

Verifying Word Meanings

DIRECTIONS: Infer the meaning of each bold word. Then look each word up in the dictionary and verify that your answers are correct.

1. To me, this book isn't just important, it's **sacrosanct**.

- A. sacred
- B. wasted
- C. forgotten

2. She's surprisingly **docile** for a feral cat.

- A. sweet
- B. easily taught
- C. wild

3. I think we need an **impartial** opinion to settle this dispute.

- A. fair
- B. uneven
- C. unequal



4. There is absolutely no **precedent** for this decision.

- A. elected official
- B. previous
- C. earlier example

5. George refuses to eat flowers in his salads, though I've told him they're **innocuous**.

- A. harmless
- B. vaccination
- C. unfair

6. John is too **lax** in his appearance to get this job.

- A. helpful
- B. not diligent
- C. improper

7. I was hoping we could **precipitate** things, so we could get this over with.

- A. cause to happen
- B. hurry
- C. prevent

8. Will you please note **equivocate**? Say what you mean.

- A. make equal
- B. add up to
- C. say confusing things