

LESSON 2

Target words

WORD SET 1

1. Abrupt (adj.)		
2. Bizarre (adj.)		
3. Coincide (v.)		
4. Commence (v.)		
5. Disinterested (adj.)		
6. Distort (v.)		
7. Elaborate (adj.)		
8. Engender (v.)		
9. Fragile (adj.)		
10. Intensify (v.)		

EXERCISE 1

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

COLUMN A

COLUMN B

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| 1) Abrupt | A. to be the cause of a situation or feeling |
| 2) Bizarre | B. to make something seem different from what it really is |
| 3) Coincide | C. to happen at the same time as something else |
| 4) Commence | D. easily broken or damaged |
| 5) Disinterested | E. very strange or unusual |
| 6) Distort | F. to begin or to start something |
| 7) Elaborate | G. to increase in degree or strength |
| 8) Engender | H. able to judge a situation fairly because you are not |
| 9) Fragile | concerned with gaining any personal advantage from it |
| 10) Intensify | I. sudden and unexpected |
| | J. having a lot of small parts or details |

EXERCISE 2

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

Abrupt	Bizarre	Coincide	Commence	Disinterested
Distort	Elaborate	Engender	Fragile	Intensify

- 1) When a crime is reported, the police the criminal process by investigating what has occurred.
- 2) With no money to buy equipment, many children in Nepal simply play with whatever they can find.
- 3) The importance of the test will sometimes the nervousness of the students.
- 4) Countless disagreements over the proper use of national forests have feelings of hostility between ranchers and environmentalists.
- 5) An investigation into the penalty decision has uncovered that the referee was not in the outcome of the match.
- 6) Historians participating in the study have devised new research methods because existing theories fail to with facts.
- 7) Butterfly wings are amazingly, yet also incredibly strong; thin as tissue, these wings carry the butterfly on flights of thousands of miles.
- 8) There was a(n) fall in our sales figures following the bad publicity.
- 9) I read this really book about a guy that connected his brain to a computer, and could enter people's dreams.
- 10) Vehicles may be closer than they appear in your car mirrors because the glass used to make these mirrors can your view.

EXERCISE 3

Circle the unrelated word in each set.

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| 1) concur | commence | coincide | coexist |
| 2) delicate | abrupt | sudden | unexpected |
| 3) peculiar | bizarre | impartial | outlandish |
| 4) brittle | intricate | elaborate | complex |
| 5) give rise to | generate | outlandish | engender |
| 6) escalate | intensify | commence | heighten |
| 7) unbiased | disinterested | impartial | peculiar |
| 8) begin | intensify | commence | initiate |
| 9) misstate | give rise to | misrepresent | distort |
| 10) bizarre | fragile | brittle | delicate |

WORD SET 2

1. Lucrative (adj.)		
2. Massive (adj.)		
3. Obsolete (adj.)		
4. Plague (v.)		
5. Presumably (adv.)		
6. Secluded (adj.)		
7. Shortcoming (n.)		
8. Suppress (v.)		
9. Surmount (v.)		
10. Susceptible (adj.)		

EXERCISE 4

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

COLUMN A

- 1) Lucrative
- 2) Massive
- 3) Obsolete
- 4) Plague
- 5) Presumably
- 6) Secluded
- 7) Shortcoming
- 8) Suppress
- 9) Surmount
- 10) Susceptible

COLUMN B

- A. very private and quiet
- B. to succeed in dealing with a problem or difficulty
- C. a job or activity that lets you earn a lot of money
- D. used to say that you think something is probably true
- E. to prevent something from developing or making progress
- F. likely to suffer from a illness or be affected by a problem
- G. a fault or weakness that makes someone or something less successful or effective
- H. very large, solid, and heavy
- I. to cause pain, suffering, or trouble to someone
- J. no longer useful

EXERCISE 5

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

Lucrative	Massive	Obsolete	Plague	Presumably
Secluded	Shortcoming	Suppress	Surmount	Susceptible

- 1) According to psychologists marriages usually break down as a result of the of both partners.
- 2) Many people believe the Internet has made the postal service
- 3) Many famous athletes sign contracts to advertise various commercial products.
- 4) Tom used his cabin in the woods as a getaway from his busy life as a company director.
- 5) Many young children get the flu vaccine so they will be less to the virus.
- 6) It's raining, which means that your football match will be cancelled.
- 7) One of Janet's goals is to her fear of flying so she can finally go to Australia.
- 8) Inflation has the economy for years, and the government seems powerless to stop it.
- 9) As soon as the unrest began, thousands of police were sent into the streets to the riots.
- 10) Computers are able to process amounts of data in mere seconds.

EXERCISE 6

Circle the unrelated word in each set.

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| 1) massive | lucrative | profitable | rewarding |
| 2) enormous | vulnerable | massive | gigantic |
| 3) secluded | private | susceptible | isolated |
| 4) apparently | probably | rewarding | presumably |
| 5) prone | susceptible | enormous | vulnerable |
| 6) torment | surmount | overcome | conquer |
| 7) isolated | outdated | obsolete | outmoded |
| 8) flaw | shortcoming | defect | susceptible |
| 9) repress | suppress | subdue | harass |
| 10) harass | surmount | plague | torment |