Lesson 4

Word List

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

accurate  
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.

approximate  
adj. Not exact, but close enough to be reasonably correct.  
My approximate weight is a hundred and ten pounds.

course  
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.

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

deteriorate  
v. To make or become worse.  
Smoking causes the lungs and heart to deteriorate.
gale  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  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. (hór`i zánt`l) Going straight across from side to side.
   The shoeboxes were in a horizontal row at the back of the closet.

jubilation  n. A feeling or expression of great joy.
   There was jubilation among the fans when the Patriots won the 2004
   Super Bowl.
   jubilant  adj. (jöó` ba lánt) Very happy.
   My family was jubilant when Aunt Jean survived the heart operation.

navigate  v. To calculate or direct the movement of a ship or aircraft.
   Phoenician sailors navigated by measuring the position of the sun
   and stars.
   navigation  n. The science or practice of navigating.
   Clocks and sextants are instruments used in navigation.

nostalgia  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  v. 1. To make or become strong again.
   A short rest will revive you.
   2. To bring back into use or fashion.
   The show revives a number of songs from the fifties.

sever  v. 1. To break off.
   When the plane that crashed was proven to be on a spy mission, the two
   countries severed all ties with each other.
   2. To cut in two.
   Irving accidentally severed the garden hose while mowing the lawn.

voyage  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.
Choose two phrases to form a sentence that correctly uses a word from Word List 4. Write each sentence in the space provided.

1. (a) get worse.  
   (b) To deteriorate is to  
   (c) To revive is to  
   (d) feel slightly uneasy.

2. (a) An accurate account is  
   (b) one that is obscure.  
   (c) A jubilant account is  
   (d) one that is without errors.

3. (a) make it strong again.  
   (b) To sever a friendship is to  
   (c) To revive a friendship is to  
   (d) look back on it with fond memories.

4. (a) A destination is  
   (b) A course is  
   (c) a setting out from a place.  
   (d) the path over which something moves.

5. (a) Something that is horizontal  
   (b) is not exact.  
   (c) is falling into a state of disrepair.  
   (d) Something that is approximate

6. (a) the act of leaving.  
   (b) A departure is  
   (c) A destination is  
   (d) a long journey by sea.

7. (a) a lack of understanding.  
   (b) a feeling of longing for the past.  
   (c) Nostalgia is  
   (d) Despair is
8. (a) A voyage is  
   (b) a small boat.  
   (c) a strong wind.  
   (d) A gale is

9. (a) Jubilation is  
   (b) Navigation is  
   (c) the directing of a ship's movement.  
   (d) the length of time something lasts.

10. (a) To despair is to  
     (b) To voyage is to  
     (c) return to one's starting point.  
     (d) feel a sense of hopelessness.

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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 4.

1. The **loud outbursts** of laughter from the next room distracted me from my work.

2. I will be responsible for **working out the direction the boat should be headed** when we sail to Bali.

3. The **place to which it is going** is shown on the front of the bus.

4. We **start on our journey** at ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

5. The ship met with stormy weather during the **long journey by sea** around Cape Horn.

6. Early this morning the **apparent line where the sky and sea meet** was obscured by the fog.

7. When the driver told me that the bus ride to Boston would take two hours, my friend said that was **close enough to be almost correct**.

8. Each **set of subjects to be studied** takes one year to complete.

9. I **completely broke off** my relationship with the company when I got a new job.

10. Nina and her best friend were **filled with joy** when they were assigned to the same tent.
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.

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