



Practice 1

Complete the sentence using the word or set of words for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

1. My chronic back pain was only _____ by the whiplash I experienced in the car crash.
A ameliorated
B aggravated
C alleviated
D assuaged
E amended
2. The _____ ceremony of the ancient tribe can be shocking to modern researchers who are not familiar or comfortable with human sacrifices.
A atonement
B immolation
C hedonistic
D ritualistic
E penance
3. The argument Laura made in her essay seemed _____; it was clear to the teacher that she had not fully thought through the differences between the moons of Saturn.
A synthesized
B sagacious
C inchoate
D developed
E coherent
4. The film's story seemed so _____ that audiences couldn't believe that it was based on a true story.
A implausible
B tenable
C orchestrated
D conceivable
E lucid
5. As punishment for his insubordination, the lance corporal was demoted and _____ to the demeaning task of cleaning the latrine.
A scourged
B patronized
C exonerated
D succored
E relegated
6. After putting out the devastating blaze, investigators quickly came to the conclusion that the _____ was probably started by _____ device.
A arson ... an incombustible
B holocaust ... a noisome
C pyre ... a flammable
D flagration ... an incendiary
E terror ... an inflammable

1. B
2. B
3. C
4. A
5. E
6. D