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Wordpieces 3.4 Practice [8<sup>th</sup>]

I. **Complete the sentence in a way that shows you understand the meaning of the italicized vocabulary word. You must use at least five words to complete the sentence.**

1. Tom's great aunt was *ambulatory*, so she could
2. Phil felt that he would make an ideal *courier* because
3. A country may *regress* economically if its leaders
4. Mrs. Moore did not want to *digress* in her lecture, so
5. Matilda said the loss of the pennies was *inconsequential* because
6. The pro skier *incurred* the scorn of his fellow skiers because
7. Directly after the *preamble* to the speech was
8. Because the battles along the border were *recurrent*,
9. The players' names were read in *consecutive* order, so that
10. The lone horse in the field would *amble* from one end to the other in order to
11. Our company policy does not favor *gradualism*; instead, we plan to
12. The skateboarder's *execution* of the difficult move was spoiled by

II. **Fill in the blank with the best word from the choices below. Not all words will be used.**

*preamble*                      *digressed*                      *recurrent*                      *gradualism*                      *courier*

13. Writing a[n] \_\_\_\_\_ to a speech is easy if you follow a general outline.
14. The queen's \_\_\_\_\_ was so loyal that he risked his life to deliver her message.
15. If you find that your hunger pangs are \_\_\_\_\_, you should start eating a small snack between main meals.
16. When the war began, the news anchor \_\_\_\_\_ from his written script to comment on the events of the day.

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*ambulatory*                      *recurrent*                      *execution*                      *regress*                      *inconsequential*

17. Charles believes that the grades he gets in English are \_\_\_\_\_ because he is going to major in biology.
  18. No matter how many obedience classes the dog attended, she always seemed to \_\_\_\_\_ back to her old patterns of behavior.
  19. After the accident, the teenager had to use crutches in order to be \_\_\_\_\_ at all.
  20. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the plan went off without a hitch.
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*courier*      *amble*      *consecutive*      *incur*      *gradualism*

21. Let's \_\_\_\_\_ over to the park and relax on the beach this afternoon.
22. When the \_\_\_\_\_ recommended by his principal advisors failed to work, the chairman called for more drastic measures.
23. The lawyer said that if we didn't have insurance, we would \_\_\_\_\_ a fine in addition to the damages.
24. When the tennis champ lost three \_\_\_\_\_ games, fans began to wonder if she had lost her touch.

**III. Read the following selection and define the italicized words, using your knowledge of roots and context clues. If you cannot figure out the meaning of the words on your own, look them up in a dictionary.**

The serial killer was sentenced to serve twelve *concurrent* life terms in federal prison. The court ordered him to serve all twelve sentences at the same time because of the nature of his crimes, and because of the length of the penalty. When questioned about the case, Assistant District Attorney Martha Franklin said, "Today we put one of the most *aggressive* murderers in American history behind bars. Tomorrow our streets will be a bit safer, but our jobs are not done." Franklin was alluding to the boldness of the killer who had kept authorities on a massive manhunt for a suspect for nearly three years.

concurrent:

aggressive:

**IV. For each of the following roots, provide an additional word that contains the root and define the word. If a word has been provided, just give the definition.**

| <b>Root</b> | <b>Word</b> | <b>Definition</b> |
|-------------|-------------|-------------------|
| sequi/sec   | consequence |                   |
| cur/cour    |             |                   |
| grad/gress  | progressive |                   |
| amble/ambul |             |                   |