

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: _____

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

Add: Their country is new.

Create: _____



BIG (*big, bigger, biggest*)

Meaning #1	big 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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Meaning #2	big 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