

Practice: Finding the Clue

Underline the clue in each of the following sentences. Then, think of your own word for the blank and write it down. Answers can be found in Part V.

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The _____ relationships in his life haunted Eugene O'Neill and are often reflected in the harrowing nature of many of his plays.

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Mount Godwin-Austen, more commonly known as K2, is the second highest mountain in the world, with its _____ peaks reaching more than 28,000 feet high.

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A wind-chill warning is issued when the temperature is projected to reach minus 25 degrees Fahrenheit or lower, the point at which the cold has _____ effects on living creatures.

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Divers still stumble across unexploded shells, 70-year-old _____ from World War II, in the waters outside Tokyo.

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Although some people use the terms interchangeably, mastodons and mammoths were quite _____; mammoths were hairy with long tusks, while mastodons had low-slung bodies and flatter skulls.

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The mayor was definitely _____; he crafted his policies not with an eye toward their political consequences but instead toward their practical effects.

Be systematic! Ask yourself these questions. Who or what is the blank describing? What in the sentence gives insight into that?

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The first-year law student was amazed at the sheer _____ of the material he had to read for his classes; he imagined that he would have to read for hours and hours each day to finish it all.

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Our word “ghoul” is _____ from the Arabic word “Algol,” the name for the Demon Star, a star in the constellation Perseus.