

Appendix 2. Metaphor pre-test and two-week delayed test

Name: _____

Group: MG CG

2-week delayed test

Complete Sentences

Complete the sentences with the missing words. Write only one word in each gap. The sentences are taken from authentic British and American sources.

- 1) Many business owners continue to throw caution to the _____, ignoring advice and gut instincts, which makes them easy targets for financial scams.
- 2) Despite arriving late, she _____ into the meeting as if nothing was wrong, flashing a confident smile at everyone in the room.
- 3) I'm terribly sorry, Miss Walkinshaw, but I seem to be under the _____ this afternoon. I was wondering whether you had an aspirin or something that would help?
- 4) Would you like to ski, but you're _____ under with work? Do you dream of a vacation at the bottom of the ocean, but you can't float the bill? Have you always wanted to climb the mountains of Mars, but now you're over the hill? Then come to ReCall Incorporated, where you can buy the memory of your ideal vacation—cheaper, safer, and better than the real thing.
- 5) On most days, Shelley's _____ disposition shines through, and she makes the most of life, regardless of her disability. "I didn't choose to be born this way, and there's nothing I can do to change it", she says, shrugging.
- 6) At first, the new neighbours were quite reserved, but over time they began to _____ up to us after we invited them over for a few friendly gatherings.
- 7) Caroline was always surrounded by adoring males, _____ with gifts and benefits. But so far she had refused to take any of them seriously.
- 8) Despite President Bush's efforts to maintain good relations, he received a _____ reception from many Canadians during his visit, with large protests and open criticism of his policies.
- 9) I know many adults who are so deep in debt that they would be in financial ruin if their car broke down. They haven't learned this lesson yet. So, where is the lesson? Perhaps it was when they were children and learned from their parents how to save money for a _____ day and not to buy things unless they had the cash in hand.
- 10) Despite his polite attempt to engage in conversation, her response was nothing less than an _____ remark. The air seemed to freeze as her gaze fixed on his, making it clear that further interaction was unwelcome.
- 11) A smiling Prince and Princess of Wales arrived in South Korea yesterday to face a _____ welcome, despite renewed media speculation about their marriage. There were no signs of strain as they carried out their three brief engagements of the day.
- 12) Pickles hasn't the _____ idea about how money works; her family pays for everything, and she never has to lift a finger to cover her expenses.
- 13) You saw the police surrounding the building. Did you witness them _____ into the building, or were they just holding their positions outside?
- 14) As soon as she heard the bad news, her face _____ over, and it was clear something was bothering her.

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