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some selected portion for website purpose.***

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LESSON 8

Equanimity: calm temper, quality of being even tempered or of remaining composed.

Affinity: relationship, kinship, special liking. There is a close affinity among the many European languages, such as Spanish, French and Italian, that are descended from Latin.

Opprobrium: reproach or scorn resulting from disgraceful conduct, infamy, he deserved all the opprobrium he received for turning his back on a friend.

Proclivity: tendency, inclination, especially for something not approved of.

Surveillance: a watching or observation, especially done by those in authority. The police kept the house of the suspected drug dealers under 24-hour surveillance.

Juxtaposition: a placing close together. The juxtaposition of the Capital and White House was avoided in planning the city of Washington to emphasize separation of the legislature from the executive branch. The verb is juxtapose, "to place together or in relation".

Liaison: a connection, linking. He had served as a liaison between the Allied command and the local Govt.

Chicanery: unethical methods, petty trickery, especially in legal matters.



Travesty: an imitation of a serious work so as to make it seem ridiculous, a burlesque.

Incidence: The range of occurrence of an effect. The incidence of reported alcoholism among teenagers is increasing.

Rationale: rational basis, an explanation or justification supposedly based on reason.

EXERCISE 1 Synonyms Circle the letter of the word or phrase closest in meaning to the given word.

1. **opprobrium:** (a) ridicule (b) severe disapproval (c) approbation (d) lack of enthusiasm
2. **liaison:** (a) link (b) trick (c) cut (d) embassy
3. **chicanery:** (a) political participation (b) legal action (c) petty tricks (d) news reporting
4. **incidence:** (a) an urging (b) number of occurrences (c) statistic (d) disagreement
5. **proclivity:** (a) reluctance (b) rashness (c) friendliness (d) tendency
6. **travesty:** (a) itinerary (b) costume (c) ludicrous imitation (d) insincere response
7. **affinity:** (a) close relation (b) engagement (c) promise (d) endlessness
8. **surveillance:** (a) connection (b) illegal harassment (c) probation (d) official watching



- 9. rationale:** (a) a rationing (b) a misconceiving (c) fundamental reason (d) process of thought
- 10. juxtaposition:** (a) basis (b) a splitting in two (c) a placing together (d) reconciliation
- 11. equanimity:** (a) vivaciousness (b) calmness of mind (c) creativity (d) fairness

EXERCISE II Fill in the blanks from the list of words below:

Affinity	equanimity
Liaison	travesty
Rationale	opprobrium
Incidence	juxtaposition
Surveillance	

1. Because of the patient's _____ for drug abuse, the physician hesitated to prescribe even a mild sedative.
2. The landlord was guilty of _____ in trying to insert a new clause into the lease after it had been signed.
3. A suicidal prisoner must be kept under constant _____
4. Treachery and cowardice in the face of the enemy earned the universal _____
5. Because we have such similar tastes, I feel a great _____ with Edith, as if she were my own sister.
6. Since the jury was prejudice, the defense attorney incompetent, and the judge bribed the case was a(n) _____ of justice.



7. The _____ of cancer was unusually high in the area that had been sprayed with Agent Orange.
8. Her _____ was not disturbed by the commotion around her; she was an island of calm in a sea of hysteria.
9. The _____ for the increased rates was that fuel costs had risen 38 percent.
10. The _____ of photographs by the two artists in the exhibit made the difference in sensibility obvious.
11. A special officer acted as _____ between the company and community organizations.

EXERCISE III From memory, try to complete the following sentences with words from this lesson. The first letter of each answer is given before the blank. Write your answers in the blanks.

1. The close (a)_____ of design and color leads me to think that the two textiles must have been woven in the same region, perhaps in the same village.
2. The (c)_____ involved in her real estate dealings, though not actually illegal, was bad enough to embarrass her when it was exposed in the newspapers.
3. Richard has the (c)_____ and patience to watch five kids at the beach all day without once losing his temper.
4. The (I)_____ of fatal automobile accidents nationwide dropped when the 55-mph speed limit went into effect.



5. The (I)_____ of the elegant old mansion and the drive-in donut shop created a bizarre look.
6. As spokesperson for the department, she acted as a (I)_____ with other government agencies.
7. Although he was never legally charged with any crime, he lost his position and suffered public (o)_____ for betraying the nation's trust.
8. A (p)_____ for eating when depressed can lead to obesity.
9. They claimed national security as the (t)_____ for their sudden attack.
10. Wiretapping is a kind of electronic (s)_____.
11. The plot is so improbable and the prose so ludicrous, I think the author must have intended the novel as a (t)_____ of a gothic romance.

EXERCISE IV Circle the letter of the correct choice to complete each sentence.

1. Things that are juxtaposed are not (a) parallel (b) distant from each other (c) akin (d) commonly found.
2. A travesty is never (a) publicly acknowledged (b) humorous (c) the result of a proclivity for burlesque (d) respectful.
3. Things having an affinity are likely to (a) last (b) lean (c) have a high incidence (d) be similar.
4. A rationale purports to be (a) reasonable (b) laughable (c) planned (d) bigoted



5. Most people cannot face opprobrium with complete (a) surveillance (b) anxiety (c) equanimity (d) affinity
6. A liaison is a means of (a) deception (b) communication (c) making money (d) chicanery

ANSWERS LESSON 8

Ex.I.

1. b 2. a 3. c 4. b 5. d 6. c 7. a 8. d 9. c 10. c
11. b

Ex.II.

1. proclivity 2. chicanery 3. surveillance 4. opprobrium
5. affinity 6. travesty 7. incidence 8. equanimity 9. rationale
10. juxtaposition 11. liaison

Ex.III.

1. affinity 2. chicanery 3. equanimity 4. incidence
5. juxtaposition 6. liaison 7. opprobrium 8. proclivity
9. rationale 10. surveillance 11. travesty

Ex.IV.

1. b 2. d 3. d 4. a 5. c 6. B