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**DIRECTIONS:** Read the passage. Then circle the best meaning for each underlined word.

In due time, the mansion was finished; next came the upholsterers, with magnificent furniture; then a whole troop of servants, the harbingers of Mr. Gathergold, who, in his own majestic person, was expected to arrive at sunset. Our friend Ernest, meanwhile, had been deeply stirred by the idea that the great man, the noble man, the man of prophecy, after so many ages of delay, was at length to appear in his native valley. He knew, boy as he was, that there were a thousand ways in which Mr. Gathergold, with his vast wealth, might transform himself into an angel of beneficence, and assume a control over human affairs as wide and benignant as the smile of the Great Stone Face. Full of faith and hope, Ernest doubted not that what the people said was true, and that now he was to behold the living likeness of those wondrous features on the mountain side. While the boy was still gazing up the valley, and fancying, as he always did, that the Great Stone Face returned his gaze and looked kindly at him, the rumbling of wheels was heard, approaching swiftly along the winding road.

From *The Great Stone Face* by Nathaniel Hawthorne

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| _____ 1. a <b>harbinger</b> is something that comes:    | A. after              | B. before     |
| _____ 2. <b>majestic</b> means:                         | A. distinguished      | B. kingly     |
| _____ 3. <b>stirred</b> means:                          | A. agitated           | B. inspired   |
| _____ 4. <b>prophecy</b> means:                         | A. prediction         | B. scripture  |
| _____ 5. <b>native</b> means:                           | A. where you are from | B. unfamiliar |
| _____ 6. <b>beneficence</b> is:                         | A. wealth             | B. goodness   |
| _____ 7. an <b>benignant</b> person is:                 | A. kind               | B. rude       |
| _____ 8. When you <b>behold</b> something you _____ it. | A. see                | B. hold       |
| _____ 9. A synonym for <b>fancy</b> is:                 | A. decorated          | B. imagine    |

## ANSWERS

1. B
2. A
3. B
4. A
5. A
6. B
7. A
8. A
9. B