

LESSON SEVEN

WORD SET

1. Avarice (n.)		
2. Camouflage (v.)		
3. Candor (n.)		
4. Collude (v.)		
5. Despondent (adj.)		
6. Detrimental (adj.)		
7. Incongruous (adj.)		
8. Mollify (v.)		
9. Panacea (n.)		
10. Precede (v.)		

EXERCISE 1

Match the words under Column A with the definitions under Column B.

COLUMN A

1. Avarice
2. Candor
3. Collude
4. Conceal
5. Despondent
6. Detrimental
7. Incongruous
8. Mollify
9. Panacea
10. Precede

COLUMN B

- A. something that people think will make everything better and solve all their problems
- B. the quality of being honest and telling the truth, even when the truth may be unpleasant or embarrassing
- C. to hide something carefully
- D. extremely unhappy and without hope
- E. causing harm or damage
- F. a desire to have a lot of money that is considered to be too strong
- G. to make someone feel less angry and upset about something
- H. to work with someone secretly, especially in order to do something dishonest or illegal
- I. to happen or exist before something or someone, or to come before something else in a series
- J. strange, unexpected, or unsuitable in a particular situation

EXERCISE 2

Complete each sentence by filling in the blank with the best word from the list. Make changes if necessary.

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| 1. Avarice | 2. Candor | 3. Collude | 4. Conceal | 5. Despondent |
| 6. Detrimental | 7. Incongruous | 8. Mollify | 9. Panacea | 10. Precede |

- 1) It seemed _____ having a dance-band at the funeral.
- 2) With _____, you could have everything in the world and it all still would not be enough.
- 3) I managed to calm him down by handing him my camera, just as one would do to _____ an angry child.
- 4) After Jake scratched the fender on his father's car, he tried to _____ the damage by parking the vehicle in the garage.
- 5) The store's 'no refunds' policy makes it harder for dishonest cashiers and customers to _____.
- 6) If you believe money is the _____ for all difficulties, you will be shocked to learn you cannot purchase happiness with cash.
- 7) How can I help but be _____ after losing my job?
- 8) The fire was _____ by a loud explosion.
- 9) If you want to be a great salesman, you will have to convince people you speak with _____ so they will trust you.
- 10) My grandmother still does not own a microwave because she believes the radiation could be _____ to her health.

EXERCISE 3

Circle the unrelated word in each set.

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| 1) disappointed | despondent | incompatible | dejected |
| 2) detrimental | injurious | pernicious | incongruous |
| 3) precede | mollify | predate | preface |
| 4) incompatible | unsuitable | incongruous | despondent |
| 5) conspire | appease | mollify | pacify |
| 6) candor | veracity | insatiability | rectitude |
| 7) conspire | plot | collude | disguise |
| 8) cure-all | panacea | magic bullet | greed |
| 9) disguise | pacify | camouflage | conceal |
| 10) avarice | panacea | greed | insatiability |

WORD SET 2

1. Surrender (v.)		
2. Deprive (v.)		
3. Dormant (adj.)		
4. Equilibrium (n.)		
5. Flaw (n.)		
6. Indigenous (adj.)		
7. Lethal (adj.)		
8. Perish (v.)		
9. Proliferation (n.)		
10. Triumph (n.)		

EXERCISE 3

Match the words under Column A with the definitions under Column B.

COLUMN A

COLUMN B

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| 1. Deprive | A. to prevent someone from having something, especially something that they need or should have |
| 2. Dormant | B. to die, especially in a terrible or sudden way sensible and careful, especially by trying to avoid unnecessary risks |
| 3. Equilibrium | C. a sudden increase in the amount or number of something. |
| 4. Flaw | D. an important victory or success after a difficult struggle. |
| 5. Indigenous | E. to say officially that you want to stop fighting, because you realize that you cannot win. |
| 6. Lethal | F. a mistake, mark, or weakness that makes something imperfect. |
| 7. Perish | G. people or things that have always been in the place where they are, rather than being brought there from somewhere else. |
| 8. Proliferation | H. a balance between different people, groups, or forces that complete with each other, so that none is stronger than the others and a situation is not likely to change suddenly |
| 9. Surrender | I. not active or not growing at the present time but able to be active. |
| 10. Triumph | J. causing death, or able to cause death |

EXERCISE 4

Complete each sentence by filling in the blank with the best word from the list. Make changes if necessary.

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| 1. Deprive | 2. Dormant | 3. Equilibrium | 4. Flaw | 5. Indigenous |
| 6. Lethal | 7. Perish | 8. Proliferation | 9. Surrender | 10. Triumph |

- 1) I disapprove of diets so strongly because I think it's wrong to _____ your body of certain foods.
- 2) Hundreds _____ when the ship began to sink and went down.
- 3) In recent months, the _____ of weapons of mass destruction has become the major concern of the international community.
- 4) Earning a college degree was a huge _____ for the young man with a learning disability.
- 5) General Martin Bonnet called on the rebel to _____.
- 6) The only _____ in his character seems to be a short temper.
- 7) The class of students enjoyed learning about unusual animals that are _____ and found naturally in the wild in North America.
- 8) Having water in my ears destroys my _____ and makes it difficult for me to walk steadily.
- 9) Since the volcano is _____ right now, you do not have to be concerned about it erupting.
- 10) Almost any sharp or pointed object can potentially be a _____ weapon.

EXERCISE 6

Circle the unrelated word in each set.

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| 1) dormant | indigenous | potential | latent |
| 2) deadly | lethal | dormant | fatal |
| 3) surrender | divest | capitulate | give in |
| 4) proliferation | triumph | victory | conquest |
| 5) divest | strip | deprive | perish |
| 6) defect | flaw | fault | triumph |
| 7) balance | symmetry | equilibrium | flaw |
| 8) perish | surrender | pass away | expire |
| 9) native | local | latent | indigenous |
| 10) equilibrium | spread | propagation | proliferation |