

# International Students' Guide to the GRE®:

## Sentence Equivalence, Text Completion, and Vocabulary Building

### Answer Key

#### Introduction to the GRE

##### Exercise (Page 4)

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|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. No (concrete thing) | 5. No (concrete thing) | 9. No (specific field)  |
| 2. No (concrete thing) | 6. No (proper noun)    | 10. Yes                 |
| 3. Yes                 | 7. No (specific field) | 11. No (concrete thing) |
| 4. Yes                 | 8. Yes                 | 12. No (structure word) |

##### Preview Test

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|--------|--------|-----------|
| 1. C/F | 5. D/F | 9. C/D    |
| 2. A/C | 6. B/D | 10. A/F   |
| 3. B/E | 7. C   | 11. A/D   |
| 4. A/D | 8. B/D | 12. A/F/G |

##### Exercise 1

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|---|--|
| 1. <u>burnish</u> <u>unite</u> <u>polish</u> <u>fuse</u>          | 7. <u>enervate</u> <u>oversee</u> <u>weaken</u>              |
| 2. <u>inundate</u> <u>flood</u>                                   | <u>supervise</u>   |
| 3. <u>arduous</u> <u>grueling</u> <u>ardent</u> <u>zealous</u>    | 8. <u>gaudy</u> <u>flashy</u>                                |
| 4. <u>fatuous</u> <u>noisome</u> <u>disgusting</u> <u>foolish</u> | 9. <u>perilous</u> <u>dangerous</u> <u>random</u>            |
| 5. <u>stylish</u> <u>fashionable</u>                              | <u>haphazard</u>   |
| 6. <u>desiccated</u> <u>dehydrated</u> <u>rude</u>                | 10. <u>banal</u> <u>deface</u> <u>commonplace</u> <u>mar</u> |
| <u>boorish</u>  |  |

##### Exercise 2

1. Since suddenly... powerful dangerous; destructive
2. not only... but also good an excellent; a helpful
3. Despite not completely invisible not cloudy; overcast
4. rude and difficult to get along with surprisingly pleasantly; affably

5. but not at all dangerous a frightening; a fearsome
6. ironically least training ... experience successful
7. Overtly ... yet not difficult to learn complex; complicated
8. Unlike seldom outgoing sociable; friendly

## 1. Sentence Equivalence

### Drill 1

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|--------|--------|---------|
| 1. B/D | 5. B/E | 9. A/E  |
| 2. B/F | 6. A/D | 10. D/E |
| 3. A/B | 7. C/D | 11. B/C |
| 4. A/D | 8. E/F | 12. C/D |

### Drill 2

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|--------|--------|---------|
| 1. C/E | 5. B/C | 9. C/D  |
| 2. A/E | 6. C/F | 10. A/E |
| 3. C/D | 7. B/E | 11. C/E |
| 4. A/C | 8. E/F | 12. A/C |

### Drill 3

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|--------|--------|---------|
| 1. B/E | 5. B/C | 9. A/D  |
| 2. A/F | 6. C/F | 10. C/D |
| 3. C/E | 7. B/D | 11. A/C |
| 4. D/F | 8. B/C | 12. C/D |

### Drill 4

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|--------|--------|---------|
| 1. A/F | 5. A/E | 9. A/F  |
| 2. D/F | 6. A/C | 10. A/B |
| 3. A/D | 7. C/E | 11. B/E |
| 4. B/F | 8. B/E | 12. A/D |

### Drill 5

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|--------|--------|---------|
| 1. A/F | 5. A/F | 9. A/B  |
| 2. C/E | 6. D/E | 10. A/D |
| 3. B/E | 7. C/F | 11. B/E |
| 4. B/C | 8. D/F | 12. A/D |

## 2. Text Completion

### Drill 1

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|----------|----------|-----------|
| 1. A/F   | 5. E     | 9. B/D/G  |
| 2. B     | 6. A     | 10. C/D/H |
| 3. A/F/I | 7. B/F   | 11. B/D   |
| 4. B/E   | 8. C/E/G | 12. B/F/I |

### Drill 2

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|----------|----------|-----------|
| 1. C/E   | 5. A/F/H | 9. A/E/I  |
| 2. A/F   | 6. B/D   | 10. C/F   |
| 3. C/D/G | 7. B/F/G | 11. B/E/H |
| 4. C/E/I | 8. B/E   | 12. C/D/I |

### Drill 3

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|----------|----------|-----------|
| 1. A     | 5. B/D/H | 9. B/D    |
| 2. A/F   | 6. A/E   | 10. C/F   |
| 3. B/F/I | 7. C/F   | 11. E     |
| 4. E     | 8. D     | 12. A/D/I |

### Drill 4

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|--------|----------|----------|
| 1. B   | 5. D     | 9. C/D/I |
| 2. A   | 6. C     | 10. B/E  |
| 3. C/E | 7. B/D   | 11. A/F  |
| 4. B   | 8. A/E/H | 12. C/D  |

### Drill 5

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|--------|----------|-----------|
| 1. D   | 5. A/F   | 9. A/D/I  |
| 2. C/E | 6. A/E   | 10. C/E/G |
| 3. B/E | 7. C/E   | 11. C/D   |
| 4. B/F | 8. B/D/H | 12. A/E/I |

## 3. Vocabulary Building

### A. 360 Common GRE Words

#### Vocabulary Set 1

(Note: Synonyms in *italics* also appear elsewhere on the list on pages 000-000. Synonyms that are underlined appear in the Supplemental Vocabulary List on pages 000-000)

1. abate verb lessen; weaken; decrease
2. aberrant adj abnormal; peculiar; uncharacteristic; anomalous
3. (in) abeyance noun suspended; inactive; *quiescent*; dormant
4. abscond verb flee; escape; run away
5. abstain verb refrain; do without; forego; pass up
6. acerbic adj sharp; bitter; *mordant*; cutting; *caustic*; *scathing*
7. abstruse adj complex; puzzling; obscure; *recondite*
8. abysmal adj dreadful; terrible; awful; *wretched*; *execrable*
9. acrid adj bitter; *pungent*; harsh; sharp; having an unpleasant, penetrating smell or taste
10. acrimonious adj unfriendly; hostile; bellicose; spiteful; rancorous; *vituperative*
11. adamant adj resolute; stubborn; inflexible; pertinacious; uncompromising; *obdurate*
12. admonish verb warn; scold; rebuke; caution; reprimand; *upbraid*
13. affable adj *genial*; *amiable*; *cordial*; hospitable; friendly; sociable; warm
14. alacrity noun readiness; eagerness; willingness; cheerfulness
15. alleviate verb relieve; ease; lighten; improve; assuage; make better; *ameliorate*; *mitigate*

### Vocabulary Exercise 1

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|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| 1. abscond   | 5. aberrant | 9. admonished |
| 2. alacrity  | 6. abeyance | 10. acerbic   |
| 3. abstain   | 7. acrid    | 11. abstruse  |
| 4. alleviate | 8. abate    | 12. abysmal   |

### Vocabulary Set 2

16. allure verb attract; draw; tempt; *woo*
17. aloof adj remote; cold; distant; unfriendly; asocial; uninvolved with other people
18. ambiguous adj having more than one meaning; confusing; unclear
19. ameliorate verb make better; improve; upgrade; *alleviate*; *mitigate*; assuage
20. amiable adj friendly; warm; sociable; *cordial*; *affable*; *congenial*
21. antipathy noun hatred; aversion; dislike
22. apathetic adj *indifferent*; unconcerned; uncaring
23. appease verb *mollify*; sooth; calm; *pacify*; *placate*; assuage
24. apprise verb notify; inform; explain; describe
25. approbation noun approval; honor; commendation; praise; esteem
26. apt adj a) appropriate; fitting; suitable; apposite; proper; *felicitous* b) intelligent; bright c) likely; inclined to
27. arbitrary adj random; *haphazard*; unsystematic
28. archaic adj old fashioned; outdated; obsolete; ancient
29. ardent adj enthusiastic; *zealous*; *fervent*; passionate
30. arduous adj difficult; challenging; grueling; demanding; *onerous*; burdensome

**Vocabulary Exercise 2**

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|------|-------|
| 1. G | 6. B  |
| 2. C | 7. I  |
| 3. D | 8. J  |
| 4. F | 9. E  |
| 5. A | 10. H |

**Vocabulary Set 3**

31. arid adj dry; *parched*; *desiccated*
32. assiduous adj *diligent*; industrious; hard-working; *meticulous*; *sedulous*; conscientious
33. astute adj smart; *shrewd*; clever; intelligent; perspicacious
34. audacious adj daring; bold; brave; *intrepid*
35. auspicious adj promising; having a bright future
36. austere adj severe; harsh; grim; undecorated
37. avert verb avoid; *forestall*; prevent; *obviate*
38. baffling adj confusing; puzzling; confounding; perplexing; mystifying
39. banal adj ordinary; *trite*; boring; *prosaic*; *pedestrian*
40. belie verb contradict; show to be false; disprove
41. beneficent adj charitable; generous; kind
42. berate verb criticize; rebuke; reprimand; scold; *upbraid*
43. bicker verb quarrel; argue; *quibble*; *squabble*
44. bland adj flavorless; *insipid*; tasteless; mild; *vapid*
45. bolster verb support; boost; strengthen; augment; *buttress*

**Vocabulary Exercise 3**

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|------|-------|
| 1. B | 6. C  |
| 2. A | 7. A  |
| 3. C | 8. C  |
| 4. C | 9. B  |
| 5. B | 10. A |

**Vocabulary Set 4**

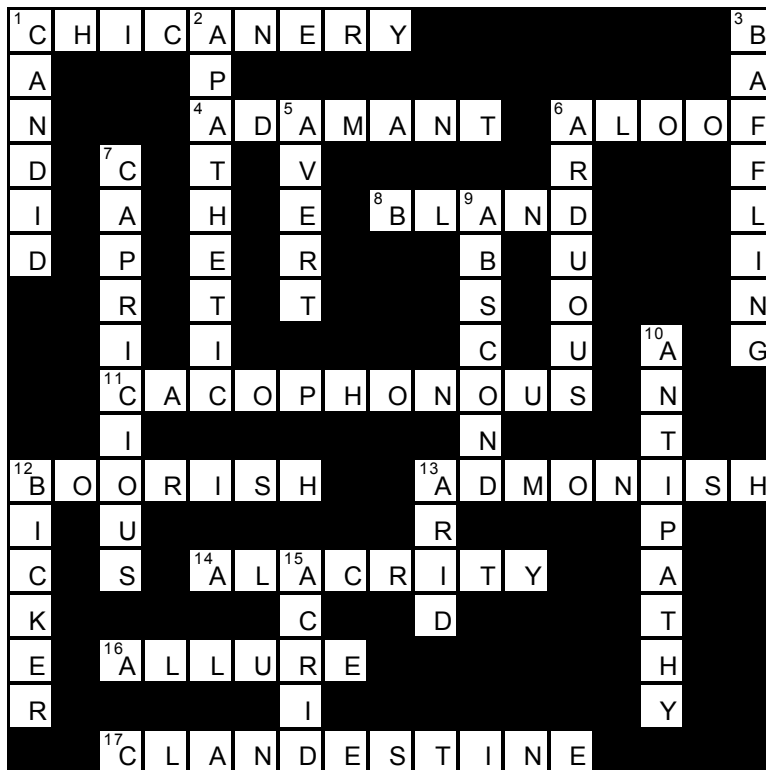
46. bombastic adj pompous; speaking in an inflated style; grandiloquent
47. boorish adj rude; unmannered; impolite; *uncouth*; abrasive
48. burgeon verb expand, grow rapidly; *mushroom*
49. burnish verb polish; clean; shine
50. buttress verb support; strengthen; prop up; *bolster*
51. cacophonous adj noisy; harsh and unpleasant sounding; *raucous*
52. candid adj honest; sincere; truthful; open; frank; forthright
53. canny adj *shrewd*; clever; *wily*; sly
54. capricious adj *whimsical*; unpredictable; *impulsive*; changeable; erratic; fickle

55. castigate verb berate; criticize; *upbraid*; penalize; *rebuke*; *reprimand*; reprove  
 56. caustic adj biting; sharp; critical; sarcastic; hurtful; *mordant*; *scathing*; *acerbic*  
 57. charismatic adj charming; appealing; personable  
 58. cherish verb appreciate; *esteem*; prize; value  
 59. chicanery noun trickery; fraud; deception  
 60. clandestine adj secretive; hidden; surreptitious; stealthy; *covert*

### Vocabulary Exercise 4

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|--------|--------|
| 1. No  | 6. Yes |
| 2. No  | 7. No  |
| 3. No  | 8. Yes |
| 4. Yes | 9. No  |
| 5. Yes | 10. No |

### Crossword Puzzle 1



### Vocabulary Set 5

61. cogent adj persuasive; convincing; logical; *lucid*  
 62. colossal adj huge; enormous; immense; gigantic; massive  
 63. complacent adj smug; unworried; unconcerned about some danger  
 64. complaisant adj agreeable; friendly; pleasant; *affable*; *cordial*; good-tempered; *amiable*

65. comply verb obey; acquiesce; agree to; follow; submit
66. congenial adj *affable; amiable; cordial; congenial*; hospitable
67. congested adj crowded; jammed; mobbed; clogged
68. conflate verb confuse one thing with something else; blend; join; fuse;
69. conspicuous adj noticeable; visible; obvious; easy to see
70. contentious adj argumentative; quarrelsome; combative; bellicose; belligerent;  
*truculent*; factious; provocative; inflammatory
71. contraption noun device; apparatus; mechanism; gadget; machine (especially an old fashioned or strange machine)
72. conundrum noun puzzle; mystery; riddle; enigma
73. converge verb join; come together; unite; merge
74. convoluted adj complex; complicated; involved; intricate
75. copious n. abundant; plentiful; numerous; profuse

### Vocabulary Exercise 5

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|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. converge    | 6. congested    |
| 2. conspicuous | 7. colossal     |
| 3. cogent      | 8. complied     |
| 4. complacent  | 9. convoluted   |
| 5. conundrum   | 10. complaisant |

### Vocabulary Set 6

76. cordial adj friendly; *affable; genial; amiable; congenial*
77. covert adj secret; hidden; stealthy; surreptitious; undercover; *clandestine*
78. craven adj cowardly; fearful; easily frightened; lacking any courage
79. curb verb limit; restrict; hold back; restrain
80. cursory adj *hasty*; rapid; *perfunctory*; brief; hurried
81. daunt verb frighten; intimidate; discourage
82. dearth noun lack; scarcity; absence; shortage; *paucity*
83. deference noun respect; submissiveness; meekness
84. denigrate verb criticize; *disparage*; malign; defame; belittle; vilify; *discredit*
85. deplete verb reduce; drain; use up
86. deplorable adj terrible; dreadful; awful; *execrable; wretched*
87. desiccate adj dry out; *parch*; dehydrate; take all the moisture from
88. destitute adj poor; impoverished; *indigent*; penniless
89. desultory adj random; *haphazard*; aimless
90. diatribe adj angry speech; *harangue; tirade*

**Vocabulary Exercise 6**

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|------|-------|
| 1. S | 6. S  |
| 2. S | 7. S  |
| 3. X | 8. X  |
| 4. X | 9. X  |
| 5. S | 10. X |

**Vocabulary Set 7**

91. diffident adj shy; deferential; *reticent*; meek; insecure
92. diffuse verb spread; scatter; *disseminate*
93. digress verb go off topic; ramble
94. diligent adj hard-working; *assiduous*; *meticulous*; *sedulous*
95. disabuse verb free from an incorrect idea; disillusion; correct; enlighten
96. discern verb distinguish; detect; recognize; discriminate
97. discredit verb injure the reputation of someone; defame; *denigrate*; *disparage*
98. discreet adj (for people) able to keep a secret; (for places) private; inconspicuous
99. discrete adj separate; distinct; unconnected; detached
100. disinterested adj unbiased; fair; impartial; neutral
101. disingenuous adj dishonest, untruthful, *mendacious*, lying
102. disjointed adj unconnected; fragmented; disorganized
103. disparage verb *denigrate*; criticize; ridicule; discredit; defame
104. disparate adj. different; dissimilar; distinct; incongruous; contrasting
105. dissemble verb mislead; hide the truth; lie; fib; equivocate

**Vocabulary Exercise 7**

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|--------|---------|
| 1. No  | 6. No   |
| 2. No  | 7. No   |
| 3. No  | 8. No   |
| 4. Yes | 9. Yes  |
| 5. Yes | 10. Yes |

**Vocabulary Set 8**

106. disseminate verb *diffuse*; spread; scatter; broadcast
107. divert verb turn away; send in another direction; reroute; redirect
108. drench verb soak; saturate; inundate; get thoroughly wet
109. dwindle verb shrink; become smaller; diminish; decrease in size or number; *wane*
110. ebullient adj cheerful; happy; effervescent; bubbly; elated; exuberant
111. eccentric adj peculiar; having odd habits; weird; bizarre
112. eclectic adj diverse; coming from various sources; assorted; *disparate*
113. elusive adj difficult to find, capture, or achieve; slippery





125. exigency noun emergency; pressing situation; necessity  
 126. exotic adj unusual in a pleasing way; fascinating  
 127. facetious adj foolish; inappropriate; silly; *fatuous*; inane  
 128. fallow adj uncultivated; unplanted; not currently productive; barren  
 129. fastidious adj choosy; fussy; picky; demanding; wanting things to be perfect  
 130. fatuous adj silly; foolish; *facetious*; inane; childish  
 131. feasible adj possible; achievable; *viable*; practicable  
 132. feckless adj incompetent; *inept*; ineffective; unskilled  
 133. felicitous adj 1) *apt*; fitting; proper; suitable; appropriate 2) fortunate; lucky  
 134. fervent adj *ardent*; enthusiastic; *zealous*; passionate  
 135. flamboyant adj showy; *gaudy*; flashy; colorful; *ostentatious*

### Vocabulary Exercise 9

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|--------|---------|
| 1. No  | 6. No   |
| 2. Yes | 7. Yes  |
| 3. Yes | 8. No   |
| 4. No  | 9. No   |
| 5. No  | 10. Yes |

### Vocabulary Set 10

136. flaunt verb show off; display in an *ostentatious* way; exhibit in a way that calls attention to oneself  
 137. fledgling adj beginner; novice; *tyro*; referring to someone just starting out; *neophyte*; rookie  
 138. fleeting adj quick; brief; temporary; evanescent; transitory; *ephemeral*; *hasty*; *cursor*  
 139. flout verb disobey; deliberately break or ignore a law, rule, or regulation  
 140. fluke noun chance occurrence; coincidence; stroke of luck  
 141. foolhardy adj reckless; taking unnecessary risks; *rash*  
 142. forestall verb prevent; *preclude*; *obviate*; keep something from happening  
 143. formidable adj powerful; intimidating; strong; *daunting*  
 144. frivolity noun *levity*; comedy; humor; light-heartedness  
 145. frugal adj thrifty; spending money wisely; prudent  
 146. garrulous adj talkative; verbose; *loquacious*; long-winded; *prolix*  
 147. gaudy adj *flamboyant*; showy; colorful; garish; *ostentatious*  
 148. gauge verb measure; estimate; check; assess  
 149. germane adj relevant; connected; suitable; *apt*  
 150. gregarious adj outgoing; sociable; friendly; companionable; extroverted

**Vocabulary Exercise 10**

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|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1. flout     | 5. fleeting   | 9. frugal      |
| 2. garrulous | 6. flaunt     | 10. foolhardy  |
| 3. gauge     | 7. fledgling  | 11. fluke      |
| 4. gaudy     | 8. gregarious | 12. formidable |

**Vocabulary Set 11**

151. gullible adj easily fooled; overly accepting; naïve
152. hamper verb obstruct; block; slow down; *hinder*
153. haphazard adj random; *arbitrary*; without a plan; disorganized
154. harangue verb give an angry speech; verbally attack
155. hasty adj too quick; hurried; rushed; precipitate; *rash*
156. hazardous adj dangerous; *perilous*; risky; harmful
157. hegemony noun control; dominion; power; authority
158. hiatus noun pause; break; interruption
159. hinder verb *hamper*; delay; obstruct; slow down
160. hoax noun trick; deception; fraud; prank
161. humdrum adj dull; boring; *quotidian*; monotonous; *banal*
162. impassive adj unemotional; inexpressive; deadpan; stolid; phlegmatic; composed
163. impecunious adj penniless; impoverished; *penurious*; broke; *indigent*
164. imperious adj domineering; commanding; authoritative; bossy
165. impervious adj unable to be hurt or damaged by; resistant

**Vocabulary Exercise 11**

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|------|-------|
| 1. S | 6. X  |
| 2. S | 7. X  |
| 3. X | 8. X  |
| 4. X | 9. S  |
| 5. S | 10. X |

**Vocabulary Set 12**

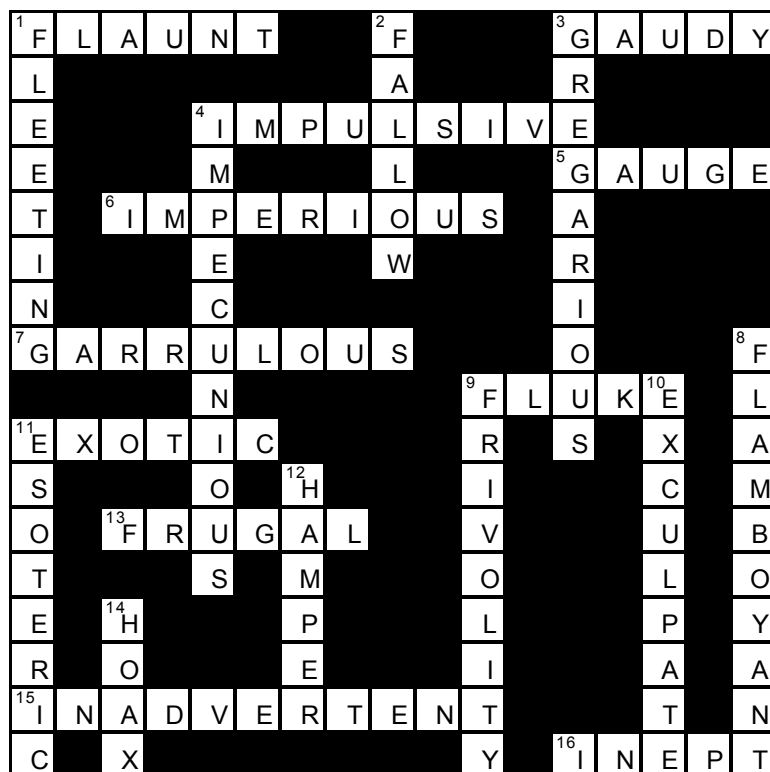
166. importune verb beg; solicit; ask for; pester; bother
167. impromptu adj unrehearsed; unplanned; spontaneous; off the cuff
168. impulsive adj *capricious*; *rash*; impetuous; unpredictable
169. inadvertent adj unintentional; accidental; involuntary
170. inchoate adj developing; not fully formed; beginning; incipient
171. incisive adj sharp; perceptive; *trenchant*
172. incongruous adj unsuitable; out of place; inappropriate; clashing
173. indigent adj *destitute*; *impecunious*; *penurious*; impoverished; penniless
174. indifferent adj *apathetic*; uninterested; uncaring; unconcerned
175. inept adj incompetent; bungling; lacking skill or talent; *feckless*; maladroit

176. infamous adj *notorious*; well-known for being wicked  
 177. ingenious adj clever; smart; intelligent; resourceful  
 178. insinuate verb imply something negative; allude to something negative  
 179. insipid adj *bland*; uninteresting; boring; lacking any flavor; *vapid*  
 180. insular adj isolated; cut off; narrow-minded; provincial

### Vocabulary Exercise 12

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|------|------|-------|
| 1. B | 5. G | 9. E  |
| 2. F | 6. A | 10. H |
| 3. K | 7. J | 11. I |
| 4. L | 8. C | 12. D |

### Crossword Puzzle 3



### Vocabulary Set 13

181. intrepid adj brave; daring; *audacious*  
 182. invaluable adj priceless; precious; highly important  
 183. invigorate adj strengthen; energize; refresh; *stimulate*  
 184. irascible adj easily annoyed; irritable; touchy; grumpy; cranky; grouchy; testy; petulant; snappish; cantankerous; peevish; querulous  
 185. itinerant adj traveling; wandering; nomadic; peripatetic

186. jargon noun terminology; vocabulary used by a certain profession or social group  
 187. juxtapose verb set on top of or side by side with; contrast  
 188. knack noun talent; ability; aptitude; propensity; flair  
 189. lackadaisical adj *apathetic*; uncaring; indifferent; relaxed; *nonchalant*  
 190. laconic adj quiet; silent; *taciturn*; *terse*; *pithy*; using few words  
 191. lamentable adj regrettable; sad; *deplorable*; terrible  
 192. languish verb move forward slowly or not at all; decline; weaken; stagnate  
 193. lassitude noun *lethargy*; laziness; indolence; sluggishness  
 194. lax adj relaxed; lenient; careless about enforcing rules, laws, etc.  
 195. lethargic adj lazy; listless; indolent; sluggish; slow-moving ; *torpid*

### Vocabulary Exercise 13

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|------|-------|
| 1. B | 6. B  |
| 2. B | 7. A  |
| 3. A | 8. C  |
| 4. C | 9. B  |
| 5. A | 10. C |

### Vocabulary Set 14

196. levity noun *frivolity*; humor; comedy; light-heartedness  
 197. lionize verb idolize; respect; look up to; glorify; acclaim; esteem; admire  
 198. loquacious adj talkative; *verbose*; wordy; *voluble*; chatty; *prolix*; *garrulous*  
 199. lucid adj clear; articulate; easily comprehended; well spoken  
 200. lucrative adj profitable; rewarding; well-paid  
 201. ludicrous adj so ridiculous as to be laughable; absurd; *preposterous*  
 202. lugubrious adj sad; despondent; gloomy; *somber*; mournful; *morose*  
 203. luminous adj bright; shining; emitting light; brilliant; radiant  
 204. malodorous adj smelly; stinky; having a foul odor; mephitic; reeking; rank  
 205. mar verb damage; deface; ruin; spoil  
 206. meander verb wander; ramble; take a twisting or indirect route  
 207. mediocre adj ordinary; unexceptional; neither especially good nor especially bad; so-so  
 208. mendacious adj dishonest; lying; untruthful; deceitful; *dissembling*  
 209. mercurial adj able to change rapidly; unpredictable; volatile; flighty  
 210. meticulous adj doing careful and detail-oriented work; thorough; *assiduous*; *sedulous*

### Vocabulary Exercise 14

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|---------------|---------------|
| 1. meandered  | 6. lucid      |
| 2. lugubrious | 7. meticulous |
| 3. malodorous | 8. luminosity |
| 4. mendacious | 9. mediocre   |
| 5. marred     | 10. lionize   |

**Vocabulary Set 15**

211. minute adj very small; tiny; miniscule; miniature
212. miserly adj stingy; cheap; penny-pinching; parsimonious
213. mitigate verb to make less severe; to make milder; soften; moderate
214. mollify verb soothe; calm; *appease*; *pacify*; *placate*; *assuage*; *alleviate*; *ameliorate*
215. mordant adj harsh; *caustic*; *acerbic*; hurtful; *scathing*
216. moribund adj dying; fading; declining; on its way out
217. morose adj sad; gloomy; glum; depressed; despondent; mournful; *lugubrious*
218. mundane adj ordinary; dull; *banal*; boring; commonplace; *quotidian*
219. mushroom verb grow rapidly; expand; *burgeon*; proliferate
220. myriad n a large amount; a countless number; numerous; plentiful; *plethora*
221. mythical adj legendary; fabled; unreal; only occurring in stories or fairy-tales
222. neophyte noun beginner; novice; learner; *tyro*; *fledgling*; rookie
223. noisome adj disgusting; repellant; sickening; repulsive; offensive; *malodorous*
224. nonchalant adj coolly unconcerned; casual; calm; *indifferent*
225. nostalgic adj longing for another time, place, or situation; sentimental for the past;  
homesick

**Vocabulary Exercise 15**

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|------|-------|
| 1. S | 6. S  |
| 2. X | 7. X  |
| 3. S | 8. S  |
| 4. X | 9. S  |
| 5. S | 10. S |

**Vocabulary Set 16**

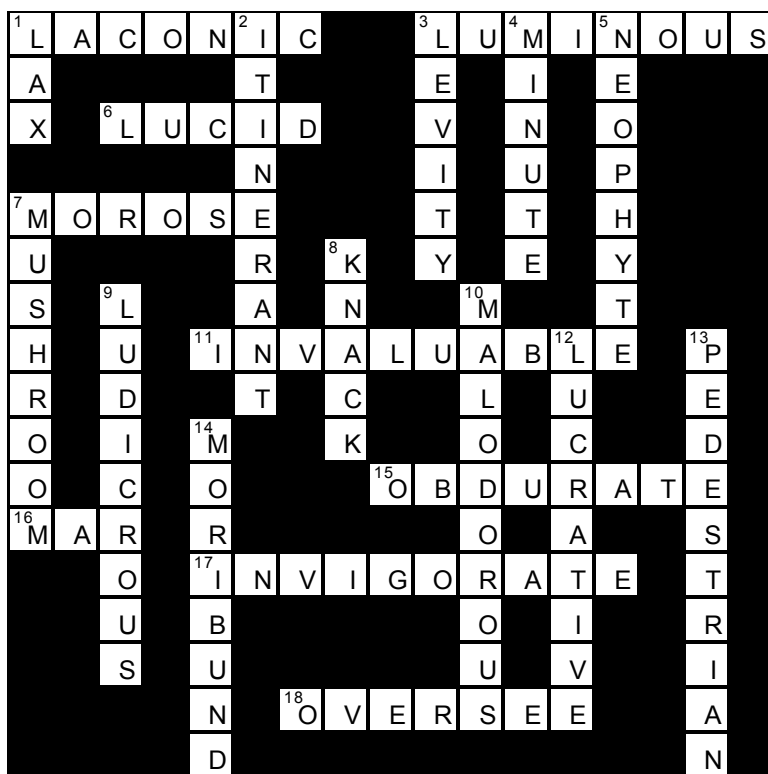
226. notorious adj *infamous*; well known for being evil; shocking
227. obdurate adj stubborn; obstinate; uncompromising; *adamant*; inflexible; *recalcitrant*; *pertinacious*; *intractable*
228. oblivious adj unaware; unconscious; unmindful
229. obtuse adj not alert or sensitive; dull-witted; simple-minded
230. obviate verb *preclude*; eliminate the need for something; make unnecessary; *forestall*
231. officious adj intrusive; nosy; bureaucratic; self-important; meddlesome
232. onerous adj *arduous*; burdensome; challenging; difficult; tedious
233. orthodox adj conventional; standard; traditional
234. ostentatious adj showy; *gaudy*; *flamboyant*; grandiose; pretentious
235. oversee verb manage; direct; supervise
236. overt adj obvious; open; explicit; *blatant*
237. pacify verb *placate*; calm; soothe; *appease*; *assuage*; *mollify*; quell

238. paucity noun absence; lack; *dearth*; scarcity; shortage  
 239. pedestrian adj ordinary; *prosaic*; *bland*; *banal*; commonplace; *mundane*  
 240. palpable adj *tangible*; touchable; actual; real; physical

### Vocabulary Exercise 16

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|------|------|-------|
| 1. J | 5. E | 9. I  |
| 2. D | 6. F | 10. A |
| 3. K | 7. G | 11. L |
| 4. B | 8. C | 12. H |

### Crossword Puzzle 4



### Vocabulary Set 17

241. parched adj very dry; *desiccated*; dehydrated; thirsty; *arid*  
 242. pensive adj thoughtful; meditative; contemplative; musing  
 243. penurious adj poor; penniless; *destitute*; impoverished; *indigent*  
 244. perfunctory adj *hasty*;  *cursory*; careless; routine  
 245. perilous adj dangerous; *hazardous*; unsafe; *precarious*  
 246. peripheral adj *tangential*; marginal; unimportant; inessential  
 247. petulant adj *irascible*; easily annoyed; peevish; grouchy; testy; grumpy; cantankerous;  
*querulous*

248. pithy adj brief but forceful; short but meaningful; *terse*; succinct
249. pivotal adj central; focal; essential; key; crucial; vital
250. placate verb *pacify*; *appease*; *mollify*; soothe; calm; assuage
251. plethora noun abundance; excess; superfluity; surplus; surfeit; *myriad*
252. plight noun difficult situation; dilemma; *quandary*; trouble
253. plummet verb drop quickly; *plunge*; nosedive; tumble
254. plunge verb *plummet*; drop suddenly; nosedive; fall
255. plush adj luxurious; *lavish*; deluxe; *sumptuous*

### Vocabulary Exercise 17

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| 1. S | 6. S  |
| 2. X | 7. X  |
| 3. X | 8. S  |
| 4. S | 9. S  |
| 5. X | 10. X |

### Vocabulary Set 18

256. precarious adj risky; dangerous; *perilous*; *hazardous*
257. preclude verb prevent; make impossible or unnecessary; *obviate*; *forestall*
258. preposterous adj ridiculous; absurd; *ludicrous*; laughable
259. prescient adj knowing or able to guess the future; prophetic; predictive; clairvoyant; psychic
260. prevaricate verb lie; hide the truth; *dissemble*; evade; fib; mislead; equivocate
261. pristine adj unspoiled; undeveloped; untouched; immaculate
262. prodigious adj extraordinary in size, amount, or force; impressive; amazing
263. profligate adj wasteful; spending money freely; extravagant; *squandering* wealth
264. prolific adj creative; producing a great deal of something, especially art, music, or literature
265. prolix adj long and wordy; *verbose*; speaking or writing too much; *loquacious*
266. propitious adj indicating favorable conditions; *auspicious*; promising
267. prosaic adj *banal*; *mundane*; *pedestrian*; *trite*
268. puerile adj immature; childish; foolish; juvenile
269. pungent adj having a sharp, bitter taste or smell; *acrid*
270. quaint adj delightful; charming in an old-fashioned way; picturesque



**Vocabulary Exercise 18**

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|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. prolific   | 6. preposterous |
| 2. preclude   | 7. prosaic      |
| 3. puerile    | 8. prolix       |
| 4. propitious | 9. pungent      |
| 5. perilous   | 10. prescient   |

**Vocabulary Set 19**

271. qualm noun doubt; uneasiness; misgiving; pang; regret
272. quandary noun dilemma; predicament; problem; jam
273. querulous adj complaining; criticizing; carping; irritable; *irascible*; testy
274. quibble verb argue about minor points; quarrel; *squabble*; *bicker*
275. quiescent adj calm; quiet; inactive; tranquil; dormant
276. quirk noun strange behavior; a peculiar personality trait; an eccentricity
277. quotidian adj everyday; commonplace; *banal*; ordinary; *mundane*
278. rapacious adj greedy; avid; grasping
279. rash adj *hasty*; thoughtless; careless; *impulsive*; precipitate
280. raucous adj *cacophonous*; loud and unpleasant; having a harsh sound
281. rebound verb bounce back; recover; return to the original position
282. recalcitrant adj intractable; stubborn; *obdurate*; obstinate
283. recondite adj *esoteric*; obscure; little known
284. relish verb savor; enjoy; appreciate
285. restive adj troubled; restless; uneasy

**Vocabulary Exercise 19**

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|--------|---------|
| 1. Yes | 6. Yes  |
| 2. No  | 7. No   |
| 3. No  | 8. Yes  |
| 4. Yes | 9. Yes  |
| 5. Yes | 10. Yes |

**Vocabulary Set 20**

286. reticent adj shy; quiet; reserved; *taciturn*
287. rustic adj rural; in the countryside
288. sage adj wise; learned; *erudite*; intelligent; *astute*
289. salubrious adj healthy; wholesome; hygienic
290. sanguine adj optimistic; hopeful; confident; cheerful
291. savvy adj having practical knowledge; *shrewd*; perceptive; *canny*
292. scathing adj *caustic*; *mordant*; biting; sarcastic; searing; *vituperative*; *acerbic*
293. scrutinize verb examine carefully; inspect; study

294. sedulous adj *diligent; assiduous; conscientious*  
 295. shard noun a broken piece of something; fragment; chip; sliver  
 296. shrewd adj clever in practical matters; *savvy; canny*  
 297. simulate verb make a model or copy of something; reproduce something real; fake  
 298. sketchy adj incomplete; lacking details; imprecise  
 299. solicitous adj helpful; considerate; kind; sympathetic  
 300. somber adj gloomy; sad; *morose*; dismal

### Vocabulary Exercise 20

	Word	Starts on Vertical Column ...	Starts on Horizontal Row	Direction
1. to imitate; pretend; fake	<u>simulate</u>	1	2	↓
2. healthy, wholesome	<u>salubrious</u>	1	2	↘
3. fragment; broken piece	<u>shard</u>	10	11	↗
4. rural; in the countryside	<u>rustic</u>	7	1	↓
5. scornful; bitter; caustic	<u>scathing</u>	12	7	↓
6. vague; unclear; without details	<u>sketchy</u>	7	3	→
7. clever; savvy; smart	<u>shrewd</u>	4	7	→
8. shy; reserved; quiet	<u>reticent</u>	6	7	↓
9. kind; considerate; helpful	<u>solicitous</u>	3	2	↓
10. to examine carefully; inspect	<u>scrutinize</u>	2	14	→
11. sad; gloomy; solemn	<u>somber</u>	15	10	↓
12. cheerful; optimistic	<u>sanguine</u>	7	12	→
13. wise; intelligent	<u>sage</u>	12	7	↗



**Vocabulary Set 21**

301. sonorous adj having a rich, deep voice; resounding; resonant
302. soporific adj putting people to sleep; boring; tranquillizing
303. sporadic adj intermittent; irregular; off and on; erratic
304. specious adj seemingly true but actually false; inaccurate; *spurious*
305. spurious adj false; faked; bogus; counterfeit; *specious*
306. spurn verb reject; renounce; turn away; snub; rebuff
307. squabble verb argue; quarrel; *quibble*; *bicker*
308. squander verb waste; spend freely
309. stimulate verb encourage; motivate; goad
310. subtle adj not obvious; not easy to perceive or to distinguish; *elusive*
311. sumptuous adj *plush*; luxurious; lavish; splendid; opulent
312. taciturn adj quiet; not speaking much; *laconic*; *reticent*
313. (in) tandem adv phrase cooperating; situated side by side; working together
314. tangential adj *peripheral*; not central; unimportant; only slightly connected; marginal
315. tangible adj *palpable*; real; perceptible; able to be touched

**Vocabulary Exercise 21**

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|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. tangible   | 6. specious     |
| 2. squandered | 7. sumptuous    |
| 3. taciturn   | 8. spurned      |
| 4. sonorous   | 9. in tandem    |
| 5. subtle     | 10. stimulating |

**Vocabulary Set 21**

316. tarnish verb blacken; stain; besmirch; damage the reputation of; belittle; *denigrate*; *disparage*
317. tenet noun principle; rule; central belief; theory
318. tenuous adj weak; shaky; insubstantial; feeble
319. tepid adj lukewarm; neither hot nor cold; unenthusiastic
320. terse adj concise; brief; using few words; *pithy*
321. thrifty adj *frugal*; economical; spending money carefully and wisely
322. thwart verb prevent; *forestall*; *preclude*; *obviate*
323. tirade noun *harangue*; *diatribe*; angry speech
324. topple verb knock over; push down; collapse; unseat
325. torpor noun a state of dormancy; *lassitude*; *lethargy*; indolence; sluggishness
326. tortuous adj difficult to follow; *meandering*; twisting and turning; winding
327. transitory adj temporary; lasting a brief time; momentary; *ephemeral*: evanescent

328. trenchant adj *incisive; scathing; acerbic; caustic; mordant; harsh; biting; searing*  
 329. trite adj *commonplace; pedestrian; prosaic; banal; boring; stale; unoriginal; mundane*  
 330. truculent adj *aggressive; hostile; bellicose; quarrelsome; fractious; belligerent*

### Vocabulary Exercise 22

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|------|------|-------|
| 1. J | 5. F | 9. L  |
| 2. G | 6. E | 10. D |
| 3. K | 7. H | 11. C |
| 4. A | 8. B | 12. I |

### Vocabulary Set 23

331. turbulent adj *unsettled; troubled; stormy; tempestuous; tumultuous*  
 332. tyro noun *beginner; fledgling; neophyte; novice; learner; rookie*  
 333. ubiquitous adj *omnipresent; found in many locations; seemingly present everywhere*  
 334. uncouth adj *rude; boorish; unmannered; crude; vulgar*  
 335. unsullied adj *pristine; unspoiled; pure; immaculate; untarnished*  
 336. upbraid verb *scold; admonish; rebuke; chastise; reproach*  
 337. urbane adj *sophisticated; cultured; suave; refined*  
 338. vacillate verb *fluctuate; waver; change one's mind frequently; be indecisive, be irresolute*  
 339. vapid adj *bland; uninteresting; lacking any substance; tasteless; insipid*  
 340. veracious adj *truthful; honest; genuine; frank; candid; reliable; forthright*  
 341. verbose adj *loquacious; talkative; voluble; garrulous; wordy; prolix*  
 342. versatile adj *having many uses; multipurpose; adaptable; having many skills or abilities*  
 343. vex verb *annoy; irritate; exasperate; irk; aggravate*  
 344. vie verb *compete; contend; struggle*  
 345. vindicate verb *clear someone from an accusation or doubt; prove someone is correct*

### Vocabulary Exercise 23

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|------|-------|
| 1. S | 6. X  |
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| 3. X | 8. S  |
| 4. S | 9. S  |
| 5. S | 10. S |

### Vocabulary Set 24

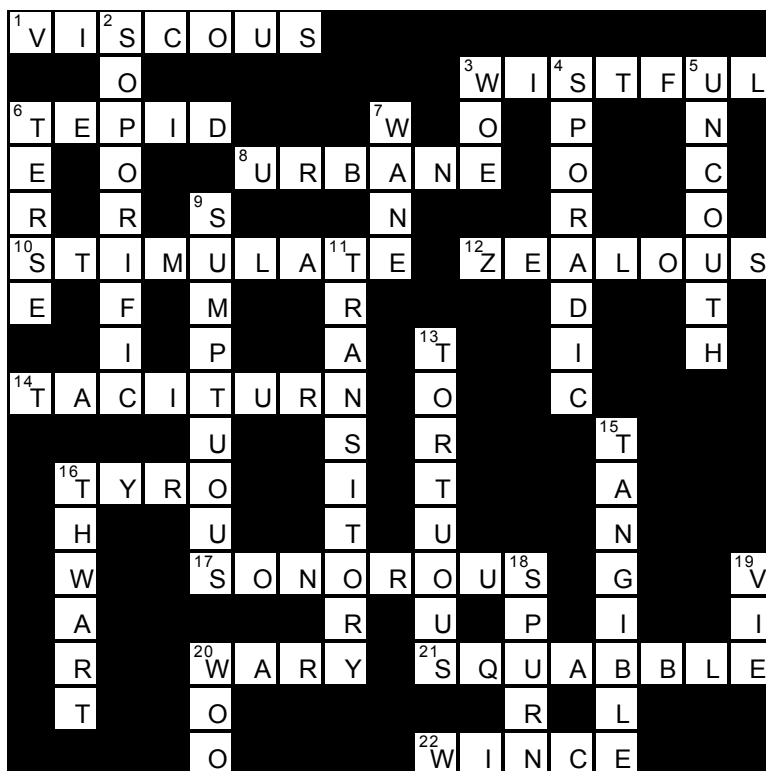
346. viscous adj *thick and sticky like honey*  
 347. vituperative adj *critical; insulting; scathing; acrimonious; acerbic; mordant; caustic*  
 348. vivacious adj *lively; high-spirited; ebullient; bubbly; effervescent; exuberant; spirited*  
 349. voracious adj *very hungry; starving; ravenous*  
 350. wane verb *shrink; decrease; dwindle; diminish in size, number, or importance*

351. wary adj cautious; careful; suspicious; mistrustful
352. waver verb *vacillate*; change one's mind frequently; be indecisive; be irresolute; be *wishy-washy*; *dither*
353. whimsical adj *impulsive*; *capricious*; *quirky*; imaginative
354. wince verb make an expression showing momentary pain; grimace
355. wishy-washy adj indecisive; changing one's mind often; *wavering*; irresolute; *vacillating*
356. wistful adj sad; *nostalgic*; *pensive*, in a melancholy way
357. woe noun problem; trouble; grief; sorrow; something that causes distress
358. woo verb attract; court; tempt; *allure*
359. wretched adj *deplorable*; *execrable*; terrible; awful; *abysmal*
360. zealous adj *fervent*; enthusiastic; *ardent*; fanatical

### Vocabulary Exercise 24

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|--------|---------|
| 1. No  | 6. Yes  |
| 2. Yes | 7. Yes  |
| 3. No  | 8. No   |
| 4. No  | 9. Yes  |
| 5. Yes | 10. Yes |

### Crossword Puzzle 6



**Vocabulary Review 1: Odd One Out**

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. shard        | 26. disparage   |
| 2. shrewd       | 27. raucous     |
| 3. complained   | 28. chicanery   |
| 4. relish       | 29. craven      |
| 5. lucrative    | 30. peripheral  |
| 6. disabused    | 31. contentious |
| 7. conspicuous  | 32. wary        |
| 8. facetious    | 33. simulate    |
| 9. feasible     | 34. solicitous  |
| 10. fatuous     | 35. disabuse    |
| 11. arbitrary   | 36. charismatic |
| 12. languish    | 37. impassive   |
| 13. allure      | 38. plush       |
| 14. contentious | 39. rapacious   |
| 15. mercurial   | 40. pivotal     |
| 16. felicitous  | 41. ambiguity   |
| 17. miser       | 42. bombastic   |
| 18. baffling    | 43. turbulent   |
| 19. foolhardy   | 44. topple      |
| 20. hiatus      | 45. wretched    |
| 21. moribund    | 46. sketchy     |
| 22. jargon      | 47. copious     |
| 23. austerity   | 48. mar         |
| 24. oblivious   | 49. prescient   |
| 25. spurious    | 50. gullible    |

**Vocabulary Review 2: Similar, Opposite, or Unrelated?**

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|-------|-------|-------|
| 1. S  | 11. X | 21. A |
| 2. X  | 12. S | 22. S |
| 3. S  | 13. A | 23. X |
| 4. A  | 14. A | 24. S |
| 5. A  | 15. A | 25. X |
| 6. X  | 16. X | 26. S |
| 7. S  | 17. S | 27. S |
| 8. S  | 18. S | 28. A |
| 9. A  | 19. A | 29. A |
| 10. A | 20. S | 30. A |

31. A	41. X	51. X
32. S	42. A	52. S
33. S	43. X	53. X
34. S	44. S	54. S
35. X	45. A	55. S
36. S	46. S	56. A
37. X	47. X	57. A
38. S	48. A	58. S
39. X	49. A	59. X
40. S	50. A	60. S

## Common English Word Roots

### Set 1

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| 1. farming                               | 7. single ruler; king or queen             |
| 2. friendly                              | 8. room for hearing concerts, etc.         |
| 3. pushed them away                      | 9. punctuation marks shaped like stars (*) |
| 4. someone who doesn't like other people | 10. independent                            |
| 5. water                                 | 11. height                                 |
| 6. bitter; unfriendly                    |  |

### Set 2

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| 12. chemicals used to kill insects, etc. | 18. disbelieving         |
| 13. a book about a person's life         | 19. aggressive; hostile  |
| 14. short forms of words                 | 20. turn upside down     |
| 15. based on time                        | 21. helpful              |
| 16. meat-eating                          | 22. reluctant; unwilling |
| 17. speed up                             |                          |

### Set 3

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|---|---|
| 23. talked about the future                             | 30. refers to language as it is spoken by ordinary people |
| 24. tame; living in homes                               | 31. persuade; encourage                                   |
| 25. fake; alter so that something is no longer accurate | 32. authoritarian   |
| 26. having no limits                                    | 33. smoothly  |
| 27. things made by humans                               | 34. in the middle; halfway                                |
| 28. lasting a long time                                 | 35. predicted   |
| 29. powerful; forceful                                  |   |



**Set 4**

- 36. strength
- 37. gathered
- 38. a shot with a hypodermic needle
- 39. travelling
- 40. badly broke
- 41. drinking plenty of water
- 42. slowly; step by step
- 43. produce
- 44. fleeting; temporary; passing quickly
- 45. the courts; the legal system

**Set 5**

- 46. unable to read and write
- 47. the scientific study of animals
- 48. co-operated; worked together
- 49. relieve; remedy; improve
- 50. freedom
- 51. not clear, but allowing light to pass; semi-transparent
- 52. law-making
- 53. articulate; lucid

**Set 6**

- 54. seaside; coastal
- 55. sends out
- 56. unchangeable
- 57. a single tone without changes in pitch
- 58. sweet; melodic
- 59. a dramatic change in form
- 60. working with one's hands
- 61. wonderful; terrific
- 62. inadequate or poor nutrition

**Set 7**

- 63. charting a course; piloting a ship or plane in the proper direction
- 64. named; proposed
- 65. inborn; natural
- 66. out of order
- 67. trip; journey
- 68. peacefully
- 69. repair; modernize
- 70. eating all types of food (plants, meat, fish)
- 71. sharing the feelings of other people

**Set 8**

- 72. brings into a country
- 73. pronounced as it is spelled
- 74. aggressive; belligerent
- 75. powerful
- 76. giant city
- 77. prison
- 78. looking good in a photograph
- 79. having no people
- 80. mental disorder
- 81. removed; toppled
- 82. whim; desire
- 83. compassionate; concerned
- 84. a symbol used in writing, such as a period, comma, or question mark
- 85. in the early stage of development
- 86. supplemental material at the end of a book

**Set 9**

- 87. predicting the future; prophetic
- 88. saved
- 89. asking a question
- 90. break
- 91. went down
- 92. something written by hand; an unpublished book, article, etc.
- 93. curious; asking questions
- 94. cut apart
- 95. correct; fix
- 96. laughable; ridiculous
- 97. not moving much; staying in one place

**Set 10**

- 98. cultured; urbane
- 99. tight; preventing easy movement
- 100. position; standing
- 101. outstanding; an amazing sight
- 102. lone; by oneself
- 103. encouraged; stimulated
- 104. following
- 105. not feeling anything
- 106. a comparison with the words *like* or *as*
- 107. a chemical that dissolves other chemicals

**Set 11**

- 108. trouble; anxiety
- 109. bring together
- 110. from another planet
- 111. people living at the same time
- 112. uncooperative; disobedient
- 113. heat from the earth
- 114. unable to maintain; on shaky grounds
- 115. between cities
- 116. touching; adjoining

**Set 12**

- 117. eating only plants
- 118. loud; enthusiastic; insistent
- 119. moved on
- 120. confirmed; checked
- 121. put into words
- 122. rerouted; sent to another destination
- 123. unbeatable; not able to lose
- 124. view; scenery
- 125. bring back to life