Mastery Test: Chapter 13 (Ready to Do Well; Advertising for a Date)

PART A. Using the answer line, complete each item below with the correct word from the box.

A. amazed                           C. effort
B. confident                        D. uncertain

1. I was up late last night, so it was a real . . . ? . . to get up early this morning.

2. I hope the soup I made tastes all right. I was . . . ? . . how much salt to put in it.

3. People were . . . ? . . when a woman in California gave birth to eight healthy babies.

4. Paul never tells lies, so I am . . . ? . . that what he told me is the truth.

5. Making dinner in my sister’s kitchen was hard, because I didn’t know where to . . . ? . . anything.

6. Gordon was . . . ? . . about starting to exercise more. In the last week, he has gone for a run or a bike ride every day.


8. Around the holidays, bell-ringers for the Salvation Army encourage people to . . . ? . . their spare change to help others.

PART B. Using the answer line, complete each item below with the correct word from the box.

E. donate                           G. purpose
F. locate                           H. sincere

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**SCORE:** (Number correct) _________ × 10 = _________ %
1. The mayor dismissed the reporters when they began asking questions she did not want to answer.

2. Rita has a resolve to visit her grandmother in the nursing home at least once a week.

3. The store has this simple guarantee on every item it sells: “If you’re not happy with this product, we’ll give you your money back.”

4. In my opinion, you look best in dark green clothing and worst in light pink.

5. The proper use of a seat belt can prevent injury in many car crashes.

6. Cleaning up his puppy’s “accidents” disgusts Dave, but he knows it is part of being a pet owner.

7. The water in the swimming pool is ideal—warm enough to be comfortable, but cool enough to be refreshing.

8. Before putting their children in a day-care center, parents should inspect the center carefully.

SCORE: (Number correct) _______ \times 10 = _________ %
Mastery Test: Chapter 15 (A Belief in Flying; She Tries Before She Buys)

PART A. Using the answer line, complete each item below with the correct word from the box.

A. advice  B. defeat  C. impossible  D. permit

1. When you have a decision to make, whom do you ask for . . ? . .?
2. I can’t go to work. It is . . ? . . to travel on these icy roads.
3. No one can . . ? . . our school’s top swimmer—she’s the best.
4. Will you . . ? . . me to borrow your car tomorrow?

PART B. Using the answer line, complete each item below with the correct word from the box.

E. cautious  F. defect  G. necessary  H. provided

5. It is . . ? . . to file an income-tax return by April 15 of each year.
6. This video must have a . . ? . . —the picture is fuzzy and difficult to watch.
7. During the long race, people standing by the roadside . . ? . . drinks of water for the runners as they passed.
8. People who roller-blade should be . . ? . . and wear a helmet and knee pads.

SCORE: (Number correct) _______ × 10 = ________ %
Mastery Test: *Chapter 16 (Play Now, Pay Later; A Man of Many Faces)*

PART A. Using the answer line, complete each item below with the correct word from the box.

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<th>C. hollow</th>
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<td>B. continue</td>
<td>D. supposed</td>
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1. If you blow into something . . . , like an empty soda bottle, you can make a musical sound.

2. I . . . the store would be closed today, since it’s a holiday, but in fact it was open.

3. Luisa . . . her office so everything she needed was within an arm’s reach.

4. If you . . . teasing the cat, you are likely to get scratched.

PART B. Using the answer line, complete each item below with the correct word from the box.

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<th>G. personal</th>
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<td>F. panic</td>
<td>H. regrets</td>
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5. Cinda woke up from her frightening dream with a feeling of . . .

6. Tomas is an . . . at playing guitar, so many people ask him for lessons.

7. On a first date, people usually don’t talk about very . . . subjects. They have those conversations when they know each other better.

8. Olivia . . . getting a large tattoo on her arm, but there’s nothing she can do about it now.

**SCORE:** (Number correct) _______ × 10 = _________ %
Mastery Test: Chapter 17 (Soaps; Keeping the Customer Happy)

PART A. Using the answer line, complete each item below with the correct word from the box.

| A. admits | C. encourage |
| B. dull   | D. intimate  |

1. To . . ? . . her son to read more, Lila began taking him to the library every week.

2. “Nothing to do, no one to talk to, nowhere to go,” complained Eric. “This is a really . . ? . . day!”

3. Although Stan never smokes at home anymore, he . . ? . . that he sometimes has a cigarette when he’s out with his friends.

4. Kindergarten teachers often hear the most . . ? . . details of family life from their little students, who don’t realize that some topics are private.

PART B. Using the answer line, complete each item below with the correct word from the box.

| E. available | G. experiment |
| F. contributes | H. portions |

5. Computer magazines are . . ? . . nearly everywhere these days. You can find them in drugstores, bookstores, and grocery stores.

6. A healthy diet is not only a matter of what you eat, but how large the . . ? . . are.

7. At work, we have “brainstorming sessions,” where everyone . . ? . . his or her ideas as quickly as possible.

8. Shelley likes to . . ? . . with her hair. Sometimes it’s up, sometimes it’s down, and sometimes it’s all the colors of the rainbow.

SCORE: (Number correct) ________ × 10 = __________ %
**PART A.** Using the answer line, complete each item below with the correct word from the box.

| A. contains | C. effective |
| B. depend | D. involved |

1. Mom makes a casserole that contains tuna, noodles, mushrooms, and sour cream.

2. Students in the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades were involved in planning the new school playground.

3. Since there are no buses where he lives, Geraldo has to depend on his car to get him to work.

4. For me, making a “Things To Do” list is an effective way of getting done things I might otherwise forget.

**PART B.** Using the answer line, complete each item below with the correct word from the box.

| E. compete | G. gradual |
| F. envy | H. intense |

5. In the last few years, there has been a gradual change in my father’s hair color. It has slowly turned from brown to gray.

6. When her baby brother was born, Shannon felt intense jealousy over all the attention he received.

7. The world’s best athletes compete in the Olympics.

8. The kids who walk to school envy the ones who get to ride the bus, but the bus-riders wish that they could walk.

**SCORE:** (Number correct) _______ × 10 = _______ %
PART A. Using the answer line, complete each item below with the correct word from the box.

A. collapse  
B. grief  
C. modest  
D. similar

1. People would like Peter better if he were more . . ? . . . He’s always bragging about how wonderful he is.

2. As she watched a TV program about what happened on September 11, 2001, Lisa was filled with . . ? . . . for those who had died and their families.

3. The real diamond and the fake one are so . . ? . . . that only a jeweler can tell them apart.

4. Nikki set up a long line of dominoes, then knocked over the first one and watched the rest . . ? . . .

PART B. Using the answer line, complete each item below with the correct word from the box.

E. alarmed  
F. defend  
G. relieved  
H. victims

5. Mrs. Hendrix was worried about her health, but the doctor told her good news that . . ? . . . her.

6. Our dog is always friendly with visitors, but he would . . ? . . . us against anyone who tried to hurt us.

7. The Patels are thinking about closing their store, because they have been the . . ? . . . of three robberies in the last year.

8. The news that there was a house fire in her neighborhood . . ? . . . Cara.

SCORE: (Number correct) _______ × 10 = ________ %
VOCABULARY BASICS

Mastery Test: Chapter 20 (Is He Man or Machine?; Struck by Lightning)

PART A. Using the answer line, complete each item below with the correct word from the box.

A. confusion  B. distant  C. emerged  D. refuses

1. Mike and Brenda were late for the movie, because there was some ... about where they were supposed to meet. She went to his house, and he went to hers.

2. My little sister ... to eat vegetables, so Mom sneaks them into things like meatloaf and spaghetti sauce.

3. The faint sound of ... thunder warned us that a storm was on its way.

4. I stood a long time in the empty store before a clerk ... from the storage room and said, “Can I help you?”

PART B. Using the answer line, complete each item below with the correct word from the box.

E. decrease  F. incident  G. realized  H. survived

5. My parents took me to an eye doctor when they ... I needed glasses.

6. The newspaper reported on an ... in which two gangs of teenagers got into a fight.

7. A cat who was accidentally shut into a box somehow ... for three weeks, and lived to a healthy old age.

8. Washing your hands often can ... your chance of catching a cold.

SCORE: (Number correct) ________ × 10 = ________ %

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1. George will not dance, and nothing his girlfriend says can . . . persuade him to change his mind.

2. Don’t . . . reveal the end of the movie to me—I want to be surprised when I see it.

3. The day after their . . . quarrel, both Alysha and Suzette felt ashamed, so they apologized to one another.

4. The . . . stubborn child kept saying she wanted the purple and green shoes, and that she would not wear any other pair.

5. Irene used most of the icing to decorate the cake, then gave the . . . excess icing to her children so they could eat it.

6. The flood did . . . tremendous damage to the city. Hundreds of homes were destroyed, thousands of people were homeless, and millions of dollars were lost.

7. When her family jumped out and shouted “Surprise!” little Emily’s . . . reaction was to burst into tears.

8. Jeanine went through all her clothes and . . . separated them into two piles—those she wears often, and those she hardly ever wears. Then she gave the second pile away.

SCORE: (Number correct) _________ × 10 = __________ %
Mastery Test: Chapter 22 (An Animal in Danger; Simple Life of Amish)

PART A. Using the answer line, complete each item below with the correct word from the box.

A. disaster  C. scarce  B. fascinates  D. tolerate

1. The play was a . . ? . . . The lead actor forgot his lines, the scenery fell down, and most of the audience walked out before the end.

2. The idea of life on other planets . . ? . . many people. They find it interesting to think about what other life forms might be like.

3. Quiet moments are . . ? . . in our house—there’s almost always some noise or conversation going on.

4. My grandparents won’t . . ? . . bad manners. They are quick to correct a grandchild who they think is being rude.

PART B. Using the answer line, complete each item below with the correct word from the box.

E. generous  G. predict  F. increase  H. progress

5. The workers were happy to hear that their pay would . . ? . . in the coming year.

6. Ginny is known for being . . ? . . . When new neighbors move in on her street, she always buys them a little present.

7. With the leaders of the two countries so angry at one another, many experts . . ? . . there will soon be war.

8. Although she has lived in this country for only six months, Mei Lin has made wonderful . . ? . . in learning English.

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As she shopped for her dinner party, Lily ... the most perfect fruits, vegetables, and fish she could find.

“If you wait until the last minute to write your report, you know what will happen,” warned the teacher. “You will stay up late and be too ... to do a good job.”

Maddie uses ... to try to get out of trouble. If her mother is angry with her, Maddie quickly tells a joke.

My boss pays attention to every little ... of his clothing. For instance, the handkerchief in his pocket always matches his tie.

I didn’t realize Hernando was angry with me until I noticed how he ... at me when I walked past.

After practicing for weeks, the second-graders ... their favorite songs for the older students.

Three hermit crabs ... the small wire cage on the window sill.

**VOCABULARY BASICS**

Mastery Test: *Chapter 23 (Taking a Break with TV; Working and Living)*

**PART A.** Using the answer line, complete each item below with the correct word from the box.

| A. humor | C. selected |
| B. notice | D. weary |

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2. As she shopped for her dinner party, Lily ... the most perfect fruits, vegetables, and fish she could find.

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**PART B.** Using the answer line, complete each item below with the correct word from the box.

| E. detail | G. occupy |
| F. glared | H. performed |

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6. I didn’t realize Hernando was angry with me until I noticed how he ... at me when I walked past.

7. After practicing for weeks, the second-graders ... their favorite songs for the older students.

8. Three hermit crabs ... the small wire cage on the window sill.

**SCORE:** (Number correct) \( \times 10 = \) ________ %
Mastery Test: Chapter 24 (The Horror of Hate; Taking Time for Thanks)

PART A. Using the answer line, complete each item below with the correct word from the box.

| A. condemned | C. isolated |
| B. imagine   | D. unite    |

1. After his wife’s death, Mr. Jackson . . ? . . himself, refusing to see even his close friends.

2. “Listen to this music,” said the art teacher, “and draw what you . . ? . . the sound would look like if you could see it.”

3. The entire city . . ? . . the cruel man who robbed the little girls’ lemonade stand.

4. Motorcycle lovers from all over the country will . . ? . . next weekend at a giant motorcycle fair in this town.

PART B. Using the answer line, complete each item below with the correct word from the box.

| E. embraces | G. familiar  |
| F. expressed | H. support   |

5. The angry look on Mark’s face . . ? . . his feelings as well as words could have.

6. “The average human needs at least eight hugs a day,” claims Judy, explaining why she . . ? . . her friends whenever they meet.

7. Bugs Bunny and Mickey Mouse are two cartoon characters that are . . ? . . to children in almost every part of the world.

8. I don’t often shop in big department stores. I prefer to . . ? . . local merchants who run their own small shops.

SCORE: (Number correct) ________ × 10 = ________ %
**Vocabulary Basics**

**Mastery Test: Chapter 25 (A Surprising Change; Just for Fun)**

**PART A.** Using the answer line, complete each item below with the correct word from the box.

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<th>B. develop</th>
<th>C. pretended</th>
<th>D. solution</th>
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1. Most of the children were too shy to speak to their new classmate, but one little girl marched up and said, “Hi! What’s your name?”

2. Roger foolishly to be rich in order to impress his new girlfriend.

3. It is surprising how a little fish-like tadpole can into a frog.

4. Here’s a riddle: What’s black and white and black and white and black and white? And here’s the: a penguin rolling down a hill.

**PART B.** Using the answer line, complete each item below with the correct word from the box.

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<th>F. comments</th>
<th>G. expect</th>
<th>H. insists</th>
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5. Rita’s about the new restaurant did not make me want to go there. She said the food was bad, the prices were high, and the service was slow.

6. I my aunt for returning to school at age 40 and earning her high-school degree—that took a lot of courage and hard work.

7. Because his friends Keith to be late (he always is), they usually tell him to arrive someplace fifteen minutes before they really need him.

8. Don that he is six feet tall, but he doesn’t look that tall to me.

**SCORE:** (Number correct) \( \times 10 = \% \)
Mastery Test:  Chapter 26 (Little Lies; Rudeness at the Movies)

PART A. Using the answer line, complete each item below with the correct word from the box.

A. appeared  C. conceal
B. common  D. mentioned

1. The couple at the next table . . ? . . to be fighting, although I could not hear what they were saying.

2. After she walked into a door and hurt herself, Selma wore makeup to . . ? . . her black eye.

3. At our school, blue jeans and T-shirts are the most . . ? . . outfit. Almost everyone wears them.

4. I didn’t know that Mrs. Hamilton had been born in another country until she . . ? . . growing up in England.

PART B. Using the answer line, complete each item below with the correct word from the box.

E. attracts  G. irritate
F. enormous  H. surrounded

5. A burning house always . . ? . . a crowd of curious people.

6. On a long car trip, children often . . ? . . their parents by asking over and over, “Are we there yet?”

7. We stared at the . . ? . . palace, wondering what it would be like to live in such a huge place.

8. As she set up things her new apartment, Liza . . ? . . herself with pictures of family and friends so that she would feel at home.

SCORE: (Number correct) _______ × 10 = _________ %
PART A. Using the answer line, complete each item below with the correct word from the box.

A. achieve
B. condition
C. injury
D. major

1. In seven more months, Greg will . . ? . . his dream of becoming a college graduate.

2. Luisa has to sleep on her living-room couch until her leg . . ? . . heals. She can’t climb the stairs.

3. Before they try to sell their house, the Martins will do some painting and repairs so that it is in good . . ? . .


PART B. Using the answer line, complete each item below with the correct word from the box.

E. duty
F. exhaust
G. seldom
H. value

5. The puppies play until they . . ? . . themselves, then sleep for hours.

6. Gold and jewels and money are nice, but nothing is of greater . . ? . . than a good education.

7. It is Ali’s weekly . . ? . . to mow the lawn.

8. Because she doesn’t see well at night, Aunt Lucy . . ? . . goes out in the evening.
Mastery Test:  Chapter 28 (Animals Were First; Call Waiting—Oh, No!)

PART A. Using the answer line, complete each item below with the correct word from the box.

| A. advanced | C. grasped |
| B. delicate | D. succeed |

1. Famous old papers, like the Declaration of Independence, are kept in special glass boxes. They are so . . ? . . that they would fall apart if they were handled.

2. As we said goodbye, my friend . . ? . . my hand tightly and said, “I’ll miss you.”

3. The old saying, “If at first you don’t . . ? . . , try, try again,” means that you have to work hard in order to do well.

4. Moving slowly and carefully, the cat . . ? . . toward the mouse.

PART B. Using the answer line, complete each item below with the correct word from the box.

| E. considered | G. praise |
| F. interrupted | H. request |

5. Ms. Lopez always finds something to . . ? . . in her students’ work, as well as things to correct.

6. Roger . . ? . . joining the Army, but decided to attend college instead.


8. “I have one . . ? . . ,” said the magician to the audience. “Please do not take photographs during the show.”

SCORE: (Number correct) _____ × 10 = _________ %
VOCABULARY BASICS

Mastery Test: Chapter 29 (A Cab Driver for Now; Thoughts at the Mall)

PART A. Using the answer line, complete each item below with the correct word from the box.

| A. attempted  | C. permanent |
| B. courteous  | D. recognize |

1. Taylor . . ? . . to apologize to Sandra after their fight, but she would not listen to him.

2. Little children may not realize that death is . . ? . . . For instance, a child may ask, “Is Grandma going to be alive again next week?”

3. The . . ? . . thing to do when you are given a present you don’t like is to say, “Thank you very much. It was so kind of you to think of me.”

4. When we drove by our old house, we could hardly . . ? . . it. The new owners had built an addition and painted it a new color.

PART B. Using the answer line, complete each item below with the correct word from the box.

| E. explore  | G. imitate |
| F. hopeless  | H. sufficient |

5. Often on a Saturday, Marv and Janet will drive to a little town and . . ? . . it, just for fun.

6. Parrots are clever birds that can . . ? . . human speech.

7. I felt sorry for my brother after he lost his job and his girlfriend in one week. I could tell he felt quite . . ? . . .

8. If there is . . ? . . time after dinner, I’d like to go visit our new neighbors.

SCORE: (Number correct) _______ × 10 = _______ %
VOCABULARY BASICS

Mastery Test: Chapter 30 (Birth of Red Cross; To Spank or Not?)

PART A. Using the answer line, complete each item below with the correct word from the box.

A. assists   C. examined
B. enemy     D. positive

1. Every night after dinner, Raoul . . ? . . his sons with their homework.

2. The doctor . . ? . . Lois after the accident and told her that she was just shaken up, but not really hurt.

3. I don’t know why Jim thinks Hank is his . . ? . . I don’t think even Jim knows—he’s hated Hank for so long that it’s just become a habit.

4. Lori is such a . . ? . . person that she even found something good in breaking her leg. “I really needed to catch up on my reading anyway, and now I’ll have a chance!” she said.

PART B. Using the answer line, complete each item below with the correct word from the box.

E. competent   G. samples
F. flaw        H. urge

5. Gary is a . . ? . . student who almost always earns A’s and B’s.

6. If you can’t decide which flavor of ice cream to order, the clerk will give you tiny . . ? . . of several to taste.

7. I couldn’t figure out what I did wrong in the math problem until I studied it carefully. Then I saw the . . ? . . in my addition.

8. Jake woke up at 3 a.m. with the . . ? . . to get up and make a tunafish and onion sandwich.

SCORE: (Number correct) _______ × 10 = _________ %