

A. Vocabulary Matching

Match the word or phrase with its definition.

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| 1. _____pointless | A. comment, say |
| 2. _____avoid | B. watch |
| 3. _____remark | C. causing argument or disagreement |
| 4. _____observe | D. make longer in time |
| 5. _____controversial | E. without a purpose or goal |
| 6. _____brief | F. harmless, innocent |
| 7. _____reveal | G. quick, short in length of time |
| 8. _____initiate | H. start |
| 9. _____innocuous | I. try to not go near |
| 10. _____prolong | J. show, expose |

B. Parts of Speech

Fill in the missing parts of speech.

	noun	verb	adjective	adverb
1		avoid	_____(opposite)	(opposite)
2		remark		
3		observe		
4		agree _____(opposite)		
5		initiate		
6		x	controversial	

C. Fill in the Missing Words.

Complete the sentences with the missing words from the box.

dead end

make eye contact

a waste of time

nod

brief

pointless

shrug

controversial

avoid

1. I tried to solve the problem, but now I've reached a _____ and I don't know what to do. I think I need to ask for help.
2. Most people will _____ to show that they agree with you.
3. When I talked to her yesterday, she didn't _____ with me. I think she was lying to me.
4. It's _____ for me to learn German. I'm never going to Germany!
5. The plan to close the school is very _____. The teachers, the students, and the parents are all protesting this idea.
6. My teenaged sons hardly talk to me anymore. When I ask them questions, they just _____ like they don't know or don't care.
7. Whenever she travels, she looks at her map a lot so she can _____ getting lost or needing to ask for directions.
8. It is _____ to talk to her about politics because she just gets angry and wants to argue about everything.
9. I have a meeting in twenty minutes, so I only have time for a _____ lunch break.

ANSWER KEY

A. Vocabulary Matching

1. E
2. I
3. A
4. B
5. C
6. G
7. J
8. H
9. F
10. D

B. Parts of Speech

Fill in the missing parts of speech.

	noun	verb	adjective	adverb
1	avoidance	avoid	avoidable unavoidable	avoidably unavoidably
2	remark	remark	remarkable	remarkably
3	observation	observe	observant	observantly
4	agreement	agree disagree (opposite)	agreeable	agreeably
5	initiation	initiate	initial	initially
6	controversy	x	controversial	controversially

C. Fill in the Missing Words

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|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. dead end | 2. nod |
| 3. make eye contact | 4. pointless / a waste of time |
| 5. controversial | 6. shrug |
| 7. avoid | 8. a waste of time / pointless |
| 9. brief | |