



- **anxious** [æŋkʃəs] *adj.*

When a person is **anxious**, they worry that something bad will happen.
→ *She was **anxious** about not making her appointment on time.*



- **awful** [ɔːfəl] *adj.*

When something is **awful**, it is very bad.
→ *Her performance last night was **awful**.*



- **consist** [kən'sɪst] *v.*

To **consist** of is to be made of parts or things.
→ *Today's choices for lunch **consisted** of pizza, hamburgers, and hot dogs.*



- **desire** [dɪ'zaɪə] *v.*

To **desire** is to want something.
→ *My sister **desires** a big house and lots of money.*



- **eager** [ɪ'ɡər] *adj.*

When a person is **eager** about something, they are excited about it.
→ *The man was **eager** to talk about the good news.*



- **household** [ˈhaʊshəʊld] *n.*

A **household** is all the people who live in one house.
→ *Our **household** is made up of my father, my mother and me.*



- **intent** [ɪntənt] *n.*

An **intent** is a plan to do something.
→ *Her **intent** is to visit Italy next summer.*



- **landscape** [ˈlændʃkeɪp] *n.*

A **landscape** is how an area of land looks.
→ *The **landscape** of the country is very green.*



- **lift** [lɪft] *v.*

To **lift** something is to move it higher.
→ *The man tried to **lift** the box.*



- **load** [ləʊd] *v.*

To **load** is to put objects into something.
→ *The man **loaded** the boxes into a truck.*



● **lung** [lʌŋ] *n.*

A **lung** is the organ in the body that fills with air when breathing.

→ *Having strong **lungs** is necessary for a healthy life.*



● **motion** [məʊʃən] *n.*

A **motion** is a movement that someone makes.

→ *The police officer made a **motion** with his hand.*



● **pace** [peɪs] *n.*

The **pace** of something is the speed at which it happens.

→ *I ran the race at a slower **pace** than my friend.*



● **polite** [pəˈlaɪt] *adj.*

When someone is **polite**, they are acting in a thoughtful way.

→ *The boy was very **polite**: he behaved very thoughtfully.*



● **possess** [pəˈzès] *v.*

To **possess** something is to have it or own it.

→ *My uncle **possesses** three sheep, a chicken, a cow and a dog.*



● **rapidly** [ræˈpɪdli] *adv.*

When something happens **rapidly**, it happens very fast.

→ *The train moved **rapidly** on the tracks.*



● **remark** [rɪˈmɑːrk] *v.*

To **remark** is to say something.

→ *The teacher **remarked** on how quickly the students were learning.*



● **seek** [siːk] *v.*

To **seek** is to look for something.

→ *If I have a problem, I **seek** my sister's advice.*



● **shine** [ʃaɪn] *v.*

To **shine** is to make a bright light.

→ *The candles are **shining** in the dark room.*



● **spill** [spɪl] *v.*

To **spill** is to have something fall out of its container.

→ *I **spilled** the coffee on the table.*

Exercise 1

Part A Choose the right word for the given definition.

1. a movement
a. pace b. intent c. lungs d. motion
2. to look for
a. seek b. possess c. shine d. desire
3. to pick up
a. eager b. lift c. remark d. spill
4. very fast
a. landscape b. household c. rapidly d. awful
5. feeling worried
a. consisting of b. load c. polite d. anxious

Part B Choose the right definition for the given word.

1. possess
a. to look for b. to own
c. to pick up d. to put in
2. desire
a. to want b. to make up of
c. to have d. to say
3. intent
a. an area of land b. an organ
c. a plan d. a feeling
4. shine
a. to learn b. to make light
c. to have something fall out d. to move fast
5. polite
a. thoughtful b. worried
c. fast d. excited

Exercise 2

Check (✓) the sentence with the **bolded** word that makes better sense.

1. ☐ a. It is hard to **seek** for things when it is sunny.
☐ b. A **landscape** may have snow during the winter.
2. ☐ a. Most children are **eager** to get gifts.
☐ b. Good friends are **awful** to have around.
3. ☐ a. The **lungs** help move blood through the body.
☐ b. People may feel **anxious** when they give a speech.
4. ☐ a. It isn't **polite** to take things without asking first.
☐ b. You should help **spill** the dishes after dinner.
5. ☐ a. If you work at a fast **pace**, things will get done quickly.
☐ b. It is important to **lift** your notes before a test.
6. ☐ a. People are **eager** to leave when they don't want to go anywhere.
☐ b. You should get help when **lifting** heavy boxes.
7. ☐ a. Some people live in the **landscape** while others live in the city.
☐ b. Everyone has **awful** days where nothing goes right.
8. ☐ a. It is good to **seek** advice when you have a problem.
☐ b. Students feel **anxious** when they get good grades.
9. ☐ a. When you breathe, air goes into your **lungs**.
☐ b. Some students **pace** to school every day.
10. ☐ a. **Polite** people do not say "please" or "thank you."
☐ b. When you **spill** something, you should clean it up right away.

The Twelve Months

An awful woman lived with her daughter and stepdaughter in her household. She **possessed** feelings of hate for her stepdaughter, Anna. Anna worked while her stepsister did nothing. On a cold January night, Anna's stepmother **remarked**, "Your stepsister **desires** flowers. Go and find some."

Anna wasn't **anxious** to walk through the chilled **landscape**. The cold air made her **lungs** burn. She walked at a slow **pace** because of the snow. Soon she saw a group of people. It **consisted** of twelve men. Anna told them about the flowers.

One of the man said they were the twelve months and that they would help Anna. January walked to her and made a **motion** with his hand. The days of the month passed **rapidly** until it was February's turn. February also made the month speed up. Then March made the sun **shine** and flowers grew in the field.

Anna **loaded** her basket with so many flowers that she could hardly **lift** it. Then she gave a quick but **polite** "thank you" to the twelve men and returned home. She was very **eager** to show her stepmother all the flowers. Back at the house, she **spilled** the flowers onto the table. Then she told her stepmother about the twelve men. Anna's stepmother and stepsister went to **seek** the twelve months. Their **intent** was to ask for gifts. They looked and looked. They became very lost and never found their way home. Anna lived happily by herself.



Reading Comprehension

Answer the questions.

1. What is the story about?
 - a. Why a year consists of twelve months
 - b. How a girl made the sun shine in winter
 - c. Why moving at a slow pace is good
 - d. How the months helped a polite girl

2. Why did Anna need to seek flowers?
 - a. Her stepmother remarked that she liked them.
 - b. Her awful stepsister desired them for her birthday.
 - c. She spilled the ones she already possessed.
 - d. She was eager to please her stepmother.

3. In paragraph 4 we can infer that _____.
 - a. the months rapidly helped Anna load her basket
 - b. Anna asked the months to live in her household
 - c. Anna's awful stepmother and stepsister never found the months
 - d. Anna got lost going across the dark landscape on her way home

4. According to the passage, all the following are true EXCEPT _____.
 - a. the cold air hurt Anna's lungs
 - b. Anna's stepmother lifted the basket
 - c. January made a motion to speed up time
 - d. Anna wasn't anxious to go out in the cold, dark night

5. What was Anna's stepmother's and stepsister's intent when they left?
