

<b>impartial</b> im pā' shəl	<i>adj.</i> Not favoring one side more than another; fair. [A judge should be <i>impartial</i> in the courtroom.]
<b>industrious</b> in dus' trē əs	<i>adj.</i> Hard working; not lazy. [The more <i>industrious</i> workers in the clothing factory were rewarded with pay raises at the end of the year.]
<b>infuriate</b> in fyoor' ē āt	<i>v.</i> To make very angry. [Cruelty to animals <i>infuriates</i> me.]
<b>irrelevant</b> ir rel' ə vənt	<i>adj.</i> Having nothing to do with the subject. [The candidate's personal wealth is <i>irrelevant</i> to our discussion about his qualifications for the job.]
<b>precise</b> prē sīs'	<i>adj.</i> Exact; accurate. [Do you know the <i>precise</i> time that your plane arrives?] <b>precision</b> <i>n.</i> (prē sizh' ən) Exactness. [An eye surgeon's work requires great <i>precision</i> .]
<b>sham</b> sham	<i>n.</i> Something fake or false. [Their offer to make us rich turned out to be a <i>sham</i> .] <i>adj.</i> Not genuine; fake. [Although he tried to appear sorry, his <i>sham</i> apology fooled no one.] <i>v.</i> To pretend. [We <i>shammed</i> illness so we could stay home.]
<b>trek</b> trek	<i>n.</i> A long, slow, and difficult journey. [The hikers were exhausted after their <i>trek</i> over the mountain.] <i>v.</i> To travel slowly and with difficulty. [Sam <i>trekked</i> ten miles into town after his car broke down.]

## 1A Finding Meanings

Choose two phrases to form a sentence that correctly uses a word from Word List 1. Write each sentence in the space provided.

1. (a) you make that person very angry. (c) If you infuriate someone,  
(b) you act in that person's place. (d) If you evict someone,
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2. (a) something that is not genuine. (c) An estimate is  
(b) a decrease in size or amount. (d) A sham is
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3. (a) a disease that spreads rapidly. (c) An epidemic is  
(b) a number that is not exact. (d) An agent is
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4. (a) that is meant to be helpful. (c) A devastating comment is one  
(b) An irrelevant comment is one (d) that is off the subject.
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5. (a) An agent is (c) something that cannot be explained.  
(b) A trek is (d) something that produces a result.
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6. (a) one who works hard. (c) An industrious person is  
(b) An impartial person is (d) one who is highly paid.
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7. (a) Estimates are (c) people who enforce the law.  
(b) Authorities are (d) witnesses to an accident.
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8. (a) is strongly denied. (c) Something that is acknowledged  
(b) is generally accepted. (d) Something that is unabated
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9. (a) a state of destruction. (c) Precision is  
(b) Devastation is (d) a sticking or holding together.
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10. (a) An authority is (c) an expert source of information.  
(b) a decrease in force or power. (d) A trek is
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## **1B Just the Right Word**

*Improve each of the following sentences by crossing out the italicized phrase and replacing it with a word (or a form of the word) from Word List 1.*

1. The people had no right to be there, so they were *removed by force* from the house.
2. The governor has the *right under the law* to appoint judges to state courts.
3. Those called for jury duty are expected to be *fair and not to favor either side*.

4. The parts of a jigsaw puzzle must be cut with *very great care* if they are to fit together properly.
5. In a special ceremony, the town *expressed its gratitude* for the heroic act of the firefighter.
6. To succeed in the movie business, you need a good *person to represent you*.
7. The carpenter will *give a rough idea* of the cost of building a deck.
8. We waited for the heavy traffic to *decrease in volume* before we left the city.
9. Yesterday's tornado in eastern Kansas *completely ruined* a trailer park.
10. *We made a long and difficult journey* across the desert for three days.

## 1C Applying Meanings

Circle the letter of each correct answer to the questions below. Questions may have more than one correct answer.

1. Which of the following can be *shammed*?  
(a) concern (c) sleep  
(b) honesty (d) interest
2. Which of the following might be *estimated*?  
(a) the cost of repairs (c) the population of a town  
(b) the height of a hill (d) the number of days in a week
3. Which of the following would be *irrelevant* in judging a student's writing?  
(a) the student's age (c) the width of the margins  
(b) the student's name (d) the color of the ink used
4. Which of the following might result in someone's being *evicted* from a house?  
(a) failing to pay the rent (c) causing damage to it  
(b) using it for illegal purposes (d) running a business from it
5. Which of the following can *abate*?  
(a) anger (c) silence  
(b) high winds (d) applause
6. Which of the following are *precise* amounts?  
(a) 2,145 (c) half a dozen  
(b) several hundred (d) a lot

7. Which of the following might be considered a *trek*?
- (a) a trip to the corner store                      (c) a walk across Canada  
 (b) a ride in a hot air balloon                      (d) a plane trip to Europe
8. Which of the following would be *devastating* to a town?
- (a) a new mayor    (c) a hot summer  
 (b) an earthquake    (d) a large population

## 1D Word Relationships

*In each group below, circle the two words that are synonyms.*

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|----------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| 1. AUTHORITY   | EXPERT      | 4. SECRET   | IRRELEVANT |
| AGENT          | PRACTICE    | FAIR        | IMPARTIAL  |
| 2. ADMIT       | ACKNOWLEDGE | 5. WEAK     | FAKE       |
| FORGET         | DEVASTATE   | PRECISE     | SHAM       |
| 3. CALCULATION | DECISION    | 6. INCREASE | DESTROY    |
| ESTIMATE       | TREK        | DEVASTATE   | INFURIATE  |

*In each group below, circle the two words that are antonyms.*

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| 7. ABATE  | RULE   | 9. EPIDEMIC     | PRECISE    |
| INCREASE  | EVICT  | INACCURATE      | ANGRY      |
| 8. TREK   | DENY   | 10. INDUSTRIOUS | IRRELEVANT |
| INFURIATE | SOOTHE | STRONG          | LAZY       |

## 1E Narrative

*Read the narrative below; then complete the exercise that follows.*

### THE TRAIL OF TEARS

The original inhabitants of what is now Kentucky and Tennessee were an **industrious** people who lived mainly by hunting and farming. They were called Cherokees by the Europeans who first made contact with them after settling along the East Coast in the early 1600s. These first meetings between European traders and Cherokees were friendly but were to have **devastating** consequences for the Native Americans later. The Europeans brought goods for trading, but they also brought smallpox, a disease that had been unknown in North America before their arrival. This disease left the body covered with sores and was often fatal. In 1745, a smallpox **epidemic** struck the Cherokee people and killed more than half the population. And that was just the beginning of the Cherokee people's woes.

The United States government recognized the Cherokee Nation as a separate country and **acknowledged** its right to sign treaties, or legally binding agreements, with other countries. In treaty after treaty, the Cherokees gave more and more of their land to the United States government in return for the right to **evict** anyone who settled illegally on the remaining land. But settlers ignored these agreements and continued to move onto Cherokee land. The United States government did not even pretend to be **impartial** in the disputes that arose as a result. The appeals of the Cherokee leaders fell on deaf ears, and the theft of their land continued **unabated**. By 1828, the Cherokee nation was one-tenth the size it had been a hundred years earlier.

In 1835, an **agent** of the United States government persuaded twenty Cherokees to sign one final treaty. According to its terms, the Cherokees would get five million dollars for leaving the last of their land and moving almost a thousand miles west. The Cherokee signers had no **authority** to act for the entire Cherokee Nation, but this fact was brushed aside as **irrelevant** by those in the government who wanted the land. The Chief Justice of the United States declared the agreement a **sham**. His opinion **infuriated** President Andrew Jackson, who replied, “The Chief Justice has made his decision; now let him enforce it.”

**Precisely** two years after the signing of the agreement, on the orders of the president, two thousand heavily armed United States soldiers arrived and drove the Cherokee families from their homes. Nearly twenty thousand people were forced to **trek** more than nine hundred miles west into what is now Oklahoma. They went mostly on foot, and it has been **estimated** that about four thousand Native Americans died on the journey, which became known as “the trail of tears.” In a sense, though, the Cherokees had traveled an even longer and even more sorrowful trail, a journey in time that began when the unsuspecting Cherokees first greeted the Europeans as friends.

*Answer each of the following questions in a sentence. If a question does not contain a vocabulary word, use a vocabulary word in your answer. Use each word only once. Questions and answers will then contain all fifteen words (or forms of the words) from this lesson’s word list.*

1. Why did smallpox kill so many Cherokees in such a short time?

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2. About how many Cherokees died of smallpox in 1745?

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3. Did the Cherokees’ repeated appeals to the United States government slow down the theft of their land?

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