Exercise 6.2: Word Usage

Use your stylebook to determine which word in parentheses is correct, and circle it.

1. The senator said she is (eager, anxious) to debate the merits of the bill.
2. Advertising (lineage, lineage) has (rose, risen) substantially during the past year.
3. The (hangar/hanger) at the closed Air Force base is now used as a movie studio.
4. The (burglary, robbery) at the store was committed occurred while the store was closed for the weekend.
5. Most of the payment is applied to interest, not the (principle, principal), on the home loan.
6. The senator’s appointment to the appropriations subcommittee will (affect, effect) how much money the state will receive.
7. The (affect, effect) of the testimony was overwhelming.
8. Tiger Woods may be the greatest golfer of (all-time, all time).
9. (Beside, Besides) his low self-esteem, the college freshman lacked the proper skills for the team.
10. The hotel had a (complement, compliment) of 50 bell captains and 50 valet attendants.
11. Fifty states (compose, comprise, constitute) the United States.
12. The economic upheavals in Latin America have prompted many people to (immigrate, emigrate) to America.
13. She (flaunted, flouted) her musical abilities.
14. He wished he could have purchased the artist’s (palette, pallet) at the auction.
15. Those (people, persons) don’t understand the role of the committee.