

B. Words in Context – Choose the correct term from the word bank for the appropriate blank; some words will not be used.

Bestial *maelstrom* *extenuate* *impotent* *impediment*
emendation *impale* *labyrinth* *diaphanous* *gloat*

Upset with declining sales, corporate headquarters appointed Loren to replace a(n) _____ manager who had been spotted on the golf course during work hours one too many times.

Loren spent the first two weeks familiarizing herself with the _____ of shelves and palettes in the warehouse. Shreds of textiles littered parts of the packaging area; some were hefty snippets of wool, and others were _____ scraps of silk that hovered in the gust created by passing forklifts.

Loren's many changes and _____ to company guidelines caused a(n) _____ in both the warehouse and the salesroom. Employees faced evaluations and new instructions that drove many to resign; however, it was all just a part of Loren's plan. The people who quit, she reasoned, were just _____ to meeting the expected monthly profit margin. The laggards usually tried to _____ their poor performance by claiming unfair wages, work hours, or treatment, but investigation showed the reasons to be false.

After the first round of resignations and firings, most of the workers were intimidated by Loren's _____ management techniques.

Bauble *bland* *shard* *nihilism* *labyrinth*
effete *gloat* *bestial* *impale*

Most of the office personnel assumed that Devon's home life was as _____ as his uninteresting manner at work. Reserved and soft spoken, Devon sat at a desk every day filling out purchase orders and staring at the only ornamental object on his desk: a glass paperweight with a brass tag commemorating fifteen years of service. This _____ was presented to Devon by the company in lieu of a bonus or a raise. It must not have been sentimental important to Devon, because he did not say a word when one of the interns accidentally knocked the glass bubble to the floor, where the _____ still can be heard crunching beneath the wheels of antiquated office chairs.

The passing years took a toll on Devon's unremarkable body. In the months following the fall of the paperweight, he developed a weary look; he had become both _____ and apathetic from the exhausting monotony of filling out purchase orders for fifteen years. Occasionally, in the break room, he listened to some of the younger workers _____ about how quickly they were promoted; most were at least ten years younger than Devon and had half the experience. A form of _____ rapidly replaced his apathy and he found himself wishing the company would simply fail, go bankrupt, and disintegrate, along with his entire world. With a sigh, he looked up at an old, yellowed postcard he had once _____ on his bulletin board with a thumbtack. It was from his brother's vacation to Hawaii – a place that seemed as out of reach to Devon as the planet Mars.

C. Roots, Prefixes, and Suffixes

Refer to the entries and answer the questions that follow.

The root	somn	means	"sleep."
The root	pot	means	"to drink."
The root	vac	means	"empty."
The root	sid	means	"to sit" or "settle."
The prefix	e-	means	"out" or "completely."
The prefix	in-	means	"not."
The prefix	dis-	means	"not" or "apart."
The prefix	pre-	means	"before" or "in front of."

- Using literal translations as guidance, define the following words without using a dictionary.

A. evacuate	B. vacate
C. potation	D. dissenter
E. reside	F. president
- A magic drink is often called a _____.
Water from a stream is not _____ until you boil it.

3. If you cannot sleep, you might have a condition called _____.
Somnolent music might help you to _____.
4. Insidious literally translates to “sitting in,” but the word means “secretly working to cause harm.” Explain the possible connection between the actual and literal definitions of insidious.
5. List two words that contain the root -sid-.