

LESSON 1

- abroad abrupt acceptable acclaim actually adverse
 advice attractive autonomous disapproval disruptive
 haphazardly ideal persistent wide
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abroad *adv.* to or in another country
Syn. overseas, internationally

Louis Armstrong often traveled abroad.
Living abroad can be an educational experience.

abrupt *adj.* quick, without warning
Syn. sudden
adv. abruptly
n. abruptness

There was an abrupt change in the weather.
After the incident everyone left abruptly.

acceptable *adj.* allowable or satisfactory
Syn. permissible
v. accept
adv. acceptably
n. acceptability
adj. accepting

The idea was acceptable to everyone.
The registrar accepted more applicants than he should have.

acclaim *n.* enthusiastic approval, applause
Syn. praise
adj. acclaimed
n. acclamation

Isaac Stem has won acclaim abroad.
Acclaimed authors often win Pulitzer Prizes.

actually *adv.* being in existence, real or factual
Syn. truly
adj. actual

They were actually very good soccer players.
The actual time allotted to complete the test is two hours.

adverse *adj.* displeasing, objectionable, or bad
Syn. unfavorable
adv. adversely
n. adversity
n. adversary

Adverse weather conditions made it difficult to play the game.
His indecision adversely affected his job performance.

advice *n.* a recommendation given by someone not

v. advise associated with the problem or situation
adj. advisable *Syn.* suggestion
n. advisability

Good advice is hard to find.

It is not advisable to stay up late the night before a test.

attractive *adj.* calling attention to, pleasing, creating interest,
pretty

v. attract
n. attraction *Syn.* appealing
n. attractiveness

adv. attractively

The idea of working four, 10-hour work days was attractive to the employees.

The major attraction of the show was a speech by the president.

ideal *adj.* having no flaw or mistake, excellent

adv. ideally *Syn.* perfect
n. ideal

The beach is an ideal place to relax.

Candidates for the job should ideally have five years experience in similar positions.

persistent *adj.* continuous, refusing to give up, firm in action or
decision

v. persist *n.* persistence
adv. persistently *Syn.* constant

The attorney's persistent questioning weakened the witness.

Her persistence earned her a spot on the team.

wide *adj.* extending over a large area

adv. widely *Syn.* broad
n. wideness

Pine forests are found over a wide area of the Pacific Northwest.

The senator has traveled widely.

autonomous *adj.* by itself, with no association

adv. autonomously *Syn.* independent

Mexico became an autonomous state in 1817.

Although working closely with the government, all businesses function autonomously.

disapproval *n.* the act of disagreeing, not giving approval

v. disapprove
adv. disapprovingly *Syn.* objection

Their disapproval of the plan caused the experiment to be abandoned.

The students disapproved of the plan of study.

disruptive

v. disrupt
n. disruption
adv. disruptively

adj. causing confusion and interruption
Syn. disturbing

Frequent questions during lectures can be disruptive.
The storm caused a disruption in bus service.

haphazardly

adj. haphazard
n. haphazardness

adv. having no order or pattern, by chance
Syn. arbitrarily, carelessly

It was obvious that the house was built haphazardly.
Susan completed the assignment in a haphazard way.

MATCHING

Choose the synonym.

1. widely
(A) broadly
(B) abroad
(C) secretly
(D) truly
2. autonomous
(A) independent
(B) sudden
(C) international
(D) abrupt
3. advice
(A) acclaim
(B) attention
(C) suggestion
(D) praise
4. attractive
(A) appealing
(B) adverse
(C) arbitrary
(D) perfect
5. disapproval
(A) attraction
(B) attention
(C) objection
(D) persistence
6. haphazardly
(A) suddenly
(B) secretly
(C) carelessly
(D) constantly
7. constant
(A) disruption
(B) acceptable
(C) abrupt
(D) persistent
8. perfect
(A) attractive
(B) ideal
(C) actual
(D) abrupt
9. unfavorably
(A) attractively
(B) haphazardly
(C) acceptably
(D) adversely
10. disturbing
(A) perfect
(B) disruptive
(C) persistent
(D) attractive

TEST QUESTIONS

Choose the word or phrase that is closest in meaning to the underlined word or phrase.

1. As a government official, Benjamin Franklin often traveled abroad.
 - (A) widely
 - (B) secretly
 - (C) alone
 - (D) overseas
2. American poet James Merrily received critical acclaim for his work entitled Jim's Book.
 - (A) advice
 - (B) disapproval
 - (C) praise
 - (D) attention
3. A revolution in women's fashion during the second half of the twentieth century made trousers acceptable for almost all activities.
 - (A) available
 - (B) permissible
 - (C) attractive
 - (D) ideal
4. No fan, electric or otherwise, actually cools the air.
 - (A) truly
 - (B) haphazardly
 - (C) persistently
 - (D) continuously
5. The climate of Chicago is subject to abrupt changes of weather.
 - (A) sudden
 - (B) extreme
 - (C) adverse
 - (D) disruptive