

Word List

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

accurate

ak' yər ət

adj. 1. Able to give a correct reading or measurement.

This clock is so **accurate** that it gains less than one second a year.

2. Without mistakes or errors in facts.

In science class we make **accurate** drawings of the plants we study.

accuracy *n.* Correctness, exactness.

I question the **accuracy** of your report because others have described the accident quite differently.



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Look around and give your partner an accurate count of the number of people in the room.

approximate

ə prāk' si mət



adj. Not exact, but close enough to be reasonably correct.

The **approximate** weight of the puppy was ten pounds.

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Without looking, tell your partner the approximate number of desks in the room.

course

kôrs

n. 1. The path over which something moves.

The spaceship is now on a **course** for Mars.

2. A way of acting or behaving.

Because it is raining so hard, our best **course** is to wait in the car until the storm ends.

3. A subject or set of subjects to be studied.

The high school science **course** includes several field trips.



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Talk to your partner about the best course of action if there is a tornado warning.

depart

dē pärt'

v. To leave; to go away from a place.

The bus for Detroit **departs** at ten o'clock.

departure *n.* The act of leaving.

We were sad after the **departure** of our friends.

despair

də spâr'

v. To lose hope.

When neither the library nor the bookstore had it, I **despaired** of ever finding the book I wanted.

n. A total lack of hope.

The look of **despair** on their faces told me that the situation was worse than I had feared.

destination
des tə nā' shən

n. The place to which something or someone is going.
Tell the clerk your **destination** when you buy your ticket.

deteriorate
dē tīr' ē ə ſt

v. To make or become worse.
The sidewalks in our neighborhood have **deteriorated** because the city has not taken care of them.



Tell your partner how you would feel if your relationship with your best friend were to deteriorate.

gale
gāl

n. 1. A very strong wind.
Last night's **gale** tore several tiles off the roof.
2. A loud outburst.
We heard **gales** of laughter coming from the party.

horizon
hər' ī zən

n. The apparent line in the distance where the sky meets the sea or land.
We watched the setting sun sink slowly over the **horizon**.

horizontal *adj.* (hōr' i zānt' l) Going straight across from side to side.
The shoeboxes were in a **horizontal** row at the back of the closet.



Show your partner how you can make your hands horizontal.

jubilation
jōō bə lā' shən

n. A feeling or expression of great joy.
There was jubilation among the fans when the team won the championship.

jubilant *adj.* (jōō' bə lənt) Very happy.
My family was **jubilant** when Aunt Fee survived the heart operation.

navigate
nav' ə gāt

v. To calculate or direct the movement of a ship or aircraft.
Sailors **navigate** their ships into port when they need supplies.

navigation *n.* The science or practice of navigating.
Mark Twain learned **navigation** during his time on a boat on the Mississippi River.

nostalgia
näs tal' jə

n. A longing for a certain time in the past.
Seeing the photographs of my first dog filled me with **nostalgia**.

nostalgic *adj.* Having feelings of nostalgia.
I became **nostalgic** when I heard you playing the song my grandfather used to sing to me.

revive
rĕ-viv'

v. 1. To make or become strong again.

A short rest will **revive** you.

2. To bring back into use or fashion.

The new musical show **revives** several of our favorite childhood songs.



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Talk to your partner about something that might revive you if you were very tired.

sever
sev'ər

v. 1. To break off.

After the argument, the two families **severed** all ties with each other.

2. To cut in two.

Irving accidentally **severed** the garden hose while mowing the lawn.



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Tell your partner how you would feel if someone wanted to sever a friendship with you.

voyage
voi'ij

n. A long journey by sea or in space.

The **voyage** across the Pacific will take three weeks.

v. To make a journey by sea or in space.

Long before Columbus, the Vikings **voyaged** across the Atlantic Ocean to reach North America.

4A

Using Words in Context

Read the following sentences. If the word in bold is used correctly, write C on the line. If the word is used incorrectly, write I on the line.

1. (a) I checked the **accuracy** of my watch and found it was one minute slow. ____
(b) Professional basketball players must be **accurate** with the ball. ____
(c) As far as we can tell, what he says is **accurate**. ____
(d) The weather turned **accurate**, so we left early. ____
2. (a) The first **voyage** of the *Titanic* ended in disaster when it hit an iceberg. ____
(b) Ferdinand Magellan made the first **voyage** around the world in 1521. ____
(c) The **voyage** reached for the coat at the back of the closet. ____
(d) We decided to **voyage** by train even though it took longer. ____

3. (a) The **course** the boat is on is toward the first city north of us. ____
 (b) Marvin is taking a **course** on math for extra credit. ____
 (c) Your best **course** if a tornado strikes is to head for the basement. ____
 (d) The recipe calls for a tablespoon of **course** salt. ____
4. (a) There were times when we **despaired** of winning the game. ____
 (b) The song is about the **despair** of someone who is alone. ____
 (c) I was too **despaired** to meet my sister for lunch. ____
 (d) I was **despaired** by the teacher for littering in the lunchroom. ____
5. (a) The **jubilant** look on his face told us he had won. ____
 (b) We heard cries of **jubilation** as we entered the stadium. ____
 (c) We put together a **jubilation** of our favorite songs. ____
 (d) Mansi picked up the **jubilant** and began to play. ____
6. (a) A marble will not roll on a **horizontal** surface. ____
 (b) The **horizon** was purple and pink during the sunset. ____
 (c) I looked through the **horizon**, but it was too foggy to see anything. ____
 (d) The line drawn from left to right in the picture represents the **horizon**. ____
7. (a) When reminded of her old friend, Jacquetta becomes **nostalgic**. ____
 (b) Sal caught **nostalgia** after being bitten by a bug. ____
 (c) Ten thousand dollars is a really **nostalgic** amount of money. ____
 (d) The place I feel most **nostalgic** is my old preschool. ____
8. (a) The batter **severed** the ball into the bleachers. ____
 (b) Luna **severed** the tree limb with one swing of her ax. ____
 (c) If you are banished, you must **sever** all ties with your country. ____
 (d) Mari **severed** the pizza into six equal slices. ____
9. (a) Sheila **revived** her friendship with Santiago by loaning him her football. ____
 (b) The space program was **revived** with plans for a trip to Mars. ____
 (c) The music **revives** like nothing but drums. ____
 (d) The smell of garlic **revives** me of spaghetti. ____
10. (a) The school bus **departs** in ten minutes. ____
 (b) The coach's sudden **departure** from the rules shocked everyone. ____
 (c) Natalia and I **departed** but promised to get together again soon. ____
 (d) He softly **departed** on the bed and sighed. ____

Making Connections

Circle the letter next to each correct answer. There may be more than one correct answer.

1. Which word or words go with *wild animal*?
(a) accurate (b) ferocious (c) approximate (d) horizontal
2. Which word or words go with *not exact*?
(a) accurate (b) equivalent (c) approximate (d) nostalgic
3. Which word or words go with *travel*?
(a) depart (b) deteriorate (c) destination (d) voyage
4. Which word or words go with *worsen*?
(a) deteriorate (b) navigate (c) nostalgia (d) obscure
5. Which word or words go with *weather*?
(a) forecast (b) climate (c) bland (d) gale
6. Which word or words go with *feelings*?
(a) accuracy (b) nostalgia (c) jubilation (d) departure
7. Which word or words go with *measuring*?
(a) departure (b) accurate (c) approximate (d) jubilation
8. Which word or words go with *unhappiness*?
(a) misery (b) jubilation (c) combination (d) despair
9. Which word or words go with *straight*?
(a) bland (b) horizontal (c) nostalgic (d) evident
10. Which word or words go with *recover*?
(a) scurry (b) deprive (c) deteriorate (d) revive

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sever

voyage

Determining Meanings

Circle the letter next to each answer choice that correctly completes the sentence. There may be more than one correct answer.

1. The **gales**

- ☒ (a) were strong enough to blow roofs off.
- ☐ (b) blew open when the wind picked up.
- ☐ (c) drew a huge crowd on opening night.
- ☐ (d) of laughter during the movie were enormous.

2. You **revived**

- ☐ (a) a friendship that you miss.
- ☒ (b) hope in someone who was ready to give up.
- ☐ (c) an object that you lost.
- ☐ (d) old memories when you were talking with friends.

3. People study **navigation**

- ☐ (a) to learn more about earthquakes.
- ☐ (b) so pilots can safely fly airplanes.
- ☐ (c) so they can build stronger roads and bridges.
- ☒ (d) to become a ship's captain.

4. Things **deteriorated**

- ☐ (a) in the oven and smelled delicious.
- ☒ (b) when they weren't taken care of.
- ☐ (c) in clusters as they grew.
- ☐ (d) the more you took care of them.

5. The **destination**

- ☒ (a) of the *Mayflower* was Jamestown, but it landed on Cape Cod.
- ☐ (b) of falling rain felt good on my skin.
- ☐ (c) was caused by a fire in the attic.
- ☐ (d) was clearly marked on the front of the bus.

6. The **approximate**

- ☒ (a) distance between Earth and the sun is sixty-three million miles.
- ☐ (b) age of the Great Pyramid is fifty-five hundred years.
- ☐ (c) sound of the thunderstorm scared the dog.
- ☐ (d) facts in the article were absolutely true.

7. The **departure**

- (a) was signed by Benjamin Franklin, making it very valuable.
- (b) of the bus was ten minutes late.
- (c) was pulled by two horses.
- (d) in the phone broke when Kal dropped it.

8. The **despairing**

- (a) look in her eyes was easy to see.
- (b) coconuts grow only in tropical countries.
- (c) bus took off right on time.
- (d) howl of the dog when its owner left the house was sad to hear.

4D

Completing Sentences

Complete the sentences to demonstrate your knowledge of the words in bold.

1. An example of something that can **deteriorate** is

_____.

2. If I were caught in a **gale**, I would

_____.

3. I sometimes feel **nostalgic** for

_____.

4. I would love to take a **voyage** to

_____.

5. An **accurate** description of me would be

_____.

6. I would be **jubilant** if

_____.

7. If something is **approximate**, that means it is

_____.

8. If I'm at the park and it starts to rain, my best **course** would be to

_____.

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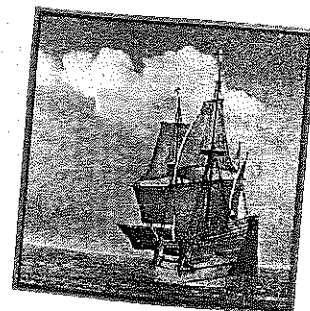
9. When a kind of clothing from the past is **revived**, that means it is

10. If I had my own spaceship, my **destination** would be

4E

Vocabulary in Context

Read the passage.



A Difficult Journey

In England in the early seventeenth century, people were not permitted to worship as they pleased; this was a decision made for them by the government. Those who did not like these religious laws were free to emigrate. So, on September 6, 1620, a sailing ship called the *Mayflower* **departed** from Plymouth, England, with 102 passengers.

Many of those on board were leaving to be free to worship in their own way and follow their own religious and spiritual beliefs. Later, they were known as Pilgrims. That is the name for people who make long journeys because of a deep religious faith. Others on the ship were there in the expectation of making a new life for themselves in the new world of America. The passengers, however, did not want to **sever** all connections with England. They had to pay back the money they had borrowed to finance this journey. They intended to do this by engaging in commerce through trade with the old country.

The *Mayflower's* **destination** was Virginia. Early pioneers from England had settled there thirteen years before. But getting there was no straightforward matter. In those days, when sailors were out of sight of land, they **navigated** by measuring the position of the sun and stars. When the sun's position indicated that it was noon, the clocks on board the ship would show a different time, which depended on how far east or west they had traveled. The difference in time was used to calculate their position. But their timepieces and other nautical instruments were not very **accurate**. When clouds obscured the sun or stars, figuring out where they were and in what direction they were headed was not easy.

For the first couple of weeks of the *Mayflower's* **voyage**, gentle breezes carried the ship along; the passengers sat on deck and enjoyed the sunshine. Later on, however, the weather abruptly **deteriorated**. Strong **gales** rocked the *Mayflower* and made life miserable for the passengers; many people became sick. One person developed a fever and died; he was buried at sea. A woman named Elizabeth Hopkins had a baby while the ship was still mid-ocean. She named the child Oceanus. Day after day, the Pilgrims stared forlornly at the **horizon**. They were hoping for a glimpse of land to **revive** their spirits. Day after day, all they saw was the endless sea and the vast sky. Many **despaired** of ever reaching America. Then at last, after sixty-five days, they observed land. That day there was great **jubilation** on board the *Mayflower*.

The Pilgrims soon determined, however, that they had been blown far off their proper **course** by exceptionally strong winds in the mid-Atlantic Ocean. Instead of landing in Virginia, their calculations revealed that they had landed on Cape Cod, **approximately** five hundred miles to the north. For several weeks they explored the coast of Cape Cod Bay, looking for a place to settle. They had precious little time to find a place to build their homes because the bitterly cold winter weather was almost upon them.

Finally, in late December, they discovered a suitable spot. The passengers were conveyed ashore to plan the new settlement and construct houses. The location they selected had been visited earlier by English explorers. The name the explorers had given it may have made some of the Pilgrims **nostalgic**; it was called Plymouth.

► Answer each of the following questions with a sentence. If a question does not contain a vocabulary word from the lesson's word list, use one in your answer. Use each word only once.

1. What option was open to people in England who wanted to practice their own religion?

2. What is the meaning of **sever** as it is used in the passage?

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