SYNONYMS AND CONTEXT CLUES

Ten of your Words to Own are listed below. In the following sentences, there is an italicized word that is a synonym for one of the Words to Own. By using context clues from the sentence, you can come close to understanding the italicized word’s meaning. Underline any words in the sentence that help you define the synonym. Once you know the meaning of the synonym, match it with a Word to Own and write that Word to Own in the space provided. An example has been done for you.

demeanor  emaciated  inordinate  insipid  prodigious
palpable  profuse  scrutinizing  sojourn  specious

EXAMPLE: Poe’s grotesque tales would probably not appeal to readers who are offended by gruesome details. ___macabre___

1. Most readers would agree that Poe’s spellbinding story is anything but bland.

2. The opening paragraphs set forth a tangible atmosphere of doom that we can perceive almost as if we were approaching the house ourselves.

3. The number of descriptive passages may be abundant, but their great quantity immerses readers in the atmosphere.

4. The immense house of Usher, a mammoth building, looms through the mist.

5. The solid structure of the house is deceptive, for a huge crack runs from the roof to the ground.

6. The narrator envisions merely a layover with the Ushers, but his visit is prolonged by ghastly events.

7. With a meticulous eye, the narrator keenly notes Roderick’s symptoms.

8. In just a few short years, a vast array of excessive changes have taken place in Roderick.

9. The narrator is alarmed by Roderick’s peculiar mien, for his appearance and manner suggest a deep distress.

10. His hands seem wasted, and his body, too, is withered and fragile.