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Word Up #28 Quiz

1. Which sentence uses the word **despondent** correctly?
 - A. There was a **despondent** mood surrounding the happy newlyweds.
 - B. Carl was **despondent** after his wife and only companion, Ellie, passed away.
 - C. Excited about this new phase in her life, Ana walked into her new job with a **despondent** smile on her face.
 - D. The team felt **despondent** after they won the state championship for the first time in their school's history.

2. Which word is a synonym for **introspective**?
 - A. Disregarding
 - B. Neglecting
 - C. Praise
 - D. Reflective

3. Which sentence uses the word **Nuisance** incorrectly?
 - A. The fly was a **nuisance** since it kept buzzing around me while I was trying to sleep.
 - B. The cloggers that moved in upstairs became a huge **nuisance**, especially when they had their friends over for practice.
 - C. Since Conner was such a **nuisance** to be around, he was always making friends and was voted Best All Around in 8th grade.
 - D. Although they were pretty to look at in the morning, the deer became a **nuisance** when they started to eat the vegetables growing in the garden.

4. Which word is an antonym for **jaunty**?
 - A. Carefree
 - B. Depressed
 - C. Lively
 - D. Jolly

5. Complete the analogy: **Exult**: _____: Hide : Uncover
 - A. Be joyful
 - B. Celebrate
 - C. Grieve
 - D. Rejoice

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6. Which sentence uses the word **voracious** incorrectly?

- A. Since I am a **voracious** eater, I usually only order a kid's plate when we go out to eat.
- B. I was a **voracious** reader when I was younger and often read one to two books a day.
- C. When I came home from survival training in the remote woods, I had a **voracious** appetite since I had only eaten what little I could scavenge for 3 days.
- D. After reading a book about sparkling vampires, I did some research and learned that, according to legend, they are **voracious** creatures who require large amounts of blood to survive.

7. What is the meaning of **pulverize** as it is used in the following sentence:

*After reaching his goal of climbing the tallest mountain in North America, he packed the tiny gold-plated capsule with **pulverized** rock from the summit to keep as a symbol of his journey.*

- A. Crushed
- B. Completed
- C. Strengthened
- D. Whole

8. What is a synonym for **outlandish**?

- A. Common
- B. Eccentric
- C. Normal
- D. Reasonable

9. What is the meaning of **efficient** as it is used in the following sentence:

*Since I drive 2 hours to work, I had to trade my gas-guzzling SUV for a more fuel-**efficient** car.*

- A. Adept
- B. Fragile
- C. Inadequate
- D. Sluggish

10. What is an antonym for **authentic**?

- A. Genuine
- B. Credible
- C. Original
- D. Fake

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1. B
2. D
3. G
4. B
5. G
6. A
7. A
8. B
9. A
10. D