Choose the Most Precise Word

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Select the word that most clearly fits each situation, then explain one choice. Similar words often carry different shades of meaning.

1. The scientist ___ the results carefully. (glanced at / examined / ignored)

2. The narrow path was ___ after the rain. (slippery / delicious / silent)

3. The audience fell ___ as the speaker began. (silent / enormous / rough)

4. The athlete felt ___ after finishing the long race. (exhausted / curious / ancient)

5. The instructions were so ___ that everyone understood. (clear / tangled / timid)

6. The kitten ___ towards the sleeping dog. (crept / thundered / soared)

7. The evidence was ___ enough to support her conclusion. (convincing / tiny / noisy)

8. The old bridge looked ___ during the storm. (fragile / cheerful / fragrant)

9. The teacher gave a brief but clear explanation. Which word best replaces “brief but clear”? (concise / endless / muddy)

10. The detective spotted a ___ difference between two notes. (subtle / deafening / bitter)

11. Explain why 'crept' is more precise than 'went' in question 6.

12. Replace 'nice' with a precise adjective: 'We ate a nice meal.'