

Two-Word Completions

On a separate sheet of paper, select the pair of words that best complete the meaning of each of the following passages.

- Tony's general attitude toward people is so _____ that he has _____ absolutely everybody who knows him. If he didn't walk around with such a huge chip on his shoulder, he would have a few friends.

a. benevolent...deployed	c. belligerent...alienated
b. impervious...exhilarated	d. amicable...redressed
- "I haven't yet had time to give your latest sales report more than a _____ glance," my boss told me. "However, I plan to _____ it carefully before we discuss it in detail."

a. verbatim...reiterate	c. meticulous...augment
b. cursory...scrutinize	d. tentative...redress
- My first _____ of Nelson's double-dealing came when I discovered him whispering with my opponent. Prior to that, I had no inkling of my so-called friend's _____.

a. intimation...duplicity	c. precedent...artifice
b. scrutiny...fortitude	d. redress... coercion
- Because the course of the disease was so _____, we didn't notice at first that the patient's condition was no longer improving but in fact had begun to _____.

a. tentative...adulterate	c. averse...perpetuate
b. adroit...negligible	d. insidious... retrogress
- Some people always stick up their noses at food they're not accustomed to, but I'm not all at all _____ to trying something new. Still experience has taught me to be _____ of such dubious delicacies as chocolate covered ants, and I usually look before I leap, so to speak.

a. amicable...bereft	c. averse...wary
b. tepid...negligible	d. impervious...craven
- I have _____ chosen an excerpt from the president's inaugural address that I'd like to use in my report. Unfortunately, the passage is far too long to reproduce _____.

a. tentatively...verbatim	c. meticulously...reiterate
b. stolidly...coerce	d. feasibly...liquidate
- Although I now have a very _____ relationship with my older sister, she recalls that we used to fight over everything, viewing each other as _____.

a. insidious...bereft	c. amicable...adversaries
b. cursory...negligible	d. adulterated ... dour