having to do with doubt or uncertainty *(The woman gave him a questioning glance as she opened the letter.)*

**Receptive:** ADJ. willing to receive favorably *(Only one employee was receptive to the new plan.)*

**Suspicious:** ADj. distrustful; leery *(The police officer was suspicious about the butler’s alibi.)*

**Directions:** Choose the letter of the word that best completes the sentence.

1. I made a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ decision because there was no clear cut answer.
   1. Inclined b. logical c. acquisitive d. arbitrary
2. Everyone liked the man because of his sensitive and \_\_\_\_\_ nature.
   1. Suspicious b. perceptive c. fragmentary d. incongruous
3. Your \_\_\_\_\_ narrative is confusing all of us.
   1. Logical b. discerning c. discursive d. receptive
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ looks from the group indicated that they were unsure.
   1. Perceptive b. desultory c. arbitrary d. questioning
5. Selecting this expensive car was a(n) \_\_\_\_\_\_ choice.
   1. Deliberate b. suspicious c. inclined d. inquiring
6. He was not \_\_\_\_\_\_ of material things, but he did love to accumulate knowledge.
   1. Acquisitive b. desultory c. discursive d. receptive
7. The boy’s sly, sneaky smile made the neighbor feel \_\_\_\_\_.
   1. Fragmentary b. innovative c. suspicious d. discursive
8. If you change the time, I will be more \_\_\_\_\_\_ to the idea.
   1. Receptive b. suspicious c. arbitrary d. discriminatory
9. The painter’s use of colors is \_\_\_\_\_.
   1. Questioning b. desultory c. inclined d. innovative
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ young reporter slowly unraveled the mystery.
    1. Implicit b. inquiring c. incongruous d. receptive

**Directions: Choose the letter of the word that most nearly has the OPPOSITE MEANING as that in capital letters.**

1. FRAGMENTARY 16. DISCERNING
   1. Complete c. afraid a. talkative c. witty
   2. Fragrant d. broken b. oblivious d. bright
2. PHILOSOPHICAL 17. INCLINED
   1. Smart c. harsh a. reluctant c. solid
   2. Kind d. foolish b. steep d. punctual
3. NOVEL 18. IMPLICIT
   1. Silly c. eager a. soft c. definite
   2. Common d. foul b. massive d. hungry
4. LOGICAL 19. DISCRIMINATORY
   1. Quiet c. irrational a. salty c. disgusting
   2. Tardy d. proper b. flat d. fair
5. DESULTORY 20. INCONGRUOUS
   1. Grand c. orderly a. common c. inclined
   2. Pretty d. safe b. honest d. suitable