One Word Substitution Worksheet with Answers

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A. One word for the phrase

Write one word for each phrase.

1. A person who can speak two languages
2. One who does not believe in God
3. A person who looks on the bright side
4. A speech made without preparation
5. Handwriting that cannot be read
6. A place where orphans live
7. One who knows everything
8. Something that cannot be avoided
9. The story of a person's life written by that person
10. A person who is new to a job or activity
11. Fear of heights
12. Government by the people
13. A person who works without pay
14. One who is present everywhere
15. A person who eats no meat or fish

B. Choose the one word

Circle the correct one word substitute.

1. A person who hates mankind: (misogynist / misanthrope / philanthropist)
2. That which cannot be corrected: (incorrigible / incurable / invincible)
3. The study of the human mind: (physiology / psychology / philosophy)
4. A doctor who treats the eyes: (dermatologist / ophthalmologist / cardiologist)
5. The killing of one's own brother: (fratricide / homicide / genocide)
6. A collection of poems: (anthology / biography / glossary)

C. Replace the phrase

Rewrite each sentence, replacing the words in quotation marks with one word.

1. The judge was "not influenced by either side".

2. His hunger for success is "never satisfied".

3. Smoking is "not allowed by law" here.

4. The rule was "open to more than one meaning".

Answer Key

A. One word for the phrase

1. bilingual
2. atheist
3. optimist
4. extempore
5. illegible
6. orphanage
7. omniscient
8. inevitable
9. autobiography
10. novice
11. acrophobia
12. democracy
13. volunteer
14. omnipresent
15. vegetarian

B. Choose the one word

1. misanthrope
2. incorrigible
3. psychology
4. ophthalmologist
5. fratricide
6. anthology

C. Replace the phrase

1. The judge was impartial.
2. His hunger for success is insatiable.
3. Smoking is illegal (prohibited) here.
4. The rule was ambiguous.

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