Choose the best possible definition for each word.

1. The prince **abdicated** his throne and returned to his castle. **Abdicated** means:
   A. Gave up
   B. Sold
   C. Reinvested into
   D. Auctioned

2. The convicted criminal **absconded** prior to the sentencing phase of the trial. **Absconded** means:
   A. Touched by jury
   B. Reported immediately
   C. Left after discussion
   D. Departed suddenly

3. The **aural** component of balance is critical for postural control during ambulation. **Aural** means:
   A. Eye
   B. Ear
   C. Nose
   D. Mouth

4. The old man was **benevolent** with his fortune. **Benevolent** means:
   A. Secretive
B. Stingy
C. Kind
D. Careful

5. The extra dirt was a key **buttress** to the foundation. **Buttress** means:
   A. Limiting factor
   B. Support
   C. Overwhelming condition
   D. Obstacle

6. The **cathode** of the battery was removed. **Cathode** means:
   A. A positive pole
   B. A negative pole
   C. A neutral pole
   D. The opposite pole

7. The doctor was known as a **charlatan** over the years. **Charlatan** means:
   A. Quack
   B. Knowledgeable physician
   C. Procedural physician
   D. Medical examiner

8. The wound exhibited signs of **copious** drainage requiring medical intervention. **Copious** means:
   A. Minimal
   B. Clear
   C. Maximal
D. Foul

9. The attorney accused the witness of **defaming** the defendant. **Defaming** means:
   A. Killing
   B. Badgering
   C. Suffocating
   D. Slandering

10. The detective was able to **derive** the facts of the case. **Derive** means:
   A. Desist
   B. Deter
   C. Devise
   D. Deduce