

• • 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
1. inquire	_____	X
2. convenient	_____	_____
3. reputation	_____	X
4. felicity	_____	_____
5. frank	_____	_____
6. explicit	_____	_____
7. decisive	_____	_____
8. obnoxious	_____	_____
9. tone	_____	X
10. deceive	_____	X

Word List	
ambiguous	inarticulateness
ask	mislead
attitude	offensive
clear	open
firm	pleasant
fluency	reserved
hesitant	suitable
inappropriate	status

• • • 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.

- I called the hospital to ...?... about Jan's condition after her surgery. _____
- My best friend and I had a ...?... discussion to resolve our disagreement. _____
- The library is (a, an) ...?... location to hold a book club meeting. _____
- Lauren was ...?... in her belief that eating lots of junk food was harmless. _____
- Bill reads stories with a humorous ...?... when he wants to relax. _____
- Our debate team has (a, an) ...?... for presenting strong arguments. _____
- After her research, Tami was ...?... about the college she wanted to attend. _____
- I think people who keep their cell phones on during a movie are ...?... . _____
- José has a way with words; he is known for the ...?... of the writing on his blog. _____
- Mia made her vacation request very ...?... so there would be no misunderstanding with her boss. _____

• • Exercise 5: Using Words with Multiple Meanings

The word **tone** has different meanings depending on how it is used in a sentence. Choose the number of the correct definition for *tone* for each of the following sentences.

tone
1. <i>n.</i> vocal or musical sound
2. <i>n.</i> a shade of color
3. <i>n.</i> manner of expression
4. <i>n.</i> author's attitude
5. <i>v.</i> to strengthen

1. Alexis was redoing her room in various **tones** of blue. _____
2. Chloe regularly worked out with weights to **tone** the muscles in her arm. _____
3. People spoke in hushed **tones** at the funeral. _____
4. The historic violin had a rich, full **tone**. _____
5. The regretful **tone** used throughout the memoir made it rather sad to read. _____

• • Exercise 6: Related Words and Meanings

The italic words in the sentences are related to the Master Words. Write the matching synonym from the list on the line following the sentence.

decisive frank obnoxious deceived inquire

1. Many voters were *misled* by the questions in the political debate. _____
2. The negative ads in the campaign were *highly offensive* to many people. _____
3. The politician gave surprisingly *blunt* answers to the tough questions. _____
4. The reporter wanted to *ask* about the campaign's finances. _____
5. The voters appreciated the mayor's *strong-minded* actions on difficult financial matters. _____

Write About It: "A Happy Talent of Composition"

In his letter, John Adams is complimentary about Thomas Jefferson as a writer, specifically about Jefferson's draft of the Declaration of Independence. Read the Declaration of Independence in a textbook or online and look for evidence to support Adams's references to Jefferson's "felicity of expression" and the "high tone and the flights of oratory" in the document. **Write a brief essay** explaining how these traits and other traits of excellent writing are found in the document. Use five Master Words or words related to the Master Words.