

BUILD YOUR VOCABULARY 2



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ACTIVITY 1 **What do these words mean?**

Read the following passage from Fluency 2 and then attempt the exercise that follows:

Today's students know a lot. One has to just look at the quiz competitions. But they understand little and feel much less. They have mastered the art of debating, declaiming and reciting on a variety of issues ranging from communalism, gender justice, nuclear disarmament and ozone depletion. But once they are off stage they stop caring about the issue they just debated. I was shocked the first time I encountered this reaction. On reflection, I realized that we have taught our children to know but not how to feel. They can talk animatedly about equality and justice and yet practice discrimination in their own lives! Meaningful learning is possible only when the emotions and the intellect are integrated.

(Learning can be fun)

Now look at the following words and find words with the same meaning in the passage:

Comprehend, perfected, range, faced, thinking process, enthusiastically, differing treatment, united.

ANSWERS

(understand, mastered, variety, encountered, reflection, animatedly, discrimination, integrated)

ACTIVITY 2
Finding the Match

Match the following words with their meanings:

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| 1. Aware | Enthusiastic |
| 2. Animated | Continuously |
| 3. Searing | Knowledgeable |
| 4. Yelled | Doubtful |
| 5. Strained | Devoted |
| 6. Relentlessly | Making a mistake |
| 7. Suspect | Painful |
| 8. Flounder | Principles |
| 9. Ethics | With great effort |
| 10. Avid | Shouted |

See how all the above words have been incorporated in the following paragraph:

I was **aware** that this kind of **animated** talk was very good but the **searing** headache kept beating my head **relentlessly** and I found myself **floundering** in spite of my **strained** efforts to keep my **ethics** intact and not look like a **suspect**. I **yelled** but the **avid** cop did not pay any attention.

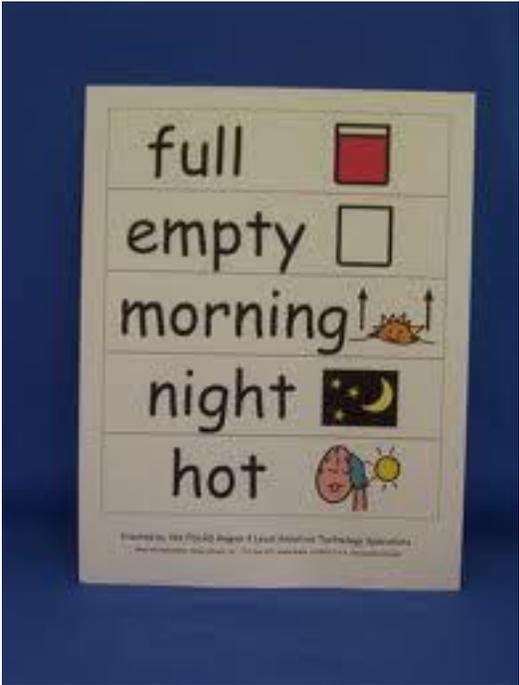
Can you try the same with the meanings table given above?

ACTIVITY 3
Words which mean the Opposite

Find the Antonyms of the following words from the word-jumble which is given below:

Irresponsible, dull, ignorance, useless, idealism, outdated, arrogance

Alacrity, practicality, intelligent, modesty, defiance, responsible, committed, current, bright, knowledge, wounded



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ANSWERS

(Irresponsible – responsible, dull- intelligent, useless- useful,
idealism – practicality, outdated- current, arrogance- modesty)

ACTIVITY 4

Let us expand the words

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| 1. Associate | 6. Serene |
| 2. Astonish | 7. Expression |
| 3. Grudge | 8. Illustrate |
| 4. Stoic | 9. Triumph |
| 5. Patronize | 10. Disapprove |

Match the expanded form of the word with the words in the list above:

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| a. Serenity | f. Expressionless |
| b. Illustration | g. Disapprovingly |
| c. Stoicism | h. Astonishing |
| d. Association | i. Grudgingly |
| e. Patronizingly | j. Triumphant |

ACTIVITY 5
Identify the odd word

In the following sentences, pick out the word that does not fit.

1. Manu Parekh taught ninth standard advanced physics at the Shishugriha Vidyalaya in Ahmedabad.
2. Manu's mother frowned while extinguishing the lamp in front of her dead husband's photograph.
3. A defeated Sejal hefted her bag and leaned more assuredly against the railing.
4. Manu shook his head in belief at his wife's wiles.
5. He spoke clearly and slowly, as if speaking to one of his particularly bright students.

Now replace the word which does not fit with one of the following:

Elementary, slow, triumphant, disbelief, lighting

The meaning of a sentence can change in its entirety, if one of the words has been used incorrectly.

WHAT HAVE WE LEARNT?

- **Words can change the meaning of a sentence**
- **Words are fascinating because they have meanings**
- **Antonyms are fun**
- **Using the right word comes with practice**