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DIRECTIONS: For each word, write the letter of its correct definition.

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| _____ 1. | whim | A | (of something bad) utter or complete |
| _____ 2. | wince | B | a slight, involuntary grimace |
| _____ 3. | nurture | C | a sudden and unexplained desire or change of mind |
| _____ 4. | downright | D | depressing, dreary |
| _____ 5. | dismal | E | capture the fascinated attention of |
| _____ 6. | enthrall | F | to care for and encourage the growth and development of |
| _____ 7. | fathom | G | to understand after much thought |
| _____ 8. | acknowledge | H | accept or admit the existence or truth of |
| _____ 9. | allege | I | to claim or assert that someone has done something illegal or wrong, typically without proof |
| _____ 10. | avert | J | to turn away |

ANSWERS

1. C
2. B
3. F
4. A
5. D
6. E
7. G
8. H
9. I
10. J