# Word Definition 1  Level 10

**Directions:** Choose the answer choice that best defines the word in capital letters.

## 1) CATER
- A. to resist authority
- B. to dig a hole
- C. to feast
- D. to try to satisfy
- E. to carry on wheels

## 6) VIGOROUS
- A. important and necessary
- B. shaking and quivering
- C. alert and watchful
- D. harmful and dangerous
- E. strong and energetic

## 2) ACCENTUATE
- A. to make more noticeable
- B. to express approval
- C. to suggest doubt
- D. to elevate in height
- E. to hit with force

## 7) ARISTOCRATIC
- A. halted
- B. noble
- C. lighthearted
- D. spacious
- E. pompous

## 3) ILLICIT
- A. invisible
- B. lessened
- C. forbidden
- D. special
- E. unclear

## 8) OBSCENE
- A. self-evident and apparent
- B. compulsive and uncontrollable
- C. considered offensive and immoral
- D. extremely old and out of use
- E. not clearly expressed or understood

## 4) COMMOTION
- A. a state of authority
- B. a state of honoring or praising
- C. a state of unconsciousness
- D. a state of disturbance
- E. a state of discussion or debate

## 9) PESSIMISTIC
- A. tending to believe that the worst will happen
- B. tending to only travel in a group of people
- C. tending to dwell on or obsess over the past
- D. tending to be overly trustful or gullible
- E. tending to accept what happens without resistance

## 5) COVERT
- A. secret
- B. protected
- C. shifted
- D. jealous
- E. altered

## 10) DRENCH
- A. to clean
- B. to disappoint
- C. to enliven
- D. to weaken
- E. to soak
Answers and Explanations

1) **D**
cater (verb): to try to satisfy a particular need or demand: A good assistant will cater to his or her boss’s every demand, always attempting to grant any request.

2) **A**
accentuate (verb): to make more noticeable or prominent: Afraid that the restaurant’s sign was not easy to see, the manager decided to accentuate it with neon lights.

3) **C**
eccentric (adjective): odd: Belle’s father was an eccentric old man who devoted most of his time to developing his unusual inventions.

4) **D**
commotion (noun): a state of confused and noisy disturbance: A commotion broke out in the hallway, and all the students rushed out to see what triggered the disturbance.

5) **A**
covert (adjective): not openly acknowledged or displayed: Spies excel at covert operations, and a good spy can go an entire lifetime without anyone ever knowing he or she was a secret agent.

6) **E**
vigorous (adjective): strong, healthy, and full of energy: Like most professional athletes, Muhammad Ali remained vigorous for his entire career and continues to be strong and active in retirement.

7) **B**
aristocratic (adjective): distinguished in manners or bearing: Throughout the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, the aristocratic class in France largely dictated fashions, and most in the world sought to dress like the flamboyant French nobility.

8) **C**
obscene (adjective): considered offensive, disgusting, or indecent by accepted standards of morality and decency: Henry Miller’s Tropic of Cancer was considered too obscene to be published in the United States, but those who were not easily offended would often by copies printed in France.

9) **A**
pessimistic (adjective): tending to see the worst aspect of things or believe that the worst will happen: While no one should be completely optimistic, no one should ever be completely pessimistic either; it is better to be someplace in the middle, anticipating both good and bad outcomes.

10) **E**
drench (verb): to make thoroughly wet or soaked: The rain fell so heavily that everything outside became completely drenched.