

ADVANCED VOCABULARY PRACTICE CLOZE FILL 1

Read the text below and choose the correct word A, B C or D to fit the gaps.

A solution to (1)_____ desires and expectations perhaps lies in the recognition that wealth does not involve having many things. It involves having what we long for. Wealth is not an absolute. It is relative to desire. Every time we seek something we cannot afford, we grow poorer, whatever our resources. And every time we feel satisfied with what we have, we can be (2)_____ as rich, however little we may actually own. There are two ways to make people richer: to give them more money or to (3)_____ their desires. Modern societies have succeeded spectacularly at the first option but, by continuously inflaming appetites, they have at the same time helped to negate a share of their most impressive achievements. The most effective way to feel wealthy may not be to try to make more money. It can be to (4)_____ ourselves – practically and emotionally - from anyone we both consider to be our equal and who has become richer than us. Rather than trying to become bigger fish, we should concentrate our energies on (5)_____ around us smaller companions next to whom our own size will not (6)_____ us. In so far as advanced societies provide us with historically elevated incomes, they appear to make us richer. But, in truth, the net effect of these societies may be to (7)_____ us because, by fostering unlimited expectations, they keep open a permanent gap between what we want and what we can afford, who we are and who we might be, The (8)_____ we have paid for expecting to be so much more than our ancestors is the permanent feeling that we are far from being all we might be. We should be careful what we read in the papers and what programmes we watch. No matter what the media (9)_____ at us, we must remain realistic in our goals and expectations and not allow ourselves to be (10)_____ into a life of materialism.

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| 1. | A. coiling | B. curving | C. spiraling | D. revolving |
| 2. | A. counted | B. added | C. thought | D. accounted |
| 3. | A. refer | B. reassure | C. recline | D. restrain |
| 4. | A. dispute | B. vary | C. single | D. distance |
| 5. | A. gathering | B. heaping | C. loading | D. distributing |
| 6. | A. brood | B. fret | C. trouble | D. console |
| 7. | A. redeem | B. impoverish | C. enrich | D. augment |
| 8. | A. fee | B. price | C. fund | D. charge |
| 9. | A. sends | B. delivers | C. exploits | D. throws |
| 10. | A. liberated | B. quarantined | C. brainwashed | D. investigated |

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ANSWERS

- 1 C
- 2 A
- 3 D
- 4 D
- 5 A
- 6 C
- 7 B
- 8 B
- 9 D
- 10 C

