Unit 2

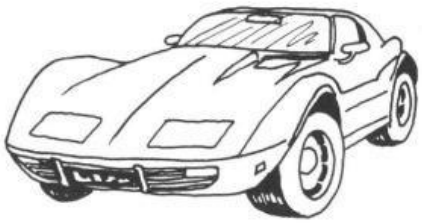
describing things

ADJECTIVES	
big	small
large	little
huge	tiny
enormous	minute

EXERCISE 1

Match the words with similar meaning in the list below:

1 big
2 small
3 minute
4 new
5 round



☐ circular
☐ tiny
☐ modern
☐ large
☐ little

Now match the words with opposite meanings below:

1 old
2 heavy
3 tiny
4 brand new
5 antique





☐ light
☐ modern
☐ second-hand
☐ huge
☐ new

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EXERCISE 2

Use the words from the previous exercises to complete the sentences below:

1 This isn't _____ ; it's second-hand.

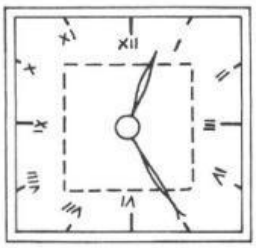
2 They have a modern house but it's full of _____ furniture.

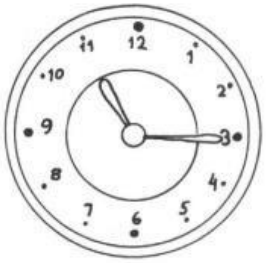
3 This pile of books is too _____ to carry. Could you help me?

4 She used to live in a tiny flat in Battersea, but after the success of her book she moved to a _____ house with eleven rooms.

5 Do you prefer square or _____ clock faces?

6 This blouse comes in three sizes: small, medium and _____ .





EXERCISE 3

The following denote particles or small quantities of things. Match the words on the left with those on the right to form phrases:

1 a grain of	☐	sand
2 a crumb of	☐	light
3 a spoonful of	☐	paper
4 a bouquet of	☐	water
5 a drop of	☐	salt
6 a pinch of	☐	medicine
7 a ray of	☐	bread
8 a scrap of	☐	hair
9 a lock of	☐	flowers



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EXERCISE 4

Fill the gaps in the following sentences with words from the previous exercise in their correct forms:



1 I wrote my address down on a _____ of _____ .

2 The recipe says you should add a _____ of _____ to the sauce.

3 I enjoyed the picnic on the beach but I kept getting _____ of _____ in my sandwiches.

4 I felt a _____ of _____ on my head; it must be starting to rain.

5 He's so romantic; he sent me a huge _____ of _____ on Valentine's Day.

EXERCISE 5

Describing objects

We often derive the name of something from the purpose for which it is intended. For example, a **jam jar** *is a jar which is used or has been used as a container for jam. Match the following nouns in a similar way:*

1 potato
2 tea
3 dish
4 cigarette
5 toothpaste
6 soap
7 biscuit
8 milk
9 soup
10 glove
11 rubbish
12 money



☐ case
☐ bowl
☐ pot
☐ bin
☐ dish
☐ sack
☐ tube
☐ rack
☐ box
☐ tin
☐ jug
☐ compartment

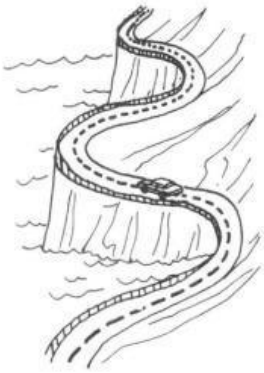
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EXERCISE 6

Choose from the words in the box to complete the sentences below:

synthetic	delicious	refreshing	stylish	skilful	dramatic



1 That was a really _____ meal!

2 I enjoyed the play; the murder scene was very _____ .

3 My shirt is made of _____ material but I would prefer cotton.

4 Lemonade is a very _____ drink in the summertime.

5 You have to be a pretty _____ driver to cope with those sharp bends on the coastal road.

6 She wore a very _____ outfit to the wedding.

EXERCISE 7

Find 18 adjectives from this unit in the wordsearch square below:

enormous	synthetic	delicious	stylish	large	minute	huge
round	antique	new	heavy	tiny	small	
big	little	old	dark	modern		

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