

VOCABULARY ASSORTMENT – UPPER INTERMEDIATE 3

For each of the six questions choose the **one** correct answer

1. If something is 'tallish' it is quite tall but not very tall. Which of the adjectives below does not follow the same pattern?
 - a. He's youngish, about your age.
 - b. He's so selfish. I really don't like him very much.
 - c. He's darkish, not as fair as I am anyway.
 - d. He's got greenish eyes.

2. If you do something 'in vain' e.g. "He tried to get her back in vain," how do you do it?
 - a. carefully
 - b. for a long time
 - c. without really trying
 - d. without success

3. Which word describes appearance and not texture (the way things feel)?
 - a. prickly
 - b. rough
 - c. coarse
 - d. shiny

4. Which of the following adjectives describing towns is positive?
 - a. picturesque
 - b. shabby
 - c. run-down
 - d. filthy

5. Which is an antonym (has the opposite meaning) of 'very important'.
 - a. essential
 - b. vital
 - c. trivial
 - d. crucial

6. Take the short _____ through the park, it saves time!
 - a. cut
 - b. way
 - c. path
 - d. distance

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1.

- a. Wrong. This means quite, but not very young.
- b. Correct. A selfish person just thinks of himself or herself first.
- c. Wrong. This means quite, but not very dark.
- d. Wrong. This means quite, but not very green.

2.

- a. Wrong.
- b. Wrong.
- c. Wrong.
- d. Correct.

3.

- a. Wrong. A plant with thorns like a rose or thistle is prickly.
- b. Wrong. The bark (skin) of a tree is rough.
- c. Wrong. Sand is coarse.
- d. Correct. You can see your reflection in something shiny, possibly made of metal or glass.

4.

- a. Correct. Picturesque means small and pretty and might refer to a village or cottage (small house).
- b. Wrong. Shabby means old and well-used.
- c. Wrong. Run-down means old, needing to be cleaned and repaired.
- d. Wrong. Filthy means very dirty.

5.

- a. Wrong. Essential means very important.
- b. Wrong. Vital means very important.
- c. Correct. Trivial means not important at all.
- d. Wrong. Crucial means very important.

6.

- a. Correct. A 'short cut' is something that saves time.
- b. Wrong. 'Short way' is not the correct answer.
- c. Wrong. 'Short path' is not the correct answer.
- d. Wrong. 'Short distance' is not the correct answer.