Synonym Matching: In the space provided, write the letter of the synonym on the right that corresponds to the word on the left.

| 1. Uncanny | A. Coax |
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| 2. Winsome | B. Severe |
| 3. Incisive | C. Beauty |
| 4. Acute | D. Attractive |
| 5. Cajole | E. Reserved |
| 6. Pulchritude | F. Supernatural |
| 7. Aloof | G. Direct |
| 8. Obsequious | H. Encourage |
| 9. Parody | I. Submissive |
| 10. Foster | J. Satire |

Sentence Completions: Each sentence below has one blank, indicating that something has been omitted. Beneath the sentence are five words labeled A through E . Choose the word that, when inserted in the sentence, best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

1. Comets and stars are $\qquad$ bodies.
A) Abnormal
B) Celestial
C) Static
D) Terrestrial
E) Orbital
2. The tightrope walker planned $\mathrm{a}(\mathrm{n})$ $\qquad$ feat: to walk on a rope from Paris to London.
A) Feeble
B) Facile
C) Ribald
D) Despondent
E) Audacious
3. When Allison fell off her bike it left several blue $\qquad$ up and down her leg.
A) Kudos
B) Infamy
C) Lacerations
D) Contusions
E) Panacea
4. Finally Tim gave in to his sister's $\qquad$ insistence that he name his pet lobster, "the Fobster."
A) Flaccid
B) Cogent
C) Pertinacious
D) Dour
E) Callous
5. Not only was the young man late for work, but during the night he had undergone a $\qquad$ from a human to a cockroach.
A) Denigration
B) Immersion
C) Transportation
D) Transposition
E) Metamorphosis
6. He was a dark-skinned pirate and had a tendency to wave a fan in front of his $\qquad$ face.
A) Swarthy
B) Supple
C) Equine
D) Pallid
E) Sordid
7. The $\qquad$ old woman refused to pay the milkman, swearing she hadn't had a glass of milk in over a decade.
A) Munificent
B) Insightful
C) Opulent
D) Obdurate
E) Magnanimous
8. When it came to electing a Corn Growers Association president, everyone turned to the most $\qquad$ member: old Jim "Corn Eyes."
A) Inarticulate
B) Obdurate
C) Aloof
D) Brash
E) Sagacious
9. She was a feisty $\qquad$ wandering from village to village composing little tunes about acorns, squash, and the coming apocalypse.
A) Insurgent
B) Maelstrom
C) Bard
D) Antagonist
E) Deacon
10. Leena disliked Lauren Hill's singing voice and thought that her version of "Killing Me Softly" was a complete $\qquad$ of the original.
A) Tragedy
B) Travesty
C) Imitation
D) Duplicate
E) Manifestation

Reading Comprehension: Read the passage below and answer the questions based on the text.

One day, when Juana was walking down the street, she espied a man holding a delicious looking burrito, the sight of which whet her appetite to such an extent that she decided to hop into a nearby taqueria and see if she couldn't sate her growing hunger. The exorbitant prices on the menu inside (six dollars for a taco) made the restaurant a true anomaly in the typically cheap neighborhood. Juana, who usually refrained from spending too much money on food, considered aborting her taco-run, but then reconsidered when she caught sight of the myriad fresh salsas they had lined up on a table. Juana ordered a chicken super-burrito and asked the clerk, "I don't mean to be too presumptuous, but could you please supplant the cheese with extra sour cream?" The clerk, who bore an uncanny resemblance to Christopher Walken, nodded brusquely in response.

1. The tone that Juana uses with the clerk in the taqueria is one of:
(A) Flippancy
(B) Politeness
(C) Annoyance
(D) Brashness
(E) Bashfulness
2. The restaurant was relatively unique in the neighborhood because:
(A) They served tacos and burritos.
(B) They had bad service.
(C) They had a large selection of salsas.
(D) They could easily make substitutions.
(E) They had high prices.

## Myriad Puzzle \#1 <br> www.Flocabulary.com



## ACROSS

2 a cut, tear
5 brief to the point of being superficial
7 to stimulate, promote, encourage
8 harsh, cold, unfeeling
9 marked by compact precision
11 to hold oneself back, forbear
12 short, abrupt, dismissive
13 to come from
15 with hands on hips and elbows extending outward
16 relating to the land
17 of supernatural character or origin

18 charming, attractive
20 a change of form, shape, substance
22 hasty or lacking in sensitivity
23 excessively bold
24 to make more keen, stimulate
25 to catch sight of, glimpse
26 to displace and substitute for another

## DOWN

1 consisting of a very great number
3 relating to the sky or the heavens
4 stubbornly persistent, holding to a belief or position
5 readiness to believe
6 sharp, severe
8 bruise, injury
10 clear, sharp, direct
12 excessively bold, brash
14 disrespectfully bold
19 of dark color or complexion
21 having a healthy, reddish color

WORD BANK: Acute, akimbo, audacious, brash, brazen, brusque, callous, celestial, contusion, credulity, cursory, espy, foster, hail, incisive, laceration, metamorphosis, myriad, pertinacious, presumptuous, refrain, ruddy, succinct, supplant, swarthy, terrestrial, uncanny, whet, winsome.

## Myriad Puzzle \#2 <br> www.Flocabulary.com



## ACROSS

2 a grossly inferior imitation
5 unyielding to persuasion or moral influences
6 to give up on a half-finished project or effort
8 to satisfy (an appetite) fully
10 excessive
13 heavenly, exceptionally delicate or refined
14 reserved, distant
15 a satirical imitation
16 existing everywhere, widespread
17 an expression of esteem or approval
18 easily yielding to authority
22 a disastrous event, or a work of art in which the hero meets a terrible fate
23 to increase or make greater

## DOWN

1 something that does not fit into the normal order
3 to satisfy excessively
4 physical beauty
7 an assault or an array of similar things intended for use together
8 shrewd, showing sound judgment
9 giving off intense heat, passionate
11 excessively compliant or submissive
12 being an accomplice in a wrongful act
19 a poet, often a singer as well
20 a superficial or deceptively attractive appearance, façade
21 to urge, coax

WORD BANK: Abort, aggrandize, aloof, anomaly, bard, battery, cajole, complicit, compliment, ethereal, exorbitant, obdurate, obsequious, parody, pulchritude, sagacious, sate, satiate, submissive, torrid, tragedy, travesty, ubiquitous, veneer.

