

**Choose the answer that best completes the sentence or answers the question.**

1. A synonym for *commentary* is
  - a. interpretation
  - b. translation
  - c. adjustment
  - d. modification
2. Why are most people *inept* the first few times they try ice skating?
  - a. they've forgotten how to balance properly
  - b. they're lacking the skill or ability
  - c. they're afraid they'll fall
  - d. they're wearing the wrong size skates
3. The opposite of *boisterous* is
  - a. rowdy
  - b. quiet
  - c. raucous
  - d. noisy
4. Read this sentence.  
The nominee for president *strategically* chose a running mate from the other part of the country.  
*Strategically* means
  - a. accidentally
  - b. purposely
  - c. unintentionally
  - d. unexpectedly

Organized cheerleading began at the University of Minnesota in 1898. It became popular nationally in the 1920s. School cheerleading programs recruit cheerleaders with an *aptitude* for performing cartwheels, somersaults, and tumbles. A *flair* for *enthusiastically* whipping up a crowd is important too. Today's cheerleaders must be in prime physical condition. They *incorporate* moves traditionally more in line with gymnastics. They must also possess a good sense of rhythm and be *adept* at the latest dance moves. It also helps to have excellent *peripheral* vision, so they can keep an eye on what their fellow cheerleaders are doing on either side. But the most important trait a cheerleader must have is an outgoing personality, or at least the ability to "fake it until you make it"!

5. If you have an *aptitude* (line 2) for something, you have
  - a. a natural or learned ability
  - b. a poor attitude
  - c. plenty of experience
  - d. beginner's luck
6. In line 3, *flair* means
  - a. luck
  - b. talent
  - c. enthusiasm
  - d. fortune
7. Another word for *enthusiastically* (line 3) is
  - a. rigidly
  - b. unhappily
  - c. stiffly
  - d. ardently
8. Cheerleaders who *incorporate* (line 4) gymnastic moves
  - a. create their own cheers
  - b. favor dance over tumbling
  - c. make the moves part of their routine
  - d. copy moves of Olympic athletes
9. Which word is NOT a synonym for *adept* (line 5)?
  - a. expert
  - b. skilled
  - c. inept
  - d. proficient
10. When you have good *peripheral* vision (line 6), you can
  - a. anticipate when a player will score a touchdown
  - b. warn others of possible injury
  - c. see what's going on to the side of you
  - d. overcome color blindness

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**Answer Section**

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| 1. ANS: A  | PTS: 1 |
| 2. ANS: B  | PTS: 1 |
| 3. ANS: B  | PTS: 1 |
| 4. ANS: B  | PTS: 1 |
| 5. ANS: A  | PTS: 1 |
| 6. ANS: B  | PTS: 1 |
| 7. ANS: D  | PTS: 1 |
| 8. ANS: C  | PTS: 1 |
| 9. ANS: C  | PTS: 1 |
| 10. ANS: C | PTS: 1 |