

EXERCISE I—Words in Context

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

culinary pernicious latent frugal circumvent
clandestine inert jocose myriad

- A. Like a[n] _____ saboteur hiding in enemy territory waiting for the go-ahead signal, the tiny microorganism infiltrated the deepest, most vulnerable parts of its host and remained in a dormant state. Waves of red blood cells knocked the _____ bacterium about, tossing its _____, suspended form from one membrane to the next. The germ waited, as it had for days, until the host's chemistry was perfect for waking from its slumber and unleashing its _____ toll on the host's body. In a few hours, the single microbe would multiply into a _____, and then the tiny legion would seize control of the host's nervous system. Not even the best research scientists could find a way to _____ the deadly effects of the microscopic villains.

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adulation frugal acquit myriad
jocose barrister chastise deprecate

- B. "What are you being so _____ about? We're in a courtroom, you fool; shut up."
Scolded by his only friend in the room, Giles stopped laughing but maintained his crooked smirk. His _____ was quickly losing patience; both he and Giles knew that there was no chance that the judge was going to _____ him. This was his second appearance before Justice Quentin, and by the way in which the judge _____ Giles during the previous trial, he knew that he wasn't going to get away this time. As the smirk faded, Giles wished that he hadn't been so _____ while shopping for lawyers.

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- C. Theme restaurants do not usually become popular for the quality of their cuisine, but the Gold Mine, operated in the likeness of a California gold-rush saloon, has received the _____ of every food critic who ate there. The saloon is one of few tourism-dependent restaurants that gives as much attention to its _____ performance as to the nightly stage shows featuring vaudeville-style comedians, singers, and cancan dancers wearing the _____ saloon outfits of the period. After twenty years of service, few patrons—if any—have been able to _____ the quality of food and entertainment at the Gold Mine.