

Exercise: Select the word that means the same or nearly the same as the underlined word(s)

1. The Spanish explorers arrived before the Pilgrims.
A. prolonged B. overtook C. preceded D. traversed
2. Mr. and Mrs. Davis lived in Mexico for ten years.
A. a sheaf B. an era C. a decade D. an epoch
3. Our garden thrived in the warm weather.
A. endowed B. transformed C. gambled D. flourished
4. The child's crying disturbed her mother.
A. underscored B. agitated C. impeded D. undermined
5. The flower seeds began to grow after the spring rain.
A. germinated B. inaugurated C. supplanted D. degenerated
6. The two governments agreed to negotiate a treaty.
A. partition B. pact C. proviso D. constitution
7. The two small companies combined to form a larger and more powerful one.
A. merged B. segregated C. entwined D. stunted
8. The boys chewed noisily on the potato chips.
A. munched B. mauled C. maimed D. mated
9. Helen is a very hard-working student.
A. incessant B. tiresome C. formidable D. diligent
10. Nancy has a pleasing personality; she is _____.
A. pathetic B. partisan C. congenial D. contemptuous