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Julio was happy and astounded when he won MVP for the soccer season. He had been sure that Reuben or Carlos were going to be chosen.

1. The word "astounded" in this context means: _____.

- (A) disappointed
- (B) very surprised
- (C) satisfied
- (D) pleased

A spider web may look flimsy, but spider silk is actually five times stronger than steel. It is tougher, stronger, and more flexible than anything humans have been able to produce.

2. The word "flimsy" in this context means: _____.

- (A) beautiful
- (B) silky
- (C) weak
- (D) inflexible

New Jersey is on the east coast of the Mid-Atlantic region of the United States of America. It is bordered by the Atlantic Ocean to the east and by Delaware to the southwest, Pennsylvania to the west, and New York to the north and northeast. Parts of the state are suburbs of New York City, just across the Hudson River to the northeast, and Philadelphia, just across the Delaware River on the southwest.

3. In the above context, "bordered" means _____.

- (A) surrounded by
- (B) marked by
- (C) differentiated by
- (D) separated by

Africa is a very diverse continent, with each country, or even each part of a country, having its own unique culture. While it is common for people in the West to refer to Africa as if it was a single country, one should remember the sheer size of the continent. Africa is not one country but 55 different countries, meaning that it is impossible to make generalizations about Africa as a whole.

4. In the above context, "sheer" means _____.

- (A) vast
- (B) transparent
- (C) unmixed
- (D) small

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My dog is devoted to my family. He would never leave us.

5. In the above context, "devoted" means _____

- Ⓐ loyal
- Ⓑ loving
- Ⓒ unloving
- Ⓓ hated

It is always beneficial to eat your vegetables. That's why your doctor tells you to eat plenty of fruits and vegetables.

6. In the above context, "beneficial" means _____

- Ⓐ horrible
- Ⓑ wrong
- Ⓒ good for you
- Ⓓ nice

The stench coming from the garbage can was unbearable.

7. In the above context, "stench" means _____

- Ⓐ sugary
- Ⓑ freshness
- Ⓒ sweetness
- Ⓓ stink

The celebrity walked the red carpet and was overwhelmed by the barrage of questions from reporters.

8. In the above context, "barrage" means _____

- Ⓐ abundance
- Ⓑ few
- Ⓒ twenty
- Ⓓ little



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The sweltering summer heat made the beach unpleasant.

9. In the above context, "sweltering" means _____

- Ⓐ cold
- Ⓑ frigid
- Ⓒ hot
- Ⓓ humid

The big, nasty creature was brown and hairy; it looked hideous.

10. In the above context, "hideous" means _____

- Ⓐ ugly
- Ⓑ pretty
- Ⓒ sad
- Ⓓ beautiful