Unit 1

Words in Action

Adjectives showing **courage**

An **adventurous** person looks for adventure.
A **brave** one is self-confident in the presence of danger and ready to suffer pain.
A **chivalrous** man puts himself in danger for the protection of others.
A **bold** one stands out and faces danger bravely.
A **daring** one defies any dangers. A fearless person shows no fear.
An **intrepid** person possesses unshakable nerves.
A **courageous** person is more than brave, adding a moral element to his/her deeds.
An **audacious** person exhibits a fearless spirit, defiant even of law or decorum.
A **gallant** man is brave in a dashing and showy way.
A **valiant** person not only faces great dangers successfully but also achieves great results.

Exercise A >>> Complete the table with the noun derived from the corresponding adjective.

ADJECTIVES	NOUNS
adventurous	
brave	
chivalrous	
bold	
daring	

ADJECTIVES	NOUNS
fearless	
intrepid	
courageous	
audacious	
gallant	
valiant	

Exercise B >>> Read the text below and choose the correct word **A, B C** or **D** to fill the gaps.

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Franklin Delano Roosevelt loved to travel, but not by air. A gregarious man who _____ **(1)** the company of other people, he preferred to go by rail or ship, savouring the _____ **(2)** and comfort that these familiar means of transport could provide a President of the United States with. His physical _____ **(3)**, moreover, made flying difficult; the aircraft of the thirties and early forties were not _____ **(4)** to accommodate persons in wheelchairs. 'I'm in no hurry,' he once explained. 'The sooner I get where I'm going, the sooner people will be wanting something from me.' So, while Roosevelt _____ **(5)** in the White House longer than any President, he made only three trips by air during his entire time in office.

1 **a** avoided	**2** **a** leisure	**3** **a** obstacle	**4** **a** designed	**5** **a** evacuated
b relished	**b** hardships	**b** capacity	**b** done	**b** occupied
c loathed	**c** rush	**c** hindrance	**c** promoted	**c** resided
d recognized	**d** hassle	**d** handicap	**d** thought	**d** prolonged

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Vocabulary Development

Task One >>> Tick the word or phrase that appears closest to the meaning of the words in **bold**.

1 To **relish** means to ____ .	☐ detest	☐ like
2 **Hardships** cause ____ .	☐ discomfort and suffering	☐ advantages and opportunities
3 To **loathe** is to ____ .	☐ dislike	☐ enjoy
4 A **hostile** attitude is ____ .	☐ friendly	☐ unfriendly
5 A **bold** person is ____ .	☐ shy	☐ confident
6 An **illustrious** writer is ____ .	☐ eminent	☐ imminent
7 **In the event of rain** means ____ .	☐ when the rain stops	☐ in case it rains
8 A **skirmish** is ____ .	☐ an open battle	☐ a fight between small parts of armies
9 An **intriguing** story is ____ .	☐ interesting	☐ uninteresting
10 A person who **defies** the law ____ it.	☐ obeys	☐ disobeys
11 A beauty that **captivates** you ____ you.	☐ fascinates	☐ repulses
12 A **hindrance** is ____ .	☐ whatever obstructs and delays you	☐ whatever facilitates things for you
13 **Slack** discipline is ____ .	☐ hard	☐ relaxed
14 An **ingenious** young man is ____ .	☐ clever	☐ stupid
15 An **illiterate** person is ____ .	☐ educated	☐ unable to read

Task Two >>> What are the nouns derived from the adjectives listed below?

ADJECTIVES	NOUNS	ADJECTIVES	NOUNS
significant		hostile	
cordial		wise	
indecent		versatile	
obscure		flexible	
pious		tolerant	
illiterate		defiant	

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Task Three >>> Complete the sentences using the words defined below.

A **diseased** - **suffering from a disease** ⇔ **deceased** - **(person) who has recently died**
Mr. Jones is no longer at this telephone number; I'm afraid he's _____ .

B **locate** - **find the position of somebody or something** ⇔ **localize** - **confine to a particular part or area**
I'm trying to _____ Shoreline Drive on the map, but I can't find it.

C **luxurious** - **very rich and comfortable** ⇔ **luxuriant** - **abundant in vegetation**
Their house was filled with _____ furnishings.

D **eminent** - **distinguished** ⇔ **imminent** - **likely to happen soon**
All the students were nervous about the _____ exams

E **ingenious** - **clever & skillful** (n. ingenuity) ⇔ **ingenuous** - **not attempting to deceive or conceal; innocent** (n. ingenuousness)
Mark has come up with an _____ plan to make a million dollars.

F **capture** - **take a person or an animal prisoner** **captivate** - **fascinate**
The pirates managed to stop the ship and they _____ the captain and the crew.

G **reign** - **rule** ⇔ **rein** - **a long narrow strap fastened to the bridle of a horse**
She led the horse by the _____ .

H **comment** - **give an opinion on something or someone** ⇔ **commend** - **praise**
Don't you want to _____ on the political situation?

Task Four >>> Cross out the words in lists **A** and **B** which are **not** synonymous with the words in CAPITAL letters.

A ILLUSTRIOUS

- ☐ anonymous
- ☐ eminent
- ☐ obscure
- ☐ prominent
- ☐ outstanding
- ☐ imminent
- ☐ disreputable
- ☐ renowned
- ☐ renewed
- ☐ distinguished
- ☐ celebrated
- ☐ reputed

B MOROSE *(for people)*

- ☐ overcast
- ☐ sullen
- ☐ cordial
- ☐ sulky
- ☐ friendly
- ☐ amiable
- ☐ gloomy
- ☐ moody
- ☐ affable
- ☐ glum
- ☐ downcast
- ☐ courteous

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Vocabulary Practice

A. Read the text below and choose the correct word A, B C or D to fit the gaps.

There can be no **(11)**..... that online shopping is of huge benefit to the consumer. Far from becoming **(12)**....., online shoppers are very demanding. Overpriced merchants with poor services should beware. Gone are the days when stores could charge what they liked for goods and get away with it. The same, too, for shady manufacturers: smarter consumers know which products have a good **(13)**..... and which do not, because online they now read not only the sales **(14)**..... but also reviews from previous purchasers. And if customers are disappointed, a few **(15)**..... of the mouse will take them to places where they can let the world know. Nowadays there is nothing more damning than a flood of negative comments on the internet.

However, the big boys, as always, are ahead of the game. Some companies are already adjusting their business models to take account of these trends. The stores run by Sony and Apple, for instance, are more like brand showrooms than shops. They are there for people to try out **(16)**..... and to ask questions to knowledgeable staff. Whether the products are ultimately bought online or offline is of secondary importance.

Online traders must also adjust. Amazon, for one, is **(17)**..... turning from being primarily a bookseller to becoming a **(18)**..... retailer by letting other companies sell products on its site, rather like a marketplace. During America's Thanksgiving weekend last November, Amazon's sales of consumer electronics in the United States **(19)**..... its book sales for the first time in its history. Other transformations in the retail business are **(20)**..... to follow.

11.	**A.** query	**B.** examination	**C.** question	**D.** proposal
12.	**A.** complacent	**B.** dissatisfied	**C.** competent	**D.** compassionate
13.	**A.** distinction	**B.** resolution	**C.** opinion	**D.** reputation
14.	**A.** bubble	**B.** message	**C.** blare	**D.** blurb
15.	**A.** taps	**B.** clucks	**C.** clicks	**D.** prods
16.	**A.** devices	**B.** tools	**C.** emblems	**D.** schemes
17.	**A.** mistakenly	**B.** rapidly	**C.** unreasonably	**D.** secretly
18.	**A.** mass	**B.** block	**C.** lump	**D.** chunk
19.	**A.** receded	**B.** excluded	**C.** repressed	**D.** exceeded
20.	**A.** tied	**B.** secured	**C.** bound	**D.** fastened

B. Fill the gaps in the following sentences with the correct answer A, B C or D.

21 It was imperative for the authorities to ..... the epidemic.

a succeed **b** localise **c** spread **d** define

22 His efforts, though futile, are still ..... .

a refined **b** intimidated **c** pious **d** commendable

23 To me friendship is a(n) ..... thing.

a precious **b** insignificant **c** costly **d** obscure

24 He was reserved by nature, even ..... .

a cordial **b** morose **c** amiable **d** approachable

25 Misuse of the world's resources is one of the ..... issues of our times.

a burning **b** heating **c** firing **d** boiling

26 That was an act of epic ..... .

a validity **b** price **c** valour **d** location

27 What he did to support our cause was a small but ..... gesture.

a significant **b** stout **c** obvious **d** indecent

28 The vegetation on the island was ..... .

a exuberant **b** chivalrous **c** overcast **d** ingenious

29 He was regarded as the most ..... of contemporary writers of fiction.

a dense **b** daring **c** extensive **d** imaginary

30 Ronald had the ..... to blame his teachers for his failure.

a concern **b** chivalry **c** regard **d** audacity

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