

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

1. Read this sentence.  
The *parable* of the prodigal son is a well know ancient story.  
  
A *parable* is
  - a. a poem
  - b. a symbol
  - c. a brief story that illustrates a moral point
  - d. something parallel to something else
2. If an object is *distended*, it is
  - a. disinfected
  - b. stretched
  - c. closed
  - d. contained
3. In the following, who shows *inflexibility*?
  - a. a boy getting ready for soccer practice
  - b. a woman looking for a bargain
  - c. a man stubbornly refusing to compromise
  - d. a girl spending too much time online
4. If you *accumulate* a large collection of books, you
  - a. gather them
  - b. give them away
  - c. make a list of them
  - d. sell them

Does it seem *inconceivable* that someone would devote his life to photographing snowflakes? Wilson A. Bentley (1865–1931) was an amateur meteorologist and photographer who became known as The Snowflake Man. While Bentley’s intense interest in snowflakes may have seemed *capricious* to some, his passion for the “tiny miracles of beauty,” as he called snowflakes, produced amazing photographs. Was there an *underlying* reason he fixated on snowflakes? Did his childhood hobbies or pursuits *portend* a later interest in these natural wonders? Those questions might seem *irrelevant*, but early pastimes often lead to later vocations. Whatever the reason, Bentley’s charming obsession produced stunning images. Countless people have *queued* up to view his work in art galleries and museums.

5. An *inconceivable* (line 1) idea is one that is
  - a. unthinkable
  - b. considerable
  - c. frightening
  - d. laughable
6. The word *capricious* (line 3) used here means
  - a. conventional
  - b. capable
  - c. whimsical
  - d. understated
7. *Underlying* in line 4 means
  - a. signifying
  - b. underwater
  - c. barely there at all
  - d. existing under the surface
8. Another word for *portend* (line 5) is
  - a. advise
  - b. counsel
  - c. indicate
  - d. guide
9. Something that is NOT *irrelevant* (line 6) is
  - a. related
  - b. inappropriate
  - c. unrelated
  - d. submerged
10. A *queue* (line 7) is another word for
  - a. a stick used to play pool
  - b. a line of people or vehicles
  - c. a lifelong quest
  - d. paper money

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**Answer Section**

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