

I. Fill the gaps with the appropriate phrases.

airy-fairy	love-dovey
fuddy-duddy	silly-billy
helter-skelter	teeny-weeny
higgledy-piggledy	willy-nilly
humpty-dumpty	wishy-washy

- The young man was in such a hurry that he ran losing some of his things along the way.
- Don't expect any clear and immediate decision from Frank. He's such a character.
- 'I thought you were going to leave me, darling.'
'You little How ever could you think that? You know I love you so much.'
- My grandfather is a bit of a He doesn't seem to realize that times have changed. He still thinks that young people should get married by arrangement.
- After years of being so cold and unapproachable, my husband has now been getting all He brings me flowers almost every day!
- Drop that idea. You're just fooling yourself if you think you can make money as a writer. Your stories are not good enough.
- 'Could you describe the man who sold this watch to you?' 'He was short and quite fat, a, in a word.'
- Our workers may object to that but we just have to lower their wages to keep the factory going.
- Clean this mess and put the files in alphabetical order. I wonder how you can find anything in this
- Look, darling. There's a snail on the blade of grass. It's really small. Can you see it?

II. Fill the gaps with the appropriate phrases.

crinkum-crankum	piggy-wiggy
hanky-panky	powwow
hurry-scurry	prime-time
itsy-bitsy	roly-poly
namby-pamby	shilly-shally

1. As a child, Josh would be a(n) He was afraid of everything. The other boys didn't want to play with him.
2. Time's money, you know, my dear. Make your choice now. It's a sheer waste of time to like that.
3. Don't trust him. He's a cheat. Everybody knows he's been involved in some kind of a business.
4. You know I've been trying to lose weight. I can't eat much, so I'll just have a(n) portion of the pizza.
5. Only the wealthiest advertisers can afford to have their commercials run during the
6. I don't quite understand modern art. Take this picture, for example. Isn't it just a(n) of irregular lines in different colours?
7. Come sweet little to your mummy. I'll wash your face and your hands.
8. So much has occurred lately that we need to hold a to discuss the current affairs in the company.
9. Garry used to be a child until the age of ten. Then, he started growing and lost the excess weight.
10. The performance was a complete failure due to the preparations. If only we had been given more time, we'd have arranged things much better.

III. Fill the gaps with the appropriate phrases.

argy-bargy	hoity-toity
bric-a-brac	niddle-noddle
dilly-dally	niminy-piminy
harum-scarum	super-duper
hocus-pocus	wraggle-taggle

1. The elderly lady kept all her family memorabilia in her house. The rooms were full of of all kind.
2. This is a(n) film. It's the best film I have ever seen.
3. 'Well, I don't know if I want to go to Spain. I'm still in two minds about it. Perhaps, I need so more time to think.' 'Come on, Iris. Make up your mind. I hate it when you like that.'
4. 'What's that noise upstairs?' 'It's the Stiltons, our neighbours. They are arguing. They have a(n) like this every second day.'
5. Mark tends to change his point of view very often. His approach doesn't make him a reliable business partner.
6. The politicians keep convincing us that the situation will change for better soon. People, however, are fed up of his talk aimed only at drawing people's attention away from the grim reality.
7. I couldn't make a sense out of this speech. The speaker touched upon a number of topics but none of them was related to the main idea of his address.
8. The explorers sat by the fire and observed the natives performing their ritual dances and feats. After two hours, the dances were gradually turning into a thoughtless performance as the dancers got into a greater trance from the opium they smoked.
9. Now that he has lost his position, influences and power, all he can do is give his smiles, which, in fact, makes him even feebler in the eyes of his political adversaries.
10. I can't stand Adam's manner. Does he think he's someone better than the rest of us just because his parents are wealthy?