

SUVA SANGAM COLLEGE
YEAR 9 ENGLISH WORKSHEET 5

Question 1 Read the story below and answer the questions that follow.

"Mum, hurry up. Come and see. Several planks from the back of our neighbour's house have been removed," cried Roma one morning.

"Where?" enquired her mum.

"There ... can't you see? There's a gap in the wall -- big enough for one person to crawl in."

5 Roma's mother, Madam Shirley, peeked through the windows. "Oh yes. I see it. The house looks like it's been ransacked. Hey, I think there's someone inside. Yes, the thief is still there." At that moment, the thief turned and noticed the two ladies looking at him. Realising he was being watched, he grabbed a stick and tried to flee.

"Come, Roma. The thief is getting away. We've no time to lose."

10 The mother and daughter rushed out and pounced on the thief who tried to attack them.

"I hit him hard with a piece of wood and the thief dropped the stick," said Madam Shirley to the reporters later. "He also punched me in the face when Roma and I tried to hold him down," she added, showing the swelling on her face and bruises on her hand.

Another neighbour, who heard their shouts for help during the struggle with the thief, came to 15 their aid. Together, they tied up the thief with some cloth before handing him over to the police.

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1. Why did Roma call her mother to the window?
 - A. She heard someone removing planks from her neighbour's house.
 - B. She suspected that her neighbour's house was being burgled.
 - C. She noticed a thief ransacking her neighbour's house.
 - D. She saw someone crawling into her neighbour's house.

2. Madam Shirley peeked through the window because
 - A. she did not want to be seen.
 - B. she did not want to be heard.
 - C. she did not want to be called a busybody.
 - D. she did not want to be the witness to the burglary.

3. When did the thief try to flee?
 - A. When he realised he was being watched.
 - B. When he realised he had gotten the wrong house.
 - C. When he realised there was nothing else to take.
 - D. When he realised that the owner of the house was at home.

4. Why did Madam Shirley say, "We've no time to lose"?
- She did not like to waste time.
 - She did not have enough time.
 - She did not want the thief to escape.
 - She did not think that they were fast enough.
5. The expression *pounced on* can be replaced with
- set upon.
 - shouted at.
 - hit repeatedly.
 - kicked repeatedly.
6. The following statements are true about the thief except
- he was armed.
 - he was tied up with cloth.
 - he had bruises on his face.
 - he managed to hurt Madam Shirley.

Question 2

Synonyms

Circle the two *synonyms* in each set of words.

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|-----------------|----------|-------------|------------|
| 1. duty | ally | friend | agreeable |
| 2. deliberate | discuss | drive | snug |
| 3. mighty | enormous | range | early |
| 4. sting | drain | vivid | clear |
| 5. urgent | critical | steady | consistent |
| 6. reversal | wealthy | manufacture | formulate |
| 7. stall | stride | pace | leeway |
| 8. foreign | removed | alien | expedient |
| 9. core | summary | deter | hinder |
| 10. instability | pure | felicitous | chaste |

Antonyms

Circle the two *antonyms* in each set of words.

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|---------------|----------|--------------|---------|
| 1. kindness | ancestor | offspring | humble |
| 2. ornate | disagree | disturb | agree |
| 3. remote | discard | descend | arise |
| 4. suspicious | manifest | unsuspicious | genial |
| 5. little | honest | cheer | sadden |
| 6. general | obvious | indifferent | obscure |
| 7. facilitate | grave | different | hinder |

8. quench	wary	lightly	trust
9. expedite	defer	realisation	vigilant
10. peculiar	general	commonly	included

Question 3

Circle the correct word that best completes each sentence.

1. Tima's music (**lessen, lesson**) is at 4.30 pm every week.
2. After Jim's surgery, he looked (**pail, pale**) and tired for several weeks.
3. (**You're, Your**) chair has been moved to the corner of the room.
4. There was graffiti on three sides of the building but the back was (**bare, bear**).
5. Her (**manner, manor**) of speaking was very soothing.
6. Would you (**grate, great**) the carrot for the salad?
7. I felt a sharp (**pain, pane**) in my foot and realised I had stepped on a nail.
8. The boys left (**there, their**) books at home.
9. The baby kept staring at the (**ceiling, sealing**), fascinated with her new world.
10. The (**principal, principle**) was very strict.

Matching

*Choose the correct word from the pair in **Column A** with the correct meaning in **Column B**.*

Column A	Column B
1. sail/sale	Part of a ship.
2. wring/ring	A jewelry worn indicating a husband or a wife.
3. deer/dear	An animal that can easily fall prey to lions.
4. soul/sole	Part of the shoe that can be easily worn out.
5. waist/waste	A pile of trash.