**Word Definition 2**  Level 9

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

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| 1)  | INFER  | A. to fight a battle  
B. to reach a conclusion  
C. to postpone  
D. to mention someone          |
| 6)  | ADAGE  | A. a popular song  
B. a short poem  
C. an old saying  
D. an original composition |
| 2)  | QUIRKY | A. united  
B. poisonous  
C. stolen  
D. peculiar          |
| 7)  | OBLIGATORY | A. absent  
B. pointless  
C. rude  
D. required          |
| 3)  | COMPLY | A. to follow a rule  
B. to make a demand  
C. to suspect someone  
D. to criticize something |
| 8)  | SORDID | A. powerful or mighty  
B. dirty or disgusting  
C. imaginary or unreal  
D. burning or on fire          |
| 4)  | REPRESS | A. to hold back  
B. to dig up  
C. to lift  
D. to question          |
| 9)  | AVENGE | A. to look up  
B. to applaud  
C. to make softer  
D. to take vengeance |
| 5)  | GURU   | A. a wise person  
B. an influential teacher  
C. a young child  
D. a disobedient person          |
| 10) | VAGUE  | A. unclear  
B. fashionable  
C. wealthy  
D. rural |
Answers and Explanations

1)  B  infer (verb): to reach a conclusion from evidence and reasoning rather than explicit statements: Using the clues he’d already found plus the statements from the witness, Sherlock Holmes was able to infer who the criminal was.

2)  D  quirky (adjective): peculiar: The movie’s main character is a quirky young woman whose comically odd ways lift the spirits of her romantic interest.

3)  A  comply (verb): to follow a rule: Research shows that most US teenagers do not fully comply with laws that set the legal drinking age at 21.

4)  A  repress (verb): to hold back: Many psychologists used to believe that people repressed unpleasant memories in order to intentionally forget them, but current research shows this is not true.

5)  B  guru (noun): an influential teacher or popular expert: Many people consider Alan Greenspan to be an economic guru, and they listen closely to all of his financial advice.

6)  C  adage (noun): an old saying: “Better to be safe than sorry” is an old adage that encourages people to be cautious and prudent.

7)  D  obligatory (adjective): required: In order to graduate, students at my school must complete an obligatory class in computer skills; anyone who doesn’t complete the class doesn’t graduate.

8)  B  sordid (verb): dirty or disgusting: Disgusting stories of the politician’s sordid sexual affairs were all over the news for weeks.

9)  D  avenge (verb): to take vengeance: Inigo Montoya sought to avenge his father’s death by killing the man who murdered his dad.

10)  A  vague (adjective): unclear: Stefano is certain about which college he wants to attend, but he only has vague ideas about what he wants to study when he gets there.