

THE RIGHT WORD

How good are you at choosing the right word? In each of the following sets there are three closely related words. What do they have in common? How are they different? Explain briefly in your own words what makes each word different from the others. Compare your own answers with those of your classmates. (Your teacher will tell you whether to use a dictionary.)

1. FRIGHTEN—INTIMIDATE—ALIENATE

2. PROTOTYPE—STEREOTYPE—ARCHETYPE

3. EMPATHY—SYMPATHY—COMPASSION

4. TOTALITARIAN—AUTHORITARIAN—IMPERIALISTIC

5. FAÇADE—FRONT—IMACE

6. COOPERATE—COLLABORATE—CONNIVE

7. HINT—IMPLICATION—INSINUATION

8. LITERAL-MINDED—NARROW-MINDED—BIGOTED

9. LOVE—AFFECTION—INFATUATION

10. PUBLIC—CIVIC—POLITICAL

11. RELIGIOUS—PIOUS—DEVOUT

12. DISCIPLINE—REGIMENTATION—OPPRESSION
