Learning New Words and Phrases

Choose the meaning of the bold word or phrase.

1. Leslie **trudged** through the mud to feed the horses.
2. Juan **weaved** his way through people in the crowd.
3. Please, don’t **interrupt** me when I am on the phone.
4. Many **myths** about George Washington have been passed down over the years.
5. She took on the **Herculean task** of cleaning the yard.
6. I was so hungry, I **gobbled** up my lunch in five seconds!
7. All day, Gia has been **harping** over losing the game.
8. Students **parroted** back the poem they had learned.
9. Mr. Jung has the **Midas touch**. He sells many cars.
10. The ending of the story was an **enigma** until I read the last chapter.
11. Candy is my **Achilles’ heel**. I can’t stop eating it!
12. She **hesitated** before answering the question.

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**Objective:** Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including those that allude to significant characters found in mythology (e.g., Herculean).