

LESSON 1

☐ abroad ☐ abrupt ☐ acceptable ☐ acclaim ☐ actually ☐ adverse
☐ advice ☐ attractive ☐ autonomous ☐ disapproval ☐ disruptive
☐ haphazardly ☐ ideal ☐ persistent ☐ wide

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
adj. acclaimed
Syn. praise
n. acclamation

Isaac Stern has won acclaim abroad.

Acclaimed authors often win Pulitzer Prizes.

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

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,
v. attract pretty
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
v. persist decision
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.

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