

PSAT Writing and Language Practice Test 8: Vocabulary Acquisition

1. Which of the following prefixes means too much?

- A. sub-
- B. non-
- C. mis-
- D. over-

2. Which of the following prefixes means after?

- A. post-
- B. auto-
- C. trans-
- D. inter-

3. Which of the following root words means people?

- A. ject
- B. fasc
- C. dem
- D. cycl

4. Select the word from the following sentence that has more than one meaning.

It was a grave situation, and many people had given up hope.

- A. Hope
- B. Grave

C. People

D. Situation

- 5. Select the context clue from the following sentence that helps you define the multiple meaning word hatch.**

The group met each month to hatch a plan to overthrow the government.

A. «group»

B. «met»

C. «plan»

D. «overthrow»

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

Sheila has such an exuberant personality; she always has a smile on her face.

A. Sincere

B. Cheerful

C. Appealing

D. Interesting

- 7. The following words have the same denotation. Which word has a positive connotation?**

A. Assertive

B. Dictatorial

C. Domineering

D. Overbearing

8. Doctor : Pediatrician :: Instrument : _____

- A. Harp
- B. Harmony
- C. Musician
- D. Orchestra

9. Adding which prefix to intentional would make the antonym of the word?

- A. De-
- B. Un-
- C. Dis-
- D. Mis-

ANSWER KEY

1. **D.** The prefix that means “too much” is *over*. **See Lesson: Root Words, Prefixes, and Suffixes.**
2. **A.** The prefix that means “after” is *post*. **See Lesson: Root Words, Prefixes, and Suffixes.**
3. **C.** The root that means “people” is *dem* as in the word *democracy*. **See Lesson: Root Words, Prefixes, and Suffixes.**
4. **B.** The word “grave” has more than one meaning. **See Lesson: Context Clues and Multiple Meaning Words.**
5. **C.** The meaning of hatch in this context is “to create or produce an idea in a secret way.” The word “plan” helps you figure out which

meaning of hatch is being used. **See Lesson: Context Clues and Multiple Meaning Words.**

6. B. The meaning of exuberant in the context of this sentence is “cheerful.” **See Lesson: Context Clues and Multiple Meaning Words.**

7. A. Assertive has a positive connotation. **See Lesson: Synonyms, Antonyms, and Analogies.**

8. A. A pediatrician is an example of a doctor in the same way that a harp is an example of an instrument. **See Lesson: Synonyms, Antonyms, and Analogies.**

9. B. Adding the prefix “un” would make the word unintentional, which is an antonym for intentional. **See Lesson: Synonyms, Antonyms, and Analogies.**

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