

Misuse To Accurate Answer Key

1. **coerce** or **persuade** - Elucidate means explain, not pressure or convince.
2. **cites** - Implies suggests indirectly; statistics are directly referenced.
3. **deliberate** or **systematic** - Arbitrary contradicts evidence of careful process.
4. **emphasizes** or **asserts** - Exacerbate means worsen, not state or highlight.
5. **systematic** or **structured** - Sporadic conflicts with a planned schedule.
6. **superseded** or **undermined** - Redundant describes repetition, not replacement or contradiction.
7. **robust** or **coherent** - Ambiguous weakens meaning; acceptance implies clarity.
8. **additional** or **expanded** - Condensed means shortened, not increased.

Teacher's Guide

- Skill focus: Identifying and correcting **misused high-level vocabulary** in academic contexts.
- Time: 10 to 15 minutes; fits one page.
- What to assess:
 - Whether the replacement word matches sentence logic.
 - Student awareness of subtle semantic differences.
- Differentiation:
 - Support: Provide a small word bank with two possible replacements per item.
 - Challenge: Require students to explain why the original word fails semantically.
- Engagement:
 - Peer check: Students defend one correction choice to a partner.
- Extension:
 - Writing transfer: Students locate one misused advanced word in their own writing and revise it with justification.