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Lesson 1 Using Synonyms

Maybe you've heard someone say, "The only thing constant is change." This might puzzle you but if you understand that things are always changing, the meaning is clearer. In this lesson, you'll learn some words to help you examine the changes in your life.

Word List			
abate	haughtiness	plausible	solitude
discern	inevitable	reconcile	turbulence
embark	mentor		

EXERCISE A Synonyms

Synonyms are words with similar meanings. Each boldfaced vocabulary word below is paired with a synonym whose meaning you probably know. Think of other words related to the meaning of the synonym and write your ideas on the line provided. Then, look up the word in a dictionary and write its meaning.

1. haughtiness : arrogance
Dictionary definition
2. abate : lessen
Dictionary definition
3. turbulence : disturbance
Dictionary definition
4. plausible : believable
Dictionary definition
5. solitude : aloneness
Dictionary definition
6. discern : detect
Dictionary definition
7. mentor : coach
Dictionary definition
8. reconcile: bring together again
Dictionary definition
9. inevitable : unavoidable
Dictionary definition

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O. embark : start		
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XERCISE B Usage		
rite the vocabulary word that best comp	pletes the sentence.	
1. The king's will caus	se his subjects to turn against him one day.	
2. The sailors hoped that the winds would no	ot so they could sail	home.
3. The expert was unable to	the difference between the two dian	nonds.
4. The emotional the	refugees suffered equaled their physical ha	rdships.
5. The ship's whistle blasted loudly just as we	e were preparing to	
2. If you could choose any person to be your	mentor, who would it be? Why?	
3. Do you think it's inevitable that every hom	ne in the United States will have a computer	? Why or why not?
4. How can you reconcile two friends who've	e had a misunderstanding?	

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Lesson 2 Base Words and Word Roots

In this lesson, you'll learn ten useful English words that are based on Latin roots. Knowing the meanings of base words and word roots can help you guess the meaning of a new word. Sometimes, however, the exact meaning isn't clear from the root. It's always safer to look up new words in a dictionary.

Word List

brevity equanimity stringent tenacious carnage incisive temporize verify

credence legacy

EXERCISE A Latin Roots

Write the probable definition of each vocabulary word on the line provided.

1.	Ver is a Latin root meaning "truth." The Latin suffix -ify or -fy means "to make or cause something to become." Verify probably means
2.	Cred is a Latin root meaning "belief." The Latin suffix -ence means "state" or "condition." Credence probably means
3.	Equa is a Latin root meaning "level" or "even." The Latin suffix -ity means "state or condition." Equanimity probably means
4.	String or strict is a Latin root meaning "to tie." The Latin suffix -ent means "to cause a condition or action." Stringent probably means
5.	Carn is a Latin root that means "flesh." Carnage probably means
6.	Brev is a Latin root that means "short." Brevity probably means
7.	Incis is a Latin root meaning "to cut." Incisive probably means
8.	Leg is a Latin root meaning "law." Legacy probably means
	Tene is a Latin root that means "to hold." The French and Latin suffix -ious means "full of." Tenacious probably means
10.	Temp is a Latin root meaning "time." The Greek suffix -ize makes a word a verb. Temporize probably means

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EXERCISE B Dictionary Definitions

Check your definition in Exercise A by looking up each vocabulary word in a dictionary. Write the meaning. How close did you come to the correct meaning?

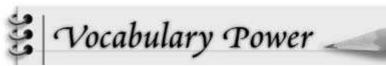
1. verify
2. credence
3. equanimity
4. stringent
5. carnage
6. brevity
7. incisive
8. legacy
9. tenacious
10. temporize
EXERCISE C Synonyms
Write the vocabulary word that corresponds to the expression in italics.
1. Jason said he liked the play because of its short duration!
2. The <i>bloody slaughter</i> on the battlefield sickened the soldiers.
3. She approached the courtroom with evenness of mind.
4. The new teacher announced that she would enforce <i>strict</i> anticheating rules
5. Lucia's stubborn and firm nature helped her become the leading scorer on the soccer team.

EXERCISE D Root Families

On a separate sheet of paper, create word webs for three of the vocabulary words in this lesson. Draw a circle with the word in the center; then, add as many words as you can that have the same root. Quiz a partner about the meanings of the words you add to your web.

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Lesson 3 The Prefixes com- and con-

A prefix is a syllable placed before a root word to change or add to its meaning. The Latin prefixes com- and con- mean "together with" or "jointly." Be careful, though. Not all words that begin with these letters have the meanings of the prefixes. When in doubt, check in a dictionary.

Word List

commandeer commemorate compassion compulsory concurrent confiscate

congenial

convene

commodity conception

EXERCISE A Dictionary Definitions

Underline the prefix in each vocabulary word. Then, look up the word in a dictionary and write its meaning.

- 1. compassion
- 3. conception _____

- 6. confiscate
- 7. concurrent _____
- 8. commandeer
- 9. commemorate
- 10. compulsory _____

EXERCISE B Context Clues

Write the vocabulary word that matches the clue.

- 1. In many states, driver's education is this if young people want to get an operator's license.
- 2. To serve these kinds of terms on two committees could represent a conflict of interest.
- 3. When the delegates meet, they do this.
- **4.** This is a personal quality needed by doctors and nurses.
- **5.** Cabin attendants on passenger jets need this kind of personality.

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•	bybeans, beef, and aluminum.	_
7. When we recognize Independen	nce Day by observing a national holiday, we do th	IS
8. Customs agents will do this to a	ny goods prohibited for importation	
9. Engineers always have this abou	ut something they want to build.	
10. Pirates did this to many sailing v	vessels on the high seas.	
_	word <i>conception</i> , for example, is from the La ceived." Use a dictionary to help you write t sentence below.	<u>-</u>
Doctors can determine the exact		
2. His conception of the black-hol	e theory was erroneous.	
Dictionary definition		
3. Her novel conception of abstra	ct art attracted the attention of mainstream artists.	
Dictionary definition		
4 Campbell's conception of the r	ole of myth throughout history is available on vide	entane

EXERCISE D Prefixes

Words that begin with the prefixes *com*- and *con*- appear often in newspapers and magazines. On a separate sheet of paper, make a list of words you find containing these prefixes. After each word, write a definition of the word, using its context or checking in a dictionary.

Dictionary definition _____

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Lesson 4 Using Reading Skills

Learning from Context: Definitions

The context of a word is the sentence or paragraph in which it appears. You can use clues from the context to discover the meaning of an unknown word. Look for key words that define a word.

EXERCISE A

Use the context to find the meaning of the boldfaced word. First, underline key words in the sentence that help you define the vocabulary word. Then, write the word's probable meaning.

1.	I have always considered Tony Gwynn to be the epitome of a great baseball hitter and a true gentleman.
2.	Sarah is always jovial ; in fact, she is the most cheerful person I know.
3.	Richard's dog had grown portly because of lack of exercise and a diet of table scraps.
4.	The indigent person lacked housing, money, and food.
5.	This hotel room will suffice ; it has everything we might need during our stay.
6.	The man raced after the bus, his hair disheveled and his shirt untucked.
7.	The burning sun increased our torpor so much that we could barely move.
8.	The judge showed clemency to the convicted man because she felt sympathy for him.
9.	Did Mikayla drop the class of her own volition , or was she coerced?
10.	To affront someone on the street like that is dangerous.

EXERCISE B

Double-check your definition in a dictionary. Then, use each word in a sentence of your own. Write on a separate sheet of paper, if necessary.

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EXERCISE

Circle the letter of the word that can best replace the word or words in italics.

	1.	Each student will	be assigned a	coach from the	e senior class	for the fi	rst six weeks
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- a. mentor
- **b.** commodity
- c. carnage
- **d.** credence

2. The movie's short running time kept the plot alive and interesting.

- **a.** legacy
- **b.** brevity
- **c.** commodity
- **d.** turbulence

3. John's excuse that his pet raccoon ate his homework did not sound *believable* to his teacher.

- **a.** inevitable
- **b.** cumpulsory
- c. congenial
- **d.** plausible

4. Mother Teresa was memorable for her sympathy toward the poor and dying.

- **a.** equanimity
- **b.** brevity
- c. compassion
- **d.** haughtiness

5. Did you determine the truth of what you read, or did you just accept it without question?

- **a.** verify
- **b.** abate
- c. embark
- **d.** reconcile

6. The judge could *tell* right away which witness was telling the truth.

- **a.** discern
- **b.** embark
- c. temporize
- d. confiscate

7. Two years of math is *required* for anyone majoring in engineering.

- a. inevitable
- **b.** plausible
- **c.** compulsory
- d. stringent

8. His carelessness made it certain to happen that he would misplace something important before too long.

- a. stringent
- **b**. inevitable
- c. concurrent
- d. congenial

9. Marcus stuck to his own ideas in such a *stubborn* way.

- **a.** concurrent
- **b.** congenial
- c. incisive
- **d.** tenacious

10. Henry David Thoreau valued *being alone*.

- **a.** legacy
- **b.** solitude
- c. brevity
- **d.** equanimity

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