

Appendix 3. Metaphor post-test

Metaphor cloze posttest

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Posttest: 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) For many, the ability to give and share with others in their time of need is nearly impossible due to their own financial situation. Not being able to help others and keeping things for their own _____ day can make some feel guilty and others feel greedy.
- 2) I'm miserable at work not because I'm _____ under, but because I know I'm not really needed. It is, in many ways, a cushy job; nevertheless, it's killing me. I also know that 80-90% of what passes for work here is totally unnecessary.
- 3) During their brief marriage, Mr. Friend often _____ Elaine with luxuries, including a new car and a horse, trying to keep her happy.
- 4) Opera maestro Luciano Pavarotti met a _____ reception when he returned to his old theatre after a five-year absence last night. Critics at Milan's opera house whistled during his performance of the Infante in Verdi's Don Carlo.
- 5) Most of the money supply is created by banks, not the government. Bankers issue more banknotes than they can redeem, betting that people will not _____ into the bank all at once for redemption. However, when a panic hits, their gamble fails.
- 6) A child who is assessed while feeling slightly under the _____ may perform below their usual cognitive ability, making it harder to interpret any genuine changes in their development.
- 7) It was an exciting day for me. However, I had noticed a friend of mine looking quite down. He tried to hide it, but frequently he would just stare off into space and misery would _____ over his face. Seeing as he's a pretty laid-back, carefree guy, I assumed only one thing: something had happened between him and his girlfriend.
- 8) In memory, past lovers never age, but no one stays the same. Thirteen years ago, Helen, a young Irishwoman, would _____ into my apartment with a laugh and a kiss, like fresh air from the Irish Sea. But I had certainly changed, with the grey in my hair as evidence. She must have changed as well.
- 9) Do you have that one difficult co-worker in your office with whom, no matter what you do, you just can't seem to get along? One way to deal with a difficult co-worker is to try to _____ up to them. This is not always easy, and you may have to work at it gradually. It might not work if you have lunch with them in the office or in the company cafeteria. However, it will probably work better if you head out to a restaurant instead.
- 10) Regulation top speed for night driving was ten miles per hour, but Frank pushed it to the limit, throwing caution to the _____. The vehicle charged across the dust and sand at a dizzying nineteen miles per hour. Some rules were made to be broken, and home was waiting.
- 11) Professor Fredrickson found that focusing on positive stimuli helps people restore their normal cardiovascular function. She also found that people who exhibit good coping skills and a happy demeanour are more resilient and relaxed. But it's not just their _____ disposition that helps optimists; they also work hard to live more healthfully.
- 12) Magellan is to be ranked as the first navigator of ancient times, and his voyage is the greatest single human achievement on the sea. Yet when he set off on 20 September 1519, with a royal mandate to search for a passage through to the Mar del Sur, and thus to determine for certain that the Spice Islands were within the Spanish domains, he had not the _____ idea how far he might have to travel.
- 13) He cautiously offered his suggestion, hoping to contribute to the discussion. But before he could finish, she fixed him with an _____ stare. The room fell silent, and it was clear to everyone present that she had no intention of considering his idea.
- 14) President Bush has extended an invitation to British travellers to discover America this year. I am sure our British friends can appreciate that American presidents have not always extended such a _____ welcome. President James Madison, who occupied the White House when it was burned by British troops in 1814, probably thought the British overdid their visit. Fortunately, the relations between the American and British people have improved a great deal since then.