

ADVANCED VOCABULARY DEVELOPMENT 1

Exercise 1. Tick the one word or phrase that is closest in meaning to the word(s) in bold type.

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| 1 A fatally injured driver | succumbs to his injuries | pulls through |
| 2 To convey on idea is | to prohibit it | to make it known |
| 3 A boulder is a | large rock | small rock |
| 4 The infantry is soldiers fighting | on horseback | on foot |
| 5 A penitentiary is a | mental institution | prison |
| 6 A harsh punishment is | severe | mild |
| 7 When you restrain your anger, | you keep it under control | you increase it |
| 8 What is irksome is | annoying | exciting |
| 9 When somebody is taken captive , they are taken | core of | prisoner |
| 10 When somebody drifts from one job to another, they | stay put in the job | often change jobs |

Exercise 2. In this exercise you have to combine each of the following pairs of sentences into one by omitting 'this'. Each new sentence should include the noun derived from the word in heavy type.

Example: I see you are **unable** to do the job. This can't be overlooked.

Answer: Your inability to do the job can't be overlooked.

1 The lady was **obese**. This hampered her movements.

2 They **scrutinized** the proposition. This led to their avoiding unnecessary expenditure.

3 His lisp **impedes** his speech. This made it difficult for me to understand him.

4 The judge is **impartial**. This is known to everybody.

5 They **disclosed** their intentions. This made us shudder.

6 His knowledge was **profound**. This astonished everyone present.

7 He is **ingenious**. This can't be denied.

8 He **departed** unexpectedly. This took me by surprise

9 He **committed** himself to helping us. This was a great relief

10 The people were utterly **destitute**. This aroused our sympathy

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ANSWERS

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- 1 succumbs to his injuries
- 2 to make it known
- 3 large rock
- 4 on foot
- 5 prison
- 6 severe
- 7 you keep it under control
- 8 annoying
- 9 prisoner
- 10 often change jobs

Exercise 2

- 1 The lady's obesity hampered her movements.
- 2 Their scrutiny of the proposition led to their/them avoiding unnecessary expenditure.
- 3 His speech impediment made it difficult for me to understand him.
- 4 The judge's impartiality is known to everybody.
- 5 The disclosure of their intentions made us shudder.
- 6 The profundity of his knowledge astonished all people present.
- 7 His ingenuity can't be denied.
- 8 His unexpected departure took me by surprise.
- 9 His commitment to helping us was a great relief.
- 10 The people's utter destitution aroused our sympathy.

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