### Word List

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

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<th>Word</th>
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<td><strong>accelerate</strong></td>
<td>v. 1. To go or to cause to go faster. The morning train quickly accelerates once it leaves the station. 2. To bring about at an earlier time. Increased sunlight accelerates the growth of plants.</td>
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<td><strong>altitude</strong></td>
<td>n. Height above sea level or the earth’s surface. Mexico City lies at an altitude of almost 8,000 feet.</td>
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<td><strong>anxious</strong></td>
<td>adj. 1. Worried; concerned. I am anxious about how I did on the Spanish test. 2. Eager; wishing strongly. After writing to each other for over a year, the two penpals are anxious to meet. anxiety n. (ənˈziː tē) Great uneasiness or concern. Our anxiety increased as road conditions got steadily worse.</td>
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<td><strong>brace</strong></td>
<td>v. 1. To make stronger by giving support to. Mom braced the table leg with a metal strip to keep it from wobbling. 2. To make ready for a shock; to prepare. After the pilot’s warning, we braced ourselves for a bumpy landing. n. Something used to support a weak part. I wore a brace on my leg for four weeks after I injured it doing a high jump. bracing adj. Giving energy to; refreshing. After spending most of the summer in the city, we found the mountain air wonderfully bracing.</td>
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<td><strong>confident</strong></td>
<td>adj. Certain; sure. We are confident we will win Saturday’s hockey game. confidence n. 1. A lack of doubt; a feeling of being certain. My parents showed their confidence in me by letting me repair the car by myself. 2. Trust in another to keep a secret. Because Felix told me this in confidence, I cannot answer your question.</td>
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**contact**  
*n.* 1. The touching or joining of two things.

*Contact* with a live wire will give you an electric shock.

2. The condition of being in communication with others.

Before the telephone was invented, people usually stayed in *contact* by writing letters.

*v.* To communicate with.

The Apollo astronauts could not *contact* earth while their spaceship was traveling behind the moon.

**exult**  
_v._ To be joyful; to show great happiness.

Senator Gray’s supporters *exulted* when she easily won reelection.

*exultant*  
_adj._ Very happy.

Theresa was *exultant* when she crossed the 10K finish line first.

**hangar**  
*n.* A building where aircraft are kept and repaired.

The pilot steered the plane out of the *hangar* and onto the runway.

**maximum**  
*n.* The greatest or highest number or amount.

The largest bus we have for school trips holds a *maximum* of fifty people.

*adj.* Being the greatest or highest number or amount.

The *maximum* speed of this car is 150 miles per hour.

**methodical**  
_adj._ Done in a regular, orderly way.

Our *methodical* search of the house failed to turn up any evidence of a robbery.

**nonchalant**  
_adj._ Having the appearance of not caring; seeming to show a lack of concern.

Your *nonchalant* attitude to schoolwork worries your parents.

**proceed**  
_v._ To go on, especially after stopping for a while; to continue.

The subway train *proceeded* on its way after I got off at 14th Street.

**saunter**  
_v._ To walk without hurrying; to stroll in a relaxed, unhurried manner.

Pedestrians *saunter* along the river bank, enjoying the afternoon sunshine.

*n.* A relaxed, unhurried walk.

Our *saunter* around the park was abruptly terminated by a violent thunderstorm.
**solo**  
*só*lō*  
*n.* A musical piece for one voice or a single instrument.  
A jubilant violin **solo** begins the symphony's second movement.  
*adj.* Made or done by one person.  
Francis Chichester's **solo** voyage around the world made him famous.  
*v.* To fly alone, especially for the first time.  
Most student pilots **solo** after ten hours of lessons.

**stall**  
*stōl*  
*n.* 1. A place for an animal in a barn.  
Each cow in the barn had its own **stall**.  
2. A small stand or booth where things are sold.  
I purchased this pottery at one of the **stalls** at the county fair.  
*v.* 1. To suddenly lose power.  
You will **stall** the engine if you let out the clutch too quickly.  
2. To delay by being evasive.  
Tenants sometimes try to **stall** the landlord when they can't pay the rent.
Choose two phrases to form a sentence that correctly uses a word from Word List 11. Write each sentence in the space provided.

1. (a) A plane’s hangar is (c) its height above sea level. (b) the amount of cargo it carries. (d) A plane’s altitude is

2. (a) To accelerate an engine is to (c) run it at its lowest speed. (b) cause it to lose power suddenly. (d) To stall an engine is to

3. (a) a performance by one person. (c) A solo is (b) A saunter is (d) a support for a broken part.

4. (a) a place where goods are sold. (c) A brace is (b) a place where planes are kept. (d) A hangar is

5. (a) stop suddenly. (c) go faster. (b) To accelerate is to (d) To exult is to

6. (a) does things in an orderly way. (c) An anxious person (b) is filled with happiness. (d) A methodical person
7. (a) A contact is
   (b) A brace is
   (c) a support for a broken part.
   (d) a place where business is done.

8. (a) To be nonchalant about
       something is
   (b) To be anxious about
       something is
   (c) to be concerned about it.
   (d) to be very happy about it.

9. (a) To be confident is to be
       (b) sure of oneself.
   (c) reluctant to act or speak.
   (d) To be exultant is to be

10. (a) walk in a relaxed, unhurried
      manner.
    (b) show a willingness to help.
    (c) To saunter is to
    (d) To proceed 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 11.

1. Five striped bass is the **greatest number** you are allowed to catch this month.

2. After checking our coats, we will **make our way** to our seats in the upper balcony.

3. Canadian baseball fans were **filled with happiness** when the Blue Jays won the World Series.

4. I plan to **fly a plane without my instructor** tomorrow.

5. The breeze off the ocean is very **refreshing and gives one renewed energy**.

6. The trainer led the horse back to its **enclosed place in the stable** after her ride.

7. I lost **the possibility to communicate** with my friends after they moved out of state.

8. The skiers were **showing no concern** as they started down the steep slope.

9. Jan was up at dawn, **very eager** to be on his way.

10. I am telling you what the lawyer told me in **the expectation that you will keep it a secret**.
The prefix *com-* means “with.” To complain about something is to find fault *with* it. To make certain words easier to say, this prefix is sometimes written *con-*.

Complete the words by providing the correct form of the prefix.

1. _________nect
2. _________sume
3. _________fident
4. _________bine
5. _________patible
6. _________versation
7. _________tent
8. _________prehend
9. _________tact
10. _________panion

- to put together with
- to do away with or destroy
- pleased or satisfied with oneself
- to put one thing with another
- getting along with another
- a talk with someone
- satisfied with what one has
- to understand or be familiar with
- get in touch with
- someone who travels with another