1. **allude**  (verb) to refer to casually or indirectly

   In his speech, the candidate __________ to his opponent's lack of military experience.

   Syn.: suggest, insinuate, hint at, intimate

2. **clairvoyant**  (adj.) supernaturally perceptive; (noun) one who possesses extrasensory powers, seer

   Few people are taken in by the __________ pronouncements of fortune-tellers and mediums.

   The police sometimes use __________ to help them solve difficult missing-person cases.

   Syn.: (adj.) insightful, discerning, uncanny; (noun) visionary
   Ant.: (adj.) blind, unseeing, myopic, dense, imperceptive

3. **conclusive**  (adj.) serving to settle an issue; final

   When they weighed all the evidence in the case, the members of the jury found the testimony of the expert witness to be __________.

   Syn.: decisive, indisputable, convincing, definitive
   Ant.: unsettled, provisional, indefinite

4. **disreputable**  (adj.) not respectable, not esteemed

   Supermarket tabloids frequently publish stories about the __________ behavior of celebrities.

   Syn.: disgraceful, discreditable, shady
   Ant.: honest, aboveboard, respectable, creditable

5. **endemic**  (adj.) native or confined to a particular region or people; characteristic of or prevalent in a field

   Scientists have yet to identify many plant and animal species __________ to the rain forests.

   Syn.: indigenous, restricted to
   Ant.: alien, foreign, extraneous

6. **exemplary**  (adj.) worthy of imitation, commendable; serving as a model

   The Medal of Freedom is awarded to U.S. civilians for __________ achievements in various fields.

   Syn.: praiseworthy, meritorious, sterling, illustrative
   Ant.: infamous, notorious, scandalous, disreputable

7. **fathom**  (verb) to understand, get to the bottom of; to determine the depth of; (noun) a measure of depth in water

   It is sometimes difficult to __________ the motives behind another person's action.

   The great passenger liner Titanic still lies buried several thousand __________ beneath the ocean's surface.

   Syn.: (verb) grasp, comprehend, figure out, plumb

8. **guile**  (noun) treacherous cunning, deceit

   Folklore has it that a serpent’s most outstanding trait is __________, just as a fox’s is craftiness.

   Syn.: trickery, duplicity, chicanery
   Ant.: candor, artlessness, naivete, plain dealing

9. **integrity**  (noun) honesty, high moral standards; an unimpaired condition, completeness, soundness

   Scholars debated the __________ of the text of a newly discovered poem attributed to Shakespeare.

   Syn.: rectitude, probity
   Ant.: dishonesty, corruption, turpitude

10. **itinerary**  (noun) a route of travel; a record of travel; a guidebook

    Tour companies regularly provide potential customers with detailed __________ of the trips they offer.

    Syn.: schedule, program
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<td>misconstrue</td>
<td>(verb) to interpret wrongly, mistake the meaning of</td>
<td>Young children sometimes __________ their parents' motives.</td>
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<td>obnoxious</td>
<td>(adj.) highly offensive, arousing strong dislike</td>
<td>The speeches Hitler delivered at the Nuremberg rallies were full of racial slurs and other __________ language.</td>
<td>Syn.: disagreeable, repugnant, hateful, odious Ant.: agreeable, pleasing, engaging, personable</td>
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<td>placate</td>
<td>(verb) to appease, soothe, pacify</td>
<td>Sponsors of the controversial bill modified some of its original provisions in order to __________ the opposition.</td>
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<td>placid</td>
<td>(adj.) calm, peaceful</td>
<td>There was no wind to disturb the __________ surface of the lake.</td>
<td>Syn.: undisturbed, tranquil, quiet, serene Ant.: stormy, agitated, turbulent, tempestuous</td>
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<td>potent</td>
<td>(adj.) powerful; highly effective</td>
<td>Music has been called the most __________ agent for inducing people to forget their differences and live in harmony.</td>
<td>Syn.: mighty, formidable, forceful Ant.: weak, inept, feckless, powerless, ineffective</td>
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<td>pretext</td>
<td>(noun) a false reason, deceptive excuse</td>
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<td>Syn.: pretense, cover story, rationale, evasion</td>
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<td>Syn.: project, jut out, bulge</td>
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