This assignment can be completed in one of two ways (online OR print format). See the directions for each below:

1. Study Island online (recommended):
   - Sign in to [www.studyisland.com](http://www.studyisland.com)
   - Students know their usernames and passwords to log in to study island and should have their username and password written in their agenda.
   - Once you log in you will click on the blue bar that should reflect your core.
   - Your next screen will look something like this. You will need click on the topic...
• Then you will complete the assignments that appear. You will need to get a blue ribbon in order to complete the assignment.

2. Print the PDF format of the Study Island lesson:
   • Print lesson that is attached below and complete the assignment via paper/pencil format.
   • If you do not have a printer then you can record your answers from the PDF format on a loose leaf sheet of paper and turn that in for credit.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS WHILE COMPLETING THE LESSON FEEL FREE TO EMAIL YOUR LANGUAGE ARTS TEACHER:**

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**STAY WARM AND STAY SAFE!!**
1. After the visit, the doctor told Fred he needs to change his eating habits. After a few months, Fred lost 40 pounds and is now in the best shape of his life. He runs track with a coach twice a week. He's so lean and fit, he is a wire.

What does the author compare Fred to?

- A. a wire
- B. a doctor
- C. a coach
- D. a track

2. My friend and I had a difficult weekend. Saturday was fun. We got along great! Sunday was horrible, though. We got into the biggest fight ever! The entire weekend was an emotional roller coaster!

What does the metaphor "the entire weekend was an emotional roller coaster" mean?

- A. They spent the weekend at an amusement park.
- B. The weekend was an upsetting time.
- C. The main character blame the friend.
- D. The weekend brought many different emotions.

3. No one ever passes Mr. Burns' class. He always fails everyone. On the last test, I made a failing grade. Mr. Burns is as tough as rusty nails.

The author compares Mr. Burns to

- A. the last test.
- B. rusty nails.
- C. a classroom.
- D. failing grades.

4. Melissa held the audience in her hands from the moment the first note left her lips. The audience was amazed at her wonderful vocal recital. Her voice was heaven.

Why does the author compare Melissa's voice to heaven?

- A. because she sang religious songs
- B. because her voice was airy
- C. because her voice was beautiful
- D. because she couldn't sing well

5. Jordan's mother tried everything, and still Jordan wouldn't listen. The last time she went to wake Jordan, she noticed that Jordan's room looked like a hurricane hit it.

What is the effect of the simile used in the passage?

- A. to show how Jordan's mom is too nice
- B. to show that Jordan is responsible
- C. to show how messy Jordan's room is
- D. to show that Jordan deserves to be punished
6. After running, Heather went to the gym to work out. After that, she went to run some errands for George. When she's not working out or running errands, you can find her with her friends in the city. She's like a rolling stone.

What does the simile "She's like a rolling stone" mean?

A. Heather should learn to relax more.
B. Heather is good at tumbling over.
C. Heather is always doing something.
D. Heather is a collector of many rocks.

7. Thomas is worried about the map and the trip. He's never been to Boston. The people he is traveling with aren't very reliable and probably can't read a billboard let alone a map. He is like a jar of butterflies. Luckily, he has a GPS system in his car. Even still, he decides he will pay close attention for his next exit.

What is the effect of the simile used in the passage?

A. to show that Thomas' friends cannot be trusted
B. to show that Thomas does not drive well
C. to show that Thomas is concerned about getting lost
D. to show that Thomas is traveling with butterflies

8. When the heater broke, I could feel my fingers frosting over. As the snow fell, we were trapped in the car, and the windows wouldn't close. It was as warm as a polar bear's toes.

Why does the author compare the weather to a polar bear's toes?

A. to show that polar bears are excellent hunters
B. to show the weather was freezing cold
C. to show it is good to keep a blanket in your car
D. to show frostbite can happen very quickly

9. Jack hates the beach. The sun makes him sweat, the sand makes him itch, and the tide smells fishy. The worst part is the noise. Jack can't enjoy the beach because of all the crackles and shrieks. The cries of the gulls are pins in his ears. The tugboats in the distance are loud and deafening.

What is the effect of the metaphor used in the passage?

A. to show that the beach is a smelly place to visit
B. to show that Jack makes noise when he's at the beach
C. to show the way the gulls make the beach beautiful
D. to show the pain Jack feels when he heard the gulls

10. Kim had been invited to a party for Darcy, but after an afternoon of beach volleyball, she was in no shape to go. She needed to go home and get ready. When she got home, Kim scrubbed and primped and pampered before the party. When she emerged from the bathroom, she was as shiny as a coin.

Why does the author compare Kim to a shiny coin?

A. to show she's a great volleyball player
B. to show she's a great friend to Darcy
C. to show how much money she has
D. to show how well she cleans up
11. The kids wanted to go on the lake and sail, but the boat was anchored to the dock. This is the third time they’ve tried to go out on the boat, and they’ve been unable. That boat is a heap of junk.

**Why does the author compare the boat to junk?**
- A. because the water is too rough to go swimming
- B. because the boat does not work very well
- C. because the kids think the boat is dangerous
- D. because the captain is too lazy to take out the boat

12. Jose is an athlete who trains for cross-country races. He runs and lifts weights four times a week. Usually, he takes off on Fridays to let his body heal. He also has a case of trophies and first place medals to prove how good he is. No wonder he is as fit as a fiddle!

**The author compares Jose’s physical fitness to**
- A. a first place medal.
- B. cross country races.
- C. weights.
- D. a fiddle.

13. Scott is shorter than anyone else on the team. His best friend Terry, who is also on the team, towers over everyone else. Terry is a skyscraper. He’s the leading scorer on his basketball team, and he’s the team’s best defender. He’s so tall that plants wilt under his shadow.

**The author compares Terry to**
- A. a shadow.
- B. a basketball team.
- C. a defender.
- D. a skyscraper.

14. The bear must have weighed 400 pounds. His legs were at least 100 pounds apiece! He approached us slowly, creeping from tree to tree. His steps were thunder! The trees roots shook the ground the closer it came. The bats screeched and flew away with each stomp.

**The author compares the bear’s steps to**
- A. trees.
- B. thunder.
- C. stomps.
- D. bats.

15. We knew it would rain, but the weather got so bad it made the windows shake and the door rattle on its hinges. The storm was like a monster on the prowl.

**What does the simile "The storm was like a monster on the prowl" mean?**
- A. The storm was scary.
- B. The storm was a tornado.
- C. The storm gave shelter.
- D. The storm will pass quickly.
1. Harold watched the wrestling match and said, "These people must have superhuman strength.

What is the meaning of the word superhuman?

- A. with human
- B. above human
- C. less than human
- D. forceful

2. If we don't intervene by the time Barry gets here, he and Martha will surely start to argue.

What is the meaning of intervene?

- A. to get around
- B. to get out of the way
- C. to get in between
- D. to not get involved

3. The trader for the company got into trouble for offering discounts when she didn't have the permission to do so.

What is the meaning of the word trader?

- A. one who trades
- B. trading after
- C. not to trade
- D. one who can’t be trusted

4. My brother is trying to decide where to go for his postgraduate schooling.

What is the meaning of postgraduate?

- A. learning a skill
- B. high school ceremony
- C. at the post office
- D. after graduation

5. I only laughed when they told me three home runs in one game were not doable.

What does the word doable mean?

- A. more done
- B. easy to be done
- C. able to be done
- D. wrongly done
6. Dad's old jalopy may seem worthless, but it's reliable.

What is the meaning of reliable?
- A. without rely
- B. difficult to rely
- C. not able to be relied on
- D. able to rely on

7. Doug's dog Roscoe had an extraordinary ability to sense when a storm was approaching.

What is the meaning of the word extraordinary?
- A. below ordinary
- B. beyond ordinary
- C. with ordinary
- D. wanting

8. Because of the rudeness of the cashier and the way we were treated, we left our cart at the store and didn't buy anything.

What is the meaning of the word rudeness?
- A. state of being rude
- B. being polite
- C. state of not being rude
- D. one who is rude

9. If I don't put my keys and wallet on the nightstand, I know I will misplace them, and that means trouble.

What is the meaning of the word misplace?
- A. to take a wrong step
- B. to put something in a safe place
- C. to put something in the wrong place
- D. to find something that is lost

10. The problem with the television is that some wires got disconnected inside.

What is the meaning of disconnected?
- A. chewed up
- B. overly connected
- C. not connected
- D. made of disks
11. All of the students were **properly** dressed for the concert.

What does the word **properly** mean?
- A. in the right way
- B. without rightness
- C. make right
- D. more right

12. Even though his performance in the race was **substandard**, Rico still performed well in the hurdles.

What is the meaning of the word **substandard**?
- A. normal
- B. better than normal
- C. good enough
- D. below normal

13. There was a rally after school to protest the administrators’ **censorship** of the school’s newspaper.

What is the meaning of the word **censorship**?
- A. the condition of being censored
- B. not to censor
- C. the condition of not being censored
- D. adding to censor

14. The movie theater offers a generous discount for customers who **prepay** for their tickets.

What is the meaning of **prepay**?
- A. pay more
- B. pay before
- C. pay after
- D. pay late

15. Jeff read his letters from Gloria and thought about their time at school **fondly**.

The suffix of the word **fondly** means
- A. without fondness.
- B. of fondness.
- C. with fondness.
- D. fearing fondness.