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vocabulary

Choose the word which best completes each sentence.

- 1 The opera singer was by the reception she received from the audience.
A deluged B inundated C overwhelmed D flooded
- 2 Hourly news bulletins keep the public of current affairs.
A afloat B abreast C afresh D afield
- 3 The theatre lights were slowly as the curtain rose on the first act.
A dulled B dampened C deadened D dimmed
- 4 News of the celebrity's arrival through the small town like wildfire.
A flared B moved C grew D spread
- 5 Not only visit Japan but they plan to stop off in the USA as well.
A they plan to B they must C will they D are they paying
- 6 Champagne is a wine, which originally came from the north-east of France.
A glittering B sparkling C glistening D gleaming
- 7 Although the producer is to the reactions of his audience, he feels he must portray a 'real' situation.
A enthusiastic B respectful C sarcastic D sympathetic
- 8 Films sometimes overdo their portrayal of reality - example is the 'horror' movie.
A like B such as C take D one such
- 9 had the curtain been raised than the lights went out.
A Scarcely B Hardly C Only when D No sooner
- 10 They've sold out of tickets for the football match tonight, so we'll just have to make of it and go to the cinema instead!
A a mess B a meal C the best D a mountain

transformations

Finish each of the following sentences so that it means the same as the sentence printed before it.

- 1 We rarely see such a high standard of performance in an amateur production.
Rarely.....
- 2 I've never come across such a horrifying film.
Never
- 3 They little suspected that the musical was going to be a runaway success.
Little
- 4 We'd only just started the performance when there was a loud explosion.
No sooner
- 5 You can enter the competition to meet the cast only if you purchase a ticket for the show.
Only.....
- 6 I had just begun my solo when there was a noise of breaking glass off-stage.
Scarcely.....
- 7 You will enhance your posture and improve your acting ability on this course.
Not only.....
- 8 As soon as we had finished dinner, the thunderstorm broke.
Hardly.....
- 9 He booked tickets for the afternoon performance and the evening performance as well.
Not only.....

- 10 She didn't shed a tear when the story ended in tragedy.
Not.....

blank-filling

Fill each of the blanks in the following sentences with a suitable word or phrase.

- 1 Not only, but he forgot his money as well!
- 2 Only when she got to the theatre she had forgotten the tickets.
- 3 No sooner the doorbell rang.
- 4 We pact never to tell anyone our secrets.
- 5 The refugees' only hope of is to be taken to hospital for medical treatment immediately.
- 6 The company offers a competitive salary with of monthly theatre tickets for employees and their families.
- 7 He liked of as the best Shakespearian actor of the century.
- 8 What's the seats? I can see perfectly well and they're comfortable!
- 9 I know next about opera but I'd love to go and see *Turandot*.
- 10 To the north lay the mountains, while the golden stretches of sandy beaches and blue seas.

rewriting

For each of the sentences below, write a new sentence as similar as possible in meaning to the original sentence, but using the words given in capital letters. These words must not be altered in any way.

- 1 We wouldn't want to restrict the freedom of the students in any way.
IMPOSE
- 2 I suddenly realized the meaning of a 'freebie'.
DAWNED
- 3 I wanted to learn Russian before I visited Moscow.
WITHOUT
- 4 When I noticed it was formal dress, it was too late.
UNTIL
- 5 Don't panic about something so trivial.
MOUNTAIN
- 6 What you have done is inexcusable.
AMENDS
- 7 The fact that they are always in trouble doesn't surprise me.
WONDER
- 8 The pressures of being in the public eye have proved too much for him.
COPE
- 9 Raising the necessary finance for the venture proved impossible for them.
FAILED
- 10 No sooner had he bought the car than it broke down.
SCARCELY