

EXERCISES - UNIT FOUR

Exercise I. Complete the sentence in a way that shows you understand the meaning of the italicized vocabulary word.

1. New churchgoers could only be *sanctified* by...
2. Walter was *castigated* by the other members of the wrestling team for...
3. The attic was Holly's *sanctum*, and she often went there when...
4. In order to provide a *sanctuary* for the people fleeing the war, immigration officials...
5. The *polytheistic* tendencies of the ancient Greeks are evident in their...
6. The president promised to lift *sanctions* against the opposing nation only if...
7. Journalists seemed almost ready to *deify* the candidate they thought had...
8. The book examines the *pantheon* of great American athletes, paying special attention to...
9. Esther is a strong believer in *monotheism* because...
10. Millicent returned from her summer vacation *chastened* by...
11. Kevin *chastised* his younger siblings for...
12. Villagers often performed good works in the hopes that the *deity* would...

Exercise II. Fill in the blank with the best word from the choices below. One word will not be used.

castigate polytheistic sanctified sanctum chastened

1. The criminal mastermind's preferred _____ was a dark room at the back of a restaurant.
2. As she grew up, Tia moved from a belief in one all-powerful creator to a more _____ system.
3. "This battleground," said the speaker, "has been _____ by the blood of those who fought and died here."
4. Dennis was so _____ by his teacher's disapproval that he rewrote his entire paper.

Fill in the blank with the best word from the choices below. One word will not be used.

deity sanctuary sanction pantheon deified

5. Zeus was a(n) _____ who had absolute power over the universe and all mankind.
6. The general's victory on that day _____ him in the eyes of his troops, who watched in awe as he rode by.
7. The entire _____ of great contemporary artists was represented in the new exhibit.
8. The library was a(n) _____ for those children who would not or could not participate in the games outside.

Fill in the blank with the best word from the choices below. One word will not be used.

monotheism castigates sanctifies chastising sanctions

9. Father Torrance said that _____ requires that the divine being have total control.
10. The latest editorial _____ the school board for placing too much emphasis on passing tests.
11. Heavy _____ on trade made it impossible to buy many things that had once been readily available.
12. Rather than _____ me for being late, my father said he was glad I was safe.

Exercise III. Choose the set of words that best completes the sentence.

1. _____ by his loss to an inferior chess player, Rick shut himself in the _____ of his room and began going over the game he had lost.
 - A. Chastened; sanctum
 - B. Deified; sanctuary
 - C. Polytheistic; sanctum
 - D. Castigated; monotheism
2. It makes no sense to _____ the doctor for coming up with the surgical procedure and yet _____ his students for actually using it on patients.
 - A. sanctify; deify
 - B. castigate; chastise
 - C. deify; castigate
 - D. sanctify; chastise
3. In searching for ways to punish the rebellious colony, the legislature discussed many forms of _____ in the end, however, the colony's leaders were mildly _____ and allowed to go on their way.
 - A. deity; sanctified
 - B. sanction; deified
 - C. monotheism; chastened
 - D. sanction; chastised

4. Would the young basketball player be remembered as a _____ in the _____ of sports greats, or would he disappoint his fans and be forgotten?
- sanctuary; deity
 - sanction; monotheism
 - deity; pantheon
 - sanctum; pantheon
5. The new government promised to provide _____ for converts to the new religion, who were being harassed for their _____ beliefs.
- sanctum; chastened
 - sanctuary; polytheistic
 - deity; pantheon
 - monotheism; sanctified

Exercise IV. Complete the sentence by inferring information about the italicized word from its context.

- If Mrs. Miller *castigates* her neighbor for his parties, he may...
- The ancient Egyptians *deified* their kings after death, indicating that they believed...
- If Liz tells you she memorized the *pantheon* of gods and goddesses before the big mythology test, you can probably assume she knows...

Exercise V. Fill in the blank with the word from the Unit that best completes the sentence, using the root we supply as a clue. Then, answer the questions that follow the paragraphs.

The killing of whales for food began off the coasts of many different countries approximately 3,000 years ago. Female whales would come close to shore in order to give birth; the shallow waters, abundant food for the mothers, and protected coastlines provided a _____ (SANCT) for their "calves," as whale babies are called, until the newborns were able to feed in the open oceans. Because the whales congregated close to shore, primitive hunters did not need large ships or great sailing techniques to harvest what they needed. In addition, these early sailors killed only a few whales each year. Except in the Arctic, there was no way to keep the whale meat, called "blubber," fresh. It had to be used quickly, and, therefore, the population of these huge creatures did not suffer greatly.

During the nineteenth and early twentieth century, however, new uses for the oil found in certain whales led

to a dramatic increase in the price of the oil and the deaths of whales. People used oil in lamps to light streets, as an additive in soaps, and, mainly, to lubricate the machines that were invented during the Industrial Revolution. Larger boats that could sail throughout the world's oceans for up to a year at a time made whaling much more efficient. As an example, in 1910, over twelve thousand whales were killed. With improvements in techniques, though, more than forty-three thousand were killed in 1930. Within a few decades, nearly all whale species were close to extinction. Fortunately, whale oil began to be replaced by synthetic materials, and with the passing of new world-wide _____ (SANCT) against commercial whaling, the number of these magnificent mammals is increasing every year.

1. According to the passage, what is a reason primitive hunters did not kill more whales?
 - A. Their boats were too small.
 - B. They couldn't preserve the meat.
 - C. Sailing techniques were not advanced.
 - D. There was no need for whale oil.

2. Which is *not* a use for whale oil?
 - A. food
 - B. lighting
 - C. soap
 - D. lubrication

3. What can you infer is the reason the phrase "Except in the Arctic" is used?
 - A. The Arctic weather could preserve the meat longer.
 - B. The Arctic does not have a protected, safe coastline.
 - C. Whale meat was more necessary in the Arctic than elsewhere.
 - D. More whales swam in the Arctic Ocean, making hunting easier.

Exercise VI. Drawing on your knowledge of roots and words in context, read the following selection and define the *italicized* words. If you cannot figure out the meaning of the words on your own, look them up in a dictionary. Note that *sacro* means "holy" and *apo* means "change into."

The name of the football legend is still *sacrosanct* in the halls of the University. People whisper in awe of the day he ran eighty yards to score a winning touchdown in the last minute of a game that was played from start to finish in heavy snow. It seemed, at the moment of his victory, that he underwent a kind of *apotheosis* in the eyes of his fans: for the rest of his life, he would be approached by supporters who saw him as divine, or at least divinely inspired.