

**PART A** *Sharpening Your Word Choices*

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*)

<b>Meaning #1</b>	<b>big</b> can mean <i>large</i> The <i>big</i> ship entered the bay. The <i>colossal</i> ship entered the bay.
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<b>Meaning #2</b>	<b>big</b> can mean <i>important</i> Paul presented his <i>big</i> ideas to the class. Paul presented his <i>valuable</i> ideas to the class.
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- 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