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Synonym Ambiguity Check

Directions: Read each sentence. Two **almost-synonyms** are given. Choose which one **does not fit** the sentence. Underline your choice. Then explain **why they are not interchangeable**.



1. The scientist made a **careful** observation during the experiment.
(cautious / precise)

Explain: _____

2. The lawyer gave a **forceful** argument in court.
(powerful / loud)

Explain: _____

3. The athlete showed **great stamina** during the marathon.
(endurance / strength)

Explain: _____

4. The teacher gave a **firm** warning about cheating.
(strict / solid)

Explain: _____

5. The abandoned house looked **empty** for years.
(vacant / hollow)

Explain: _____

6. The author wrote a **brief** introduction.
(short / shallow)

Explain: _____

7. The storm caused **severe** damage to the coastline.
(intense / cruel)

Explain: _____

8. The student gave a **confident** response to the question.
(assured / arrogant)

Explain: _____