

PSAT Writing and Language Practice Test 7: Vocabulary Acquisition

- 1. Select the word from the following sentence that has more than one meaning.**

Cassandra's voice has a much different pitch than her brother's, so they sound great when they sing together.

- A. Voice
- B. Different
- C. Pitch
- D. Sing

- 2. Select the correct definition of the underlined word that has multiple meanings in the sentence.**

When the young boy saw his angry mother coming toward him, he made a bolt for the door.

- A. A large roll of cloth
- B. A quick movement in a particular direction
- C. A sliding bar that is used to lock a window or door
- D. A bright line of light appearing in the sky during a storm

- 3. Select the meaning of the underlined word in the sentence based on the context clues.**

When visiting the desert, the temperature tends to fluctuate, so you need to bring a variety of clothing.

- A. Rise
- B. Drop

C. Change

D. Stabilize

4. The use of the suffix *ous* in the word *parsimonious* indicates what about a person?

A. He/she is full of stinginess

B. He/she is against stinginess

C. He/she is supportive of stinginess

D. He/she is a person who studies stinginess

5. Which of the following prefixes means incorrect?

A. un-

B. non-

C. mis-

D. over-

6. What is the best definition of the word pugnacious?

A. Rude

B. Harmful

C. Deceiving

D. Combative

7. The following words have the same denotation. Which word has a negative connotation?

A. Poised

B. Assured

C. Arrogant

D. Confident

8. Whisk : Mix :: Flashlight: _____

- A. Hike
- B. Light
- C. Camp
- D. Travel

9. Which word in the list of synonyms shows the strongest degree of the word?

- A. Amusing
- B. Comical
- C. Uproarious
- D. Entertaining

ANSWER KEY

1. **C.** The word “pitch” has more than one meaning. **See Lesson: Context Clues and Multiple Meaning Words.**
2. **B.** The meaning of bolt in the context of this sentence is “a quick movement in a particular direction. **See Lesson: Context Clues and Multiple Meaning Words.**
3. **C.** The meaning of fluctuate in the context of this sentence is “change.” **See Lesson: Context Clues and Multiple Meaning Words.**
4. **A.** The suffix *ous* means “full of or possessing” so a parsimonious person is one who is full of stinginess. **See Lesson: Root Words, Prefixes, and Suffixes.**
5. **C.** The prefix that means “incorrect” is *mis*. **See Lesson: Root Words, Prefixes, and Suffixes.**

6. **D.** The root *pug* means “war,” or “fight,” so pugnacious means combative. **See Lesson: Root Words, Prefixes, and Suffixes.**
7. **C.** Arrogant has a negative connotation. **See Lesson: Synonyms, Antonyms, and Analogies.**
8. **B.** A whisk is a tool used to mix in the same way that a flashlight is a tool used to light. **See Lesson: Synonyms, Antonyms, and Analogies.**
9. **C.** Uproarious is the word that shows the strongest degree in the list of synonyms. **See Lesson: Synonyms, Antonyms, and Analogies.**

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