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If you’ve picked up this book, you’re interested in increasing your ACT score. That means you’re already aware of the effect this exam can have on your future, and that’s great. But you’ve also got homework to do, football games to attend, musical instruments and Spanish verbs to practice, chores to do, maybe an after-school job and other responsibilities, and—oh yeah—a social life to maintain. You don’t have time to spend on more stuff related to school, much less exams that are probably months away at this point, right?

But think about it like this: You probably play games of some kind or another, either on your mobile phone, computer, or a game console, several times a week—maybe even every day. Playing those games can increase your online ranking, and maybe even make your friends jealous when you beat their high scores, but playing the games in this book can have a positive effect on your future. They can help you build a killer vocabulary and put yourself on stronger ground for gaining admission to the college of your choice.

Before we get to just how these games can help increase your ACT scores, let’s run through a bit about the test itself, so you’ll know exactly what to expect on test day.
INTRODUCTION

What Is the ACT Exam?

The American College Testing (ACT) assessment is one of two main standardized tests used by admissions teams to evaluate your potential fit as a student at their college or university. The ACT measures what you’ve learned in various academic subjects—see “What Skills Are Tested on the ACT?” for more information. (The other main standardized test is the SAT, which is an aptitude exam designed to measure the verbal and mathematical skills you will need as you progress through your academic career.)

What Is the ACT Used For?

Your high school may use your ACT score to evaluate the way your teachers are performing. They use these scores to decide which areas need improvement within the school as a whole, and which students need additional assistance in specific subject areas.

College admissions teams use your ACT score as part of their evaluation process, to decide if you will be a good addition to the diverse group of students at that school. But that’s not the only thing they look at.

Admissions teams look at individuals, not just at scores and grades. They want well-rounded students, not just those who can churn out perfect tests or straight As. Are you an athlete? Maybe you’re an actor or dancer? How about an artist? Do you do volunteer work, speak another language, or organize events for your school? Make sure you mention all these things on your application, because admissions teams are looking for students who can contribute to the diversity of campus life.

Don’t worry if your GPA isn’t perfect—just be sure to highlight the great work you do in other areas of your life. And with the help of this book, your English, reading, and writing ACT scores are sure to be included in the “things you do well” section!
What Skills Are Tested on the ACT?

The ACT is a national achievement and placement exam that tests your knowledge of key subject areas: English, mathematics, reading, and science. The optional ACT Plus Writing assessment also includes a 30-minute essay test that evaluates your writing skills.

The English section is made up of 75 multiple-choice questions. The mathematics section comprises 60 questions. The reading and science sections are made up of 40 questions each. The optional writing section consists of a short essay on a particular theme. Overall, the exam takes a little over four hours to complete (with an additional half-hour if you choose to take the ACT Plus Writing assessment).

Who Takes the ACT?

According to the American College Testing Program, Inc., the organization that administers the ACT, approximately 1.6 million students take the ACT every year. But here’s a little secret—not all of them prepare for the exam in advance. By using this book, you’re giving yourself an edge over the competition!

Where Do I Sign Up for the ACT?

Registration forms and information for the ACT exam can be found online at www.actstudent.org. You can sign up for the ACT online with a credit card or request a paper application, which you can complete and mail in with a check or money order.

When Do I Take the ACT?

The ACT exam is administered six times a year, on Saturday mornings. You can find a current schedule online at www.actstudent.org/regist/dates.html. You may take the ACT up to twelve times—but only once
per national test date. Most students take the test twice: once as a high school junior, and once as a senior. According to the American College Testing Program, Inc., among the students who took the ACT more than once, 55 percent increased their composite score on the retest.

Where Do I Take the ACT?

You can take the ACT in one of many national and international testing centers. When you register by mail or at www.actstudent.org, you’ll be given a list of testing locations in the area of your choosing; just pick the one that is most comfortable and convenient for you. It’s also a good idea to do a dry run before the actual test date—figure out how you’ll get to the test site around the same time of day as your test so you aren’t surprised by road closures, construction, train or bus delays, bad online directions, or other things that can make you late (and stress you out) the day of the test.

If there is no ACT exam center within 50 miles of your home, if your religious beliefs prohibit you from taking tests on a Saturday, or if you are homebound or confined, you may request arranged testing. Information on these arrangements can be found at www.actstudent.org/regist under “Request arranged testing.”

How Is the ACT Scored?

The first thing that happens after you take the ACT is that your multiple-choice answers are calculated into a score by computer. Points are awarded as follows: For the English, mathematics, reading, and science reasoning sections, one point is added for each correct answer (nothing is subtracted for incorrect answers), for a score between 1 and 36. The English, mathematics, and reading tests will also include subscores ranging from 1 to 18. These scores are averaged for a composite score.

If you choose to take the optional writing test, that section will be scored manually by two trained readers. You’ll receive a writing score that falls between 2 and 12 (or 0 if your essay is blank, illegible,
off-topic, not written with a No. 2 pencil, or written in a language other than English), for a combined English and writing score of between 1 and 36, and comments from the essay scorers. Your writing score will have no effect on your composite score.

**How Is My Score Reported?**
You can view your scores online at www.actstudent.org if you have a student account and tested through National or International Testing (see the ACT website for more information). Scores are available online approximately two and a half weeks after you complete the test. If you chose to take the ACT Plus Writing assessment, your writing scores will be posted online approximately two weeks after your multiple-choice scores appear. Score reports are also mailed to your home address three to eight weeks after you complete the test (or after your writing scores have been calculated if you took the ACT Plus Writing assessment).

Your ACT scores will be sent to the colleges or universities you authorize for score reports. You can also opt to have your scores sent to your high school by checking “yes” in the registration section.

**How Does My Score Rate?**
In 2010, the national average ACT composite score was 21. This average score is acceptable for many colleges and universities. Some schools, such as Ivy League universities, typically require a score of at least 29.

The highest possible score on the ACT is 36. Typically, less than one-tenth of one percent of all students who take the ACT receive a score of 36. Keep in mind that your score is just one of the tools used by admissions officers to rate your potential fit for that school.

**What Are the Subscores?**
Subscores on the ACT are broken down into the following categories: usage/mechanics and rhetorical skills for English; pre-algebra/elementary algebra, algebra/geometry, and plane geometry/trigonometry for mathematics; and social studies/sciences and arts/literature for reading. These subscores provide you with greater detail on your performance,
to show you the areas in which you need to improve; however, they are not used for college admissions purposes.

**What’s the Deal with National Rankings?**

Your score report will also include national rankings. These show the percentage of recent high school graduates who took the ACT and scored at or below each of your scores. These rankings are included to give you a sense of your strengths and weaknesses in each of the four general subject areas tested on the ACT, and in each of the seven sub-score sections.

**What If I Didn’t Get the Score I Wanted?**

You can always retest if you don’t do as well as you’d have liked on the ACT—in fact, you can take the exam up to twelve times. But unlike the SAT, which allows you to hide your lowest scores, all your official ACT test scores will appear on the score reports that are sent out to approved colleges and universities.

Now that you know what the exam is, how it is used, and what to expect on test day, let’s get down to what you really want to know—how to use this book to get great results on the ACT.
PART I
UNDERSTAND BASIC VOCABULARY SECRETS
Knowing the meaning of common prefixes and suffixes will help you figure out the definition of many familiar and unfamiliar words on the ACT exam.

What Exactly Are Prefixes and Suffixes?

Prefixes and suffixes are attached to base words to add information and meaning. A prefix is an attachment that comes before a base word or stem. A suffix is an attachment that comes after the existing base word or stem. A stem is the main part of a word—the part that prefixes or suffixes are attached to—but might not actually be a full word by itself.

The word *repayment*, for example, is made up of the prefix *re-* (which means *again*), the stem *pay*, and the suffix *-ment* (which means *action* or *process*). So with an understanding of suffix, prefix, and stems, you could figure out that the meaning of *repayment* is *the process of paying money back*. 
**Common Prefixes**

The following are some examples of prefixes you might encounter when studying ACT vocabulary words, along with their meanings.

- *a-, ab-, an-* (apart or without)
- *ad-* (toward or near)
- *ante-* (before)
- *anti-* (against)
- *auto-* (self)
- *bi-* (two)
- *bio-* (life)
- *circum-* (around)
- *co-, com-, con-* (with or together)
- *de-* (away or off)
- *di-, dis-* (not or apart)
- *dys-* (bad or problematic)
- *em-, en-* (restrict or cause)
- *equi-* (equal)
- *ex-* (former)
- *extra-, exo-* (outside of)
- *fore-* (in front of or before)
- *hyper-* (over)
- *hypo-* (under)
- *geo-* (earth)
- *im-, in-* (not)
- *inter-* (between)
- *micro-* (tiny)
- *mis-* (wrong)
- *mono-* (one)
- *multi-* (many)
- *neo-* (new)
- *non-* (not)
- *ob-, oc-, of-, op-* (against, on, over, or toward)
- *omni-* (all)
- *pan-* (all)

- *para-* (beyond)
- *peri-* (around or about)
- *poly-* (many)
- *post-* (after)
- *pre-* (before)
- *pro-* (favoring or for)
- *re-* (again)
- *retro-* (backward)
- *semi-* (half)
- *sub-* (under or below)
- *super-* (exceeding or above)
- *therm-, thermo-* (heat)
- *trans-* (across)
- *tri-* (three)
- *un-* (not)

**Common Suffixes**

- *-able, -ible* (capable or worthy of)
- *-acy* (state or quality)
- *-age* (condition)
- *-al* (act or process of, or pertaining to)
- *-ance, -ence* (state or quality)
- *-ary* (related to)
- *-ate* (become)
- *-dom* (place or state of being)
- *-en* (make or become)
- *-er, -or* (one who)
- *-esque* (like or reminiscent of)
- *-gram, -graph* (written or drawn)
- *-hood* (class)
-ic, -ical (pertaining to)  -oid (resembles)
-iou, -ous (characterized by)  -ory, -tory (relating to)
-ish (having the quality of)  -ous (possessing)
-ive (having the nature of)  -phile (strong love for)
-less (without)  -phobe, -phobia (fear of)
-log, -logue (speech)  -ship (position held)
-logy (the study of)  -y (characterized by)

Derivational Suffixes

Knowing these prefixes and suffixes can help you deduce the meaning of many vocabulary words instantly, so familiarize yourself with the ones you don’t already know for an instant vocab power-up!

-able, -ible (capable of being)  -ise, -ize (become)
-ation, -sion, -tion (state of being)  -ism (belief or doctrine)
-ful (notable for)  -ity, -ty (having the quality of)
-ify (make or become)  -ment (condition or result of)
-ify (make or become)  -ness (state of being)

Derivational suffixes can combine with each other, too, but the spelling may change (as in predictability, which is predict combined with -able and -ity).

Okay, now that you’ve reviewed some prefixes and suffixes and how they work, let’s put that knowledge into action!
Exercise 1

Each word below contains a prefix. Using what you learned, choose the best available definition.

1. microcosm
   a. to make something larger
   b. a sign of fear
   c. a smaller system which is representative of a larger one
   d. a vast expanse of land

2. foreshadow
   a. to darken
   b. to suggest something in advance
   c. to follow
   d. to retaliate

3. engender
   a. to bring into existence; to cause
   b. knowledge
   c. to promise to marry
   d. to grow

4. commingle
   a. to bring forward
   b. to mix or blend
   c. a quick movement
   d. to soften

5. extraordinary
   a. from the past
   b. exceptional or unusual
   c. from above
   d. large
Exercise 2

Each word below contains a suffix. Using what you learned, choose the best available definition.

1. historical
   a. dry
   b. extremely funny
   c. something that belongs to a man
   d. relating to what happened in the past

2. provenance
   a. place or source of origin
   b. a gift
   c. the act of being proper or correct
   d. happiness

3. fiefdom
   a. a type of instrument
   b. unhappiness
   c. a domain controlled by a dominant person or lord
   d. a small area

4. travelogue
   a. a vacation
   b. a language
   c. confrontation
   d. the journal or documentation of a trip

5. humanoid
   a. resembling or having the characteristics of a human
   b. false or fake
   c. a very young person
   d. an alien
Exercise 3

Each word below contains a prefix and a suffix or derivational suffix. Using what you learned, choose the best available definition.

1. decentralize  
   a. to cause to be more populated  
   b. in the very middle of an area  
   c. to move downward  
   d. to move away from an established main point

2. monograph  
   a. a work of writing on a single subject  
   b. a diverse group  
   c. a drawing made with many colors  
   d. a signature

3. apprehension  
   a. to climb  
   b. fearful expectation  
   c. a course that comes before a meal  
   d. the state of being angry

4. nullify  
   a. to take apart  
   b. to make invalid  
   c. to bring together  
   d. to make liquid

5. approbation  
   a. a decision  
   b. restriction  
   c. concern  
   d. official approval
Answers

Exercise 1
1. c. a smaller system which is representative of a larger one
2. b. to suggest something in advance
3. a. to bring into existence; to cause
4. b. to mix or blend
5. b. exceptional or unusual

Exercise 2
1. d. relating to what happened in the past
2. a. place or source of origin
3. c. domain controlled by a dominant person or lord
4. d. the journal or documentation of a trip
5. a. resembling or having the characteristics of a human

Exercise 3
1. d. move away from an established main point
2. a. work of writing on a single subject
3. b. fearful expectation
4. b. make invalid
5. d. official approval
Now that you know the meanings that prefixes and suffixes bring to vocabulary words, you’re ready to review the most common roots—the base of the words to which prefixes and suffixes are attached. Once you know these, you can guess the meaning of almost any unfamiliar word on the ACT exam.

Root Words

English is made up of words derived from Latin and Greek roots, as well as words from German, French, and other languages. Any familiarity you have with other languages can be an advantage when trying to guess the meaning of a word, because if you can recognize even a small part of it, you’ve improved your chances of figuring out the definition.
### List of Common Root Words

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ger (old age)  
gram (written)  
gyn (female)  
helic, helico (spiral)  
heli, helio (sun)  
hem, hema, hemo (blood)  
herbi (plant)  
hetero (other)  
homeo, homo (same)  
hydr, hydro (water)  
imag (likeness)  
iso (equal)  
ject (throw)  
jud, jur, just (law)  
junct (join)  
juven (young)  
kine, kinet (motion)  
lab (work)  
later (side)  
liber (free)  
lingu (language)  
luc (light)  
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mand (order)  
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sol (alone, sun)  
spec, spect, spic (see)
There’s no way to provide a complete list of all root words that occur in the English language, but the list provided is a great start to figuring out many ACT vocabulary word meanings. As you go through your daily life, keep an eye out for more word roots, and watch for them to reappear in other words. The more you know, the more you can figure out—and the better your vocabulary will be!

Now, let’s try some exercises to put your knowledge of root word meanings to work.

**Exercise 1**

Using what you learned, choose the best available definition for each word.

1. genuflect
   a. to run
   b. to bend at the knee
   c. to jump
   d. to solve
2. intercept
   a. to make known
   b. to come together
   c. to seize or hold before arrival
   d. to come between

3. concede
   a. to hinder
   b. to return
   c. to display arrogance
   d. to yield or accept as true

4. carnivorous
   a. looking for danger
   b. feeding on animal flesh
   c. seeking out parties or events
   d. excitable

5. inscription
   a. enrollment
   b. the beginning
   c. the writing or dedication on something
   d. a disaster

**Exercise 2**

Using what you learned, fill in the correct letters to complete the word base.

1. An instrument used to measure the pressure of the atmosphere:
   ___ ___ ___ ___ meter

2. Marine animals that move by expelling water from a tube under the head: ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ pod
LEARN ROOT WORDS

3. Moving in a direction away from a center or axis: __ __ __ __ __ ifugal

4. The study of the operation of aircrafts: __ __ __ __ nautics

5. The act of speaking words that are to be written or transcribed: __ __ __ __ ation

6. To make something move in a way that resembles lifelike action: __ __ __ __ ate

7. Something done out of love for or goodwill toward others: __ __ __ __ anthropy

8. To cut into: in __ __ __ __

9. The process of learning: __ __ __ __ ition

10. A particular concept or understanding of beauty: __ __ __ __ __ etics
Answers

Exercise 1
1. b. to bend at the knee
2. c. to seize or hold before arrival
3. d. to yield or accept as true
4. b. feeding on animal flesh
5. c. the writing or dedication on something

Exercise 2
1. b a r o meter
2. c e p h a l o pod
3. c e n t r ifugal
4. a e r o nautics
5. d i c t ation
6. a n i m ate
7. p h i l anthropy
8. in c i s e
9. c o g n ition
10. a e s t h etics
In Chapter 1, you learned the meanings of common prefixes and suffixes. In Chapter 2, you learned the meanings of common base words. Now, it’s time to put this knowledge to use.

Let’s practice before moving on to the more complex vocabulary needed to play the games in the next section of the book, and on the ACT exam.

In the following exercises, put it all together by combining base words with prefixes and suffixes to create new words.
**Exercise 1**

Match the word parts from column A to the word parts in column B to create words that match the definitions that follow. Some words will be used more than once.

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1. To keep or store; protect. _____________
2. To respond or change due to a stimulus. _____________
3. To go over and above. _____________
4. To charge with an offense. _____________
5. To keep safe; to avoid wasteful use of. _____________
6. To trick; to be false. _____________
7. To order or send back; to return to custody. _____________
8. An idea. _____________
9. Special regard or esteem. _____________
10. To foretell or declare in advance. _____________
11. To cause to begin; to form. _____________
12. A command or principle intended as a general course of action. _____________
13. To be worthy of something. _____________
14. To turn aside. _____________
15. To acquire or come into possession. _____________
16. To ask with authority. _____________
17. With the exclusion of. ______________
18. To view critically or closely. ______________
19. To keep back or hold. ______________
20. To surpass; to go ahead or in front of. ______________

Exercise 2

Match the word parts from column A to the word parts in column B to create words that match the definitions that follow. Some words will be used more than once. An asterisk (*) denotes that two entries from column B are used (don’t forget to drop the silent e if necessary).

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1. An instrument that measures the movement of the heart. ______________
2. Emitting or reflecting light. ______________
3. The act of moving from one country or region to another. ______________
*4. Of or relating to a signature. ______________
5. One who is sworn to give a verdict in a dispute. ______________
6. The study of living organisms. ______________
7. To tell a story in detail. ______________
8. Of or relating to the eye. ______________
9. Of or relating to sound. ______________
Exercise 3
Insert definitions for the following words based on your knowledge of prefixes, suffixes, and base word meanings.

1. bibliomania: ________________________________________
2. enumerate: _________________________________________
3. vacuous: ___________________________________________
4. temporal: __________________________________________
5. autobiographic: _____________________________________
6. paternally: _________________________________________
7. chromatograph: _____________________________________
8. bioavailability: _____________________________________
9. amphibious: ________________________________________
10. anthropologic: ______________________________________
Answers

Exercise 1
1. preserve
2. react
3. exceed
4. indict
5. conserve
6. deceive
7. remand
8. concept
9. respect
10. predict
11. conceive
12. precept
13. deserve
14. deflect
15. receive
16. demand
17. except
18. inspect
19. reserve
20. precede

Exercise 2
1. cardiograph
2. luminous
3. migration
4. autographic
5. juror
6. biology
7. narrate
8. optic
9. phonic
10. biography
11. cardiology
12. jury
13. kinetic
14. luminance
15. narrator
16. luminary
17. phony
18. autograph
19. narration
20. migrate

Exercise 3
Answers will vary; possible answers are provided.
1. bibliomania: extreme love or passion for books
2. enumerate: to determine the number of
3. vacuous: emptied; lacking content
4. temporal: relating to time
5. autobiographic: about one’s self
6. paternally: relating to a father
7. chromatograph: an instrument for analyzing color
8. bioavailability: the rate at which a substance is absorbed into an organism
9. amphibious: able to exist on land and in water
10. anthropologic: relating to study of humans
PART II
Build an Awesome Vocabulary . . . with Games
In this chapter, you’ll put what you’ve learned in Part I to use with these fun vocabulary building crossword puzzles.

**Instructions**

Read the clues below, then solve for each by filling in the squares with letters to form ACT vocabulary words. The answers will read from left to right, or from top to bottom.

If you need help, a list containing all the words used in this chapter can be found on page 38. Scan the list to see if you can identify the word you’re looking for.

If you’re completely stumped, give yourself a break by turning to another game or doing something else for a while. You can always come back and finish another time.

Answers to all of the puzzles can be found at the end of the chapter, but don’t peek until you’ve given each game your very best shot!
Crossword Puzzle #1

If you get stuck, take a look at the word list at the end of the chapter to see if you can find the word to match the definition in the clue.

Across
2. joyous
4. merry
6. warm and friendly
7. jolly; full of good humor
9. extremely happy; euphoric
10. thrilled; overjoyed
11. carefree; sociable
15. sociable
17. friendly
18. confident; optimistic
19. lively; bubbly
20. compatible

Down
1. extremely joyful
3. thrilling
5. cheerful
8. looking for or expecting good things to happen
12. lively
13. lighthearted; high-spirited
14. agreeable
16. joyful enthusiasm
Crossword Puzzle #2

If you get stuck, take a look at the word list at the end of the chapter to see if you can find the word to match the definition in the clue.

Across
1. compensation for a professional service
5. something that is subordinate or supplemental
8. having necessary skills, experience, or knowledge
10. conformity
12. limit or restriction
13. authorization to sell a particular product or service
14. conscientiousness; perseverance
15. all-inclusive
16. speed up a process
17. make easier; help
18. worthy of imitation

Down
2. hard-working; diligent
3. workable; able to grow
4. relating to an office or position; one who holds such a position
6. circulate; cause to become widely known
7. time spent as a beginner, learning a trade or career from an expert
9. in a position of less power or authority; less important
11. obstruction by insistence on unnecessary procedures or regulations
18. displaying initiative, daring, and readiness to take on new projects
19. profitable
Crossword Puzzle #3

If you get stuck, take a look at the word list at the end of the chapter to see if you can find the word to match the definition in the clue.

Across
5. active opposition or dislike
11. scathing; venomous
12. resentment or hostility; feeling of ill will
16. angry feeling of dislike or hatred
18. damaging
19. brief or direct in a way that may seem rude

6. condition of being well-known for something bad
7. showing strong, angry feelings
8. carelessly or foolishly wasting money or time
9. deserving of strong criticism
10. someone who praises powerful people to get approval
12. unwarranted pride; superiority
13. express regret
14. long, angry speech
15. explosive
17. vengeful anger

Down
1. ill-tempered; cranky
2. blatant; conspicuous and offensive outcry
3. characterized by harsh or angry words
4. aggressively conceited and presumptuous
Crossword Puzzle #4

If you get stuck, take a look at the word list at the end of the chapter to see if you can find the word to match the definition in the clue.

Across
4. unnecessary or unwarranted
10. declaration or assertion of truth
11. of or relating to letters and letter-writing
13. enthusiastic proponent of a belief or idea; committed to a political party
14. decline; decrease
15. current holder of a particular office
17. most essential part
18. unintelligent or stupid
19. official reprimand or condemnation
20. act of being reserved or restrained; reluctant to talk or draw attention

Down
1. undecided; unclear
2. requiring much physical effort
3. increase or enlarge
5. formally give up or no longer accept something
6. easily influenced; changeable
7. too elaborate; exaggerated
8. opinions that are controversial or unorthodox
9. having or showing qualities of an adult at a young age
12. not easily penetrated; not permitting passage (especially of a liquid)
16. fickle; changing on a whim
Crossword Puzzle #5

If you get stuck, take a look at the word list at the end of the chapter to see if you can find the word to match the definition in the clue.

Across
1. make worse
3. lacking serious thought or intelligence
4. make lower or less important
11. wrong
12. without attention for detail; not thorough
13. placing or keeping away from people
14. sudden, disastrous collapse or downfall
15. exact copy or reproduction
17. take the place of; serve as a substitute for
18. official permission or approval

Down
2. harsh; aggressively ferocious
4. fix or correct
5. based on theory or hypothesis rather than practical knowledge
6. not straightforward; dishonest or sneaky
7. opinions that are controversial or unorthodox
8. faultless; perfect
9. quirk or unique trait
10. all alike or similar
16. excessively elaborate or showy; flowery
Crossword Puzzle #6

If you get stuck, take a look at the word list at the end of the chapter to see if you can find the word to match the definition in the clue.

Across
6. entire series or range  
7. cause to do or act  
8. kind; dutiful  
12. excessive intolerance of opposing views  
14. foreshadowing evil; foreboding  
15. correct, usually in a gentle way  
16. ruined the beauty or perfection of  
18. impose or collect; seize

Down
1. acceptable reason or excuse for doing something  
2. present everywhere  
3. having good judgment; showing insight and understanding  
4. pointless; silly  
5. make beautiful or elegant with ornamentation  
8. not well-known  
9. act superior toward  
10. extremely wicked; reprehensible  
11. culminating or highest point  
12. exact copy or reproduction  
13. take care of; help grow, develop, or succeed  
17. substitution of an inoffensive term to replace a harsher or more distasteful one
Crossword Puzzle #7

If you get stuck, take a look at the word list at the end of the chapter to see if you can find the word to match the definition in the clue.

Across
5. lacking in harmony or compatibility
9. fatigue; feeling abnormal drowsiness or weariness
10. of or related to the countryside and farming
12. original work or standard used as an example for others
14. rebellious
16. shrewdness; craftiness

18. easy or simple method; appropriate for a particular circumstance
19. go over a limit; violate

Down
1. equivalent in value, effect, or significance
2. multicolored
3. future generations; descendents
4. swing or move back and forth
6. stealthy or secret
7. careful to consider all feelings and consequences; prudent
8. contemplate; reflect on or remember something
11. inconsistency; conflicting facts or claims
13. disprove
15. restrict; cut short
17. resourceful, clever
19. fearful
Crossword Puzzle #8

If you get stuck, take a look at the word list at the end of the chapter to see if you can find the word to match the definition in the clue.

Across
3. (1) not letting light through; (2) difficult to understand or explain
4. (1) prove that someone is not guilty; (2) show that something is true
8. difficult or unpleasant circumstances; being careful, strict, or exact
10. ridicule; show contempt for
11. (1) prominent or brilliant person; (2) body that gives light
12. disregard; show scorn or contempt
13. body of voters with shared interests, identity, or goals
15. someone who tries to gain advantage through a situation
17. able to perceive small differences in similar things
18. very small in size or amount
19. dull; boring
20. including every possible element; comprehensive; complete

Down
1. confusion or disorder
2. imitate or copy
5. moral soundness
6. self-satisfaction; contentment
7. unchanging; stationary
9. capable of being bought; corrupt through bribery
14. restrict; cut short
16. willing to obey someone else
Crossword Puzzle #9

If you get stuck, take a look at the word list at the end of the chapter to see if you can find the word to match the definition in the clue.

Across
3. increase or heighten
8. deceptive; pretending to be good or virtuous
10. looking for or expecting bad things to happen
11. inactive; not changing or progressing
14. accepted, done, or happening over a large area
16. similar or equivalent; showing likeness
17. unfavorable or oppositional conditions or events
19. doubtful

Down
1. rising to a great height
2. act of reducing or breaking down
4. prove the truth of something
5. motivate; provoke or stir up
6. detestable
7. humor
9. unable to move
12. harshly critical
13. state of being unconscious, unaware, or forgotten
15. take or bring back
17. give notice; tell
18. of or relating to earth or land
Crossword Puzzle #10

If you get stuck, take a look at the word list at the end of the chapter to see if you can find the word to match the definition in the clue.

Across
3. boring or dull; slow or awkward because of weight or size
6. prevent something from happening
8. kiss
10. wanting to appear more successful or important than one really is
12. clumsy or inexpert
14. misrepresent or give a false impression
15. become less strong or intense
16. unwilling; reluctant
17. abundant

Down
1. without hope
2. wheedle; coax; persuade
3. ancestor
4. easily affected or influenced
5. of or related to the sense of smell
6. large amount
7. unable to be corrected through punishment
9. remote or removed; standoffish
11. concerned with giving importance to possessions
13. wipe out
# Word List for Chapter 4

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Answers

Crossword Puzzle #1

Across
2. blithe
4. mirthful
6. affable
7. jovial
9. rapturous
10. elated
11. insouciant
15. gregarious
17. convivial
18. sanguine
19. effervescent
20. congenial

Down
1. jubilant
3. exhilarating
5. jocund
8. optimistic
12. vivacious
13. buoyant
14. amicable
16. exuberance

Crossword Puzzle #2

Across
1. honorarium
5. subsidiary
8. qualified
10. compliance
12. constraint
13. franchise
14. diligence
15. comprehensive
16. expedite
17. facilitate
18. exemplary

Down
2. industrious
3. viable
4. official
6. disseminate
7. apprenticeship
9. subordinate
11. bureaucracy
18. enterprising
19. lucrative
Crossword Puzzle #3

Across

Down

Crossword Puzzle #4

Across

Down
### Crossword Puzzle #5

**Across**
1. exacerbate
2. truculent
3. vacuous
4. rectify
5. theoretical
6. erroneous
7. cursory
8. heresy
9. impeccable
10. homogenous
11. seclusion
12. devious
13. sanction
14. debacle
15. facsimile
16. florid
17. supplant
18. zentrum

**Down**
2. inane
3. discerning
4. indecent
5. embelishment
6. obscure
7. patronize
8. sanctions
9. idiosyncrasy
10. gnomon
11. gnomes
12. gnomes
13. gnomes
14. gnomes
15. gnomes
16. gnomes
17. gnomes
18. gnomes

### Crossword Puzzle #6

**Across**
6. gamut
7. induce
8. officious
9. fanaticalism
12. ominous
14. reprove
15. reprove
16. marred
18. levy

**Down**
1. justification
2. ubiquitous
3. discerning
4. inane
5. embellish
6. obscure
7. patronize
8. heinous
9. zenith
12. facsimile
13. nurture
17. euphemism
Crossword Puzzle #7

Across
5. incongruous
9. lethargic
10. bucolic
12. prototype
14. insurgent
16. guile
18. expedient
19. transgress

Down
1. tantamount
2. variegated
3. posterity
4. oscillate
6. surreptitious
7. circumspect
8. ruminate
11. discrepancy
13. refute
15. curtail
17. ingenious
19. tremulous

Crossword Puzzle #8

Across
3. opaque
4. vindicate
8. rigor
10. deride
11. luminary
12. flout
13. constituency
15. opportunist
17. discriminating
18. scanty
19. tedious
20. exhaustive

Down
1. turmoil
2. emulate
5. integrity
6. complacency
7. static
9. venal
14. curtail
16. submissive
Crossword Puzzle #9

Across
3. enhance
8. hypocritical
10. pessimism
11. stagnant
14. prevalent
16. analogous
17. adversity
19. dubious

Down
1. lofty
2. degradation
4. substantiate
5. incite
6. abominable
7. levity
9. inert
12. censorious
13. oblivion
15. retract
17. apprise
18. terrestrial

Crossword Puzzle #10

Across
3. ponderous
6. preclude
8. osculate
10. pretentious
12. inept
14. belie
15. subside
16. loath
17. rife

Down
1. despondent
2. cajole
3. progenitor
4. susceptible
5. olfactory
6. profusion
7. incorrigible
9. aloof
11. materialism
13. obliterate
In this chapter, you will deconstruct ACT vocabulary words to find at least 10 new words hidden inside of each. If any of these vocabulary words are unfamiliar, be sure to look them up in the glossary at the back of the book.

Instructions

Rearrange the letters in each word below to spell as many new words as you can. Each word must be made up of a minimum of three letters—one- and two-letter words do not count. Try to find at least 10 words for each ACT vocabulary word before moving on to the next one. For an additional challenge, set a timer or stopwatch for 10 minutes. See how many words you can find before time is up!

Sample words can be found at the end of the chapter. If you’re not familiar with some of the words you find in the answer key, look them up to supercharge your word power!
Anagram Puzzle #1

scrupulous
(Hint: there are at least 90 words to be made from scrupulous.)

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Anagram Puzzle #2

venial
(Hint: there are at least 50 words to be made from venial.)

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Anagram Puzzle #3

**negate**
(Hint: there are at least 30 words to be made from negate.)

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Anagram Puzzle #4

**callous**
(Hint: there are at least 30 words to be made from callous.)

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Anagram Puzzle #5

devious
(Hint: there are at least 40 words to be made from devious.)

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Anagram Puzzle #6

marred
(Hint: there are at least 30 words to be made from marred.)

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Anagram Puzzle #7

verbose
(Hint: there are at least 40 words to be made from verbose.)

Anagram Puzzle #8

lavish
(Hint: there are at least 25 words to be made from lavish.)
Anagram Puzzle #9

notoriety
(Hint: there are at least 100 words to be made from notoriety.)

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Anagram Puzzle #10

laconic
(Hint: there are at least 40 words to be made from laconic.)

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## Anagrams

### Answers

**Anagram Puzzle #1**

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call  col    locals scull
calls cola  locus  sol
callus colas oca   sou
calo  cols   olla  soul
caul  cull   ollas

Anagram Puzzle #5

dev   doves  ouds  vids
die   due    side  vie
dies  dues  sod   vied
dis   dui    sou   vies
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doe   eds    use  vised
does  ides  used  void
dos   ids    vid   voids
dose  ode    vide

douse odes  video

dove  oud    videos

Anagram Puzzle #6

are   derm  mad   ram
arm   derma made  rare
armed dram  mae  read
dam   dream mar   ream
dame drear mare  rear
dare  ear    mead rear

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Anagram Puzzle #7

bee          ever          rob          sever
beer         eves         robe         sob
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bees         obverse       robs         soever
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breves       ores          rove          veer
bro           ors           roves         veers
bros         over          see           vees
brose        reb           seer          verb
ere           rebs          ser           verbs
eros          res           sere          verse
erose         rev           serve         verso
eve           revs          servo

Anagram Puzzle #8

ahi           hails         sal          via
ahis          has           shiv          vial
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ails          lav           vails         visa
ash           lavs          vas
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In this chapter, you will use your knowledge of an ACT vocabulary word’s meaning to create a fun acrostic poem. This activity will also help you remember the spelling of each vocabulary word by breaking it down to create a poem.

Instructions

An acrostic poem begins with a word as its subject. The word is written vertically from top to bottom, and each line of the poem begins with a different letter from the subject word. Although you can make this poem rhyme if you like, rhyming is not necessary in an acrostic. In fact, lines could be made up of just one word.

The following is an example of an acrostic using the word school:

S tudying hard in each of our subjects
C lasses can be easy or hard, fun, or tedious
H ow will we get all this homework done?
O ur teachers guide us through lectures and assignments
O ften we wait until the last minute to cram
L earning what we need to know for the future
Notice that each line in the acrostic has something to do with the subject word, school. When completing the following acrostics, make sure that each line refers back to the subject word. This will help you to remember its meaning when you’re taking the ACT exam.

There are no right or wrong answers for this game, so be as clever, creative, or outlandish as you like. Write whatever helps you remember the definition the best—and have fun!

**Acroptic #1: SINUOUS**

Something that is *sinuous* curves in and out and winds or bends. (Example: The stream took a *sinuous* path through the woods.)

| S | __________________________________________ |
|   | __________________________________________ |
| I | __________________________________________ |
| N | __________________________________________ |
| U | __________________________________________ |
| O | __________________________________________ |
| U | __________________________________________ |
| S | __________________________________________ |

**Acroptic #2: VILIFY**

To *vilify* is to say or write harsh, critical things about someone. (Example: The opposition did not just disagree with the politician; they tried to *vilify* him in the media.)

| V | __________________________________________ |
|   | __________________________________________ |
| I | __________________________________________ |
| L | __________________________________________ |
| I | __________________________________________ |
| F | __________________________________________ |
| Y | __________________________________________ |
Acrostic #3: LOATHE

To loathe is to show great dislike or disgust.
(Example: He could tell from the look on my face when he served it that I loathe broccoli.)

L ____________________________________________
O ____________________________________________
A ____________________________________________
T ____________________________________________
H ____________________________________________
E ____________________________________________

Acrostic #4: BLATANT

Something that is blatant is obvious.
(Example: I didn’t mind that she was late; what bothered me was that her excuse was a blatant lie.)

B ____________________________________________
L ____________________________________________
A ____________________________________________
T ____________________________________________
A ____________________________________________
N ____________________________________________
T ____________________________________________
Acrostic #5: APATHY

Apathy is a lack of energy or interest.
(Example: Her apathy toward sports is a direct result of having to sit through endless football games when she was younger.)

A __________________________
P __________________________
A __________________________
T __________________________
H __________________________
Y __________________________

Acrostic #6: DEVISE

To devise is to invent or create something.
(Example: He’s hard to deceive, so we’ll have to devise a plan to get him to the surprise party.)

D __________________________
E __________________________
V __________________________
I __________________________
S __________________________
E __________________________
Acrostic #7: EXALT

To **exalt** is to glorify or praise someone or something.
(Example: She always goes out of her way to **exalt** the flavor of a home-made meal.)

E __________________________________________
X __________________________________________
A __________________________________________
L __________________________________________
T __________________________________________

Acrostic #8: PALPABLE

Something that is **palpable** can be easily perceived or felt.
(Example: When her rival walked into the room, the tension was **palpable**.)

P __________________________________________
A __________________________________________
L __________________________________________
P __________________________________________
A __________________________________________
B __________________________________________
L __________________________________________
E __________________________________________
Acrostic #9: IMPEDE

To **impede** is to hinder or get in the way.
(Example: Lack of strong leadership will really **impede** our progress with this project.)

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Acrostic #10: FERVOR

**Fervor** refers to extreme ardor or excitement.
(Example: The crowd clapped politely for the opening act, but worked themselves up to a **fervor** when the star stepped out on stage.)

F
E
R
V
O
R
Answers

Answers in this chapter will vary; a sample answer is below.

**Acrostic #1:**

- **S** snakelike and winding
- **I** indirect and meandering
- **N** naturally curving
- **U** undulating
- **O** openly circuitous
- **U** upwardly winding
- **S** slowly spiraling
In this chapter, you will learn to spell ACT words by rearranging the letters to discover vocabulary words. You should find it easier to remember the definitions of these words because they are linked by common subjects.

Instructions

Unscramble the words in each jumble by placing one letter in each box to spell ACT vocabulary words.

If you need help, a list containing all the ACT words used in this book can be found on page 137. Scan the list to see if you can identify the word(s) you’re looking for. If you’re completely stumped, give yourself a break by turning to another game or doing something else for a while. You can always come back and finish at another time.

Answers to all of the puzzles can be found at the end of the chapter, but don’t peek until you’ve given each game your very best shot!
Jumble #1: Cold, Hard Cash

This jumble is made up of words that are used when talking about money—saving, spending, or even wasting.

FLAGTYIRU
SERMILY
CETIPANT
TRESYPPIRO
QANUREDS
CUSPEIOUNIM

Jumble #2: Let’s Get Along

This jumble is made up of words that can be used when trying to make the best of a situation.

COYCILANITRO
PEAPEAS
FEERENCED
RATIOELAME
ENSONUSC
LEORECINC
Jumble #3: Nighty-Night

The words in this game are ones you’d hear in the evening or nighttime hours.

ARCTLEGIH
ULAOCITNNR
ACOLHYN
EOSPHER
ALQRIUTFN
ENWA

Jumble #4: Past Tense

These words describe things that are going . . . going . . . gone.

CACHIRA
OETSJOELB
ONSJCMNARHAI
EIVRMALP
IGSEETV
TRAFICTA
Jumble #5: Know-It-All

These words describe those who are recognized for being wise.

AOGCUSSAI
MNENTEI
AYRMINUL
ASENTPA
PSSRIOSCUCIAE
BERELAVNE

Jumble #6: Mangia!

This game comprises words that you might hear when talking about eating and drinking.

MIEIBB
SLUTOGUONT
IULOBUBS
AMFISH
AGONFRIG
TESOABUSMI
Jumble #7: Enough Already!

You might use these words to describe something that’s over the top.

SOBABITCM
IEFFVUES
NOEASIDRG
NOTUTTIESASO
LIDROF
SESRULUOFPU

Jumble #8: Too Cool for School

The answers below are words you might hear while you're in the classroom.

DICTIACD
DIEMRELA
RUDEITE
METO
BIRDAGE
REELCARB
When you’re showing how sophisticated you are, you might use these words.

OLOOTMAPNICS

EELIT

ETELNEG

SLABE

COURDEM

SPURETENTIO
Jumble #10: Don’t Be That Person

You wouldn’t want the words in this jumble used to describe you!

BGTRAGAR
QUBURES
RUSHLICH
RETES
RUNCUTLET
MENUTIPD
Answers

Jumble #1: Cold, Hard Cash
FLAGTYIRU  FRUGALITY
SERMILY  MISERLY
CETIPANT  PITTANCE
TRESYPRIOR  PROSPERITY
QANUREDS  SQUANDER
CUSPEIOUNIM  IMPECUNIOUS

Jumble #2: Can’t We All Just Get Along?
COYCILANITRO  CONCILIATORY
PEAPEAS  APPEASE
FEERENCED  DEFERENCE
RATIOELAME  AMELIORATE
ENSONSUSC  CONSENSUS
LEORECINC  RECONCILE

Jumble #3: Nighty-Night
ARCTLEGIH  LETHARGIC
ULAOCTNNR  NOCTURNAL
ACOLHYN  HALCYON
EOSPER  REPOSE
ALQRIUTN  TRANQUIL
ENWA  WANE

Jumble #4: Past Tense
CACHIRA  ARCHAIC
OETSOELB  OBSOLETE
ONSCHMNARHAI  ANACHRONISM
EIVRMLAP  PRIMEVAL
IGSEETV  VESTIGE
TRAFICTA  ARTIFACT
**Jumble #5: Know-It-All**

**AOGCUSSAI**  SAGACIOUS  
**MNENTEI**  EMINENT  
**AYRMINUL**  LUMINARY  
**ASENTPi**  SAPIENT  
**PPSRIOSCUCIAE**  PERSPICACIOUS  
**BERELAVNE**  VENERABLE  

**Jumble #6: Mangia!**

**MIEIBBB**  IMBIBE  
**SLUTOGUONT**  GLUTTONOUS  
**IULOBUBS**  BIBULOUS  
**AMFISH**  FAMISH  
**AGONFRIG**  FORAGING  
**TESOABUSMI**  ABSTEMIOUS  

**Jumble #7: Enough Already!**

**SOBABITCM**  BOMBASTIC  
**IEFFVUES**  EFFUSIVE  
**NOEASIDRG**  GRANDIOSE  
**NOTUTTIESASO**  OSTENTATIOUS  
**LIDROF**  FLORID  
**SESRULUOFPU**  SUPERFLUOUS  

**Jumble #8: Too Cool for School**

**DICTIACD**  DIDACTIC  
**DIEMRELA**  REMEDIAL  
**RUDEITE**  ERUDITE  
**METO**  TOME  
**BIRDAGE**  ABRIDGE  
**REELCARB**  CEREBRAL
Jumbles

Jumble #9: Puttin’ on the Ritz

OLOOTMAPNICS  COSMOPOLITAN
EELIT          ELITE
ETELNEG        GENIUS
SLABE          BLASE
COURDEM        DECORUM
SPURETENTIO    PRETENTIOUS

Jumble #10: Don’t Be That Guy

BGTRAGAR       BRAGGART
QUBURES        BRUSQUE
RUSHLICH       CHURLISH
RETES          TERSE
RUNCUTLET      TRUCULENT
MENUTIPD       IMPUDENT
In this chapter, you will reinforce your ability to recognize ACT vocabulary words by finding them in the following word search puzzles.

**Instructions**

Each word on the right side of the game is hidden somewhere within the letters on the left side. Words will be found exactly as they are spelled, but may be written left to right, right to left, up and down, or diagonally.

Answers are found at the end of the chapter. Be sure to look up any unfamiliar words in the glossary at the back of the book, because it’s not enough to know how the words are spelled—you will need to know their meanings, as well, when you take the ACT exam!
WORD SEARCHES

Word Search Game #1

S A I E L B A T C A R T N C Y
D L F E M O S N I W L C A R D
U J R N Q H Z P K C T H H I I
Y G Y K M U U K H C W I X T F
W W A O T M Z Q K X B C G E R
W K D R X U J B P N P A A R E
B C E E R L K U D S X N G I P
G P L Y W U J M X F C E C O U
L R T I L U L A O X I R U N D
T A N O M A L O U S C Y I U W
I B R F P M U J U H J N C T O
W I R N B C Y T Z S V S B L Z
Q M D C N G H C I T E M R E H
D L O M U N D A N E X R W M R
Y D P A B D I C A T E K K W C

CHICANERY
TRACTABLE
GARRULOUS
ABDICATE
WINSOME
MUNDANE
PERFIDY
HERMETIC
ANOMALOUS
CRITERION

Word Search Game #2

A X A B F F D F Y V D E Q W S
S T G T V Q C Z E G I J J M T
C A P W N G Z M A G P V A S S
V L H T V E S T I G E S W C I
L L R K E E G U L E R K X H N
D E N O U N C E T S T Q Q R O
M V D H Q H C T K U N Q H M D
S I Z F S V O A S Q I K S S E
A A J N U D R H S I M A F H
D T T F R L E U J T X A G L B
S E V D B K S T U Q J F Q I Y
E I Y C N X I A D V S Z J O C
L G I Y J V V S Y K G R J S H
J R N U V U E V T F V L W E U
N S M P E D O G M A T I C B I

DENOUNCE
ALLEVIATE
BRUSQUE
SATURATE
VESTIGE
INTREPID
FAMISH
HEDONIST
COHESIVE
DOGMATIC
Word Search Game #3

N N I J L Z Q A H G C S D F C
K S P N B X Z N O Q W C Z A E
V N Y T I C I L P U D H K N S
E R O B T J Y Y V A P I D G S
P B K F Q T H E I U K S Z I X
U S D I B H M S M U V M C N X
Z T N L N D R U T C A D D E C
W L E Z Z C E R C J B Z T B S
P Q A N V I T A J J A L D X
M X U N A M I S X X T U A I N
W F D P G C O B I N M C I Q G
E L V B B U I A E V P M V F Z
M H H P F Z I T X A E X O Z F
P Y K E P A O D Y Y Q Q J X N
E A O O N P B S T N V Y N N Y

KNAVERY
PROLIFIC
OSSIFIED
SAGACIOUS
NASCENT
QUIXOTIC
PANACEA
DECORUM
MALICIOUS
EPITOME
Word Search Game #5

EGRESS

DEPRAVITY

PARSIMONY

RECLUSE

ACERBIC

ENMITY

INSIPID

CHURLISH

LEXICON

WANTON

Word Search Game #6

VOCIFEROUS

OPULENCE

SALIENT

ADVERSARY

WIZENED

BRIGAND

RAPPORT

ANARCHY

DISCORDANT

SERVILE

edqypclvbiknxmp
vmneweybrigandt
oservileallcuhn
zwbibfzdndnhnca
mosntolemorscxid
lycohnjenjhnpzr
osalientntwegaqfo
wjtroppargdbzrc
vzjunuanarchyns
dlbdggihsldtci
znscuoreficovpd
abeadvertaryzdf
flqpecnelpupoklr
ucidpgsgupwpht
xxuawzqwtntpgfn
WORD SEARCHES

Word Search Game #7

OL E S O T E R I C I Q V L G
G O M C O Y E D U T I P R U T
R C L M N T N E V L O S Y O Q
Y Z Z S Y G N T N I B R I C T
K B V V J C U S A E A L A X L
R T V Y O H I L N D G O U A T
R P V K T X T R N O M Y R Z E
L X Z V O R L A R N L E W R H
T S T H U P U B C A M I E T Z
U S N I S Q M A Y E C T A T H
A G S G Z I P X H B S J L J I G
F M Y I N F W P X U U B O I H
R U Z S W E E H A M F I T H X
S E D S U O I D I T S A F I Q
S R L X X P A Q E S O R O M I

ESOTERIC
IMBROGLIO
QUANDARY
MOROSE
FASTIDIOUS
TURPITUDE
AUSTERE
SOLVENT
ALTRUISM
EPHEMERAL

Word Search Game #8

H Q P O G A F Q C T M S J I F
M K C S H G B V H Q G X R M T
Z H U Y X I E T Y H P O E N Y
F G X N Z M N B X I V N Z H R
B H C D S U J O E T I D U R E
C F W I L O Z C S X E N B B
E O U C A E P U W U K T U X F
T X X H T T T L H I L S J R G
A U A O Y D C A J R K A X X S
G A F T T T M O R N G G C T U U
I U Z O W F R O N I F T V E Z
T T W M W E D U H J T G V E Y
I V O Y I A I T X W W S G O C
M E R U J B A V U K C P B L B
N R V L Z O L Y A N G Z E O J

INOCULATE
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**Word Search Game #9**

Y J C L S C O T A Z B V G U H
N J D Y T I R A P S I D L G O
A B G C W G Z Y C G S I I D R
L U X U Y U Q Q P O D R Z E G
Y M Y J J O B G S Q E M A O Z
S G E Z D Y F L X T Y K X Q T
D I P I X P Z G A W X B F I A
M N O C O E R C I O N U C L R
W U W E H U I G R P R I Q H C
S N W U R R C S V T L B V T H
D D H U T K Y A I P C H H L A
P A B N F G D V X J P X G M I
P T I G S B E E H T I L O V C
Y E K K D N E J W M O H J Y D
G C D L M I S E R L Y J L D B

**Word Search Game #10**

B D Q B T C X Z M M S T O H Z
E T N B W Z P V C H R O F E V
D W T I H C D F N A V H P I B
L C T C A Z X W V E U H J Q Q
A L P R F D O E U G Y K O V O
M L C F A F S B R R K B U W Q
X P G Q H T R I Q E J G G G M
C D S T Y A C A D I U M T M O
M E Q K G R F A M G I N E N M
Q L L G Y K G A F T O S I X X
E Y A P D N M R T G I I X I O
S R T B J H I N D R A N C E T
T I X C U A J C L J L P U D V
C B H Q C I L O I R T I V C P
O J N F V I W A N E C D O T E

**Words**

ODIOUS
LITHE
INUNDATE
FURTIVE
EXPLICIT
MISERLY
INTRICATE
DISPARITY
ARCHAIC
COERCION
VITRIOLIC
HINDRANCE
DISDAIN
BEDLAM
ZEPHYR
TRAVESTY
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BRAGGART
Answers

Word Search Game #1

![Word Search Game #1 Diagram]

Word Search Game #2

![Word Search Game #2 Diagram]
Word Search Game #3

Word Search Game #4

SCHISM  TENACITY  VAPID  POTENTATE  JOVIAL  ABSTRUSE  INCISIVE  BENIGN  LanguID  Duplicity

Knavery  Prolific  OSSIFIED  SAGACIOUS  NASCENT  QUIXOTIC  Panacea  Decorum  Malicious  epitome
Word Search Game #5

Word Search Game #6
Word Search Game #7

OL E S O T E R I C I Q V L G
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Y Z Z S Y G N T N I B R I C T
K B V V J C U S A E A L A X I
R T V Y O H I L N D G O U A T
R P V K T X R B N O M Y R Z E
L X Z V O R T A R N L E W R H
T S T H U P B C A M I E T Z
U S N I S Q M A Y E C T A T H
A G S G Z P X H B S J L J G
F M Y I N F W P X U U B O I H
R U Z S W E E H A M F I T H X
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B H C D S U J O E T I D U R E
C F W I L O Z C S X E N B B
E O U C A E F P W U K T U X F
T X X H T T T L H I I S J R G
A U A O Y D C A I R K A X K S
G A F T T M O R N G G C T U U
I U Z O W F R O N I F T V E Z
T T W M W E D U H J T G V E Y
I V O Y J A I T X W W S G O C
M E R U J B A V U K C P B L B
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L U X U Y U Q Q P O D R Z E G
Y M Y J J O B G S Q E M A O Z
S G E Z D Y F L X T Y K X Q T
D I P I X P Z G A W X B F L A
M N O C O E R C I O N U C L R
W U W E H U I R P B I R Q H C
S N W U R C S V T I B V T H
D D H U T K Y A L P C H H L A
P A R N F G D V J P X G M I
P T I G S B E E H T I L O V C
Y E K K D N E J W M O H J Y D
G C D L M I S E R L Y J L D B

Word Search Game #10

B D Q B T C X Z Z M M S T O H Z
E T N B W Z P V C H R O F E V
D W T I H C D F N A V H B I B
L C T C A Z X W V E U H I Q Q
A L P R F D O E U G Y K O V O
M L C F A E S B R B K B U W Q
X P G Q H T R Q E J G G G M
C D S T Y A C A D I U M T M O
M E Q K G R P A M G I N E N M
Q L I G Y K G A F T O S I X X
E Y A P D M R T G I I X I O
S R T B J H I N D R A N C E T
I X C U A J C I L P U D V
C B H Q C I L O I R T I V C P
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BRAGGART
In this chapter, you’ll learn to look carefully at similar-sounding (or similarly spelled) pairs of words to find the correct meaning for each.

Instructions

Draw a line to match the word in Column A with the definition in Column B. Be careful—these lists are made up of pairs of commonly confused words, and the games will be a little tricky.

Answers can be found at the end of the chapter.
## Matching Column Game #1

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>A</th>
<th>B</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>allusion</td>
<td>practicing extreme self-denial; austerity</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>illusion</td>
<td>location, scene, or point of occurrence</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>aesthetic</td>
<td>expression of respect or affection; good wishes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ascetic</td>
<td>something that is misleading or deceptive</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>cite</td>
<td>occurring at the same time; running parallel</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>site</td>
<td>appreciation of beauty or art</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>compliment</td>
<td>indirect reference</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>complement</td>
<td>refer to or quote authoritatively; call upon officially</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>concurrent</td>
<td>following one after the other in order</td>
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<tr>
<td>consecutive</td>
<td>make something complete</td>
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## Matching Column Game #2

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>A</th>
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<tr>
<td>connote</td>
<td>modest; having good moral judgment</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>denote</td>
<td>indifferent; not interested</td>
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<tr>
<td>discrete</td>
<td>someone who settles in a new country</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>discreet</td>
<td>associate; express indirectly or imply</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>disinterested</td>
<td>glue-like; gummy</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>uninterested</td>
<td>indicate; make known</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>emigrant</td>
<td>having an enormous appetite</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>immigrant</td>
<td>separate; individually distinct</td>
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<tr>
<td>glutinous</td>
<td>one who departs a country to settle elsewhere</td>
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<tr>
<td>gluttonous</td>
<td>impartial; unbiased</td>
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### Matching Column Game #3

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<tr>
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<tr>
<td>figuratively</td>
<td>symbolically; metaphorically</td>
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<tr>
<td>literally</td>
<td>(1) toward the front; (2) send on or pass along</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>foreword</td>
<td>writing materials; notepaper</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>forward</td>
<td>form; produce; create</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>stationary</td>
<td>unlawful</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>stationery</td>
<td>actually; word-for-word</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>comprise</td>
<td>to draw out (especially emotion or information)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>compose</td>
<td>made up of; included within a particular scope</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>elicit</td>
<td>introductory note or preface</td>
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<tr>
<td>illicit</td>
<td>fixed; unmoving</td>
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### Matching Column Game #4

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<tr>
<td>inflammable</td>
<td>capable of being bought; corrupt through bribery</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>nonflammable</td>
<td>(1) one who founds or establishes; (2) give way; sink</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>founder</td>
<td>next-to-last</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>flounder</td>
<td>most remote; last; best or most extreme</td>
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<tr>
<td>penultimate</td>
<td>contrary or opposed; unfavorable</td>
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<tr>
<td>ultimate</td>
<td>having a feeling of intense dislike or repulsion</td>
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<tr>
<td>venial</td>
<td>unable to be set on fire</td>
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<tr>
<td>venal</td>
<td>minor; pardonable</td>
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<tr>
<td>adverse</td>
<td>able to be set on fire</td>
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<tr>
<td>averse</td>
<td>(1) a marine fish; (2) struggle or thrash about</td>
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## Matching Column Game #5

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<tr>
<td>empathy</td>
<td>give notice; tell</td>
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<tr>
<td>sympathy</td>
<td>tool used for making holes or removing loose material</td>
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<tr>
<td>appraise</td>
<td>feeling of loyalty or support for another</td>
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<tr>
<td>apprise</td>
<td>one who supervises conduct or morals; to suppress</td>
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<tr>
<td>augur</td>
<td>set a value or estimate the cost of something</td>
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<tr>
<td>auger</td>
<td>official reprimand or condemnation</td>
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<tr>
<td>censure</td>
<td>find similarities or resemblances</td>
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<tr>
<td>censor</td>
<td>find a degree of difference</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>compare</td>
<td>sharing another’s emotions or feelings</td>
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<tr>
<td>contrast</td>
<td>a person who foretells events or sees the future</td>
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## Matching Column Game #6

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<tr>
<td>council</td>
<td>nonstop; continuing uninterrupted</td>
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<tr>
<td>counsel</td>
<td>an advisory or legislative body or group</td>
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<tr>
<td>continuous</td>
<td>recurring in rapid succession; occurring regularly</td>
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<tr>
<td>continual</td>
<td>(1) downward inclination; (2) deriving from ancestors</td>
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<tr>
<td>decent</td>
<td>advice, policy, or plan of action</td>
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<tr>
<td>descent</td>
<td>make less harmful or tense</td>
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<tr>
<td>defuse</td>
<td>frequency of occurrence</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>diffuse</td>
<td>happenings; events that lead to grave consequences</td>
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<tr>
<td>incidence</td>
<td>appropriate; free from immodesty or obscenity</td>
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<tr>
<td>incidents</td>
<td>not concentrated; spread out</td>
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### Matching Column Game #7

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<tr>
<td>insight</td>
<td>provide or obtain insurance; take precaution</td>
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<tr>
<td>incite</td>
<td>relating to an office or position</td>
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<tr>
<td>ensure</td>
<td>move to action; stir up</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>insure</td>
<td>suited for war; related to military life</td>
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<tr>
<td>marital</td>
<td>to make certain</td>
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<tr>
<td>martial</td>
<td>transparent; clear and precise</td>
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<tr>
<td>officious</td>
<td>of or relating to marriage</td>
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<tr>
<td>official</td>
<td>penetration; seeing the inner nature of something</td>
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<tr>
<td>perspicuous</td>
<td>kind; dutiful</td>
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<tr>
<td>perspicacious</td>
<td>acutely insightful and wise</td>
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### Matching Column Game #8

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<td>proscribe</td>
<td>continue; follow a certain course</td>
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<tr>
<td>prescribe</td>
<td>height; quality or status gained by development</td>
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<tr>
<td>precede</td>
<td>recommend; specify with authority</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>proceed</td>
<td>twisting and turning; devious or indirect tactics</td>
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<tr>
<td>stature</td>
<td>excessively greedy or eager; having a large appetite</td>
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<td>statute</td>
<td>unpleasant or painful</td>
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<td>tortuous</td>
<td>condemn or forbid as harmful</td>
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<tr>
<td>torturous</td>
<td>law or legislative act</td>
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<tr>
<td>vociferous</td>
<td>be, go, or come ahead or in front of; surpass</td>
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<td>voracious</td>
<td>blatant; conspicuous and offensive</td>
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<td>outcry</td>
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<td>suggest; express or state indirectly</td>
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<td>conscious</td>
<td>guess; deduce</td>
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<tr>
<td>eminent</td>
<td>awake; aware</td>
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<td>imminent</td>
<td>able to be perceived or detected</td>
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### Matching Column Game #10

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Answers

Matching Column Game #1

- allusion: practicing extreme self-denial
- illusion: location, scene, or point of occurrence
- aesthetic: expression of respect or affection; good wishes
- ascetic: something that is misleading or deceptive
- cite: occurring at the same time; running parallel
- site: appreciation of beauty or art
- compliment: indirect reference
- complement: refer to or quote authoritatively; call upon officially
- concurrent: following one after the other in order
- consecutive: make something complete

Matching Column Game #2

- connote: modest; having good moral judgment
- denote: indifferent; not interested
- discrete: someone who settles in a new country
- discreet: associate; express indirectly or imply
- disinterested: glue-like; gummy
- uninterested: indicate; make known
- emigrant: having an enormous appetite
- immigrant: separate; individually distinct
- glutinous: one who departs a country to settle elsewhere
- gluttonous: impartial; unbiased
Matching Column Game #3

figuratively — symbolically; metaphorically
literally — (1) toward the front; (2) send on or pass along
foreword — writing materials; notepaper
forward — form; produce; create
stationary — unlawful
stationery — actually; word-for-word
comprise — to draw out (especially emotion or information)
compose — made up of; included within a particular scope
elicit — introductory note or preface
illicit — fixed; unmoving

Matching Column Game #4

inflammable — capable of being bought; corrupt through bribery
nonflammable — (1) one who founds or establishes; (2) give way; sink
founder — next-to-last
flounder — most remote; last; best or most extreme
penultimate — contrary or opposed; unfavorable
ultimate — having a feeling of intense dislike or repulsion
venial — unable to be set on fire
venal — minor; pardonable
adverse — able to be set on fire
averse — (1) a marine fish; (2) struggle or thrash about
Matching Column Game #5

- empathy
- sympathy
- appraise
- apprise
- augur
- auger
- censure
- censor
- compare
- contrast

give notice; tell
tool used for making holes or removing loose material
feeling of loyalty or support for another
one who supervises conduct or morals; to suppress
set a value or estimate the cost of something
official reprimand or condemnation
find similarities or resemblances
find a degree of difference
sharing another’s emotions or feelings
a person who foretells events or sees the future

Matching Column Game #6

council
counsel
continuous
continual
decent
descent
defuse
diffuse
incidence
incidents
nonstop; continuing uninterrupted
an advisory or legislative body or group
recurring in rapid succession; occurring regularly
(1) downward inclination; (2) deriving from ancestors
advice, policy, or plan of action
make less harmful or tense
frequency of occurrence
happenings; events that lead to grave consequences
appropriate; free from immodesty or obscenity
not concentrated; spread out
Matching Column Game #7

- insight: provide or obtain insurance; take precaution
- incite: relating to an office or position
- ensure: move to action; stir up
- insure: suited for war; related to military life
- marital: to make certain
- martial: transparent; clear and precise
- officious: of or relating to marriage
- official: penetration; seeing the inner nature of something
- perspicuous: kind; dutiful
- perspicacious: acutely insightful and wise

Matching Column Game #8

- proscribed: continue; follow a certain course
- prescribe: height; quality or status gained by development
- precede: recommend; specify with authority
- proceed: twisting and turning; desious or indirect tactics
- stature: excessively greedy or eager; having a large appetite
- statute: unpleasant or painful
- tortuous: condemn or forbid as harmful
- torturous: law or legislative act
- vociferous: be, go, or come ahead or in front of; surpass
- voracious: blatant; conspicuous and offensive outcry
Matching Column Game #9

conscience
conscious
eminent
imminent
imply
infer
notable
noticeable
irreverent
irrelevant

suggest; express or state indirectly
guess; deduce
awake; aware
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In this chapter, you will learn to remember definitions and spellings of ACT words. You’ll identify a word by its meaning, and then spell it out without assistance.

Instructions

Use the definition provided to find each clue word. Write the word in the boxes next to each definition. Next, unscramble the letters in the circled boxes within the clue words to find a bonus vocabulary word.

If you get stuck, scan the word list on page 110 to see if you can figure out the word to match the definition. Be careful—some words in this chapter have similar definitions or spellings, and others have been used more than once.

Answers are found at the end of the chapter. Don’t peek!
Hidden-Meaning Puzzle #1

1. deliberate; carefully thought out (10 letters)

2. sly or crafty (4 letters)

3. thin; not thick (6 letters)

4. exaggerated praise or flattery (9 letters)

5. sincerity and openness (6 letters)

6. loose robe (6 letters)

7. show or illustrate by example (9 letters)

8. act of going off-subject; turning attention away (10 letters)

9. conspicuously bad; scandalous (8 letters)

10. come between or step in (9 letters)

Bonus: words that mean the opposite of what one thinks or assumes
Hidden-Meaning Puzzle #2

1. goad or provoke (9 letters)

2. exercising discretion and sound judgment (7 letters)

3. sly or crafty (4 letters)

4. remedy; something that counteracts (8 letters)

5. complicated (9 letters)

6. get or gather together (7 letters)

7. someone who excels at making speeches (6 letters)

8. make movements or gestures while speaking (11 letters)

9. make official (6 letters)

10. using few words; brief (8 letters)

Bonus: careful; watchful
Hidden-Meaning Puzzle #3

1. never giving up
(11 letters)

2. feel or show deep respect (8 letters)

3. complicated; long-winded (10 letters)

4. quiet; not inclined to speak (8 letters)

5. to give in to or fall under the influence of something (7 letters)

6. careful and organized (10 letters)

7. satisfy; please (7 letters)

8. express a negative opinion (9 letters)

9. kind (10 letters)

10. maintain or assert (7 letters)

Bonus: changing repeatedly
Hidden-Meaning Puzzle #4

1. belittle; disparage (9 letters)
2. praise; commend (5 letters)
3. supply or sell (6 letters)
4. moving apart in different directions; deviating (9 letters)
5. calmness in mind or bearing (9 letters)
6. outside edge of an area (9 letters)
7. reverse in position or order (6 letters)
8. transformation (11 letters)
9. easily tricked or deceived (8 letters)
10. deceitful; based on false or misleading information (10 letters)

Bonus: truth or accuracy
Hidden-Meaning Puzzle #5

1. breaking up or scattering; spreading widely (10 letters)

2. cease to consider (7 letters)

3. act of being or feeling suspicious or fearful (12 letters)

4. prediction, omen, or sense of doom (10 letters)

5. treat something as acceptable or understandable (7 letters)

6. reasonable and logical (9 letters)

7. extremely wicked (9 letters)

8. briefly passing through (9 letters)

9. shortness; conciseness (7 letters)

10. glowing (11 letters)

Bonus: craftsperson
Hidden-Meaning Puzzle #6

1. relationship or affinity between people (7 letters)

2. closeness (9 letters)

3. uncertain; capable of different meanings (9 letters)

4. possible; doable (8 letters)

5. burden or responsibility (4 letters)

6. assuming too much (12 letters)

7. quality or state of being new (7 letters)

8. refuse to accept (9 letters)

9. manipulate; use to one’s own advantage (7 letters)

10. disdainful; stuck up (7 letters)

Bonus: someone who questions or doubts
1. arrangement by rank or position (9 letters)

2. not hurtful; harmless (9 letters)

3. laud; praise; glorify (5 letters)

4. act of not caring; being indifferent (11 letters)

5. rudeness (9 letters)

6. not essential (10 letters)

7. hindrance (9 letters)

8. state of dishonor or shame (11 letters)

9. cause to continue (10 letters)

10. fair and equal; having good judgment or common sense (9 letters)

Bonus: someone who goes against accepted authority
Hidden-Meaning Puzzle #8

1. remarkable development or event (10 letters)

2. faint trace or spark (9 letters)

3. glowing brightly; radiant (8 letters)

4. urge or force to action (5 letters)

5. event that occurs at a critical time (8 letters)

6. exaggerated opinion of one’s own importance (7 letters)

7. willingness or readiness to believe (9 letters)

8. accurate; exact (10 letters)

9. state of being isolated or detached (10 letters)

10. praise, glorify, or honor (4 letters)

Bonus: using humor to show political or societal faults
Hidden-Meaning Puzzle #9

1. ambiguous, indirect, and wordy language (14 letters)
2. set a value or estimate the cost of something (8 letters)
3. specify; define (9 letters)
4. cultural, intellectual or moral tendencies of an era (9 letters)
5. showy; conspicuous (12 letters)
6. accidental; unintentional (11 letters)
7. disintegration or destruction caused by chemical action (9 letters)
8. limited; unsophisticated (10 letters)
9. press or squeeze thoroughly (5 letters)
10. cause to calm (7 letters)

Bonus: using few words in writing or speech
Hidden-Meaning Puzzle #10

1. showing much respect
   (8 letters)

2. put in danger; threaten
   (10 letters)

3. feeling or showing
   acceptance of something unpleasant
   (8 letters)

4. strict (9 letters)

5. arrogant or haughty
   (12 letters)

6. strength or determination
   (5 letters)

7. often but not readily or steadily
   (8 letters)

8. line of people waiting in order of arrival
   (5 letters)

9. unnecessary (9 letters)

10. existing in every part of something (9 letters)

Bonus: examine closely
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**Hidden-Meaning Puzzle #1**
1. calculated
2. wily
3. sparse
4. adulatation
5. candor
6. kimono
7. exemplify
8. digression
9. flagrant
10. intervene
**Bonus:** ironic

**Hidden-Meaning Puzzle #2**
1. instigate
2. prudent
3. wily
4. antidote
5. intricate
6. compile
7. orator
8. gesticulate
9. ratify
10. succinct
**Bonus:** wary

**Hidden-Meaning Puzzle #3**
1. unrelenting
2. venerate
3. convoluted
4. taciturn
5. succumb
6. methodical
7. gratify
8. disparage
9. benevolent
10. contend
**Bonus:** vacillate

**Hidden-Meaning Puzzle #4**
1. deprecate
2. extol
3. purvey
4. divergent
5. composure
6. periphery
7. invert
8. permutation
9. gullible
10. fallacious
**Bonus:** veracity
Hidden-Meaning Puzzle #5
1. dispersion
2. dismiss
3. apprehension
4. foreboding
5. condone
6. pragmatic
7. nefarious
8. transient
9. brevity
10. resplendent
**Bonus:** artisan

Hidden-Meaning Puzzle #6
1. kinship
2. proximity
3. equivocal
4. feasible
5. onus
6. presumptuous
7. novelty
8. repudiate
9. exploit
10. haughty
**Bonus:** skeptic

Hidden-Meaning Puzzle #7
1. hierarchy
2. innocuous
3. exalt
4. nonchalance
5. impudence
6. extraneous
7. deterrent
8. ignominious
9. perpetuate
10. judicious
**Bonus:** iconoclast

Hidden-Meaning Puzzle #8
1. phenomenon
2. scintilla
3. luminous
4. impel
5. juncture
6. egotism
7. credulity
8. meticulous
9. insularity
10. laud
**Bonus:** satirical
Hidden-Meaning Puzzle #9
1. circumlocution
2. appraise
3. delineate
4. zeitgeist
5. ostentatious
6. inadvertent
7. corrosion
8. provincial
9. knead
10. placate
**Bonus:** laconic

Hidden-Meaning Puzzle #10
1. reverent
2. jeopardize
3. resigned
4. stringent
5. supercilious
6. vigor
7. sporadic
8. queue
9. redundant
10. pervasive
**Bonus:** scrutinize
In this chapter, you will learn the spellings and definitions of common ACT vocabulary words.

Instructions

Fill in numbers 1 through 26, in order, in the hint box for each game. You will then have a number corresponding to each letter for the entire alphabet.

Then, use these letter-number pairs to solve each definition. Once you’ve figured out the definition, unscramble each word.

Answers are found at the back of the chapter. Don’t peek!
Cryptogram #1

Unscramble: FORCTIONLAGAN

Cryptogram #2

Unscramble: TOLAZE

Cryptogram #3

Unscramble: PURSU
Cryptogram #4

Unscramble: F I S T I P A C

Cryptogram #5

Unscramble: T R O U B S

Cryptogram #6

Unscramble: Q U A D T I E N T A
Cryptogram #7

Unscramble: CHEESEB

Cryptogram #8

Unscramble: COUFN DON
## Cryptogram #9

Unscramble: CRITENDO

| A | T | C | D | Y | H | E | B | G | J | N | M | K | O | Z | X | U | V | P | W | R | L | S | I | Q | F |
| 23| 5 | 23| 2 | 7 | 12| 14| 26|
| 8 | 7 | 22| 24| 7 | 26| 23|

## Cryptogram #10

Unscramble: OFUSLOVR

| U | Z | V | S | X | E | W | Q | A | H | B | K | C | D | O | F | T | G | I | N | Y | J | M | R | P | L |
| 20| 15| 17| 4 | 6 | 24| 19| 15| 1 | 4 |
| 4 | 19| 26| 26| 21|

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Answers

Cryptogram #1
large fire
CONFLAGRATION

Cryptogram #2
fanatical person
ZEALOT

Cryptogram #3
seize by force
USURP

Cryptogram #4
someone who opposes war
PACIFIST

Cryptogram #5
strong and healthy
ROBUST

Cryptogram #6
obsolete or outdated
ANTiquated

Cryptogram #7
implore or beg
BESEECH

Cryptogram #8
baffle or confuse
CONFOUND

Cryptogram #9
system of beliefs
DOCTRINE

Cryptogram #10
not serious: silly
FRIVOLOUS
PART III

SET A FOOLPROOF STRATEGY
Congratulations! You’ve finished the games in this book—which means you’ve taken a big step in improving your vocabulary skills. However, you may still have some time before the big day, right? Let’s look at some more preparation you can do, to make sure your score is the absolute best it can be.

Six Months Before Test Day

So, you’ve got some time before the ACT exam. That’s great! Read on for some additional things you can do to prepare yourself for the big day—from supersizing your vocabulary to learning the ins and outs of the exam and making sure you’re in good shape—both physically and mentally—on the day of the test.

Keep Up the Vocab Workout

By now you’re aware that a good working vocabulary is an important asset on the English sections of the ACT. But did you know that the best way to learn vocabulary is also the easiest? Simply keep an eye out for
unfamiliar words, add them to a running list, and then set aside a few minutes each day to learn some of the words on that list.

**DECONSTRUCT, DECONSTRUCT, DECONSTRUCT**

When learning new words, remember to break them down into roots, prefixes, and suffixes (as you learned in Chapters 1 through 3). You’ll be surprised to see how quickly knowing these will help you figure out definitions—and increase your vocabulary!

Let’s figure it out. How much time do you have until you take the exam? Is it a month, three months, a year? Whatever the length of time, you still have a chance to substantially improve your vocabulary before sitting down with that test booklet.

So here’s what you do. Count out the number of days before test day. (Don’t count the night before—you’ll be busy resting and rewarding yourself that night. See “The Night Before Test Day” in this chapter for more details.) Then, multiply the number of days by five. The result is the number of new vocabulary words you’ll know before the exam—by learning just five words a day. You can handle that, right? Of course you can!

**VOCAB IN A FLASH**

One easy way to learn your five new words per day is to use flashcards. Write a word on one side and the definition on the other, and keep the cards with you to practice whenever you have spare time. You can use them to study alone, or quiz a friend—then have that friend quiz you. Flashcards are a great way to get in some study time anywhere. (If you’re a techie or the kind of person who carries a mobile device at all times, check out some of the free flashcard apps available.)

Remember to be on the lookout for new words everywhere. Jot down unfamiliar words you see on signs, hear in conversations, or come
across while reading your favorite magazines. Make sure your new words list is always with you, so you can keep track of the ones you’ve learned and the ones you have on deck for the next time you have some time to kill!

**Familiarize Yourself with the Exam**

One big advantage you can give yourself on the day of the test is to know exactly what to expect, from how the exam is structured to approximately how long it will take you to complete each section, when to spend time figuring out an answer, and when to just make an educated guess. Fortunately, there are lots of practice tools out there that can help you do just that.

**TALK IT OUT**

When you learn a new word, try to use it as soon as you can. Practical knowledge—using something you’ve learned in the real world—is often the best way to really integrate something into your mind. So talk to your friends, your family, and your teachers using ACT words—to help you remember those words when it counts. Work these words into e-mails and essays. See how many people can keep up with your vocab skills!

**Books**

You can find the most up-to-date practice books in your local library or in most bookstores. If you decide to use books to take practice exams, it’s especially important to make sure that you're giving yourself the same amount of time to complete each section as you’ll get on the day of the test. You can find some suggestions for good books in the Resources section on page 149.

**Online**

Another great way to practice for the ACT exam is to take an actual practice exam online. These exams often consist of actual questions used on past exams. There are lots of practice tests available on the
Internet—some are free, and others can be accessed for a fee. Some other suggestions for good practice sites are located in the Resources section on page 149.

**Time Management**
While you’re taking practice tests, be sure to keep an eye on the time. The basic rule of ACT test taking is to allow yourself one minute per question; however, depending on your strengths, some questions will take you less time, and others will take more. Don’t consider the “one-minute rule” to be hard and fast, but do be aware of the amount of time you’re taking—and don’t spend too much time on any one question.

When working on a question you’re not sure of, be sure to eliminate wrong answer choices wherever you can. Cross out the ones you know are wrong on the test sheet so you can concentrate on the remaining possibilities, giving yourself a better chance at finding the right answer.

And don’t forget that you can always go back and revisit questions if you come to the end of a section before time is up. Just circle the number of the question so you can find it easily if you have extra time at the end to go back to it.

**Play to Your Strengths**
You know better than anyone else what comes easily for you, and what you have to work hard on. So, if one type of question in a particular section is easier for you than another, skip right to it and answer those questions first. Answer the easy questions first and save the ones you find harder for last!

**A Few Weeks Before Test Day**
As test day looms closer, you may start to feel a bit of panic set in. Don’t worry, that’s normal. Besides, you have nothing to worry about because you’ve been preparing all along. So take a deep breath and relax!
**Schedule Study Time**

One way to really set your mind at ease is to put together a study schedule for the next few weeks leading up to the exam. Try to map out a half hour to an hour a day, and decide what you’ll be working on in advance. Then, when you’ve completed your study session, stop! Studying regularly in small intervals is often more effective than trying to cram too much information into long, sleepless nights. When your allotted study time is up, close your book, turn off the computer, and go do something fun.

**Step Away from the Chips!**

You’ve probably heard that the best way to prepare yourself for anything stressful is to be sure that you’re in good health. Lots of us tend to reach for the snacks while studying—and even more so when feeling stressed out over a big exam—but it goes without saying that healthy foods are best for keeping your mind and body in tip-top shape.

And speaking of shape, you know what else is a great stress-buster? Exercise. See Chapter 13 for more details, but the fact is that regular exercise helps keep the mind alert, reduces fatigue, and results in a better night’s sleep.

**A Few Days Before Test Day**

A few days before the exam is the best time for some last-minute brush-ups. Grab your book or log on to your computer and take a practice exam one final time. Focus on your problem areas, and give yourself a little extra study time in those areas. Review everything you know about the ACT exam to make sure that there will be absolutely no surprises on test day.

**Do a Dry Run**

It’s not only a good idea to be as familiar as you can be with the test itself, but it’s also smart to know exactly where you’ll be going—and how you’ll be getting there—on the day of the test, so you don’t wake up in a panic about it. Find out where your test center is located, and go
there at the same time and day of the week as your exam is scheduled. Take the same mode of transportation you will be using on exam day, so you can get a good sense ahead of time, learn about unexplained glitches in Google Maps, notice any construction that may force you to take a detour, or discover unforeseen public transportation issues.

Review Test-Taking Policies
There are very specific guidelines that determine what you can and can’t bring into the test center, as well as security and fairness regulations in place at the test centers. Familiarize yourself with them, so you know what you can expect when you arrive.

Get Organized
Gather together everything you will need the day of the test and put it in a safe place (see Chapter 14 for a checklist of essential items). That way, you won’t have to worry about rushing around before you leave in the morning, looking for your admission ticket or a calculator.

The Day Before Test Day
You’ve worked hard, and your efforts are about to pay off. But it’s the day before the exam, and you’re going to work really hard tomorrow to do the best you can on the ACT. You’re as ready as you’ll ever be, so take this opportunity to give yourself a well-deserved break.

Tonight, your assignment is to watch a good movie, spend some time with your friends, play a video game or board game with family members, or do another fun and relaxing activity. Be sure to get to bed early enough to guarantee a full night’s rest. The only thing you should not do is think about the ACT exam.

On the Big Day
It’s finally here! The day you’ve been preparing for all these weeks and months has arrived, but don’t worry. You’ve studied, you’ve learned how
the test is administered and what to look for, and you know exactly how long it’s going to take to get to the test center. So you have nothing at all to worry about. Just concentrate on doing your best on the exam.

**Prepare with Protein**
You’ve got a long day ahead of you, so be sure to start the morning right. Eat a good breakfast, which ideally should be rich in protein. (It’s widely believed that protein helps increase alertness and response time.) Some good choices are eggs, grains, nuts, or dairy products such as yogurt or cottage cheese. Whatever you choose, make sure to eat enough. You don’t want everyone to hear your stomach growling half an hour into the exam.

**Load Up on Layers**
You won’t have any control over the temperature in the room in which you’ll be sitting for the next several hours, and the last thing you need is to be distracted by chattering teeth or sweat pooling across your forehead. Wear something comfortable, but be sure to include layers, so you’re guaranteed not to be too hot or too warm while you’re taking the test.

**Keep an Eye on the Clock**
Make sure that you give yourself plenty of time to get to the test center, even if major traffic or a natural disaster suddenly decides to get in your way. You don’t want to be rushing into the room at the last minute.

That’s it! You’re ready to go out there and get a great score on the ACT. Just one final thing—make sure you have a post-test celebration in mind, because you definitely deserve it.

Good luck!
Let’s face it. As well prepared as you are for your test, you might be feeling some stress and anxiety about it. This is normal—anxiety is a common response to difficult situations, and it happens to many people.

There are many things you can do to combat stress and anxiety, and ensure that you arrive at the test center relaxed and ready to take on the exam. The first thing to do is remind yourself that you’ve studied and practiced, so you’re undeniably ready for the challenge. Feel confident in the knowledge that, unlike many others, you’re walking into that exam room prepared for what lies ahead.

But sometimes knowing that you’re ready isn’t enough. In that case, there are some simple exercises you can do to keep yourself calm and collected. These exercises can help you deal with stress, and can be done anywhere, anytime. Whenever you feel yourself starting to panic about the upcoming exam, just take some time to do one of the following.
Deep Breathing

Just breathe in and out? Really? Yes, it’s that simple. Take a few minutes to sit back, close your eyes, and concentrate on taking deep, regular breaths. This simple act will help slow your heart rate and make you feel calmer.

Muscle Relaxation

Sit in a chair or on the floor, or lie on your bed. Begin by tensing each of your muscles for a count of ten, then slowly relaxing them. Work from your toes up to your shoulders, and then back down again. You’ll feel more rested and relaxed in no time.

Visualization

It may sound silly, but many people believe that they do better in stressful situations and accomplish goals more easily if they’ve first pictured themselves succeeding. So, take a few minutes to sit back, relax, and imagine yourself walking into the test center. You’ve prepared, you’ve got all your materials with you, you’ve slept well and eaten a good breakfast, and you’re armed with the knowledge you need to ace the test. Now, picture yourself leaning over the test booklet, flipping confidently through it, knowing some answers right away, making educated guesses about others, and knowing that it’s okay to leave some blank if you really have no idea. Then picture yourself confidently closing the booklet, standing up, and heading out to celebrate when you’re done. It doesn’t seem so bad now, does it?

Meditation

The idea behind meditation is to relax your body while concentrating on one thing. Sit or lie in a comfortable position, close your eyes, and
try thinking about a positive outcome on the exam. Breathe deeply in and out for ten minutes. You’ll find that you feel more relaxed and refreshed afterward.

If you’re familiar with the moves, yoga is also a great way to relax your body and prepare your mind to concentrate. But don’t strain your muscles doing anything you’re not used to—the point here is to relax, not to put undue stress on your body.

### Exercise

Exercise is another great way to get rid of stress. But exercise doesn’t have to consist of lifting weights or running on the treadmill at the gym; it can be a game of touch football with your friends, playing with your dog in the park, or even some time spent dancing to your favorite songs in your room. Work up a sweat and put those anxious thoughts out of your mind. Your body—and your brain—will thank you for it!

### Walk Away from Naysayers

Sometimes it helps to vent about a stressful situation to family or friends, but other times it can add to your anxiety. If someone you know is constantly complaining about how hard the ACT exam is, or how she knows she’s going to crash and burn, it’s okay to change the subject. Really. Just shrug and say that all you can do is prepare, and then go do exactly that.

Regardless of what method you choose, the important thing to remember is to not let anxiety put you on edge before the exam. Keep in mind that the hardest part of taking the ACT is often the time leading up to the exam itself. Just do the best you can, and don’t worry about anything else.
Chapter 14

Test-Day Checklist

What to Bring

☐ photo ID
☐ test center admission ticket
☐ sharpened Number 2 pencils
☐ eraser
☐ calculator (graphing, scientific, or four-function ONLY) with extra batteries
☐ watch (with no audio alerts)

What NOT to Bring

☐ tobacco in any form
☐ mobile phone
☐ iPod, MP3 player, or audio device
☐ iPad, netbook, or laptop computer
☐ BlackBerry, mobile organizer, or PDA
☐ highlighters, markers, pens, or colored pencils
☐ notes or other paper
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- books
- camera or photographic equipment

What to Do

- eat a good breakfast
- dress in layers so you’re comfortable in the exam room
- pack some water and a healthy snack for your break
- leave home early, so you are sure to arrive on time, even if there’s traffic
A

abjure  formally reject or renounce
abdicate  give up a position of leadership
abominable  detestable
abridge  shorten or edit down while keeping the essential elements
abstemious  voluntary restraint (especially from consuming food and drink)
abstruse  incomprehensible; difficult to penetrate
acerbic  sour or bitter
adulation  exaggerated praise or flattery
adversary  opponent
adversity  unfavorable or oppositional conditions or events
advocate  (1) argue in favor of something; (2) person who argues in favor of something
aesthetic  appreciation of beauty or art

affable  warm and friendly
affirmation  declaration or assertion of truth
alleviate  relieve; make less severe
allusion  indirect reference
aloof  remote or removed; standoffish
altruism  unselfish concern for others; self-sacrifice
amalgam  mixture of different elements
ambivalent  undecided; unclear
ameliorate  make better
amicable  agreeable; friendly
analogous  similar or equivalent; showing likeness
anachronism  something that belongs to another time
anarchy  state of lawlessness and disorder in the absence of a government
anecdote  short story or account of something interesting
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GLOSSARY

censure official reprimand or condemnation

cerebral involving intellect, rather than emotion

chicanery trickery

chide scold

churlish ill-mannered; rude

circumlocution ambiguous, indirect, and wordy language

circumspect careful to consider all feelings and consequences; prudent

cite refer to or quote authoritatively; call upon officially

coercion using force to cause something to occur; compelling through authority

cohesive forming a whole; sticking together

compile get or gather together

complacency self-satisfaction; contentment

complement make something complete

compliance conformity

compliment expression of respect or affection; good wishes

compose form; produce; create

composure calmness in mind or bearing

comprehensive all-inclusive

concede admit; surrender or relinquish

conciliatory compromising; appeasing

concise brief; to-the-point

concur act together; agree

condone treat something as acceptable or understandable

concurrent occurring at the same time; running parallel

condone treat something as acceptable or understandable

conflagration large fire

confound baffle or confuse

congenial compatible; friendly

consensus agreement among the members of a group

consolidation unification or combination into a whole

constituency body of voters with shared interests, identity, or goals

constraint limit or restriction

contend maintain or assert

contentious inclined to dispute or disagree

conviction (1) unshakeable belief (2) final judgment of guilty in a criminal case

convivial friendly; sociable

convoluted complicated; long-winded

cordial politely warm and friendly

corroborate confirm; validate

corrosion disintegration or destruction caused by chemical action

cosmopolitan sophisticated; worldly

credulity willingness or readiness to believe

criterion standard or basis for comparison

cryptic hidden; mysterious
cursory  without attention for
detail; not thorough
curtail  restrict; cut short
D
debacle  sudden, disastrous col-
lapse or downfall
decorum  behavior that is proper or
correct
deference  courteous respect or
regard for the feelings of others
degradation  act of reducing or
breaking down
delineate  specify; define
denounce  speak out against some-
one or something
deprecation  moral corruption
deprecate  belittle; disparage
deride  ridicule; show contempt for
despondent  without hope
deterrent  hindrance
detrimental  damaging
devious  not straightforward;
dishonest or sneaky
devise  invent; create
dichotomy  division into two con-
tradictory groups
didactic  excessively instructional
diffuse  not concentrated; spread
out
digression  act of going off-
subject; turning attention away
diligence  conscientiousness;
perseverance
diminution  decline; decrease
discerning  having good judg-
ment; showing insight and under-
standing
discordant  quarrelsome;
disagreeing
discrepancy  inconsistency; con-
flicting facts or claims
discriminating  able to perceive
small differences in similar
things
disdain  contempt
dismiss  cease to consider
disparage  express a negative
opinion
disparity  inequality or difference
dispersion  breaking up or scatter-
ing; spreading widely
disputatious  showing an inclina-
tion to disagree
disseminate  circulate; cause to
become widely known
divergent  moving apart in
different directions;
deviating
document  system of beliefs
dogmatic  strongly expressing
beliefs as if they were facts
dubious  doubtful
duplicity  deception
E
eccentric  mixed style; composed of
elements drawn from different
sources
effervescent  lively; bubbly
effusive  burbling; enthusiastic
egotism  exaggerated opinion of
one’s own importance
egress  place of exit
elated  thrilled; overjoyed
elite  privileged
GLOSSARY

elocution correct and proper inflection and intonation in speech
elocution characterized by powerful and effective speech
elusive skilful at avoiding capture or comprehension
embellish make beautiful or elegant with ornamentation
eminent above others in quality or position
emulate imitate or copy
endorse (1) sign; (2) support
enhance increase or heighten
enigma puzzle; riddle
enmity hostility
enterprising displaying initiative, daring, and readiness to take on new projects
ephemeral short-lived
epistolary of or relating to letters and letter-writing
epitome a typical example
equivocal uncertain; capable of different meanings
erroneous wrong
erudite showing vast knowledge; learned
esoteric limited to a small circle; requiring specialized information
euphemism substitution of an inoffensive term to replace a harsher or more distasteful one
exacerbate make worse
exalt laud; praise; glorify
exemplary worthy of imitation
exemplify show or illustrate by example
exhaustive including every possible element; comprehensive; complete
exhilarating thrilling; lively or cheerful
exonerate acquit; free from accusation or blame
expedient easy or simple method; appropriate for a particular circumstance
expedite speed up a process
explicit very clear and direct
exploit manipulate; use to one's own advantage
extol praise; commend
extraneous not essential
extricate release from entanglement or difficulty
exuberance joyful enthusiasm

F
facilitate make easier; help
facsimile exact copy or reproduction
fallacious deceitful; based on false or misleading information
famish suffer from extreme hunger; starve
fanaticism excessive intolerance of opposing views
fastidious paying careful attention to detail
feasible possible; doable
fervor ardor; excitement
flagrant conspicuously bad; scandalous
florid  excessively elaborate or showy; flowery
flout  disregard; show scorn or contempt
foraging  searching for provisions; collecting food
foreboding  prediction, omen, or sense of doom
forfeit  surrender; lose
franchise  authorization to sell a particular product or service
frivolous  not serious; silly
frugality  the act of being economical or thrifty
furtive  secret; quietly cautious
fusion  mixture; melding

G
gamut  entire series or range
garrulous  talkative
genteel  having an elegant or superior quality
germane  relevant and appropriate
gesticulate  make movements or gestures while speaking
 glutinous  glue-like; gummy
 glutinous  having an enormous appetite
 grandiose  overly large and impressive
 gratify  satisfy; please
 gratuitous  unnecessary or unwarranted
 gregarious  sociable; friendly
 guile  shrewdness; craftiness
 gullible  easily tricked or deceived

H
halcyon  idyllically calm and peaceful
haughty  disdainful; stuck up
hedonist  concerned with or motivated by pleasure
heinous  extremely wicked; reprehensible
heresy  opinions that are controversial or unorthodox
hermetic  completely sealed; airtight
hierarchy  arrangement by rank or position
hindrance  something that interferes with or delays action or progress
homogenous  all alike or similar
honorarium  compensation for a professional service
hypocritical  deceptive; pretending to be good or virtuous
hypothetical  based on guesswork; not proven

I
iconoclast  someone who goes against accepted authority
idiosyncrasy  quirk or unique trait
ignominious  state of dishonor or shame
imbibe  absorb; drink
imbroglio  complicated situation; entanglement
immutable  unable to be changed or varied
impeccable  faultless; perfect
impecunious  habitually lacking money; poor
GLOSSARY

impede get in the way; hinder
impel urge or force to action
impermeable not easily penetrated; not permitting passage (especially of a liquid)
implausible unlikely; dubious
impedance rudeness
inadvertent accidental; unintentional
inane pointless; silly
incisive acute; keen
incite motivate; provoke or stir up
incongruous lacking in harmony or compatibility
incorrigible unable to be corrected through punishment
incumbent (1) current holder of a particular office; (2) necessary or moral obligation
indict formally accuse of a crime
induce cause to do or act
industrious hard-working; diligent
inept clumsy or inexpert
inert unable to move
ingenious resourceful, clever
innocuous not hurtful; harmless
inoculate introduce a microorganism in order to treat or prevent a disease; vaccinate
insipid bland or flavorless; boring
insouciant carefree; sociable
instigate goad or provoke
insularity state of being isolated or detached
insurgent rebellious

integrity moral soundness
intervene come between or step in
intrepid fearless
intricate complicated
inundate overwhelm
invent reverse in position or order
ironic words that mean the opposite of what one thinks or assumes
irrefutable cannot be proved wrong

J
jeopardize put into danger; threaten
jocund cheerful
jovial jolly; full of good humor
jubilant extremely joyful
judicious fair and equal; having good judgment or common sense
junction place where two or more things come together; being joined
juncture event that occurs at a critical time
jurisprudence philosophy, science, and study of law
justification acceptable reason or excuse for doing something

K
kimono loose robe
kinship relationship or affinity between people
knavery being tricky or dishonest
knead press or squeeze thoroughly
GLOSSARY

L
laborious requiring much physical effort
laconic using few words in writing or speech
lament express regret
languid lacking in liveliness or spirit; dreamy
laud praise, glorify, or honor
lavish giving or using a large amount of something
lethargic fatigue; feeling abnormal drowsiness or weariness
levity humor
levy impose or collect; seize
lexicon vocabulary
lithe moving or bending with ease
litigious eager or prone to engaging in lawsuits
loath unwilling; reluctant
loathe great dislike or disgust
lofty rising to a great height
loquacious talkative
lucrative profitable
luminary (1) prominent or brilliant person (2) body that gives light
luminous glowing brightly; radiant

materialism concerned with giving importance to possessions
methodical careful and organized
meticulous accurate; exact
mirthful merry
miserly (1) hesitating to spend money; (2) small amount
mitigate make less severe
morose unhappy
mundane dull and ordinary

N
nascent just begun; in early stages of development
nefarious extremely wicked
negate to cause to be ineffective
neophyte beginner
nocturnal belonging to or active during the night
nonchalance act of not caring; being indifferent
notoriety condition of being well-known for something bad
novelty quality or state of being new
nurture take care of; help grow, develop, or succeed

O
obliterate wipe out
oblivion state of being unconscious, unaware, or forgotten
obscure not well-known
obsolete no longer in use
obstinate stubborn
obtuse unintelligent or stupid
ocular of or related to the eye
odious hateful
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<td>prodigal</td>
<td>carelessly or foolishly wasting money or time</td>
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progenitor  ancestor
prolific  producing a large amount
prosperity  good fortune; success
prototype  original work or standard used as an example for others
provincial  limited; unsophisticated
proximity  closeness
prudent  exercising discretion and sound judgment
pursue  supply or sell
qualified  having necessary skills, experience, or knowledge
quandary  confusing predicament; perplexity
queue  line of people waiting in order of arrival
quintessence  most essential part
quixotic  foolishly and impractically romantic
rancor  angry feeling of dislike or hatred
rapport  harmony; mutual understanding
rapturous  extremely happy; euphoric
ratify  make official
recluse  someone who lives alone and avoids others
reconcile  come to terms; bring back together; make compatible
rectify  fix or correct
redundant  unnecessary
refute  disprove
relegate  make lower or less important
remedial  intended to improve or correct
renounce  formally give up or no longer accept something
repose  peaceful and tranquil rest
reprehensible  deserving of strong criticism
reprove  correct, usually in a gentle way
repudiate  refuse to accept
resigned  feeling or showing acceptance of something unpleasant
resplendent  glowing
reticence  act of being reserved or restrained; reluctant to talk or draw attention
retract  take or bring back
reverent  showing much respect
robust  strong and healthy
ruminate  contemplate; reflect on or remember something
sagacious  wise; shrewd
salient  prominent; standing or projecting outward
sanction  official permission or approval
sanguine  cheery
sapient  acutely wise and insightful
satirical using humor to show political or societal faults
saturate (1) make very wet; (2) fill completely
scanty very small in size or amount
schism division
scintilla faint trace or spark
scrupulous doing only what is right or proper; having moral integrity
scrutinize examine closely
seclusion placing or keeping away from people
servile very obedient; trying hard to please
sinuous winding or bending; curving in and out
skeptic someone who questions or doubts
solvent capable of meeting financial obligations
sparse thin, not thick
sporadic often but not readily or steadily
squander waste
stagnant inactive; not changing or progressing
static unchanging; stationary
stringent strict
submissive willing to obey someone else
subordinate in a position of less power or authority; less important
subside become less strong or intense
subsidiary something that is subordinate or supplemental
substantiate prove the truth of something
succinct using few words; brief
succumb to give in to or fall under the influence of something
supercilious arrogant or haughty
superfluous more than what is necessary or sufficient
supplant take the place of; serve as a substitute for
surpass be better or greater than something
surreptitious stealthy or secret
susceptible easily affected or influenced
sycophant someone who praises powerful people to get approval
synthesis combination into a complex whole

T
taciturn quiet; not inclined to speak
tantamount equivalent in value, effect, or significance
tedious dull; boring
tenacity strength; firmness
terrestrial of or relating to earth or land
terse brief or direct in a way that may seem rude
theoretical based on theory or hypothesis rather than practical knowledge
tirade long, angry speech
tome large, usually scholarly, book
tortuous twisting and turning; devious or indirect tactics
GLOSSARY

torturous  unpleasant or painful
tractable  easily controlled
tranquil  peaceful or calm
transgress  go over a limit; violate
transient  briefly passing through
travesty  parody or poor imitation
tremulous  fearful
truculent  harsh; aggressively ferocious
turmoil  confusion or disorder
turpitude  depravity

U
ubiquitous  present everywhere
ultimate  most remote; last; best or most extreme
uninterested  indifferent; not interested
unrelenting  never giving up
usurp  seize by force

V
vacillate  changing repeatedly
vacuous  lacking serious thought or intelligence
vapid  dull or boring; uninteresting
variegated  multicolored
vehement  showing strong, angry feelings
venal  capable of being bought; corrupt through bribery
venerable  respected and revered; august
venerate  feel or show deep respect
venial  minor; pardonable

veracity  truth or accuracy
verbose  wordy
vestige  trace of something lost or gone
viable  workable; able to grow
vigor  strength or determination
vilify  say or write harsh or critical things
vindicate  (1) prove that someone is not guilty; (2) show that something is true
vitiolic  characterized by harsh or angry words
vituperative  scathing; venomous
vivacious  lively; spirited
vociferous  blatant; conspicuous and offensive outcry
volatile  explosive

W
wane  decrease in size; dwindle
wanton  lewd or lustful
wary  careful; watchful
wily  sly or crafty
winsome  charming
wizened  dry; shrunken; wrinkled
wrath  vengeful anger

Z
zealot  fanatical person
zeitgeist  cultural, intellectual or moral tendencies of an era
zenith  culminating or highest point
zephyr  soft, gentle wind