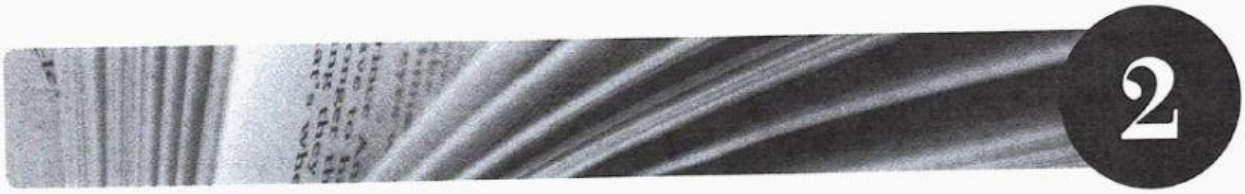

PART A *Sharpening Your Word Choices*

Help Book 2

On his trip to Italy, Marcus visited a ~~big~~ castle built in the 1300s. As he strolled up to the castle, ~~big~~ statues of former rulers greeted him. Inside, he was awed by the ~~big~~ rooms. Outside, the castle was surrounded by ~~big~~ gardens.

PART B *Polishing Your Sentences (Sentence Combining)*

1. Start: Many people in Union City are immigrants.

Add: The immigrants are from Cuba.

Create: ***Many people in Union City are Cuban immigrants.***

2. Start: Life in Union City is an adjustment for them.

Add: The adjustment is huge.

Create: _____

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3. Start: They had to leave many belongings behind.

Add: Their belongings are precious.

Create: _____

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4. Start: However, they feel very welcome in their country.

Add: Their country is new.

Create: _____

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BIG *(big, bigger, biggest)*

Meaning #1	**big** can mean *large* The *big* ship entered the bay. The *colossal* ship entered the bay.

Meaning #2	**big** can mean *important* Paul presented his *big* ideas to the class. Paul presented his *valuable* ideas to the class.

A.

large

huge
enormous
gigantic
giant
jumbo
colossal
gargantuan
mammoth
immense
massive
vast
spacious
humongous

B.

important

great
major
main
valuable
significant
tremendous
momentous
outstanding
extraordinary
influential
serious
considerable
prominent

antonyms: little, small, insignificant, unimportant