

EXERCISE I—Words in Context

From the list below, supply the words needed to complete the paragraph. Some words will not be used.

ominous	exhort	galvanize	hyperbole
expedient	implacable	incisive	hue

- A. “What are you doing, you guys? I shouldn’t have to _____ you at this point in the game!” _____ by Liza’s scream, the four workers picked up their sanders and returned to their unfinished portions of drywall.

“We’re two days overdue! That means we’re paying them now!” The worker closest to Liza turned a[n] _____ of red as she screamed. He knew that Liza’s lecture was not merely _____ to get the team to work faster; the contractors really were beyond their deadline. Liza was worried for good reason; if the company couldn’t prove that it was capable of _____, short-notice refurbishing, it would more than likely lose its contract with the city.

Myron, the site foreman, appreciated Liza’s _____ comments. At least she took the time to explain why the workers needed to labor more quickly. Such practice reminded the workers of just how small the degree of separation was between the company’s success and their paychecks. It also prevented the workers from classifying Liza as a[n] _____ manager who just wanted to make a profit. If the workers knew that the company was suffering, they knew that their jobs were in jeopardy.

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altercation	lexicon	sanction	ominous
audacity	evince	incarcerate	pertinent
implacable	galvanize		

- B. Eugene had worked at the genetics lab for six days when he witnessed the noisy _____ between Dr. Strangeon and his research assistant.

“You know that I didn’t _____ an early run of the Beta-Gen module! Now you’ve destroyed the entire lot!” Strangeon was definitely irate, and Eugene wished that he understood more of the laboratory _____ that the doctor spouted at his assistant.

“How could you—you’re not an intern anymore—how could you have the _____ to go off on your own and initiate a test run of a model that required eight years of research and over twelve million dollars to develop? Well?” The assistant could only mutter an answer.

“I just thought—I—uh—I wanted to see if—”

“What you want is not _____ here!” shouted the doctor. “You’ve only managed to _____ the fact that you’re unfit to work in a laboratory! We should press charges and have the police _____ you! Now get out!”

The problem, thought Eugene, probably involved whatever Dr. Strangeon stored behind the _____ pair of tall, armored doors with the retina-scanning lock mechanism. Dr. Strangeon and his assistant had been the only two people to enter that room during the week that Eugene had been employed at the lab.