

Vocabulary Practice

certify	commence	devise	obstacle
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A. Directions: Write the word from the box that correctly completes each sentence.

- Everyone in the audience should take their seat because the play is ready to _____.
- Patty is a(n) _____ to our group’s progress because she opposes all of our suggestions.
- The students were asked to _____ a sentence using each vocabulary word.
- The man will _____ that the document is authentic.

B. Directions: For each word in the first column, find the phrase in the second column that is closest in meaning. Write the letter of that phrase in the blank.

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| _____ 5. obstacle | a. to confirm as true |
| _____ 6. commence | b. to form a plan |
| _____ 7. devise | c. to begin |
| _____ 8. certify | d. standing in the way |

C. Writing Option: Write a brief paragraph reviewing one of Houdini’s acts after Martin Beck puts him on the Orpheum circuit. What did you do like and dislike about it? Use at least **two** words from the box.
