

VOCABULARY FOR PRE-TOEFL STUDENTS

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LESSON 1

Target words

WORD SET 1

1. Abandon (v.):		
2. Abundant (adj.)		
3. Acclaim (v.)		
4. Ambiguous (adj.)		
5. Articulate (adj.)		
6. Champion (v.)		
7. Consolidate (v.)		
8. Exhaustive (adj.)		
9. Exaggerate (v.)		
10. Formidable (adj.)		

EXERCISE 1

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

COLUMN A

1. Abandon
2. Abundant
3. Acclaim
4. Ambiguous
5. Articulate
6. Champion
7. Consolidate
8. Exhaustive
9. Exaggerate
10. Formidable

COLUMN B

- A. available in large quantities so that there is more than enough
- B. difficult to deal with and needing a lot of effort or skill
- C. extremely thorough and complete
- D. to leave someone, especially someone you are responsible for
- E. to make something seem better, larger, worse etc than it really is
- F. to publicly fight for and defend an aim or principle
- G. to praise someone or something publicly
- H. to strengthen the position of power or success that you have, so that becomes more effective or continues for longer
- I. unclear, confusing, or not certain, especially because it can be understood in more than one way
- J. very clear and easy to understand even if the subject is difficult

EXERCISE 2

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

Abundant Acclaim Exaggerate Articulate Formidable
Consolidate Ambiguous Exhaustive Champion Abandon

- 1) The company has its hold on the computer market with the release of this innovative new technology.
- 2) Elaine's inherent love of justice caused her to people whom she thought society had treated unfairly.
- 3) At the end of Ibsen's play A Doll's House, Nora leaves her husband and the role of obedient housewife.
- 4) Despite a(n) search of the apartment, I could not find my car keys.
- 5) My financial situation at the moment seems, but winning the lottery would make everything better.
- 6) Reports of casualties in the accident were greatly; in fact, there were only 30 people injured, as opposed to the 100 originally suggested.
- 7) Compared to George Bush, with his frequently uncomprehending sentences, Bill Clinton was considerate a highly president.
- 8) Angela Bassett has won critical for her excellent performance as Tina Turner in the film "What's Love Got to Do with It".
- 9) The passenger pigeon was once the most bird in the world and suddenly it disappeared totally from the Earth.
- 10) The proctor's instructions thoroughly confused us; we didn't know which columns we should mark and which we should leave blank.

EXERCISE 3

Circle the unrelated word in each set.

- 1) articulate thorough expressive eloquent
- 2) exaggerate desert overstate amplify
- 3) overstate fortify consolidate strengthen
- 4) formidable ambiguous demanding arduous
- 5) comprehensive ambiguous vague equivocal
- 6) ample abundant equivocal plentiful

7) champion	abandon	advocate	foster
8) acclaim	applaud	fortify	commend
9) exhaustive	thorough	comprehensive	vague
10) desert	abandon	forsake	foster

Target words

Word Set 2

1.	Illuminate (v.):		
2.	Insinuate (v.)		
3.	Intrusive (adj.)		
4.	Prevailing (adj.)		
5.	Prudent (adj.)		
6.	Resist (v.)		
7.	Saturate (v.)		
8.	Skeptical (adj.)		
9.	Sophisticated (adj.)		
10.	Successive (adj.)		

EXERCISE 4

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

COLUMN A

1. **illuminate**
2. **insinuate**
3. **intrusive**
4. **prevailing**
5. **prudent**
6. **resist**
7. **saturate**
8. **skeptical**
9. **sophisticated**
10. **successive**

COLUMN B

- A. existing or accepted in a particular place or at a particular time
- B. very well designed and very advanced
- C. to say something which seems to mean something unpleasant without saying it openly
- D. sensible and careful, especially by trying to avoid unnecessary risks
- E. to make something much clearer and easier to understand
- F. to put a lot of something into a particular place, especially so that you could not add any more
- G. affecting someone's private life or interrupting them in an unwanted and annoying way
- H. to try to prevent a change from happening, or prevent yourself from being forced to do something
- I. coming or following one after the other
- J. having or expressing doubt about something

EXERCISE 5

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

Resist **Intrusive** **Prevailing** **Skeptical** **Successive**
Insinuate **Prudent** **Illuminate** **Saturate** **Sophisticated**

- 1) Since so many car accidents have happened at that intersection, it would be for the city to put a stop sign in the area.
- 2) In order to raise more funds, the charity is going to the media with heartwarming stories about giving.
- 3) It is the job of a scientist to remain until all evidence proves something to be absolutely true.
- 4) We asked the gardening expert to recommend particularly hardy plants that could the harsh winters.
- 5) Instead of formulas and charts, the two instructors use games and drawings to their subject.
- 6) By searching my locker, you are trying to I stole the money?!
- 7) Janet Malcolm depicts the biographer as a nosy, figure, invading his subject's private papers.

- 8) The attitude towards immigrant workers has changed dramatically over the last 10 years in this country.
- 9) Contrary to common belief, language is not limited to humans; honeybees use a/an communication system to indicate the location of food sources.
- 10) The country was suffering from the failure of governments to coordinate a national transport policy.

EXERCISE 6

Circle the unrelated word in each set.

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|----------------------|-------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 1) dubious | intrusive | skeptical | unconvinced |
| 2) fill | saturate | soak thoroughly | imply |
| 3) intrusive | nosy | meddlesome | prudent |
| 4) prevailing | dominant | widespread | consecutive |
| 5) successive | consecutive | uninterrupted | dominant |
| 6) resist | militate | against withstand | saturate |
| 7) sensible | prevailing | discreet | prudent |
| 8) imply | illuminate | clarify | elucidate |
| 9) discrete | complex | complicated | sophisticated |
| 10) militate against | imply | indicate | insinuate |

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.)		
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EXERCISE 1

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

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

1) Lucrative	A. very private and quiet
2) Massive	B. to succeed in dealing with a problem or difficulty
3) Obsolete	C. a job or activity that lets you earn a lot of money
4) Plague	D. used to say that you think something is probably true
5) Presumably	E. to prevent something from developing or making progress
6) Secluded	F. likely to suffer from a illness or be affected by a problem
7) Shortcoming	G. a fault or weakness that makes someone or something less successful or effective
8) Suppress	H. very large, solid, and heavy
9) Surmount	I. to cause pain, suffering, or trouble to someone
10) Susceptible	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.

Presumably Plague Obsolete Massive Lucrative
Susceptible Surmount Suppress Shortcoming Secluded

- 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 |

LESSON 3

Target words

WORD SET 1

1. Aggravate (v.)		
2. Catastrophic (adj.)		
3. Confirm (v.)		
4. Corrode (v.)		
5. Derive (v.)		
6. Diminish (v.)		
7. Famine (n.)		
8. Flourish (v.)		
9. Mitigate (v.)		
10. Penchant (n.)		

EXERCISE 1

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

COLUMN A	COLUMN B
1) Derive 2) Confirm 3) Famine 4) Flourish 5) Aggravate 6) Corrode 7) Penchant 8) Mitigate 9) Catastrophic 10) Diminish	A. to make a bad situation, an illness, or an injury worse B. to develop well and be successful, to grow well and be very healthy C. to show that something is definitely true, especially by providing more proof. D. to gradually make something weaker and destroy it completely E. to become or make something become smaller or less F. to make a situation or the effects of something less unpleasant, harmful, or serious G. a drastic food shortage H. causing a lot of destruction, suffering, or death I. a strong or habitual liking for something or a tendency to do something J. to get something, especially an advantage or a pleasant feeling, from something

EXERCISE 2

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

Catastrophic	Confirm	Mitigate	Flourish	Corrode
Famine	Aggravate	Diminish	Derive	Penchant

- 1) Years of neglect had caused the building's water pipes to
- 2) It is impossible to the correct answer without the proper formula.
- 3) Because of the severe drought, the year has been quite for farmers.
- 4) The proud leader refused to accept offers of food aid that would end his country's
- 5) To your dry skin condition, you should use a quality moisturizer at least three times a week.
- 6) I left the party early so the noise would not my headache.
- 7) With the assistance of a caring mentor, Jill was able to academically and socially at her new school.
- 8) As you can tell by the big feathers on her head, my Aunt Eloise has a for unusual hats!
- 9) Studies show that even when women enter the labor force, their responsibilities for maintaining the household do not
- 10) Because I don't trust the weatherman, I use my trusty outdoor thermometer to how hot or cold it is.

EXERCISE 3

Circle the unrelated word in each set.

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|-----------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1) predilection | calamitous | penchant | inclination |
| 2) extract | derive | obtain | relieve |
| 3) confirm | burgeon | verify | corroborate |
| 4) famine | penchant | hunger | starvation |
| 5) thrive | flourish | corroborate | burgeon |
| 6) aggravate | corrode | worsen | exacerbate |

7) diminish	thrive	decrease	curtail
8) predilection	catastrophic	disastrous	calamitous
9) ruin	corrode	curtail	erode
10) relieve	extract	mitigate	pacify

WORD SET 2

1. Predatory (adj.)		
2. Refute (v.)		
3. Relic (n.)		
4. Scrutinize (v.)		
5. Shortage (n.)		
6. Solemn (adj.)		
7. Spurious (adj.)		
8. Subside (v.)		
9. Superfluous (adj.)		
10. Transient (adj.)		

EXERCISE 4

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

COLUMN A	COLUMN B
1) Predatory	A. to become or make something become smaller or less
2) Refute	B. continuing only for a short time
3) Relic	C. more than needed or wanted
4) Scrutinize	D. a situation in which there is not enough of something that people need
5) Shortage	E. a statement, argument etc. which is not based on facts or good thinking and is likely to be incorrect
6) Solemn	F. to examine someone or something very carefully
7) Spurious	G. to prove that a statement or idea is not correct
8) Subside	H. living by killing and eating other animals.
9) Superfluous	I. very serious and not happy for example because something bad has happened or because you are at an important occasion
10) Transient	J. an object or custom that reminds people of the past or that has lived from a past time

EXERCISE 5

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

Predatory Refute Relic Scrutinize Shortage
Solemn Spurious Subside Superfluous Transient

- 1) A of teachers has put thousands of students in overcrowded classrooms.
- 2) The snow is and will melt as soon as the sun appears.
- 3) When gas prices, people started to travel more.
- 4) When Bill learned his son had been naughty throughout the funeral, he scolded him for misbehaving during the occasion.
- 5) The piece of pottery was a of past that evoked in me a feeling of nostalgia.

- 6) Because I have already answered your question several times, answering it again would be
- 7) The evidence provided by the prosecutor will the defendant's claim of innocence.
- 8) Since Jared is a great editor, you can expect him to every word of your novel.
- 9) The lender always assigns extremely high interest rates to his loans.
- 10) After receiving a low appraisal on my diamond ring, I realized the suspicious-looking jeweler had sold me a jewelry.

EXERCISE 6

Circle the unrelated word in each set.

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|----------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1) superfluous | spurious | fake | counterfeit |
| 2) abate | refute | reject | repudiate |
| 3) shortage | remnant | relic | vestige |
| 4) dwindle | abate | refute | subside |
| 5) paucity | remnant | dearth | shortage |
| 6) scrutinize | repudiate | examine | inspect |
| 7) predatory | ephemeral | wolfish | exploitative |
| 8) unneeded | relic | superfluous | redundant |
| 9) solemn | counterfeit | somber | serious |
| 10) ephemeral | predacious | temporary | transient |

LESSON 4

Target words

WORD SET 1

1. Anomaly (n.)		
2. Apex (n.)		
3. Consequence (n.)		
4. Deception (n.)		
5. Desolate (adj.)		
6. Detractor (n.)		
7. Discrete (adj.)		
8. Eligible (adj.)		
9. Far-fetched (adj.)		

10. Headway (n.)		
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EXERCISE 1

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

COLUMN A

- 1) Eligible
- 2) Apex
- 3) Discrete
- 4) Deception
- 5) Headway
- 6) Far-fetched
- 7) Anomaly
- 8) Desolate
- 9) Consequence
- 10) Detract

COLUMN B

- A. something that is noticeable because it is different from what is usual
- B. the top or highest part of something
- C. the act of deliberately making someone believe something that is not true
- D. someone who says bad things about someone or something, in order to make them seem less good than they really are
- E. something that happens as a result of a particular action or set of conditions
- F. progress towards achieving something
- G. clearly separate
- H. a place that is empty and looks sad because there are no people there
- I. someone who is able or allowed to do something, for example because they are the right age
- J. extremely unlikely to be true or to happen
- K. , for example because they are the right age
- L. extremely unlikely to be true or to happen

EXERCISE 2

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

Discrete Detractor Headway Desolate Far-fetched
Apex Deception Anomaly Eligible Consequence

- 1) Pain and illness are sometimes thought to be the unavoidable of growing old.
- 2) My family has discovered the best time for us to enjoy a(n) beach is Sunday morning when most people are in church.
- 3) When he was appointed to a senior job in the Kremlin in 1996 he reached the of his power. He had never been in such a high position of power.

- 4) The idea of travelling to other solar systems may sound but scientists now see it as a real possibility.
- 5) She was stunned by the lies and her husband had used to hide his affairs.
- 6) It's the strictest condition that you must be at least 55 with 10 years continuous employment to be for full post-retirement benefits.
- 7) It was a(n) when the rescue team discovered one person survived from the fatal total collapse of the 50-story building.
- 8) His old admirers became his, and those who first disliked him became his friends.
- 9) Though the average person might just call them red, both amber and burgundy are colors.
- 10) Just when then counselor thought they were making, the couple decided to end their therapy sessions and get divorced.

EXERCISE 3

Circle the unrelated word in each set.

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|------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1) repercussion | consequence | abnormality | outcome |
| 2) fraud | apex | pinnacle | zenith |
| 3) aberration | abnormality | apex | anomaly |
| 4) deception | adversary | fraud | duplicity |
| 5) deserted | empty | desolate | distinct |
| 6) adversary | opponent | apex | detractor |
| 7) distinct | discrete | empty | separate |
| 8) eligible | deserted | entitled | qualified |
| 9) discrete | far-fetched | implausible | unrealistic |
| 10) breakthrough | repercussion | headway | progress |

Word SET 2

1. Humiliate (v.)		
2. Indolent (adj.)		
3. Loathsome (adj.)		
4. Longevity (n.)		
5. Retreat (v.)		
6. Savvy (adj.)		
7. Surge (n.)		
8. Tangible (adj.)		
9. Thaw (v.)		
10. Violation (n.)		

EXERCISE 4

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

COLUMN A

COLUMN B

- | | |
|--------------|---|
| 1) loathsome | A) very unpleasant or cruel |
| 2) tangible | B) wanting to avoid activity or exertion |
| 3) thaw | C) a sudden increase in amount or number |
| 4) surge | D) to make someone feel ashamed or stupid, especially when other people are present |
| 5) indolent | E) the amount of time that someone or something lives |
| 6) humiliate | F) practical knowledge and ability |
| 7) violation | G) to move away from someone or something |
| 8) savvy | H) an action that breaks a law, agreement, principle |
| 9) longevity | I) clear enough or definite enough to be easily seen or noticed |
| 10) retreat | J) (of ice or snow) turning into water |

EXERCISE 5

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

Surge Indolent Humiliate Retreat Violation
Loathsome Savvy Thaw Tangible Longevity

- 1) Jackson lost his job because he was a(n) employee who did nothing but sleep at his desk all day.
- 2) The snow had started to, and there was a faint scent of spring in the air.
- 3) What his friends said about his lies and cheatings in front of his family was primarily aimed to him and make him feel ashamed.
- 4) If your marketing expert is not enough to take advantage of social media advertising, then you need to hire another clever marketer.
- 5) Because the film is and filled with killing, I will not allow my teenagers to see it.
- 6) Because the billionaire wanted to extend the of his life, he hired the most brilliant scientists in the world to help him fight death.

- 7) He was found guilty of of law after he attempted to circumvent the tax related regulations and avoid paying the government's share.
- 8) The administration is going to from its goal of building 75 health centers since it seems too impossible and difficult to raise money for it.
- 9) In terms of annual capital spending on transport, there was a(n) in the late eighteenth century and according to statistics, a 20 percent increase in the development of transportation system was accomplished.
- 10) Everyone's worried face showed that the tension between them was almost

EXERCISE 6

Circle the unrelated word in each set.

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|---------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| 1) palpable | astute | savvy | shrewd |
| 2) breach | violation | surge | infringement |
| 3) tangible | repulsive | palpable | perceptible |
| 4) melt | thaw | boost | defreeze |
| 5) withdraw | pull back | humiliate | retreat |
| 6) indolent | slothful | loathsome | idle |
| 7) humiliate | belittle | denigrate | withdraw |
| 8) surge | breach | increment | boost |
| 9) longevity | violation | durability | long life |
| 10) repulsive | detestable | idle | loathsome |

LESSON 5

Target words

WORD SET 1

1. Capacious (adj.)		
2. Contradictory (adj.)		
3. Depict (v.)		
4. Deplete (v.)		
5. Detract (v.)		
6. Distinguish (v.)		
7. Fluctuate (v.)		
8. Germinate (v.)		
9. Inaugurate (v.)		
10. Intermittent (adj.)		

EXERCISE 1

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

COLUMN A

COLUMN B

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|-------------------------|--|
| 1) Capacious | A. stopping and starting often and for short periods |
| 2) Contradictory | B. to reduce the amount of something that is present or available |
| 3) Depict | C. (of an idea, feeling or seed, etc) to begins to develop or grow |
| 4) Deplete | D. to describe something or someone in writing or speech, or to show them in a painting, picture etc |
| 5) Detract | E. to make something seem less good |
| 6) Distinguish | F. to keep changing and becoming higher and lower |
| 7) Fluctuate | G. to recognize and understand the difference between two or more things or people |
| 8) Germinate | H. two beliefs, statements etc that are different and therefore cannot both be true or correct |
| 9) Inaugurate | I. to hold an official ceremony when someone starts doing an important job in government |
| 10) Intermittent | |

EXERCISE 2

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

Depict	Capacious	Contradictory	Inaugurate	Detract
Intermittent	Deplete	Fluctuate	Germinate	Distinguish

- 1) Since we have over five hundred people coming to the wedding, we need to find a venue.
- 2) The U.S. president is elected in November but is not inaugurated until the following January.
- 3) His policies, especially in the first two years of his presidency, often have been confusing and
- 4) The art expert was able to the authentic Van Gogh painting from the forged copy.
- 5) The heart rate of a healthy person is fairly constant, and does not generally much.
- 6) While Kurt thinks his glasses from his appearance, I think he looks very handsome in his spectacles.

- 7) Wolves have long been as ferocious, dangerous beasts in children's stories, but actually they are very timid, intelligent animals.
- 8) After quitting his job, the idea of setting up his own company began to in his mind.
- 9) He knew that the area`s rich plant life had been severely..... by the huge herds of cows grazing the land.
- 10) Fortunately the noise from the local airport is and does not occur in a steady pattern.

EXERCISE 3

Circle the unrelated word in each set.

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|------------------|------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1) occasional | commodious | capacious | spacious |
| 2) shift | drain | fluctuate | change |
| 3) distinguish | delineate | differentiate | discriminate |
| 4) launch | fluctuate | initiate | inaugurate |
| 5) grow | germinate | sprout | trivialize |
| 6) contradictory | commodious | conflicting | inconsistent |
| 7) portray | depict | delineate | fluctuate |
| 8) deplete | drain | exhaust | initiate |
| 9) intermittent | periodic | spacious | occasional |
| 10) devalue | trivialize | germinate | detract |

WORD SET 2

1. Retain (v.)		
2. Relinquish (v.)		
3. Scanty (adj.)		
4. Spontaneous (adj.)		
5. Stimulate (v.)		
6. Surpass (v.)		
7. Tenacious (adj.)		
8. Underestimate (v.)		
9. Undermine (v.)		
10. Unprecedented (adj.)		

EXERCISE 4

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

COLUMN A

1. Retain
2. Relinquish
3. Scanty
4. Spontaneous
5. Stimulate
6. Surpass
7. Tenacious
8. Underestimate
9. Undermine
10. Unprecedented

COLUMN B

- A. to keep something or continue to have something
- B. to gradually make someone or something less strong or effective
- C. to let someone else have your position, power, or rights, especially unwillingly
- D. to be even better or greater than someone or something else
- E. determined to do something and unwilling to stop trying even when the situation becomes difficult
- F. not enough
- G. something that has not been planned or organized but happen by itself because you suddenly you feel want to do it
- H. guess that something is smaller, cheaper, easier etc than it really is
- I. to encourage or help an activity to begin or develop further
- J. never having happened before, or never having happened so much

EXERCISE 5

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

Tenacious Undermine Retain Scanty Underestimate
Spontaneous Stimulate Relinquish Surpass Unprecedented

- 1) The government is hoping their new tax cuts will help to growth in the economy.
- 2) Custer was cautioned by his advisors not to the strength of his opponent.
- 3) Because the economy is doing well, we expect sales to ten million dollars this year.
- 4) Since Jason was a drug addict, the court ordered him to custody of his child to the mother.
- 5) The recent corruption scandals have many people's faith in the city government.
- 6) Trapped in the cabin, the teenager would not quit until she found a way to escape.

- 7) Mark has eaten only a(n) amount of food since he came down with the flu, and lost a lot of weight as a result.
- 8) Despite contact with the west, the country has been able to its traditional culture.
- 9) When Jim saw his daughter walk down the aisle, he couldn't control his flood of tears.
- 10) The damage caused by the hurricane is and has never been experienced before in this country.

EXERCISE 6

Circle the unrelated word in each set.

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|------------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1) persistent | tenacious | impulsive | determined |
| 2) retain | maintain | preserve | arouse |
| 3) give up | undermine | relinquish | renounce |
| 4) unparalleled | tenacious | unprecedented | exceptional |
| 5) sap | stimulate | arouse | galvanize |
| 6) exceed | understate | surpass | outstrip |
| 7) scanty | exceptional | meager | insufficient |
| 8) underestimate | underrate | understate | maintain |
| 9) undermine | galvanize | weaken | sap |
| 10) unparalleled | spontaneous | extemporaneous | impromptu |

LESSON 6

Target words

WORD SET 1

1. Abstruse (adj.):		
2. Casualty (n.):		
3. Condense (v.):		
4. Deficient (adj.):		
5. Expertise (n.):		
6. Hamper (v.):		
7. Interplay (n.):		
8. Mainstay (n.):		
9. Meticulous (adj.):		

EXERCISE 1

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

COLUMN A	COLUMN B
<p>1. Abstruse 2. Condense 3. Casualty 4. Compromise 5. Deficient 6. Expertise 7. Hamper 8. Interplay 9. Mainstay 10. Meticulous</p>	<p>A. special skills or knowledge in a particular subject, that you learn by experience or training B. the most basic part of something C. an agreement that is achieved after everyone involved accepts less than what they wanted at first, or the act of making this agreement D. someone who does things very carefully and with great attention to detail E. the way in which two people or things affect each other F. to make it difficult for someone to do something G. someone who is hurt or killed in an accident or war H. unnecessarily complicated and difficult to understand I. to make something that is spoken or written shorter J. not containing or having enough of something</p>

EXERCISE 2

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

Abstruse **Casualty** **Compromise** **Condense** **Deficient**
Expertise **Hamper** **Interplay** **Mainstay** **Meticulous**

- 1) Repairing watches calls for a craftsman who is patient and
- 2) Phil's inability to answer the interview question revealed his lack of in the field in which he was applying to work.
- 3) How could he all he had lived through into a sixty-minute speech?
- 4) His progress in learning a second language is being by his shyness in speaking.
- 5) A questionnaire is the of survey research, used most often to gather information from large numbers of individuals.
- 6) Many of the in the battle appear to have been accidentally shot by their fellow soldiers.
- 7) Some of the classic novels are too for beginning readers to understand.
- 8) We couldn't make chocolate chip cookies because we had a amount of ingredients.
- 9) We are trying to teach our children that they sometimes need to make with their friends when they both want different things.
- 10) If the plot and characters relate well to each other and keep a book moving along, we can say there is a good between different elements of the book.

EXERCISE 3

Circle the unrelated word in each set.

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|---------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1) deficient | inadequate | insufficient | painstaking |
| 2) condense | hamper | compress | summarize |
| 3) mainstay | interplay | interaction | reciprocity |
| 4) know-how | pillar | expertise | mastery |
| 5) hamper | impede | summarize | hinder |
| 6) fastidious | painstaking | meticulous | insufficient |

7) treaty	compromise	know-how	trade-off
8) mainstay	pillar	reciprocity	backbone
9) compromise	death	fatality	casualty
10) recondite	abstruse	deficient	ponderous

Target words

WORD SET 2

1. Obliterate (v.):		
2. Potent (adj.):		
3. Preposterous (adj.):		
4. Pristine (adj.):		
5. Prohibit (v.):		
6. Ratify (v.):		
7. Repudiate (v.):		
8. Rudimentary (adj.):		
9. Sustainable (adj.):		
10. Transmute (v.):		

EXERCISE 4

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

COLUMN A	COLUMN B
1) Obliterate 2) Potent 3) Preposterous 4) Pristine 5) Prohibit 6) Ratify 7) Repudiate 8) Rudimentary 9) Sustainable 10) Transmute	A. something which is in the same condition as when it was first made B. to make a written agreement official by signing it C. to destroy something completely so that nothing remains D. able to continue without causing damage to the environment E. to change one substance or type of thing into another F. very simple and basic G. completely unreasonable or silly H. to say that an action is illegal or not allowed I. to state or show that something is not true or correct J. having a very powerful effect or influence on your body or mind

EXERCISE 5

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

Obliterate Potent Preposterous Repudiate Pristine
Prohibit Ratify Rudimentary Sustainable Transmute

- 1) Before the treaty could go into effect, it had to be by the president.
- 2) After getting fired, Jack made plans to his former workplace with a homemade bomb.
- 3) Scientists matter into pure energy and exploded the first atomic bomb.
- 4) Although you are a fast runner, it is to think you can catch that car on foot.
- 5) Slave trading in the United States was in 1808, and by 1820 it became a crime punishable by death.
- 6) Because she didn't meet the requirements for her secretarial skills, her name was removed from the list of prospective employees.
- 7) Because the killer left the murder scene in condition, the detectives could not find any clues to his identity.
- 8) We need to find a energy source to replace our fossil fuels because eventually there won't be any oil or gas left.
- 9) It only took one shot of the antibiotic to cure the infection.
- 10) Despite his claims of innocence, he did very little to the allegations made against him.

EXERCISE 6

Circle the unrelated word in each set.

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|------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1) powerful | preposterous | potent | forceful |
| 2) convert | transmute | endorse | transform |
| 3) repudiate | eradicate | reject | refute |
| 4) practical | viable | inane | sustainable |
| 5) forbid | prohibit | proscribe | approve |
| 6) rudimentary | elementary | superficial | potent |
| 7) original | intact | pristine | superficial |
| 8) ratify | approve | transmute | endorse |
| 9) eradicate | wipe out | transform | obliterate |
| 10) preposterous | pristine | inane | ridiculous |

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.

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

11. Surrender (v.)		
12. Deprive (v.)		
13. Dormant (adj.)		
14. Equilibrium (n.)		
15. Flaw (n.)		
16. Indigenous (adj.)		
17. Lethal (adj.)		
18. Perish (v.)		
19. Proliferation (n.)		
20. Triumph (n.)		

EXERCISE 3

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

COLUMN A

COLUMN B

- | | |
|------------------|---|
| 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 |

LESSON 8

Target words

WORD SET 1

1. Accord (n.)		
2. Adept (adj.)		
3. Compulsory (adj.)		
4. Encompass (v.)		
5. Frigid (adj.)		
6. Overestimate (v.)		
7. Recur (v.)		
8. Ritual (n.)		
9. Solitude (n.)		
10. Trigger (v.)		

EXERCISE 1

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

COLUMN A

1. Accord
2. Adept
3. Compulsory
4. Encompass
5. Frigid
6. Overestimate
7. Recur
8. Ritual
9. Solitude
10. Trigger

COLUMN B

- A. to happen again
- B. to include a wide range of ideas, subjects, etc.
- C. a situation in which two people, ideas, etc. agree with each other
- D. when you are alone, especially when this is what you enjoy
- E. good at something that needs care and skill
- F. very cold in temperature
- G. something that you do regularly and in the same way each time
- H. to make something start happening, especially a series of events
- I. to think something is better, more important, etc. than it is
- J. required by law or a rule

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. Accord | 2. Adept | 3. Compulsory | 4. Encompass | 5. Frigid |
| 6. Overestimate | 7. Recur | 8. Ritual | 9. Solitude | 10. Trigger |

- 1) The water gave the survivors only minutes to live in the cold North Atlantic.
- 2) The man went out to the woods to escape from his busy life and get some
- 3) Because education is not in all countries, there are many children who do not attend school.
- 4) If Norman stops taking his medication, the symptoms of his disease could
- 5) Our trip around the world will all of the places we have always wanted to visit.
- 6) If you don't dress warmly in the winter, the cold temperatures could a serious health condition called hypothermia.
- 7) The parents were arguing because they were not in with how to discipline their teenager.
- 8) Research suggests that girls that are very self-conscious tend to the importance of being physically attractive.
- 9) Mark is a/an juggler who can easily manager four balls in the air without dropping one.
- 10) The team's pregame consists of a short prayer and a group hug.

EXERCISE 3

Circle the unrelated word in each set.

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|-----------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| 1) compulsory | obligatory | dexterous | mandatory |
| 2) ignite | trigger | embrace | spark |
| 3) rite | loneliness | ceremony | ritual |
| 4) adept | adroit | dexterous | frigid |
| 5) recur | happen again | reappear | magnify |
| 6) ritual | loneliness | solitude | isolation |
| 7) incorporate | encompass | spark | embrace |
| 8) adept | frosty | frigid | arctic |
| 9) overestimate | exaggerate | trigger | magnify |
| 10) agreement | harmony | solitude | accord |

WORD SET 2

11. Alliance (n.)		
12. Animosity (n.)		
13. Bulky (adj.)		
14. Constitute (v.)		
15. Ingenious (adj.)		
16. Insulate (v.)		
17. Perplex (v.)		
18. Surmise (v.)		
19. Veracity (n.)		
20. Waver (v.)		

EXERCISE 3

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

COLUMN A

1. Alliance
2. Animosity
3. Bulky
4. Constitute
5. Ingenious
6. Insulate
7. Perplex
8. Surmise
9. Veracity
10. Waver

COLUMN B

- A. To guess that something is true, using the information you already know
- B. done skillfully and in a clever way
- C. having great volume in proportion to weight
- D. an arrangement in which two or more countries, groups, etc. agree to work together to try to change or achieve something
- E. to lose strength, determination, or purpose, especially temporarily
- F. to form a whole from smaller parts
- G. to protect someone or something from harmful experiences or influences
- H. the fact of being true or correct
- I. strong dislike, opposition, or anger
- J. to confuse (someone) very much

EXERCISE 4

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

1. Alliance 2. Animosity 3. Bulky 4. Constitute 5. Ingenious
6. Insulate 7. Perplex 8. Surmise 9. Veracity 10. Waver

- 1) China's ethnic minorities less than 7 percent of its total population.
- 2) According to the book reviewer, the author's puzzling writing style will many readers.
- 3) Although John thought he wanted to attend a local college, he has started to on his choice and is now considering other schools.
- 4) Until recently the country's economy has been from recession by its reserves of raw materials.
- 5) Because Ellen's father used to lock her in the basement, she has a lot of towards him today.
- 6) Old photos and letters added to his claim that he had served in the Navy.
- 7) She wasat finding ways to work more quickly.
- 8) In order to protect their borders, the two countries formed an
- 9) The box isn't really heavy, but it's too for one person to carry.
- 10) Jason knew it was wrong of him to his brother had stolen his money without actual proof.

EXERCISE 5

Circle the unrelated word in each set.

- | | | | |
|-----------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1) compose | constitute | vacillate | make up |
| 2) surmise | speculate | conjecture | perplex |
| 3) hatred | veracity | antipathy | animosity |
| 4) constitute | vacillate | waver | oscillate |
| 5) bulky | unwieldy | smart | cumbersome |
| 6) truthfulness | veracity | animosity | reliability |
| 7) insulate | compose | protect | shield |
| 8) union | coalition | reliability | alliance |
| 9) baffle | surmise | perplex | bewilder |
| 10) ingenious | smart | bulky | clever |