

## 12. Expand your vocabulary

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Read the sentences and choose the word which fits the sentence in the best way. Use the SMART Thesaurus on your CD-ROM to help you.

1. It's a very stormy day today. There are dark clouds and also a ..... wind.  
a) icy                      b) bitter                      c) chilly
2. The rose quartz stones in this pendant are ..... They are so delicate.  
a) breathtaking      b) stunning                      c) exquisite
3. Mark didn't seem to enjoy his dinner; he ..... it and hardly ate anything.  
a) picked at              b) devoured                      c) bolted down
4. 'Mum, I was so hungry I ..... my dinner before some people had even started!'  
a) picked at              b) scoffed                      c) consumed
5. The doctor advised me to ..... for a couple of days until I felt better.  
a) chill (out)              b) unwind                      c) take it easy
6. My colleagues were very unprofessional and spent a lot of time ..... at some of our customers.  
a) sniggering              b) in stitches                      c) chuckling
7. The cyclist ..... towards the hedge so fast that we thought he would crash.  
a) dashed                      b) hurtled                      c) jogged
8. It's absolutely ..... in the restaurant today. We need some air conditioning.  
a) sweltering              b) hot                      c) scalding
9. Think about changing your job carefully. Don't make any ..... decisions.  
a) prompt                      b) hasty                      c) rapid
10. There has been a ..... increase in the record sales of the pop group since their tour.  
a) rapid                      b) hasty                      c) speedy
11. My manager was very ..... on the telephone. She certainly didn't want to chat.  
a) swift                      b) prompt                      c) brisk
12. Be careful, this tea is ..... hot!  
a) sweltering              b) scorching                      c) scalding

