Unit 3

A

scurrilous speech	scurrilous *(adj)*	['skʌrələs]	coarse, offensive - грубый, оскорбительный
a pertinent conversation	pertinent *(adj)*	['pɜːtɪnənt]	relevant - уместный
an implacable master	implacable *(adj)*	[ɪm'plækəbl]	unrelenting, stubborn - неумолимый, непреклонный
to discern what is right	discern *(v)*	[dɪ'sɜːn]	to detect, recognize - разглядеть, распознать
to castigate the offender	castigate *(v)*	['kæstɪgeɪt]	to criticize, punish - осуждать, наказывать

PRACTICE

Your scurrilous speech has offended me on more than one occasion.
Your pertinent conversation yesterday got right to the point and saved me much time!
How can you discern what is right if you have no morals?
The offender must be castigated according to the requirements of the law.
Greed is an implacable master, for it always demands more.

BLANKS

1. I do not want to be an _____ mother, but sometimes I am too hard on my kids.
2. What method do you typically use to _____ the right course of action?
3. Please do not _____ me; I want to be shown mercy!
4. We must train our children to speak politely and to avoid _____ words.
5. The _____ teacher did not mince words but got right to the point in her lectures.

MATCH

1. ___ scurrilous	a. rude, abusive
2. ___ implacable	b. incapable of being appeased
3. ___ castigate	c. to impose a penalty on
4. ___ discern	d. to see and understand as distinct
5. ___ pertinent	e. to the point

B

a harbinger of disaster	harbinger *(n)*	['hɑːbɪndʒə]	forerunner, herald - предшественник, предвестник
the dregs of society	dregs *(n)*	[dreg̣z]	wastes, remains - осадок, отбросы
a sinister warning	sinister *(adj)*	['sɪnɪstə]	threatening, evil - зловещий, злой
a clandestine group	clandestine *(adj)*	[klæn'destɪn]	hidden, secret - тайный, секретный
dove into the fray	fray *(n)*	[freɪ]	quarrel, fight - ссора, перепалка

PRACTICE

The clandestine group met monthly for several years before deciding on a plan of action.
The newcomers dove right into the fray without thought for their own safety.
That particular ministry seeks to work with those who are considered to be the dregs of society.
The detective received a sinister warning to stop investigating the case.
The calm before a storm is often a harbinger of impending disaster.

BLANKS

1. The social reform program sought to address the needs of those caught in the _____ of society.
2. What do you think the _____ words in this letter really mean?
3. I am sure you do not want to be a _____ of bad news.
4. I think you should beware of _____ organizations, for they might engage in illegal behavior!
5. I would like to steer clear of this _____ by focusing on my own business.

MATCH

1. ___ sinister	a. sediment, wastes
2. ___ dregs	b. indicating tragic developments
3. ___ harbinger	c. conducted with hidden aims
4. ___ fray	d. disagreement, conflict
5. ___ clandestine	e. predecessor

C

indiscriminate affection	indiscriminate *(adj)*	[ˌɪndɪ'skrɪmɪnət]	not selective, wholesale - неразборчивый, огульный
to bristle with anger	bristle *(v)*	['brɪsl]	to react in an angry manner - ощетиниться, озлобиться
to solicit help	solicit *(v)*	[sə'lɪsɪt]	to ask, induce - просить, подстрекать
to scrutinize the evidence	scrutinize *(v)*	['skruːtɪnaɪz]	to examine closely - тщательно исследовать
an emaciated person	emaciated *(adj)*	[ɪ'meɪʃɪeɪtɪd]	very thin, weak, wasted - худой, слабый, истощенный

PRACTICE

The little boy showered indiscriminate affection on every person that spoke to him in passing.
My mother bristled with anger when someone attacked me verbally.
I almost did not recognize the emaciated patient as my sister!
We must solicit help from the local police force if we want to catch the vandals.
The officer will scrutinize the evidence that was brought to the police station after the accident.

BLANKS

1. If you do not eat enough food, you will become _____.
2. The hair on the back of the dog's neck will _____ whenever someone rings the doorbell.
3. The sign says we are not allowed to _____ in this neighborhood.
4. Your _____ choice of a career seems to be contrary to your usual calculated decisions.
5. I will not take the time right now to _____ her essay, for I am running late.

MATCH

1. ___ emaciated	a. to inspect, audit
2. ___ scrutinize	b. to rise up and become stiff or angry
3. ___ solicit	c. skeletal, bony
4. ___ bristle	d. random, unsystemic
5. ___ indiscriminate	e. beg, motivate

D

a confusing muddle	muddle *(n)*	['mʌdl]	confusion, disarrangement - неразбериха, беспорядок
an obvious dupe	dupe *(n)*	[djuːp]	person easily tricked - простак, дурак
a strong impetus	impetus *(n)*	[ˈɪmpɪtəs]	incentive, stimulus - стимул, побуждение
a feasible solution	feasible *(adj)*	['fiːzəbl]	realistic, workable - реальный, выполнимый
a vigilant lookout	vigilant *(adj)*	['vɪʤɪlənt]	watchful, attentive - осторожный, бдительный

PRACTICE

The vigilant lookout reported any sign of activity to his supervisor.
I believe a feasible solution to the dilemma will be seen in a short amount of time.
The offer of money was a strong impetus for me to succeed at the task.
Natalie is an obvious dupe, for she will believe anything you tell her!
How did we get ourselves into this perplexing muddle?

BLANKS

1. Please be _____ while you are taking care of my son; I do not want anything to happen to him.
2. My mother is no _____; you cannot pull the wool over her eyes!
3. The politician created a real _____ when he decided to implement the new healthcare law.
4. Your proposal is simply not _____ given the budget restraints we have this year.
5. What _____ can you give the students to work hard?

MATCH

1. ___ impetus	a. fool, victim of deceit
2. ___ vigilant	b. practicable, achievable
3. ___ dupe	c. impulse, driving force
4. ___ muddle	d. lack of order
5. ___ feasible	e. carefully observant

Unit 3. Answers

A

BLANKS

1. I do not want to be an implacable mother, but sometimes I am too hard on my kids.
2. What method do you typically use to discern the right course of action?
3. Please do not castigate me; I want to be shown mercy!
4. We must train our children to speak politely and to avoid scurrilous words.
5. The pertinent teacher did not mince words but got right to the point in her lectures.

MATCH

1. scurrilous - a
2. implacable - b
3. castigate - c
4. discern - d
5. pertinent - e

B

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2. What do you think the sinister words in this letter really mean?
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4. I think you should beware of clandestine organizations, for they might engage in illegal behavior!
5. I would like to steer clear of this fray by focusing on my own business.

MATCH

1. sinister - b
2. dregs - a
3. harbinger - e
4. fray - d
5. clandestine - c

C

BLANKS

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4. Your indiscriminate choice of a career seems to be contrary to your usual calculated decisions.
5. I will not take the time right now to her scrutinize for I am running late.

MATCH

1. emaciated - c
2. scrutinize - a
3. solicit - e
4. bristle - b
5. indiscriminate - d

D

BLANKS

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3. The politician created a real muddle when he decided to implement the new healthcare law.
4. Your proposal is simply not feasible given the budget restraints we have this year.
5. What impetus can you give the students to work hard?

MATCH

1. impetus - c
2. vigilant - e
3. dupe - a
4. muddle - d
5. feasible - b