

306 Words-in-Context

Lynne used all the **guile** she could to steal Steven away from Mary.

- A. speed B. frankness C. deceit
D. stupidity E. estimations

330 Words-in-Context

Medicine men would sell potions professing to cure all ailments, but the men were really **charlatans**.

- A. pretenders to knowledge
B. experts C. novices
D. barristers E. sopranos

123 Words-in-Context

After countless months of not working, the man inevitably reached a state of **destitution**.

- A. institutionalization B. sociability
C. artistry
D. poverty E. wealth

115 Words-in-Context

Alissa was so **engrossed** in the television program that she did not hear her brother come into her room.

- A. giving complete attention B. bored
C. retracted
D. reduced E. rarefied

126 Words-in-Context

The 80-year-old tap dancer was well known for her extraordinary **vivacity** at such an old age.

- A. liveliness B. dullness C. stupidity
D. clarity E. survival

116 Words-in-Context

The band had practiced together for so long that they had a **euphonious** sound.

- A. harsh B. pleasant sounding C. healthy
D. deafening E. primitive

124 Words-in-Context

The **neophyte** was assigned light amounts of work until he learned exactly what was expected of him.

- A. talisman B. maestro C. beginner
D. sibling E. glutton

130 Words-in-Context

In order to solve the puzzle, more **pertinent** information was needed.

- A. plain B. showy C. relevant
D. irrelevant E. decadent

28 Words-in-Context

His mother was surprised to see Joshua dressed so **slovenly**; he was usually so well groomed.

- A. frugal B. silly C. malicious
D. immaculate E. dirty

122 Words-in-Context

Choosing the right college to attend is an **arbitrary** decision for many students.

- A. prompt B. based on whim C. logical
D. paraphrased E. traumatic

246 Words-in-Context

When writing an essay, it is better to be short and to the point rather than **bombastic**.

- A. patient B. unclear C. pacific
D. wordy E. safe

121 Words-in-Context

Holidays give everyone, even the hardest working people, the opportunity to be **convivial**.

- A. sociable, lively B. antisocial C. unsavory
D. unkempt E. traumatic