The Gift of the Magi Vocabulary worksheet #1

**Prosperous:** (adjective) successful and wealthy  
**Vanish:** (verb) disappear  
**Ecstatic:** (adjective) extremely happy  
**Predominant:** (adjective) most common or main or dominating thing  
**Inconsequential:** (adjective) unimportant  
**Generous:** (adjective) giving  
**Mammoth:** (adjective) huge, very large  
**Gradually:** (adverb) changing slowly step by step  
**Instigate:** (verb) to urge on or stir up  
**Depreciate:** (verb) to reduce in value  
**Imputation:** (noun) the act of imputing; insinuation; accused of or attributed to something  
**Parsimony:** (noun) the quality of being careful with money or resources; thrift; stinginess  
**Truant:** (noun) someone who avoids doing his or her duty; someone who is skipping school without permission

**Fill in the blanks with the correct word.**

1. Bill was so ______________ that he gave the jacket his was wearing to an old homeless man.  
2. According to my parents, listening to music is an ______________ pursuit because music is unimportant and will get me nowhere.  
3. Since I began working at this new law firm, I am no longer poor. I have become extremely ___________ because they pay me $200 an hour.  
4. Falling in love takes time. You should take things one day at a time as you ___________ get to know the person instead of rushing things.  
5. If you are ___________ about something you’ll probably have a huge smile on your face.  
6. Out of thirty students in this class, twenty-five wear Air Jordans, which means that Jordans are the ______________ shoe worn by my students.  
7. I always tell students not to stand around and ___________ violence when two other students are arguing because their urgings just make things worse.  
8. When I made a big mistake in my presentation in front of the class, I wish I could ___________ into thin air.  
9. Clipping coupons and reusing the same sheet of tinfoil over and over are two examples of my grandmother’s growing ___________.  
10. Yesterday, a ___________ blizzard covered the town with two feet snow.  
11. As soon as you drive a car off the lot it ______________ in value so drastically that if you take it back the next very next day, you won’t even get back 80% of what you paid for it.  
12. Jeremy, who is playing video games at home when he should be in math class, is a ___________.  
13. Sarah glared at me, her eyes filled with the ______________ that I had cheated her of her rightful place on the dance team.