

LESSON 2

☐ advanced ☐ advantage ☐ advent ☐ agile ☐ albeit ☐ allow
☐ appealing ☐ celebrated ☐ contemporary ☐ distribute
☐ encourage ☐ energetic ☐ frail ☐ refine ☐ worthwhile

advanced

adj. ahead of current thought or practice forward thinking, new

v. advance

n. advancement

Syn. progressive

Advanced technology is changing the world.

His advancement to captain came unexpectedly.

advantage

n. something that may help one to be successful or to gain something

adv. advantageously

Syn. benefit

adj. advantageous

Is there any advantage in arriving early?

He was advantageously born into a rich family.

advent

n. the coming or appearance of something

Syn. arrival

With the advent of computers, many tasks have been made easier.

The newspapers announced the advent of the concert season.

agile

adj. able to move in a quick and easy way

adv. agilely

Syn. nimble

n. agility

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Deer are very agile animals.

She moved agilely across the stage.

albeit

conj. in spite of the facts, regardless of the fact

Syn. although

His trip was successful, albeit tiring.

Albeit difficult at times, speaking another language is rewarding.

allow

v. to agree to let something happen, not to interfere with an action

n. allowance

Syn. permit

adj. allowable

adv. allowably

Arthur's natural agility will allow him to excel in sports.

The extra money allowed us to stay abroad another day.

appealing *adj.* attractive or interesting, able to move
v. appeal feelings
n. appeal *Syn.* alluring
adv. appealingly
Working abroad is appealing to many people.
Through his speeches, the candidate appealed to the voters.

celebrated *adj.* acclaimed, well-known, and popular
Syn. renown
The celebrated pianist will give a concert this weekend.
San Francisco is celebrated for its multicultural makeup.

contemporary *adj.* modern, up-to-date; also a person living at the
same time as another person
n. contemporary *Syn.* current
Contemporary architecture makes very good use of space.
Cervantes was a contemporary of Shakespeare.

distribute v. to divide among people or to give out
n. distribution *Syn.* dispense
Many publishers distribute their newspapers directly to homes in their area.
The distribution of seeds is very quick with this new machine.

encourage v. to give courage or hope to someone
n. encouragement *Syn.* inspire
adj. encouraging
adv. encouragingly
Even though the runner finished second, he was encouraged by his performance.
His teacher gave him the encouragement that he needed to learn the material.

energetic *adj.* full of life, action, or power
n. energy *Syn.* vigorous
adv. energetically
Sam hasn't been as energetic as he usually is.
There's a lot of energy in these batteries.

frail *adj.* weak in health or in body
n. trade *Syn.* fragile
The frail wings of the newborn bird could not lift it off the ground.
One of the frailties of human beings is laziness.

refine v. to make pure, to improve
n. refinement *Syn.* perfect (v.)
adj. refined
Factories must to refine oil before it can be used as fuel.

A squirt of lime juice is the perfect refinement to cola.

worthwhile

adj. value in doing something

Syn. rewarding

It was worthwhile waiting 10 hours in line for the tickets.

It's worthwhile to prepare for the TOEFL.

MATCHING

Choose the synonym.

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| 1. inspire
(A) celebrate
(B) attract
(C) encourage
(D) appeal | 6. renown
(A) unknown
(B) celebrated
(C) adverse
(D) disapprove |
| 2. advantage
(A) benefit
(B) persistence
(C) nimbleness
(D) allure | 7. worthwhile
(A) rewarding
(B) acceptable
(C) agile
(D) permitted |
| 3. fragile
(A) modern
(B) famous
(C) allowable
(D) frail | 8. vigorous
(A) attractive
(B) beautiful
(C) energetic
(D) advantageous |
| 4. contemporary
(A) timing
(B) current
(C) well-known
(D) perfect | 9. refine
(A) persist
(B) value
(C) perfect
(D) divide |
| 5. appealing
(A) refined
(B) encouraging
(C) alluring
(D) popular | 10. distribute
(A) disappoint
(B) disrupt
(C) discourage
(D) dispense |

TEST QUESTIONS

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

1. Swallows are among the most agile passerine birds.
(A) energetic
(B) frail
(C) beautiful
(D) nimble
2. Shrimping in Mississippi's tidal areas is not allowed during the summer months.
(A) worthwhile
(B) permitted
(C) encouraged
(D) appealing
3. With the advent of cable television and the use of satellites for broadcasting, television reception improved.
(A) arrival
(B) refinement
(C) distribution
(D) advantage
4. Most tadpoles are vegetarians, albeit those of some species are carnivorous.
(A) although
(B) simply
(C) supposedly
(D) since
5. Advanced scientific disciplines like solar cell technology and genetic engineering are exploding with possibilities.
(A) valued
(B) celebrated
(C) new
(D) appealing