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Word Up #23 Quiz

1. Which sentence uses the word **primitive** correctly?

- A. The self-driving car is considered a **primitive** invention.
- B. The updated and **primitive** apartment building had state of the art appliances and a hefty price tag to go along with it.
- C. When I walked into the **primitive** recording studio, I was impressed by the amount of technology they had to use in order to produce a song.
- D. Even though there has been a tremendous advance in technology, the old farmer prefers his **primitive** methods to learning something new.

2. Which word is a synonym for **intractable**?

- A. Controllable
- B. Difficult
- C. Manageable
- D. Willing

3. Which sentence uses the word **scoundrel** incorrectly?

- A. The clever **scoundrel** has stolen millions from people all over the country without getting caught.
- B. It was discovered, after months of undercover research, that the assistant principal was a fraudulent **scoundrel** who was living a double life.
- C. I vowed not to let the **scoundrel** who scammed my grandfather out of his life savings do the same to someone else, so I filed a report with the police and opened an official investigation.
- D. Since Tessa does hours of volunteer work at her local hospital while also keeping a 4.0 grade point average and holding down a job, she earned a full scholarship for being a top notch **scoundrel**.

4. Which word is an antonym for **naive**?

- A. Aware
- B. Childlike
- C. Innocent
- D. Trusting

5. Complete the analogy: **Insolent**: _____:: Disdainful : Polite

- A. Bold
- B. Courteous
- C. Disrespectful
- D. Rude

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

- A. As the horse waited for the race to begin, he acted unsettled and **skittish** in the gate making it hard for the jockey to control him.
- B. Reese did very well with his appearance on the news; he was **skittish**, collected, and spoke with great conviction about the fundraiser.
- C. When the stock market took a dive, investors began to get **skittish** and pulled their money out of new ventures in order to protect their earnings from a potential crash in the market.
- D. When first starting our family, we were **skittish** about taking on a large mortgage, so we opted for a house well in our price range, and decided to save up for a larger home in the future.

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

*Not wanting to go into school, a group of boys **idled** in the parking lot trying to not be seen.*

- A. Played a game
- B. Destroyed items
- C. Sat still
- D. Studied their notes

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

- A. Adore
- B. Despise
- C. Loathe
- D. Reject

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

*Once I **embraced** the fact that I was going to have to take care of my basic needs, I enjoyed living on my own.*

- A. Accepted
- B. Excluded
- C. Eliminated
- D. Released

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

- A. Afraid
- B. Concerned
- C. Composed
- D. Nervous

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