

Use the correct words in bold below to complete the following sentences.

communicate **awkward** **bragged** **interfering** **permitted**
intricate **metropolis** **massive** **excluding** **durable**

1. The _____ young deer kept falling and stumbling on its new legs.
2. I was impressed with the _____ beadwork and tiny stitches on the beautiful dress.
3. Everyone seemed annoyed when John _____ and told us how great he was at soccer.
4. Even though she had asked her parents nicely, Sarah was not _____ to get her ears pierced.
5. The busy _____ was full of cars, people, buildings, and noises.
6. When you go to a job interview it is extremely important that you _____ clearly so they can understand exactly what you are trying to say.
7. The cruel group of girls kept _____ Jan and not letting her play with them.
8. I looked up at the _____ structure and was shocked at how large it was.
9. My mother bought me the _____ binder so it would last all school year without breaking.
10. Jose really wanted his parents to stop _____ in his life and getting into his business. He just wanted to do things on his own.

Use the context clues to determine which words belong in the blanks.

rely determination peered urgency rookie dispose
accelerated extinct evidence lifeless

1. "I need to _____ on you to take good care of your baby sister," Mom said.
2. Marsha _____ out the window to see what had made that loud noise. When she looked closely, she could see a raccoon.
3. We need to _____ of all the junk in the bottom of your closet. If we don't get rid of it, you're going to run out of room.
4. The runners _____, or went faster, as they got closer to the finish line.
5. The player won the "_____ of the Year" award at the end of his first season.
6. Susan's _____ and hard work paid off when she finally finished the long project and got an A.
7. In science, we use the word _____ to mean that an entire species has died off.
8. The _____ body of the doll sat hunched over on the little girl's unmade bed.
9. The lawyer brought a lot of _____ to court in order to prove that his client was not guilty.
10. The baby was coming right now and there was a great sense of _____ as we rushed to the hospital!

Each of the following sentences contains an idiom, analogy, metaphor, or simile. Underline it and write an I, A, M, or S on the line to show which of the four it is.

1. My mother has such a green thumb and can grow anything. _____
2. His future is an open book, just waiting to be read. _____
3. Water is to a cat what schoolwork is to me. _____
4. We had to wait for Karen because she was as slow as a snail. _____
5. John is all thumbs and can't build anything without breaking it. _____
6. The river of life seems to pass on by. _____
7. A brush is to a painter what a word is to an author. _____
8. I was as white as a ghost. _____
9. Tommy cries just like a baby when he gets mad. _____
10. If you butter up the teacher, you have a good chance of getting your way.
11. Sometimes I feel like my parents are to me what a guard is to a prisoner. _____
12. I drove quickly down the road like a racecar driver on a track. _____
13. I had to put my foot in my mouth when I realized I was wrong. _____
14. My thoughts are an eagle soaring above the noise of the city. _____
15. She blew the whistle on Tom when she found out he cheated on the test. _____
16. Your family is a safety net that catches you when you fall. _____
17. I didn't want anyone to spill the beans about the surprise party. _____
18. Mom's chocolate cake tastes like a little piece of heaven. _____
19. Without dreams, life is a broken-winged bird that cannot fly. _____
20. The bad news was like a splash of cold water. _____

Read TEXT A below and answer the set questions.

Teenager X walks into a clothing store. She examines several pairs of jeans, but something inside her makes her feel that the jeans emblazoned with a popular brand name are better than any of the other pairs. Why? Perhaps the jeans with the label are made from a better quality denim. Perhaps the stitching is neater and stronger. Perhaps the cut is better. Or, perhaps the brand-name jeans are not much different from the other jeans in the store - except for the designer label. What is the deeper reason that Teenager X is drawn to the brand name? The answer is that she is aspiring towards the image that the brand name carries. 5

Teenager X may be young and insecure, perhaps not the most confident, smooth-talking, beautiful girl in town. Yet, when she wears her brand-labelled jeans she *believes* that she can be transformed from being labelled “ordinary human being” to being labelled “confident, fashionable, in-group human being”. She can say, “Look at me, I know which clothes are fashionable”, “See here, I can afford to wear these expensive labels”, “Hey, I’m wearing the right clothes, so notice me and ask to be my friend”. 15

although at some level, Teenager X knows that a label alone can’t make her different from who she is inside, in her naivety, a brand name is like a genie in a bottle – it makes her feel different inside. it makes her feel more confident, more popular, more in touch. So, when she wears her brand-name jeans, she acts differently and people treat her differently. Yes, it is an illusion, but it works. 20

Like Teenager X, when we buy brand labels, we “buy” into a dream. We feel like we are joining the exclusive club of people who we see on television, in music videos, at the movies, in advertisements. These people project an image which is independent, confident, popular, successful. The hidden message is that if we wear brand names, we can be “in” like them, instead of out in the cold. Yet, who is really transformed by people wearing designer labels – ordinary people like Teenager X or you and me? 25

I don’t think so. The real beneficiaries are the company owners who rake in the cash when their label becomes popular. 30

Brand names: are they just a fashionable part of the modern clothing market place, or are they an elaborate con? You decide. 35

QUESTIONS RELATING TO TEXT A

- 1.1 According to the author, what qualities/features would it be more sensible to look at when buying a pair of jeans rather than its designer label? (3)
- 1.2 What is the ultimate/final reason that Teenager X is drawn to a brand name? (1)
- 1.3 Explain in your own words how brand names transform Teenager X's identity. (3)
- 1.4.1 Identify the figure of speech used in the phrase "a brand name is like a genie in a bottle". (1)
- 1.4.2 Explain this figure of speech. (2)
- 1.5 Why does brand clothing lead to people acting differently and people treating them differently? (3)
- 1.6 Correct the punctuation error in the first line of the article. (1)
- 1.7 What is the meaning of the word "naivety" (line 20)? (1)
- 1.8 Why is the word "believe" (line 13) written in italics? (1)
- 1.9 Who are the people that in the end really benefit from the designer label? (1)
- 1.10 The second last sentence of the article is a question: "Brand names. Are they just a fashionable part of the modern marketplace or are they an elaborate con? What is your answer to this question? Provide reasons for your answer. (3)