1. You could have indicated frankly what you thought was wrong without embittering them with such \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ criticism.
2. His line of questioning was so \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that I began to suspect that he was not sure of what he was trying to prove.
3. If, as you say your slamming of the door on the way out was completely \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, then you should be more careful in the future.
4. Wines from that part of France are produced by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the juice of the luscious grapes that grow on the hillsides.
5. We had hoped to learn his opinion of the new energy program, but he remained completely \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ during the interview.
6. Who in the world can hope to match the unshakable \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the indestructible James Bond in moments of great peril?
7. No matter what their other likes or dislikes are, most Americans thoroughly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ slavery in all forms.
8. We must distinguish between the truly basic policies of our political party and those that are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and have little connection with the essential program.
9. Certain languages such as Afrikaans are the product of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and were created when two societies merged.
10. As charming, clever, and persuasive as you may be, you will certainly not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ me into lending you my tennis racquet.
11. While he remained the nominal leader of the group, the real power passed into the hands of his wily aide.
12. The new computerized referral system will greatly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the processing of complaints by customers.

**Determining Meaning – using context clues identify the term that should go in the blank.**

1. Someone who acquires who new tastes and habits as a result as in spending time in another country experiences is an example of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. If a mistake is unintentional it is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Which of the following is the opposite of exorbitant \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. Actions that are seen as not decisive or definite be described as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. Mail that needs to be rushed—needs to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_



**WORD BANK:**

 ABOMINATE, ACCULTURATION, ADVENTITIOUS, AMELIORATE, ASSUAGE, CALLOW, CIRCUITOUS, EXPEDITE, FERMENT, INADVERTENT, LASSITUDE, NOMINAL, NONCOMMITTAL, PETULANT, PREROGATIVE, SANGFROID, TRANSCEND, UNCTUOUS, VITRIOLIC, WHEEDLE

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|   | DOWN |
|   | 2 | accidental |
|   | 4 | amend, better |
|   | 5 | withering, acerbic, mordant |
|   | 8 | titular, inconsequential |
|   | 9 | extrinsic, incidental, fortuitous |
|   | 10 | mealymouthed fawning greasy |
|   | 12 | surpass, outstrip |
|   | 16 | accelerate, facilitate, speed up |
|   | 19 | green, raw, unfledged, inexperienced |

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| ACROSS |   |
|   | 1 | indirect,meandering, winding |
|   | 3 | mitigate, slake, allay to quiet to make easier |
|   | 6 | loathe, abhor, despise, detest |
|   | 7 | commotion, turmoil, unrest |
|   | 11 | perquisite, perk |
|   | 13 | poise, self-assurance equanimity |
|   | 14 | adaptation |
|   | 15 | fatigue, lethargy, torpor, languor |
|   | 17 | cagey, uninformative, playing it safe playing it close to the vest |
|   | 18 | inveigle, soft-soap, sweet-talk |
|   | 20 | peevish, annoyed by trifles, easily irritated |



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