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Lexical Labyrinth: Conquer the College Vocabulary Quest

Scholars refine linguistic precision by identifying nuanced word relationships, distinguishing between phonetically identical terms and semantic opposites in academic contexts.

1. In a legal or academic context, which word serves as the most accurate synonym for 'mitigate'?

- A. Aggravate
- B. Alleviate
- C. Instigate
- D. Relinquish

2. The university board refused to ___ the new policy, as they did not want to ___ the current student handbook.

- A. adopt / adapt
- B. adapt / adopt
- C. adept / adapt
- D. adopt / adept

3. 'Pragmatic' and 'Idealistic' are best described as antonyms.

- A. True
- B. False

4. Identify the homophone that correctly completes this sentence: 'The professor requested that the students ___ their sources correctly.'

- A. Sight
- B. Site
- C. Cite
- D. Slight

5. The literary critic described the author's prose as 'redundant,' suggesting it was ___.

- A. Incisive
- B. Superfluous
- C. Laconic
- D. Ephemeral

6. Which of the following is an antonym for the word 'Epistemic' (relating to knowledge)?

- A. Cognitive
- B. Intellectual
- C. Uninformed
- D. Empirical

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7. The words 'Compliment' (praise) and 'Complement' (to complete something) are homophones.

- A. True
- B. False

8. In a debate, if an argument is described as 'cogent,' it is considered ____.

- A. Compelling
- B. Ambiguous
- C. Fallacious
- D. Incoherent

9. The word 'Transient' is a synonym for 'Permanent.'

- A. True
- B. False

10. Choose the correct homophone for this sentence: 'The ____ of the department decided to implement a new grading rubric.'

- A. Principle
- B. Principal
- C. Principality
- D. Priceless