

Unit 1

Words in Action

Adjectives showing **courage**

An **adventurous** person looks for adventure.

A **brave** one is self-confident in the presence of danger and ready to suffer pain.

A **chivalrous** man puts himself in danger for the protection of others.

A **bold** one stands out and faces danger bravely.

A **daring** one defies any dangers. A fearless person shows no fear.

An **intrepid** person possesses unshakable nerves.

A **courageous** person is more than brave, adding a moral element to his/her deeds.

An **audacious** person exhibits a fearless spirit, defiant even of law or decorum.

A **gallant** man is brave in a dashing and showy way.

A **valiant** person not only faces great dangers successfully but also achieves great results.

Exercise A >>> Complete the table with the noun derived from the corresponding adjective.

ADJECTIVES	NOUNS	ADJECTIVES	NOUNS
adventurous		fearless	
brave		intrepid	
chivalrous		courageous	
bold		audacious	
daring		gallant	
		valiant	

Exercise B >>> Read the text below and choose the correct word **A, B C** or **D** to fill the gaps.

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Franklin Delano Roosevelt loved to travel, but not by air. A gregarious man who ____ (1) the company of other people, he preferred to go by rail or ship, savouring the ____ (2) and comfort that these familiar means of transport could provide a President of the United States with. His physical ____ (3), moreover, made flying difficult; the aircraft of the thirties and early forties were not ____ (4) to accommodate persons in wheelchairs. 'I'm in no hurry,' he once explained. 'The sooner I get where I'm going, the sooner people will be wanting something from me.' So, while Roosevelt ____ (5) in the White House longer than any President, he made only three trips by air during his entire time in office.

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| 1 a avoided | 2 a leisure | 3 a obstacle | 4 a designed | 5 a evacuated |
| b relished | b hardships | b capacity | b done | b occupied |
| c loathed | c rush | c hindrance | c promoted | c resided |
| d recognized | d hassle | d handicap | d thought | d prolonged |

Task One >>> Tick the word or phrase that appears closest to the meaning of the words in **bold**.

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| 1 To relish means to ____. | ☐ detest | ☐ like |
| 2 Hardships cause ____. | ☐ discomfort and suffering | ☐ advantages and opportunities |
| 3 To loathe is to ____. | ☐ dislike | ☐ enjoy |
| 4 A hostile attitude is ____. | ☐ friendly | ☐ unfriendly |
| 5 A bold person is ____. | ☐ shy | ☐ confident |
| 6 An illustrious writer is ____. | ☐ eminent | ☐ imminent |
| 7 In the event of rain means ____. | ☐ when the rain stops | ☐ in case it rains |
| 8 A skirmish is ____. | ☐ an open battle | ☐ a fight between small parts of armies |
| 9 An intriguing story is ____. | ☐ interesting | ☐ uninteresting |
| 10 A person who defies the law ____ it. | ☐ obeys | ☐ disobeys |
| 11 A beauty that captivates you ____ you. | ☐ fascinates | ☐ repulses |
| 12 A hindrance is ____. | ☐ whatever obstructs and delays you | ☐ whatever facilitates things for you |
| 13 Slack discipline is ____. | ☐ hard | ☐ relaxed |
| 14 An ingenious young man is ____. | ☐ clever | ☐ stupid |
| 15 An illiterate person is ____. | ☐ educated | ☐ unable to read |

Task Two >>> What are the nouns derived from the adjectives listed below?

ADJECTIVES	NOUNS
significant	
cordial	
indecent	
obscure	
pious	
illiterate	

ADJECTIVES	NOUNS
hostile	
wise	
versatile	
flexible	
tolerant	
defiant	

Task Three >>> Complete the sentences using the words defined below.

A **diseased** - suffering from a disease



deceased - (person) who has recently died

Mr. Jones is no longer at this telephone number; I'm afraid he's _____.

B **locate** - find the position of somebody or something



localize - confine to a particular part or area

I'm trying to _____ Shoreline Drive on the map, but I can't find it.

C **luxurious** - very rich and comfortable



luxuriant - abundant in vegetation

Their house was filled with _____ furnishings.

D **eminent** - distinguished



imminent - likely to happen soon

All the students were nervous about the _____ exams

E **ingenious** - clever & skillful (n. ingenuity)



ingenuous - not attempting to deceive or conceal; innocent (n. ingenuousness)

Mark has come up with an _____ plan to make a million dollars.

F **capture** - take a person or an animal prisoner

captivate - fascinate

The pirates managed to stop the ship and they _____ the captain and the crew.

G **reign** - rule



rein - a long narrow strap fastened to the bridle of a horse

She led the horse by the _____.

H **comment** - give an opinion on something or someone



commend - praise

Don't you want to _____ on the political situation?

Task Four >>> Cross out the words in lists **A** and **B** which are **not** synonymous with the words in CAPITAL letters.

A ILLUSTRIOUS

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| ☐ anonymous | ☐ disreputable |
| ☐ eminent | ☐ renowned |
| ☐ obscure | ☐ renewed |
| ☐ prominent | ☐ distinguished |
| ☐ outstanding | ☐ celebrated |
| ☐ imminent | ☐ reputed |

B MOROSE (for people)

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| ☐ overcast | ☐ gloomy |
| ☐ sullen | ☐ moody |
| ☐ cordial | ☐ affable |
| ☐ sulky | ☐ glum |
| ☐ friendly | ☐ downcast |
| ☐ amiable | ☐ courteous |

Vocabulary Practice

A. Read the text below and choose the correct word A, B C or D to fit the gaps.

There can be no (11)..... that online shopping is of huge benefit to the consumer. Far from becoming (12)....., online shoppers are very demanding. Overpriced merchants with poor services should beware. Gone are the days when stores could charge what they liked for goods and get away with it. The same, too, for shady manufacturers: smarter consumers know which products have a good (13)..... and which do not, because online they now read not only the sales (14)..... but also reviews from previous purchasers. And if customers are disappointed, a few (15)..... of the mouse will take them to places where they can let the world know. Nowadays there is nothing more damning than a flood of negative comments on the internet.

However, the big boys, as always, are ahead of the game. Some companies are already adjusting their business models to take account of these trends. The stores run by Sony and Apple, for instance, are more like brand showrooms than shops. They are there for people to try out (16)..... and to ask questions to knowledgeable staff. Whether the products are ultimately bought online or offline is of secondary importance.

Online traders must also adjust. Amazon, for one, is (17)..... turning from being primarily a bookseller to becoming a (18)..... retailer by letting other companies sell products on its site, rather like a marketplace. During America's Thanksgiving weekend last November, Amazon's sales of consumer electronics in the United States (19)..... its book sales for the first time in its history. Other transformations in the retail business are (20)..... to follow.

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| 11. A. query | B. examination | C. question | D. proposal |
| 12. A. complacent | B. dissatisfied | C. competent | D. compassionate |
| 13. A. distinction | B. resolution | C. opinion | D. reputation |
| 14. A. bubble | B. message | C. blare | D. blurb |
| 15. A. taps | B. clucks | C. clicks | D. prods |
| 16. A. devices | B. tools | C. emblems | D. schemes |
| 17. A. mistakenly | B. rapidly | C. unreasonably | D. secretly |
| 18. A. mass | B. block | C. lump | D. chunk |
| 19. A. receded | B. excluded | C. repressed | D. exceeded |
| 20. A. tied | B. secured | C. bound | D. fastened |

B. Fill the gaps in the following sentences with the correct answer A, B C or D.

- 21 It was imperative for the authorities to the epidemic.
a succeed b localise c spread d define
- 22 His efforts, though futile, are still
a refined b intimidated c pious d commendable
- 23 To me friendship is a(n) thing.
a precious b insignificant c costly d obscure
- 24 He was reserved by nature, even
a cordial b morose c amiable d approachable
- 25 Misuse of the world's resources is one of the issues of our times.
a burning b heating c firing d boiling
- 26 That was an act of epic
a validity b price c valour d location
- 27 What he did to support our cause was a small but gesture.
a significant b stout c obvious d indecent
- 28 The vegetation on the island was
a exuberant b chivalrous c overcast d ingenious
- 29 He was regarded as the most of contemporary writers of fiction.
a dense b daring c extensive d imaginary
- 30 Ronald had the to blame his teachers for his failure.
a concern b chivalry c regard d audacity