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# Vocabulary

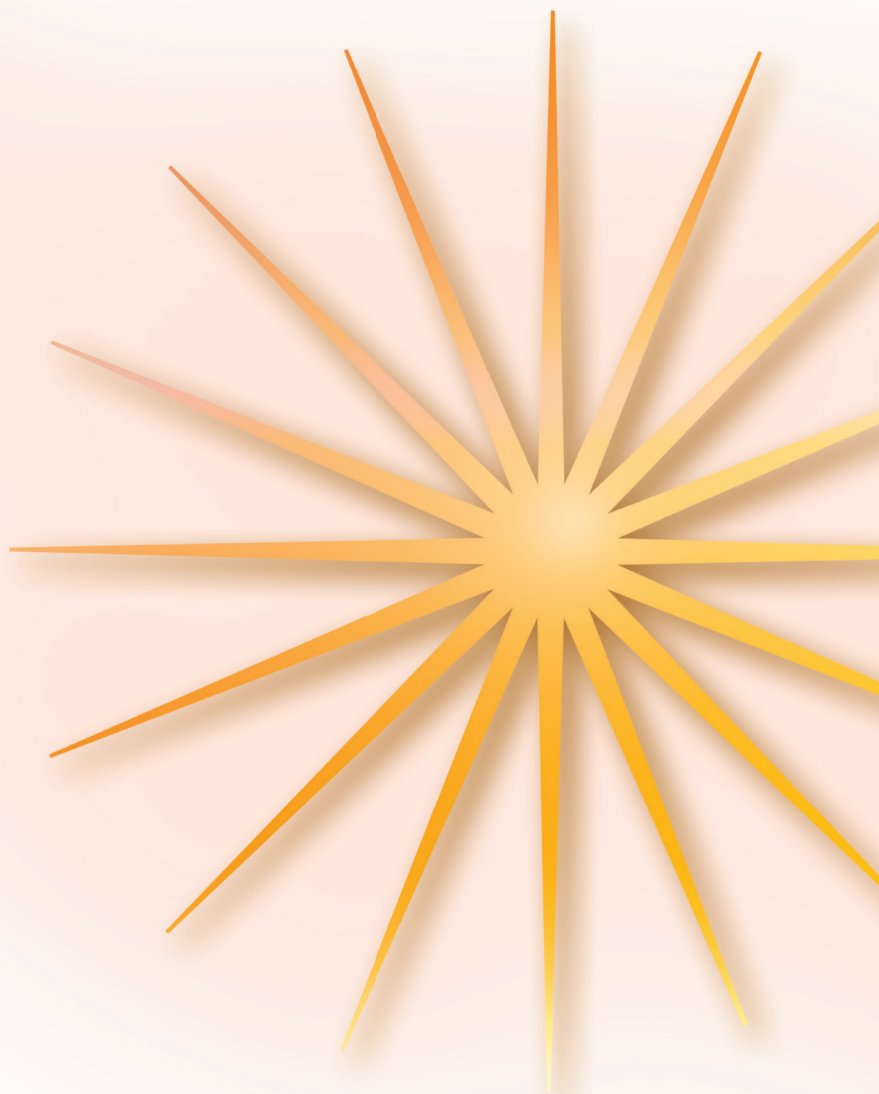
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## Focused Practice for Vocabulary Development

- Analogies
- Context clues
- Roots and affixes
- Domain-specific vocabulary
- Using the dictionary
- Test-taking practice section
- Answer key



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Two of the most common analogies involve synonyms and antonyms.

**Model 1:** *Word* is to *word* as *word* is to \_\_\_\_\_.  
(synonym) (synonym)

**Example:** *Small* is to *little* as *big* is to *large*.

**Model 2:** *Word* is to *word* as *word* is to \_\_\_\_\_.  
(antonym) (antonym)

**Example:** *Beautiful* is to *ugly* as *happy* is to *sad*.

Read the definitions of the words in the word box. Complete the analogies below using words from the word box.

**timid—adj.** without courage

**jovial—adj.** full of laughter, jolly

**sullen—adj.** gloomy, bad humored

**climate—n.** weather conditions

**foe—n.** enemy

**loathe—v.** to dislike, to detest

**bold—adj.** showing great courage

**comprehend—v.** to understand

1. *Bad* is to *terrible* as *shy* is to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. *Bad* is to *good* as \_\_\_\_\_ is to *friend*.
3. *Car* is to *automobile* as *weather* is to \_\_\_\_\_.
4. *Teach* is to *instruct* as *understand* is to \_\_\_\_\_.
5. *Shout* is to *whisper* as *love* is to \_\_\_\_\_.
6. *Mean* is to *kind* as *shy* is to \_\_\_\_\_.
7. *Gentle* is to *rough* as *happy* is to \_\_\_\_\_.
8. *Pretty* is to *cute* as \_\_\_\_\_ is to *jolly*.
9. *Love* is to *like* as \_\_\_\_\_ is to *detest*.
10. *Bush* is to *shrub* as *enemy* is to \_\_\_\_\_.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Read the analogy models, then circle the correct word to complete each analogy below. Use a dictionary if you need help.

**Model 1:** *Tool* is to its *function* as *tool* is to its \_\_\_\_\_.  
(function)

**Example:** *Pen* is to *writing* as *shovel* is to *digging*.

**Model 2:** *Title* is to *specialty* as *title* is to \_\_\_\_\_.  
(specialty)

**Example:** *Dentist* is to *teeth* as *veterinarian* is to *animals*.

**Model 3:** *Cause* is to *effect* as *cause* is to \_\_\_\_\_.  
(effect)

**Example:** *Sadness* is to *tears* as *joy* is to *laughter*.

**Model 4:** *Worker* is to *product* as *worker* is to \_\_\_\_\_.  
(product)

**Example:** *Author* is to *book* as *artist* is to *painting*.

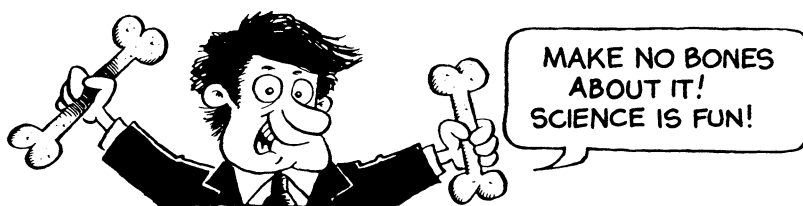
1. *Policeman* is to *crime* as *doctor* is to \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. illness   b. nurse   c. stethoscope   d. patient
2. *Carpenter* is to *hammer* as *doctor* is to \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. illness   b. nurse   c. stethoscope   d. patient
3. *Druggist* is to *pharmacy* as *teacher* is to \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. student   b. school   c. books   d. teach
4. *Baker* is to *bread* as *seamstress* is to \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. thread   b. needle   c. dress   d. sewing
5. *Scissors* are to *cut* as *ax* is to \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. chop   b. burn   c. tree   d. sharpen
6. *Sun* is to *sunburn* as *snow* is to \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. overcast   b. frostbite   c. umbrella   d. climate
7. *Fire* is to *burn* as *cold* is to \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. ice   b. freeze   c. snow   d. wind
8. *Hunger* is to *eat* as *thirst* is to \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. food   b. cup   c. milk   d. drink

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Look up each of the following words in a dictionary and write the definitions on the line. Then, use these words to complete each analogy below.

1. **punctual** \_\_\_\_\_
2. **fragile** \_\_\_\_\_
3. **discard** \_\_\_\_\_
4. **fraudulent** \_\_\_\_\_
5. **peril** \_\_\_\_\_
6. **prohibit** \_\_\_\_\_
7. **monotonous** \_\_\_\_\_
8. **decade** \_\_\_\_\_
9. **augment** \_\_\_\_\_
10. **soothe** \_\_\_\_\_
11. *Food* is to *eat* as *trash* is to \_\_\_\_\_.
12. *Late* is to *early* as *tardy* is to \_\_\_\_\_.
13. *Metal* is to *sturdy* as *glass* is to \_\_\_\_\_.
14. *Accept* is to *reject* as *allow* is to \_\_\_\_\_.
15. *Loud* is to *quiet* as *varied* is to \_\_\_\_\_.
16. *Real* is to *genuine* as *fake* is to \_\_\_\_\_.
17. *One hundred* is to *century* as *ten* is to \_\_\_\_\_.
18. *Hard* is to *soft* as *disturb* is to \_\_\_\_\_.
19. *Take* is to *give* as *subtract* is to \_\_\_\_\_.
20. *Walk* is to *stroll* as *danger* is to \_\_\_\_\_.

Name \_\_\_\_\_



Classify each animal from the word box. Write it in the correct column.

**Vertebrates**  
(backbones)

**Invertebrates**  
(no backbones)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
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 starfish  
ostrich  
octopus  
cicada  
moose  
snail

 horned toad  
praying mantis  
sting ray  
Great Dane  
woodpecker  
earthworm

 mosquito  
blue whale  
aardvark  
king snake  
butterfly  
glowworm

 gerbil  
sponge  
jellyfish  
sailfish  
warthog  
sand dollar

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Each word in Bank A shares a feature with a word in Bank B. Place each word with its appropriate feature. Then write another word which shares this feature.

<u>Feature</u>	<u>Bank A word</u>	<u>Bank B word</u>	<u>Your Word</u>
1. sense organ	<u>ear</u>	<u>nose</u>	<u>eye</u>
2. inventor	_____	_____	_____
3. fabric	_____	_____	_____
4. to be read	_____	_____	_____
5. city	_____	_____	_____
6. direction	_____	_____	_____
7. musical genre	_____	_____	_____
8. disease	_____	_____	_____
9. color	_____	_____	_____
10. in Washington, D.C.	_____	_____	_____
11. school subject	_____	_____	_____
12. body of water	_____	_____	_____
13. Shakespearean character	_____	_____	_____
14. communication tool	_____	_____	_____
15. South American country	_____	_____	_____

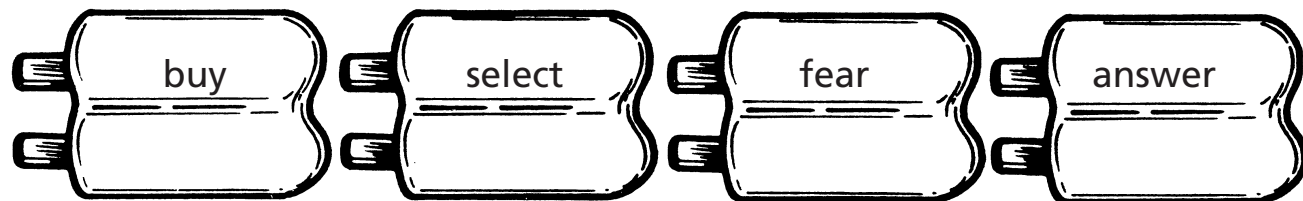
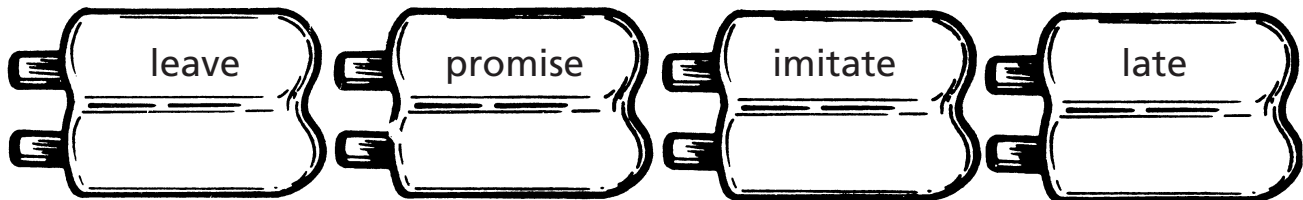
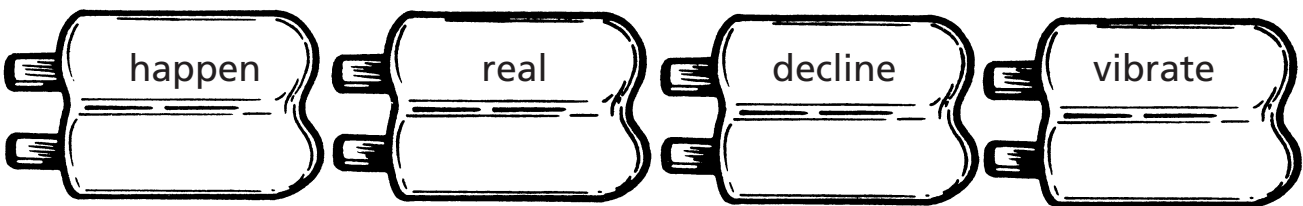
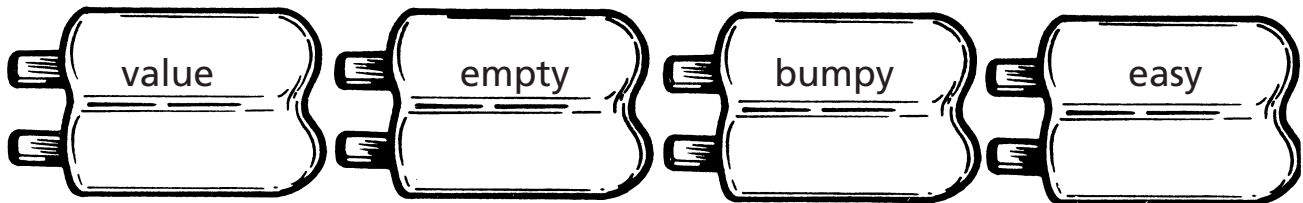
Bank A: Bolivia, chicken pox, cotton, Denver, Edison, fuchsia, newspaper, Nile River, north, rock, Romeo, Smithsonian, history, telephone

Bank B: Carver, Chesapeake Bay, Hamlet, jazz, Lincoln Memorial, magazine, Paraguay, polyester, English, Santa Fe, south, strep throat, telegraph, turquoise

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Write a word from the word box next to its synonym.

refuse	occur	shake	choose
purchase	fright	rough	reply
copy	vacant	worth	pledge
genuine	depart	simple	tardy



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Read each sentence carefully. Write the word that best completes each sentence on the line.

1. When my friends gave me a surprise birthday party, I was so surprised that I was \_\_\_\_\_ (synonym for quiet).  
**shy                  speechless                  peaceful**
2. She was so \_\_\_\_\_ (synonym for quiet) that she couldn't speak in front of the class.  
**shy                  speechless                  peaceful**
3. We love going to the mountain cabin because it is so \_\_\_\_\_ (synonym for quiet) there.  
**shy                  speechless                  peaceful**
4. The meat was so \_\_\_\_\_ (synonym for hard) that I could barely chew it.  
**tough                  difficult                  firm**
5. The test was so \_\_\_\_\_ (synonym for hard) that everyone failed.  
**tough                  difficult                  firm**
6. I didn't sleep well because the mattress was too \_\_\_\_\_ (synonym for hard).  
**tough                  difficult                  firm**
7. He is sure to get a good grade on that \_\_\_\_\_ (synonym for simple) test.  
**plain                  humble                  easy**
8. The girl was wearing a very \_\_\_\_\_ (synonym for simple) blue dress.  
**plain                  humble                  easy**
9. The home of the poor farmer was quite \_\_\_\_\_ (synonym for simple).  
**plain                  humble                  easy**



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Circle the synonym of each highlighted word. Write each circled word on its numbered line to form a sentence. Use a dictionary to help you.

1. <b>wing</b>	arm	fly	feather	cable	(3)
2. <b>oceans</b>	continents	lakes	vistas	seas	(6)
3. <b>fowls</b>	pteranodons	rabbits	birds	bones	(1)
4. <b>spacious</b>	vast	burgeon	absent	mouthful	(5)
5. <b>beyond</b>	toward	against	past	near	(4)
6. <b>noiselessly</b>	silently	surely	amusingly	slowly	(2)

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1. <b>ascended</b>	mastered	shuffled	climbed	twisted	(4)
2. <b>compliant</b>	taciturn	shy	obsolete	obedient	(2)
3. <b>ancient</b>	hardened	transient	absolute	old	(6)
4. <b>warily</b>	merely	cautiously	extreme	tiredly	(1)
5. <b>grating</b>	creaky	charming	boxing	stony	(5)
6. <b>benches</b>	stiles	spines	goals	pews	(7)
7. <b>juveniles</b>	renegades	children	parrots	villains	(3)

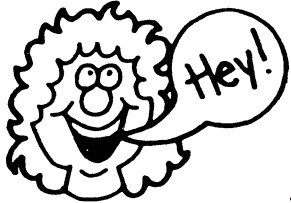
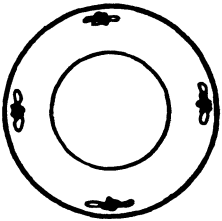


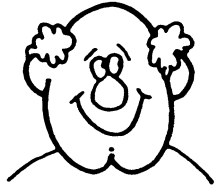

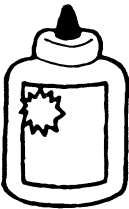
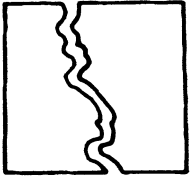

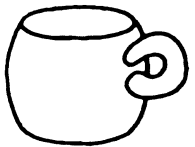
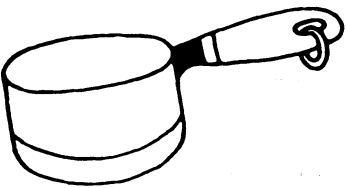
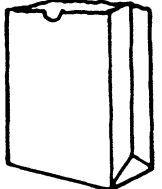
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1. <b>brawny</b>	dour	clean	stout	smart	(2)	
2. <b>determinedly</b>	thoughtfully	sanely	resolutely	mutely	(7)	
3. <b>toted</b>	hauled	gave	wrote	painted	(4)	
4. <b>cases</b>	shelves	levers	tops	cartons	(6)	
5. <b>roustabouts</b>	angels	chickens	grievances	laborers	(3)	
6. <b>a gross</b>	20	money	short	144	(1)	
7. <b>icebox</b>	frigid	refrigerator	cubic	storage	(5)	

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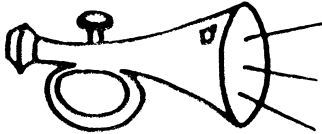
Write a word from the word box that has the same meaning.

pan	yell	house	glue	rip	bag
dish	gift	cry	sick	cup	smile

	shout _____		plate _____
	home _____		present _____
	grin _____		weep _____
	paste _____		tear _____
	ill _____		mug _____
	pot _____		sack _____

Name \_\_\_\_\_

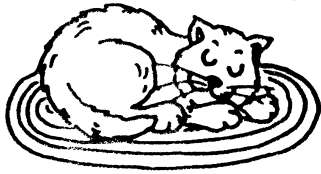
Circle the pair of synonyms in each box. Complete each sentence with one of the circled words.



noisy    quiet    loud    fast

1. The horns were \_\_\_\_\_.

2. The crowd was \_\_\_\_\_.



rough    coarse    soft    straight

3. Sand paper is \_\_\_\_\_.

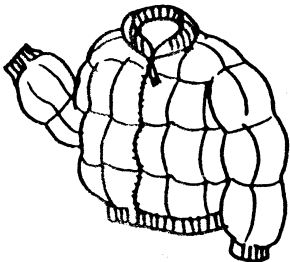
4. Cement is \_\_\_\_\_.



right    left    wrong    incorrect

5. Never drive the \_\_\_\_\_ way on a one way street.

6. I got an \_\_\_\_\_ answer on the test.



laugh    smile    cry    giggle

7. Your \_\_\_\_\_ is contagious.

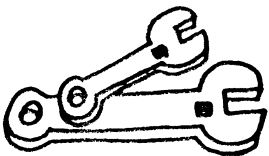
8. I can't help but \_\_\_\_\_ when I hear it.



fix    break    repair    own

9. We will \_\_\_\_\_ the car.

10. I can't \_\_\_\_\_ my watch myself.



neat    quick    messy    clean

11. \_\_\_\_\_ up the kitchen.

12. Keep your room \_\_\_\_\_.

