

➤ 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.