

Vocab

Lesson 3

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Word List

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

abundant
ə bun' dənt

adj. More than enough; plentiful.

If good weather continues, farmers can expect an **abundant** harvest.

abundance *n.* A great amount.

Natural gas supplies an **abundance** of power to the entire country.

arid
ə rī' d

adj. Having little or no rainfall; very dry.

Much of North Africa is **arid** land.

distinct
dī stīnkt'

adj. 1. Not the same; different or separate.

Apples come in over two thousand **distinct** varieties.

2. Unmistakable; definite.

Chili peppers add a **distinct** flavor to this dish.

graze
grāz

v. 1. To feed on growing grass.

A small herd of cows **grazed** in the meadow.

2. To touch lightly in passing.

The snowball **grazed** my cheek but didn't hurt me.

hectic
hek' tīk

adj. Full of feverish activity, haste, or confusion.

After a **hectic** week of sightseeing, the tourists were glad to go home and relax.

horde
hōrd

n. A large group or crowd, especially one on the move.

Hordes of swimmers head for the pool in summer.

humid
hyūō' mīd

adj. Having a large amount of water or moisture in the air.

Residents escape the hot, **humid** weather by going inside where it is cool and dry.

humidity *n.* (hyūō' mīd' ə tē) The amount of moisture in the air.

The **humidity** was so high that the slightest activity made us sweat.

incredible
īn kred' ə bəl

adj. Hard or impossible to believe.

It seems **incredible** that no one was injured in such a bad accident.

inhabit
īn hab' īt

v. To live in or on.

Millions of bison once **inhabited** the great plains of America.

inhabitant *n.* (īn hab' ī tənt) A person or animal that lives in a certain place.

Most of the **inhabitants** of California were born somewhere else.

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peninsula *n.* A piece of land, connected to a larger land mass, that juts out and is almost completely surrounded by water.
Bays along the Baja **peninsula** provide shelter for several kinds of whales.

rural
rūr' əl

adj. Of or relating to the country and the people who live there.

The villagers believe that a shopping mall has no place in a **rural** area.

sanctuary
sənj' chōō er ē

n. 1. A place of safety or shelter.

The temple was a **sanctuary** to those who were being persecuted.

2. Protection offered by such a place.

The shelter offers **sanctuary** to women fleeing violence in the home.

splendor
splēn' dər

n. Magnificence; brilliance of appearance.

The **splendor** of the palace at Versailles took our breath away.

splendid *adj.* Very impressive; magnificent.

The exhibition of American sculpture includes several **splendid** statues by Harriet Hosmer.

squalor
skwā' lər

n. Filth; misery.

People lived in **squalor** after their homes were destroyed by the hurricane.

squalid *adj.* Dirty and unfit for living, especially as a result of neglect.

The newly arrived immigrants worked long hours in **squalid** conditions for very low wages.

terrain
tə rān'

n. 1. An area of land; a region.

After hiking for several days we knew the **terrain** quite well.

2. The surface features of a region.

The mountainous **terrain** of western Colorado attracts skiers from all parts of the country.

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Thursday

Study Sites

Quizlet.com - TEWNSLEAG

Vocabtest.com/wordly_wise/

book-six.php

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Finding Meanings

Choose two phrases to form a sentence that correctly uses a word from Word List 3. Write each sentence on the line provided.

1. (a) Squalid areas are those
(b) with little rainfall.

- (c) Rural areas are those
(d) away from large cities.

2. (a) a place where prisoners are held before trial.
(b) land almost completely surrounded by water.

- (c) A sanctuary is
(d) A peninsula is

3. (a) Something that is abundant is
(b) hard to understand.

- (c) Something that is incredible is
(d) hard to believe.

4. (a) dampness in the air.
(b) Terrain is

- (c) Humidity is
(d) the condition of being hot.

5. (a) A squalid building is
(b) A splendid building is

- (c) one that is not lived in.
(d) one that is dirty and neglected.

6. (a) A horde is
(b) a place where one may find safety.

- (c) An abundance is
(d) a large crowd on the move.

7. (a) A splendid change is
(b) A distinct change is

- (c) one that goes unnoticed.
(d) one that is unmistakable.

8. (a) Sanctuary is
(b) the surface features of an area.

- (c) Terrain is
(d) a lack of confidence in oneself.

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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 3.

1. The Underground Railroad offered **a place of shelter** to slaves who were escaping to freedom.
2. The first ball from the pitcher **just barely hit** the batter's shoulder.
3. **Large numbers** of fans surrounded the stage door waiting for autographs.
4. Pitcairn Island has fewer than fifty **people who make their homes there**.
5. Her life was **full of feverish activity** because she worked at two full-time jobs.
6. Mark Twain wrote mostly about **life away from the cities and towns of America**.
7. The sounds of a flute and a trombone are quite **different from each other** so you can easily tell them apart.
8. Few crops can be grown where the land is **very dry and gets little rain**.
9. Monet's later paintings capture the **magnificent appearance** of his garden at Giverny.
10. Italy is a large **country that is almost completely surrounded by water**.
11. The rough **surface features of the land** made travel difficult.
12. Crops grow in **quantities that provide more than is needed** in such fertile soil.

3C

Applying Meanings

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

- Which of the following animals **graze**?

(a) crocodiles	(c) horses
(b) sheep	(d) cats
- Which of the following would you find in an **arid** region?

(a) ponds	(c) snow
(b) streams	(d) cactus plants
- Which of the following are **abundant**?

(a) fish in the sea	(c) food at a feast
(b) water in the desert	(d) trees in a forest
- Which of the following might be found in **hordes**?

(a) tourists	(c) eagles
(b) ants	(d) trees
- Which of the following might live in **splendor**?

(a) a supreme ruler	(c) a coal miner
(b) a famous movie star	(d) a person in custody
- Which of the following places might be **hectic**?

(a) a restaurant's kitchen	(c) an airport over a holiday
(b) backstage on opening night	(d) a mall on a day in December
- Which of the following might **inhabit** a tropical island?

(a) Inuits	(c) polar bears
(b) penguins	(d) monkeys
- Which of the following could cause one to seek **sanctuary**?

(a) fear	(c) hunger
(b) danger	(d) thirst

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Analogies test your understanding of the relationship between pairs of words. Example:

HOT : COLD ::

- (a) hungry : tired (c) soaked : wet
(b) light : heavy (d) blue : yellow

When we read the analogy we say, "Hot is to cold as _____ is to _____."

The relationship between HOT and COLD is that they are opposites, or antonyms. So to find the answer, look for a pair of words that are also opposites. *Light* and *heavy* are opposites. None of the other pairs of words have this relationship. So the correct answer is (b).

Select the pair of words that most nearly expresses the relationship of the pair of words in capital letters. Circle the letter in front of the pair you choose.

HINT! Keep antonyms in mind as you do this exercise.

1. HUMID : ARID ::

- (a) square : round (c) thirsty : hungry
(b) sloppy : careless (d) wet : dry

2. SPLENDID : SQUALID ::

- (a) attractive : ugly (c) lofty : towering
(b) loud : noisy (d) lonely : alone

3. POVERTY : WEALTH ::

- (a) love : marriage (c) age : beauty
(b) sickness : health (d) affection : friend

4. ARROGANT : HUMBLE ::

- (a) cruel : kind (c) abundant : plentiful
(b) hectic : eloquent (d) friendly : loving

5. AFFECTIONATE : HATEFUL ::

- (a) loud : noisy (c) afraid : terrified
(b) colorful : bright (d) abundant : scarce

6. VACATE : OCCUPY ::

- (a) release : detain (c) appeal : demand
(b) graze : touch (d) exhibit : show