

**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*)

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