

# BUILDING BETTER VOCABULARY

## EXERCISE 1 | WORDS ASSOCIATION

Circle the word or phrase that is most closely related to the word or phrase on the left.

|                 |                  |                |
|-----------------|------------------|----------------|
| 1. anticipate   | expect           | increase       |
| 2. at once      | correctly        | immediately    |
| 3. bargain      | win              | deal           |
| 4. desire       | purpose          | want           |
| 5. minor        | less interesting | less important |
| 6. occupational | work             | play           |
| 7. shift        | accept           | change         |
| 8. thereby      | as a result      | in order to    |
| 9. tragic       | colorful         | sad            |
| 10. virtually   | nearly           | graphically    |

## EXERCISE 2 | COLLOCATIONS

Fill in the blank with the word or phrase that most naturally completes the phrase.

bargain

harm

shift

tough

up to

1. has not been \_\_\_\_\_ enough
2. receive \_\_\_\_\_ \$1 million
3. a sudden \_\_\_\_\_ in people's attitudes
4. cause serious \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_ with someone

6. a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ hazard

7. an ability to \_\_\_\_\_

8. a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ mind

9. a deep \_\_\_\_\_ to learn

10. a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ concern

### EXERCISE 3 | WORD FORMS

Complete each sentence with the correct word form. Use the correct form of the verbs.

| NOUN        | VERB      | ADJECTIVE            | ADVERB     | SENTENCES   |
|-------------|-----------|----------------------|------------|---|
| harm        | harm      | harmful              |            | 1. Too much sunlight can be very _____ to your health.<br>2. What is the _____ in having a break every so often?                                  |
| maximum     | maximize  | maximized<br>maximum |            | 3. At some hotels, a _____ of three guests can stay in the same room.<br>4. What is the best strategy to _____ the funds for your retirement?     |
| negotiation | negotiate | negotiable           |            | 5. At the end of the _____, each side got the result that it wanted.<br>6. For most parents, bedtime curfews are not _____.                       |
| shift       | shift     | shifting             |            | 7. A _____ in public opinion has happened because of bad news reports.<br>8. The wind suddenly _____ direction, making it hard to climb the hill. |
| tragedy     |           | tragic               | tragically | 9. _____, no one survived the plane crash.<br>10. It is a _____ that she lost all of her home in the flood.                                       |