



Word List

Study the definitions of the words. Then do the exercises that follow.

affection *n.* A fond or tender feeling.
 ə fek' shən Hugging is one way to show **affection**.

affectionate *adj.* Gentle and loving.
 My cousin took my hand and gave it an **affectionate** squeeze.

appeal *v.* 1. To make an earnest request; to ask.
 ə pēl' Three students **appealed** for more time to finish the work.

2. To be of interest to; to be attractive to.
 This very funny movie will **appeal** to children of all ages.

n. 1. An earnest request for help.
 The letter contained an **appeal** for money to provide shelters for the homeless.

2. The power to attract or be of interest.
 Neither the liver and onions nor the meatloaf had much **appeal**.

clasp *v.* To grasp or hold tightly.
 klasp The dancers **clasped** hands and circled the maypole.

n. 1. A strong grasp or hold.
 The nurse gently removed the doll from the toddler's **clasp**.

2. Something, such as a hook or fastener, that holds two parts together.
 The necklace has a **clasp** in the shape of a snake biting its tail.

conspicuous *adj.* Easily or plainly seen.
 kən spik' yō əs His great height made him **conspicuous** in any crowd.

contribute *v.* 1. To give along with others who are giving.
 kən trib' yōt I **contributed** a spinach salad to the potluck supper.

2. To have a part in bringing about.
 Exercise **contributes** greatly to good health.

contribution *n.* (kən tri byōō' shən) That which is given.
 The museum sent a thank-you note for the fifty-dollar **contribution**.

contributor *n.* (kən trib' yə tər) One who gives.
Contributors to the new theater received free tickets for opening night.

declare *v.* To make known; to state openly.
 də klār' "I will not seek reelection," she **declared**.

declaration *n.* (dek lə rā' shən) A public statement.
 The **declaration** read by the mayor stated that November was bicycle safety month.

eloquent *adj.* Skilled at speaking or writing; having the power to move people.
el' ə kwənt Anne Frank's **eloquent** diary often moves readers to tears.

eloquence *n.* Skill at speaking or writing; the power to move people.
Dr. Martin Luther King's **eloquence** made him the obvious choice to lead the 1960s Civil Rights Movement.

exhibit *v.* To show in public.
eg zib' it Local artists **exhibited** their paintings at the library.

n. An item or collection of items in a public show.
The most interesting **exhibit** in the museum was the dinosaur skeleton.

exhibition *n.* (ek sə bish' ən) A large-scale public show.
Tickets for the **exhibition** of early automobiles go on sale next week.

ferry *n.* A boat that carries people and goods back and forth across a stretch of water.
fer' ē The **ferry** will go out of service when the new bridge opens.

v. To move people or goods by boat across a stretch of water.
The boat owner who **ferried** us across the lake would not accept any payment.

immigrant *n.* A person who comes into a country to live there.
im' ə grənt Many Polish **immigrants** settled in Chicago.

lofty *adj.* 1. Very tall or high.
lôf' tē **Lofty** elm trees provided welcome shade on many American streets.

2. Noble in feeling or high in ideals.
Ending world hunger in our lifetime is a **lofty** goal.

3. Showing a too-proud or superior attitude.
The **lofty** way the diner spoke to the waiter made me feel uncomfortable.

pedestal *n.* A base or support on which something stands.
ped' əs təl After communism collapsed in Russia, hardly a statue of Stalin was left standing on its **pedestal**.

persecute *v.* To treat cruelly or harshly because of political, religious, or other differences.
pə' sə kyōt The Kurds of northern Iraq were **persecuted** by the Iraqi rulers for wanting their own state.

persecution *n.* (pə sə kyōō' shən) The state or condition of being persecuted.
Hitler's **persecution** of the Jews led to the murder of millions of innocent people.

poverty *n.* The state of being poor.
pāv' ər tē The food stamp program was started to help feed American families living in **poverty**.

unveil
un vāl'

v. 1. To remove a covering from.

The president of the American Red Cross **unveiled** the portrait of its founder, Clara Barton.

2. To make known or reveal for the first time.

The police chief will **unveil** a plan to reduce street crime at today's meeting.

1A

Finding Meanings

Choose two phrases to form a sentence that correctly uses a word from Word List 1. Write each sentence on the line provided.

1. (a) let that person go free. (c) treat that person badly.
(b) To clasp someone is to (d) To persecute someone is to

2. (a) If something is lofty, (c) it is hidden from view.
(b) If something has appeal, (d) it has the power to attract.

3. (a) To exhibit something is to (c) understand it fully.
(b) To unveil something is to (d) reveal it for the first time.

4. (a) Poverty is (c) a condition of poor health.
(b) Eloquence is (d) the state of being poor.

5. (a) To speak in an affectionate manner (c) is to show a too-proud attitude.
(b) To speak in a lofty manner (d) is to show extreme shyness.

6. (a) a lever operated by the foot. (c) a public showing.
(b) An exhibit is (d) A pedestal is

7. (a) entry into a country to live there. (c) skill at speaking or writing.
 (b) Eloquence is (d) Affection is
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8. (a) understand it. (c) To clasp something is to
 (b) hold it tightly. (d) To contribute to something is to
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9. (a) ask that person for help. (c) To appeal to someone is to
 (b) To ferry someone is to (d) give comfort to that person.
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10. (a) A pedestal is (c) a person traveling on foot.
 (b) A contribution is (d) something that is given.
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1B

Just the Right Word

affection
 appeal
 clasp
 conspicuous
 contribute
 declare
 eloquent
 exhibit
 ferry
 immigrant
 lofty
 pedestal
 persecute
 poverty
 unveil

Improve each of the following sentences by crossing out the bold phrase and replacing it with a word (or a form of the word) from Word List 1.

1. My parents were **people who came to live in this country** from Mexico.
2. The **boat that carries people across the river** leaves every hour on the hour.
3. The sundial, together with the **base on which it stands**, costs two hundred dollars.
4. There was a burst of applause when the artist **removed the covering from** her painting.
5. The president's **public statement** that the factory would not be closing was welcome news to the townspeople.
6. A heavy dessert would not **be of interest** to me after that big turkey dinner.

7. The generosity of the audience **was one of the things that led** to the success of the auction.
8. The **powerful, moving words** of Abraham Lincoln's "Gettysburg Address" made a deep impression on me.
9. Their unusual way of dressing makes them **easy to notice** in a crowd.
10. I have nothing but **fond and tender feelings** for you all.

1c

Applying Meanings

Circle the letter or letters of each correct answer. A question may have more than one correct answer.

1. Which of the following could be **unveiled**?
(a) a statue (c) a painting
(b) a cloud (d) a plan
2. Which of the following can be **declared**?
(a) a winner (c) one's love
(b) one's children (d) a holiday
3. Which of the following can be **contributed**?
(a) money (c) clothing
(b) time (d) space
4. Which of the following could be **ferried**?
(a) hopes (c) people
(b) fears (d) cars
5. For which of the following might someone be subjected to **persecution**?
(a) driving too fast (c) breaking into someone's home
(b) having different beliefs (d) belonging to a different race

6. Which of the following would be **conspicuous**?
 (a) a lighthouse on a cliff
 (b) a pebble on the beach
 (c) a billboard by the roadside
 (d) a purple house
7. Which of the following could be **exhibited**?
 (a) pottery
 (b) days
 (c) uncertainty
 (d) coins
8. Which of the following are always true of **immigrants**?
 (a) They speak more than one language.
 (b) They are poor.
 (c) They plan to live in a new country.
 (d) They have left their own country.

1D **Word Study**

Synonyms are words that have the same or similar meanings.

Circle the two synonyms in each group of four words.

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| 1. tall | eloquent | hidden | lofty |
| 2. understand | contribute | declare | state |
| 3. show | return | exhibition | appeal |
| 4. eloquent | moving | conspicuous | tired |
| 5. contribute | request | return | appeal |
| 6. fastener | base | poverty | pedestal |
| 7. affectionate | fond | conspicuous | sad |
| 8. persecution | anger | grasp | clasp |
| 9. ferry | poverty | need | desire |
| 10. clasp | immigrant | supply | fastener |

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