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## Changes

**10C Words Defined**

apprehend / authority / conscientious / deter / dire / eventful / excruciating / facilitate / languish / luminous / millennium / rankle / recur / strident / swelter

**1. apprehend** (verb) to arrest or take into custody

Brian would do anything to *apprehend* his wife's murderer.

Other forms: *Apprehend* is also a verb meaning "to perceive or understand," as in: It was difficult for the kindergartners to *apprehend* the idea of death when the class hamster suddenly died.

**2. authority** (noun) 1. power to influence how others act or think 2. someone who has power or knowledge

Umpires have the *authority* to eject players and coaches from the game. 2. Einstein was an *authority* when it came to physics.

Other forms: You can *authorize* (verb) something if you give your permission for it to happen.

**3. conscientious** (adj) careful; well thought-out

When my dad and I wrestle in the living room, we have to be very *conscientious* of my baby sister so we do not hurt her.

Antonyms: careless, inattentive, negligent

Other forms: Your *conscience* (noun) is your inner sense of what is right and wrong.

**4. deter** (verb) to prevent or discourage from proceeding

Karina tried to *deter* her little brother from eating the last cupcake by licking all the frosting off of it.

Antonyms: to encourage, persuade

**5. dire** (adj) desperate; terrible

Two of the soccer players were in *dire* need of a water break during the game, since the temperature was over one hundred degrees.

Synonyms: urgent, critical, pressing

**6. eventful** (adj) full of events; important

The day Lisa was born was the most *eventful* day of her father's life.

**7. excruciating** (adj) extremely intense or painful

The football player was in *excruciating* pain after being tackled by four defensive lineman.

Antonyms: pleasant, soothing, enjoyable

**8. facilitate** (adj) to assist or make easier

The therapist tried to *facilitate* a conversation between the unhappy husband and wife.

Other forms: The *facilitator* (noun) led the meeting.

**9. languish** (verb) to become weak; lose health

The lady *languished* once her partner died.

Synonyms: to weaken, deteriorate



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**10. luminous**  shining and bright

The stage was *luminous* from all the spotlights cast upon it.

Antonyms: dark, dim, obscure

**11. millennium**  a period of one thousand years

Chelsea felt like a *millennium* had passed before she got her cell phone back from her parents.

**12. rankle**  to cause irritation or resentment


It rankles our PE teacher for days when students openly disrespect him.

Antonyms: to calm, pacify, soothe

**13. recur**  to repeat or happen again


Gail's nightmare would *recur* night after night, so she eventually refused to go to sleep.

Other forms: There was a *recurrence* (noun) of chicken pox in the elementary school. There was a *recurring* (adj) theme in the books they read this semester: death.

**14. strident**  harsh or grating, as in a sound

A *strident* tone echoes in the house every time my sister practices her violin.

Antonyms: soft, silent, calm

**15. swelter**  to be uncomfortably hot

The kids are going to *swelter* out by the pool all day since there is no shade or overhang to keep them cool.



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## 10D Fix the Mistake

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*Each of the sentences below has a mistake. The wrong vocabulary words have been used, so the sentences don't make sense. Rewrite each sentence using the correct vocabulary word from this unit.*

1. Luckily, the police were able to **deter** the criminal before he was able to leave the country.

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2. Mrs. Dunker's **millennium** in the classroom was clear with her relentless use of detention slips.

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3. After being hit by the car, the dog was in **eventful** pain.

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4. Teenagers can really **facilitate** their parents by refusing to speak to them.

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5. Brandon was a very **dire** babysitter because he renewed his CPR and first aid training annually.

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6. My hiking partner was convinced that he was going to **recur** without his water bottle.

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7. A metal bat hitting a ball makes a more **excruciating** sound than a wooden bat.

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8. The sports spectators were all **apprehending** in the bleacher seats because there was no shade.

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9. For Janice, who hated school, it felt like a(n) **authority** until she graduated.

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10. The pool looked **strident** at night with all of its lights turned on.

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11. The police officer's first night on the job was a(n) **conscientious** one with two murders, a burglary and a car chase.

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12. Jason tried to **languish** his best friend from talking in class so he wouldn't get in any more trouble.

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13. Five swimmers were in **luminous** need of being rescued by the lifeguards because the current had started to sweep them out to sea.

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14. As an event planner, it was Jocelyn's job to be able to **swelter** numerous activities at once.

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15. After I had the hiccups for over two hours, they finally stopped, and I prayed they would not **rankle**.

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## **10G Understanding What You Read**

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*Read the passage below. Then answer the questions.*

Andre sat in the car in the sweltering August heat. Man, did he hate the waiting part of this job! Sometimes it would be quick, like an hour. But other times, he would have to sit on the stakeout for a whole night, or for three or four excruciating days, just waiting for something eventful to happen. Tonight, he thought, it might be a long wait, but if they could nab this one, it'd be his biggest bust.

Of course, to do that, all they had to do was catch the West Coast's biggest jewel thief red-handed. They wouldn't need to apprehend him; they just needed to get some photos that showed him coming out of the store. Sounded easy enough, but man, was it hot. Andre's old '89 Civic had a busted air conditioner, and he wasn't sure how long he could languish in the heat.

"Just a few more hours," he told himself. "He's coming out of there soon." He reminded himself how important this was. This would be the bust of the millennium! He thought of the promotion he'd undoubtedly get if he could just wait this one out: more money, more authority, maybe even a paid vacation somewhere. He rubbed his hands in anticipation.

Hours passed. Andre could see the sky slowly grow more luminous. It was still hot, and he couldn't believe he was still awake. He flipped around the radio, stared at the door, and waited for the slightest hint of movement. Every time he thought the door moved, he sat up and gripped the steering wheel of his car. He began to wonder if the guy was even in there at all. Impossible. He'd seen him go in. He had to be in there. Andre started shaking his head. He wasn't even that conscientious of his surroundings anymore. Was he losing his mind?

The door swung open. A tall man wearing a black suit poked his head out the door. He was carrying a large briefcase. Andre started snapping pictures.

**1. In the first paragraph, the phrase "excruciating days" is used to mean that the days were**

- (A) easy and fun
- (B) eventful and crazy
- (C) boring and long
- (D) interesting but painful

**2. The text suggests that Andre was working as**

- (A) a professional thief
- (B) an undercover detective
- (C) a police chief
- (D) night-shift worker

**3. Andre was uncomfortable waiting because he was**

- (A) luminous
- (B) sweltering
- (C) conscientious
- (D) apprehensive



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**4. The action in the last two paragraphs most likely takes place at what time of day?**

- (A) six in the morning
- (B) two in the afternoon
- (C) seven in the evening
- (D) midnight

**5. The end of the passage suggests that Andre**

- (A) arrests the thief
- (B) begins to dream
- (C) goes crazy
- (D) gets what he needed