

• • Exercise 3: Synonyms and Antonyms

Use the synonyms and antonyms in the word list to fill in the blanks except where you see an X.

	Synonyms	Antonyms	Word List	
1. ideal	_____	_____	amazing	form
2. stimulate	_____	_____	apathy	gain
3. zest	_____	_____	boring	income
4. absorbing	_____	_____	danger	legacy
5. version	_____	X	deaden	lose
6. bequest	_____	_____	disinheritance	ordinary
7. hazard	_____	_____	energy	payment
8. expenditure	_____	_____	excite	perfect
9. astonishing	_____	_____	fascinating	safety
10. forfeit	_____	_____	faulty	

• • Exercise 4: Sentence Completion

From the Master Words, choose the appropriate word for the blank in each of the following sentences. Write the word in the space provided at the right.

- In order to save money, one's income must exceed one's ...?...(s). _____
- Each of the three witnesses had a separate ...?... of the crime. _____
- Even at the age of ninety, Betty had not lost her ...?... for living. _____
- Although Aunt Ellen's cookbooks did not seem to be a valuable ...?..., they provided hours of enjoyment. _____
- A crate of peaches that had fallen onto the highway was (a, an) ...?... to drivers. _____
- Maria never married because she couldn't match her dreams of the ...?... man to reality. _____
- Barry had to ...?... his match because he was an hour late to the tournament. _____
- Imagine my surprise when the talented painter revealed the ...?... fact that she was blind. _____
- So ...?... was Ted's study of Civil War battles that he hated to stop even for dinner. _____
- The brainstorming session helped ...?... new ideas. _____

Exercise 5: Using Words with Multiple Meanings

Each of the Master Words (in bold type) is used differently and has a different meaning from the same word in the passage. For each word, note the part of speech and write your definition of the word as it is used in the sentence. Then write the dictionary definition.

1. The towels were **absorbing** the water that had come in through the open window.

Your Definition: _____

Dictionary Definition: _____

2. After a whole night of studying, Chris was not **absorbing** any more information.

Your Definition: _____

Dictionary Definition: _____

3. I could not **hazard** a guess about which team will win the tournament.

Your Definition: _____

Dictionary Definition: _____

4. Golfers try to avoid **hazards** such as sand traps that make it hard (or impossible) to hit the ball.

Your Definition: _____

Dictionary Definition: _____

Exercise 6: Analogies

Determine the relationship between the first pair of words below. Then write the Master Word on the blank that would create a similar relationship with the second pair of words. The types of analogies used in this activity are synonyms, antonyms, adjective/related noun, action/receiver of action. (See page 158 for a guide to analogy types.)

1. gift : present :: _____ : legacy
2. commit : murder :: _____ : turn
3. excruciating : pain :: extravagant : _____
4. annoying : irritating :: surprising : _____
5. maiden : voyage :: latest : _____
6. scarce : abundant :: apathy : _____

Write About It: A Million Dollars

Dorothy Parker describes girls who play a game about what they would do if they had a million dollars. Write a brief narrative about how you or a fictional character would play this game. Consider the rules for the game and how the money would be used. Use at least four Master Words or words related to the Master Words. Craft a clear beginning, middle, and ending, and use transitions to help the story flow smoothly.