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

**available**
adj. Easy to get; present and ready for use.
The salesperson said the jacket was available in black, brown, and white.

**bondage**
n. The state of being a slave.
More than three thousand years ago, Moses led the Jewish people out of bondage in Egypt.

**donate**
v. To give to those in need, often through an organization.
People across the country donated food and clothing to the victims of the flood.

donation n. Whatever is donated, as money or goods.
Donations to help rebuild the community center now total sixty thousand dollars.

**establish**
v. 1. To set up or begin.
Established in 1636, Harvard College, now part of Harvard University, is the oldest college in the United States.
2. To show to be true.
Scientists have established beyond any doubt that smoking causes cancer and other diseases.
establishment n. Something that has been established, especially a place of business or a public building.
Many restaurants, stores, and other establishments now ban smoking.

**evade**
v. 1. To keep away from; to avoid being caught.
The chipmunk evaded the cat by scrambling up a tree.
2. To avoid doing or answering.
Persons who evade paying income taxes can find themselves in serious trouble.
evasive adj. Carefully avoiding saying too much; not open or direct.
The captured prisoners were evasive when asked who had helped them escape.

**liberate**
v. To free.
A group objecting to experiments on animals opened the monkey cages and liberated the animals inside them.
numerous /nəˈmærəs/ adj. A large number; very many.
The bus makes numerous stops before it leaves us at school.

occasion /əˈkɑːʒən/ n. 1. A particular time.
I recognized Marcia at once because we had met on a previous occasion.
2. A special event.
The presentation in Oslo, Norway, of the 1992 Nobel Peace Prize to Rigoberta Menchu was a great occasion for the Guatemalan people.

occasional adj. Happening once in a while.
We make an occasional trip to town to pick up supplies.

oppose /əˈpɒz/ v. To be or act against.
Moin, my best friend, will oppose me in the tennis finals.

opposition /əˈpəʊzɪʃən/ n. (əˈpəʊzən) The act or condition of being against.
There was no opposition to the proposal, which passed by a vote of 16 to 0.

prohibit /prəˈhaɪbɪt/ v. To forbid by law or order.
The law now prohibits smoking in many public places.

pursue /pɜːrˈsuː/ v. 1. To follow in order to capture; to chase.
Police pursued the stolen car in a high-speed chase across town.
2. To seek actively; to carry on with.
Do you intend to pursue a career in medicine?

pursuit /pɜːrsɪt/ n. 1. The act of following after.
In the early 1930s, people desperate for work poured into cities in pursuit of jobs.
2. An activity, as a job or sport, that a person takes part in.
Jennie and Bruce enjoy canoeing and other outdoor pursuits during the summer.

reassure /rɪˈəʃʊər/ v. To make less worried or fearful; to comfort.
I was nervous before the recital, but my piano teacher reassured me.

reassurance /rɪˈəʃəns/ n. The act of giving comfort or the state of receiving comfort.
Coach Ward’s reassurances made us more optimistic about our chances of winning.

reluctant /rɛˈlʌktənt/ adj. Not wanting to do something; unwilling.
We were reluctant to leave our warm beds when we saw the ice on the windows.

reluctance /rɛˈlʌktəns/ n. The state of not wanting to do something.
With great reluctance, I agreed to clean my room before my cousins arrived on Saturday.
superior    adj.  1. Excellent of its kind.
    Margot made the team because she is a superior runner.

    2. Higher in position or rank.
    A cardinal is superior to a bishop in the Catholic church.

    n. A person of higher rank.
    I reported to my superior as soon as I returned to work.

yearn    v. To want very badly; to be filled with longing.
    Dorothy told the Wizard of Oz that she yearned to be back in Kansas.

    yearning    n. A longing or strong desire.
    As rain leaked slowly through the roof of our tent, I was filled with a
    yearning for my warm, dry bed at home.
Choose two phrases to form a sentence that correctly uses a word from Word List 10. Write each sentence in the space provided.

1. (a) a promise to do certain things. (c) a place of business.
   (b) An establishment is                        (d) A yearning is

2. (a) have important people calling. (c) To have numerous visitors is to
   (b) have many people calling.  (d) To have occasional visitors is to

3. (a) To liberate someone is to  (c) chase that person.
   (b) To pursue someone is to  (d) put that person in prison.

4. (a) To remember an occasion is to (c) To remember a donation is to
   (b) recall a particular person.  (d) recall a particular time.

5. (a) a deep longing. (c) someone younger than oneself.
   (b) A superior is                         (d) A yearning is

6. (a) To reassure someone is to  (c) put that person's mind at ease.
   (b) meet that person again. (d) To oppose someone is to

7. (a) To be superior is  (c) To be reluctant is
   (b) to act in a foolhardy way.  (d) to be better than average.

8. (a) avoid answering them. (c) ask them over and over.
   (b) To prohibit questions is to  (d) To evade questions is to
9. (a) Liberation is  
   (b) an unwillingness to act.  
   (c) a state of slavery.  
   (d) Bondage is __________

10. (a) be against it.  
    (b) set it free.  
    (c) To donate something is to  
    (d) To oppose something is to __________
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 10.

1. We managed to get away from the hornets by running into the house.

2. Tickets for this Saturday’s concert are easy to obtain from most music stores.

3. The manager was not very willing to return my deposit when I cancelled my order for the ski boots.

4. I have to check with a person of a higher rank before I can let you in the building on Saturday.

5. My going in search of information about lasers led me to spend a lot of time in the library.

6. It has been shown to be true that the sun is about five billion years old.

7. Wintergreen Junior High school is seeking gifts of money to pay for the sports program.

8. What special event are you celebrating with this beautiful cake?

9. The city did not allow downtown parking for the duration of the street festival.

10. Paris was freed from the foreign army that occupied it on August 25, 1944.
Each group of four words contains either two synonyms or two antonyms. Circle that pair. Then write S if they are synonyms or A if they are antonyms.

| 1. yearn | ascend | rise | lumber |
| 2. decrease | prosper | end | terminate |
| 3. oppose | deposit | support | rely |
| 4. lessen | decrease | suspend | donate |
| 5. donate | receive | retire | translate |
| 6. flimsy | wicked | sturdy | nostalgic |
| 7. capture | prohibit | liberate | remove |
| 8. yearning | desire | concept | bondage |
| 9. return | reassure | abolish | establish |
| 10. willing | alert | puny | reluctant |