

➤ **Sentence Check 1**

Using the answer line provided, complete each item below with the correct word from the box. Use each word once.

a. **blatant**b. **blight**c. **contrive**d. **garble**e. **gaunt**f. **gloat**g. **immaculate**h. **plagiarism**i. **qualm**j. **retaliate**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. A(n) \_\_\_\_ house may be a sign that someone has nothing better to do than clean.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Child abuse is an awful \_\_\_\_ on the physical and mental health of our youth.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. My aunt refuses to drive Mr. Elson to bingo because he \_\_\_\_s so much when he wins, which is often.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. The F's and D's on my brother's report card are \_\_\_\_ evidence of how little he has studied this term.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Emilio still hopes to \_\_\_\_ a way to get Rita to go out with him, even though she's refused him four times.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. When my friend Jamee left a message with my little brother, inviting me to go to the mall, he \_\_\_\_ (e)d it so badly that the message I got was: "Jamee wants you to go play ball."
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Every time the Hatfields harmed the McCoys, the McCoys would \_\_\_\_, so the feud went on for years.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Rescued after being lost at sea for nine days, the men were terribly \_\_\_\_, but they put on weight rapidly.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. My parents say it is foolish to give spare change to panhandlers, but I always feel a \_\_\_\_ when I walk by them and give nothing.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Mark Twain joked that charges of \_\_\_\_ were ridiculous because no one can be completely original. He wrote, "We mortals can't create—we can only copy."

**NOTE:** Now check your answers to these questions by turning to page 178. Going over the answers carefully will help you prepare for the next two practices, for which answers are not given.

➤ **Sentence Check 2**

Using the answer lines provided, complete each item below with **two** words from the box. Use each word once.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1–2. The living room looked \_\_\_\_ except for a lump under the carpet, a(n) \_\_\_\_ sign that my son had taken a shortcut in cleaning up.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3–4. After the bully struck him, Jules wanted to \_\_\_\_ by throwing a rock, but he had \_\_\_\_s about doing anything so dangerous.