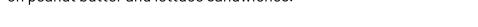


Denotation/Connotation Practice

Directions: Choose the most effective word or phrase within the context suggested by the sentence(s).

1.	Marvin, a(n) (blank) English instructor, drives a rusted 1981 Nissan Stanza and lives
	on peanut butter and lettuce sandwiches.



- a. impecunious b. poor
- c. flat broke
- 2. Not having a good sense of rhythm was a huge (blank) Larry had to overcome before signing up for piano lessons.
 - a. obstacle
 - b. stigma
 - c. aggravation
- 3. The sleepy Schnauzer did not seem (blank) when the hungry rat began to gnaw on the dog's squeaky hotdog.
 - a. bugged
 - b. disquieted
 - c. annoyed
- 4. Dan, a (blank) ten-year-old, blushed deeply when his pushy mother demanded he sing "The Star Spangled Banner" at the July 4th picnic.
 - a. backward
 - b. cowardly
 - c. shy
- 5. The (blank) county commissioner accepted bribes from special interest groups in exchange for his vote.
 - a. corrupt
 - b. opprobrious
 - c. scuzzy

- 6. The (blank) Spanish instructor gave the ill student an opportunity to retake the final exam.
 - a. commiserative
 - b. cool
 - c. sympathetic
- 7. The (blank) country boy saw no reason to lock his apartment doors and windows when he moved to Tallahassee.
 - a. credulous
 - b. naïve
 - c. clueless
- 8. After class, Josie (blank) her boyfriend about his infidelity.
 - a. attacked
 - b. badgered
 - c. confronted
- 9. Dehydrated after a tough, two-hour workout, Jared felt (blank)
 - a. vertiginous
 - b. light-headed
 - c. spaced out
- 10. Lester (blank) a pre-owned Lexus from the Metropolitan Auto Emporium.
 - a. stole
 - b. ripped off
 - c. appropriated

Answers: 1. b, 2. a, 3. c, 4. c, 5. a, 6. b, 7. b, 8. c, 9. b, 10. a

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