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| 1. | As the gender barriers **crumbled**, the number of women working as lawyers, doctors, or bankers began to increase significantly from the mid-20th century. |
| 2. | With the data collected each year, the owner of the shop can **discern** customer trends and how things like weather and economic indicators affect sales performance. |
| 3. | His supervisor pushes and motivates him in such a positive manner that he is not only able to reach but to **surpass** his personal goals. |
| 4. | He is a man with a **shrewd** business sense. He has built his initial investment into a substantial and even excessively large fortune. |
| 5. | The **conversion** of nuclear radiation directly into electricity was an exciting possibility that was being vigorously explored in many laboratories in the 1950s. |
| 6. | I was not only shocked but also disgusted that the report tried to **distort** the scientific facts in such a manner that even some highly-educated people were fooled. |
| 7. | Sixty-two and blessed with his mother's skin, the fisherman had withstood a lifetime of exposure to the sun and looked as **radiant** as a man in his forties. |
| 8. | French educator Louis Braille invented a simple but **ingenious** code which has had an impact on the lives of generations of people who are blind. |
| 9. | The senators didn't expect us to ask such tough questions, and when we finally did, they got **stumped** and didn't know what to say. |
| 10. | This newly established university supports the **proposition** that a more diverse higher education system is desirable since it would enhance opportunities for lifelong learning. |

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| 1. | Contrary to the predictions of some local economists, who always warned that higher wages and benefits would lead to slower growth and business **bankruptcies** , these policies had exactly the opposite effect. |
| 2. | There are growing concerns about the climate effects, such as melting ice caps, droughts, floods, etc., due to rising **atmospheric** greenhouse gas concentrations. |
| 3. | Long considered one of the great **delicacies** , goose liver most commonly appears on the menu of French dishes in high-end restaurants. |
| 4. | For the sake of the world's future prosperity and for its elimination of hunger and disease, reforms and innovations must be pursued with **urgency**. |
| 5. | Many smart people became accountants instead of scientists because the science they were exposed to in school made **accountancy** seem more attractive by comparison. |
| 6. | Despite the deepening economic **gloom** , he believes automobile sales will likely grow vigorously over the next three years as long as loan interest rates remain low. |
| 7. | The nearby high-tech park helps the university become a **magnet** for some of the most ambitious young business minds from around the country. |
| 8. | Photographs of this quality are rare among UFO photographs, but in this particular shot you can clearly see a disc-shaped **metallic** object. |
| 9. | Since the scope of agriculture is wide, the administrators and information personnel involved in it must have a good **mastery** of the field. |
| 10. | Employers decide to create a **vacancy** only when the expected profit of a filled job exceeds the hiring costs for a new employee. |
| 11. | Parents often suffer deep feelings of **guilt** if their children fail to succeed, or don't turn into responsible and law-abiding members of society. |
| 12. | I respect the need for **secrecy** at a particular point in family life. But I do believe that family members do better when they can speak openly about things that really matter. |

Have you ever heard people say that they tend to be more of a right-brain or left-brain thinker? From books to television programs, you have probably heard the term **mentioned** numerous times, or perhaps you have even taken an online test to **determine** which type best describes you.  
Do different parts of the brain really control different bodily and mental functions? Over the years, a theory that has **gained** in popularity is that the right brain and the left brain are  **responsible** for different modes of thought and that the way in which a person thinks will depend on which side of his brain works more actively.  
People who rely more **heavily** on the right half of their brain tend to be more imaginative and spontaneous. They are interested in patterns, shapes and sizes, for the right brain is associated with **artistic** ability like singing, painting, writing poetry, etc. Left-brain dominated people are quite **opposite** in the way they think. They tend to be more logical and **analytical** in their thinking and usually stand out in mathematics and word skills.  
While the different functions of the two brain parts may have been **distorted** and exaggerated by popular psychology, understanding your strengths and weaknesses in certain areas can help you develop better ways to learn and study. For example, if you are usually **stumped** in trying to follow verbal instructions, an activity often cited as a right-brain characteristic, you can benefit from writing down directions and developing better organizational skills.

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| 1. | The brick walls of the ruined buildings **were dripping with** green mold and moisture, and she shivered involuntarily, looking down to avoid the sight. |
| 2. | As urban populations exported finished goods **in exchange for** raw materials from neighboring populations, organized trade grew substantially. |
| 3. | Knowing just how quickly a wildfire can spread, some residents of the village decided to leave their homes after the flames **flared up** nearby. |
| 4. | Biology teachers often **make an analogy between** the heart and a pump in order to help students understand how the heart works. |
| 5. | They would like to **set a date for** their wedding and announce their engagement to their families and friends as soon as possible. |
| 6. | He was determined not to sour a perfectly good day with the memory of one jealous classmate trying to **make)** a fool **out of** him in front of the entire class. |
| 7. | The couple **made a pact** never to work at the same time, so that one of them was always on full-time parenting duty, and their child wouldn't have to be looked after by strangers. |
| 8. | The president said that it's the worst earthquake ever to hit the country, and that he **had appealed to** the world for help, asking in particular for heavy-lift helicopters able to carry relief supplies into the isolated mountain areas.   |  |  | | --- | --- | | 1. | Hundreds of endangered sea turtles were found dead along the coast last week, **triggering** concerns about pollution and local fishing practices. | | 2. | During World War Ⅱ, very often heavy clouds would completely **obscure** the target area, causing the bombs to be dropped in quite the wrong places sometimes. | | 3. | After the experiment, scientists will wait to see what will happen in these children when they grow up and to see whether the result will support their **hypothesis** . | | 4. | At present, it is difficult to **formulate** an appropriate plan that is systematic and can be widely accepted by economists in the market place. | | 5. | As one of the youngest professors in the university, Mr. Brown is certainly on the **threshold** of a brilliant career. | | 6. | The officials of the university should issue a stricter rule to curb the **incidence** of violence and bullying among students. | | 7. | It is still not possible to confirm or to **refute** the claim that there is a casual relationship between the amount of fat we eat and the incidence of heart attacks. | | 8. | Since writing is one of the primary means of assessment in the academic **realm**, it is important that students be trained to think critically and write effectively. | | 9. | Every year the leaves fall from the trees and **decay**; in other words, they turn dark and gradually fall to pieces and become part of the soil. | | 10. | According to the **testimony** of your neighbors, you were not at home the night when the crime was committed; so, be sure to tell us where you were.   |  |  | | --- | --- | | 1. | They don't know if their decision will work, but they do know that over time they will succeed more often if they continue to **play the odds**. | | 2. | Aging is a factor that correlates with loss of flexibility. However, how much of that loss is due to our changing lifestyle as opposed to the actual aging process is **subject to** debate. | | 3. | He **attributes / attributed** his troubles **to** his own endless drive for achievement and the pressures to live up to his parents' ambitions for him. | | 4. | Projects requiring skills not possessed by the workers are more difficult to accomplish; so, time must **be factored into** the project to allow these workers to obtain the needed skills. | | 5. | The results of the study **call for** further investigation into whether athletes from different team sports experienced anxiety in similar types of situations. | | 6. | **By virtue of** its smallness, the house remains extremely inexpensive with respect to energy consumption even if it is not perfectly positioned for solar harnessing. | | 7. | If you do **get stuck on** a word, you can ask your teacher what it means, or look it up in the dictionary or online. | | 8. | His knowledge of these waters and his skill in sailing must **come into play** now to keep the boat heading west against the strong currents. | | |

Unit2

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| 1. | We need to improve the quality of education so that our children will not leave school **deficient** in literary and reasoning skills. |
| 2. | In a society governed by the rule of law, every citizen is subject to possible **prosecution** if he violates the law. |
| 3. | The pay gap between average workers and top corporate officers has led to pubic **outrage** as executives receive large packages despite falling share prices. |
| 4. | The delicious meal **appeased** our hunger and made us feel warm again after having walked in the snow all day. |
| 5. | The military insists on **conformity** in many areas, for example, dress and haircut, with the primary objective of promoting group unity. |
| 6. | My daughter used to play with the dog by taking a **strand** of its hair and then spending a long time rubbing, combing and twisting it. |
| 7. | When she left for the party, she took great care to make her necklace and shoes **complement** her dress. |
| 8. | It was necessary to provide living places for **transient** immigrants passing through the area on their way to more permanent dwellings. |
| 9. | They had just moved in, so they needed to buy a number of kitchen **appliances** , including a microwave oven, a toaster, and a coffee maker. |
| 10. | She wanted a beautiful and elegant **outfit** to attend the wedding of a friend, but couldn't find anything satisfactory in the nearby shops. |

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| 1. | The Internet challenges the **domination** of traditional media such as newspapers and television as the main sources of news in modern society. |
| 2. | Some scientists warn that the X-ray **scanners** now being used to screen passengers at many airports may be harmful to the human body. |
| 3. | Many people think that a **humanist** should have very strong morals, in addition to beliefs in a philosophy that focuses on human values and concerns. |
| 4. | The police interviewed all six witnesses, but none of them could describe clearly how the **confrontation** began and who opened fire first. |
| 5. | In politics, **leftists** are people who generally support social changes to create a more equal society and show concern for those who suffer disadvantages. |
| 6. | A study of mid-level administrators' career **orientation** showed that many of these managers view their current position as a temporary step on an upward path. |
| 7. | The idea that the United States is a melting pot implies that racial differences are to be **erased** and that immigrants should give up their own cultural traditions. |
| 8. | Effective measures should be taken to prevent **terrorists** from attacking civilians, people who have no power to defend themselves from bombs and guns. |
| 9. | Toyota is one of the world's largest **manufacturers** of cars, with more than 50 plants across the globe outside Japan. |
| 10. | He sent his parents some of his recent news articles in a **binder** , arranged according to their publication dates. |
| 11. | This island became a colony after European **mperialists** decided to use it as their trading port in the 19th century. |
| 12. | The concert to be held next month promotes music by **composers** from Africa and South America.  I was once in a relationship with a woman who was the most brilliant, creative and driven person I'd ever known. I told her these things often because she didn't see herself this way, despite **achieving** great success and acclaim (称赞) in her professional field. She was also **gorgeous** and sexy, though she seemed not to realize this either, so I told her these things too. But while I thought it was more important to praise her brilliance, it seemed to mean more to her that she was **considered** attractive. My experience with this girlfriend exemplifies a common phenomenon in life — when it comes to complimenting a woman, men often walk a very difficult line. Of course, **context** matters. In a professional setting, talking about appearance is often inappropriate, but at a singles club, it may be important. She will be very pleased if a man thinks her clothes and **accessories** are pretty, or her hair looks wonderful. However, things in between these two cases are unclear. Women have every right to be recognized and **appreciated** for their intelligence and creativity. But at the same time, they want to be admired for their looks as well, for example, their perfect skin **complexion** and elegant outfits. Unfortunately, most guys don't understand this. If we receive compliments from women, they're usually about our achievements, not our looks. Most of us don't expect a woman to tell us how **handsome** or sexy we are, and some of us would find it hard to regard such a **comment** as sincere. I'm not saying it's very hard to be a guy these days. It is important for every man to understand how to treat women with both respect and **admiration**. But as far as the right balance of these two is concerned, we really have no frame of reference, especially when it comes to looks. |

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| 1. | Every month, the Community Services Center offers several lectures on health and fitness **in hopes of** introducing people to healthier lifestyles. |
| 2. | Do you know who **came up with** the idea of having cheesecake for dessert yesterday? It was delicious and made everyone happy. |
| 3. | The pain medication left Claudia feeling rather dull and sleepy, and soon after dinner she apologized for being such poor company and **excused herself** to bed. |
| 4. | When I was young, I **was obsessed with** maps, and I sometimes spent the whole day charting land routes from one point to another. |
| 5. | To make immigrants comfortable **reaching out to** police for help, more than 70 cities now bar police from asking them to prove their legal status. |
| 6. | Mary was often accused of "having a strong personality" because she was not afraid to **voice an opinion on** subjects about which she was knowledgeable. |
| 7. | At the end of his term in office, the governor was criticized for failure to **live up to** his campaign promise. |
| 8. | Results of a survey revealed that of the top 10 automobile makers **in terms of** customer satisfaction, six were Japanese and two were German.   |  |  | | --- | --- | | 1. | Once the divers went deep down under the sea, the lack of sunlight **hampered** their visibility, making them unable to see the sunken boat. | | 2. | It was a miracle that he survived the **mortal** wound in his chest although doctors thought he would certainly die. | | 3. | Twice divorced, Layne says she knows all too well about how money troubles can **corrode** the bond of marriage. | | 4. | Before the interview started, she said, "Let me **preface** our discussion by reminding our listeners of the title of your book." | | 5. | The audience loves the movie because the main character **embodies** core American values of self-reliance and hard work. | | 6. | As the author of the book argues, genders, races, classes, and even nations exist not as sealed entities, but rather as part of a set of **interwoven** relationships. | | 7. | The railroad, which was about 2,000 kilometers long, **knit / knitted** the whole country together and made its rapid industrialization possible. | | 8. | The novel tells the story of a young man who struggles hard to accomplish his dreams that **collide** with reality. | | 9. | What attracted me most in the museum was a stone sculpture of an ancient warrior in a Roman **costume** , complete with helmet, sword and shield. | | 10. | The **predominant** color in his paintings is white, whereas other colors such as blue and yellow are only used occasionally. | |

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| 1. | He had **enquired about** the possibility of working in the mailroom at William Morris, but the agency had nothing to offer at that moment. |
| 2. | The researchers believe that this study will help them understand climate change and future energy needs **from a** new **perspective** . |
| 3. | The rate of American women who have sensitive skin seems to be **on the rise** due to increased use of cosmetics. |
| 4. | When you have to **be accountable to** the people who elected you, it's hard not to think about the consequences of what you are doing. |
| 5. | I must save up my money to get a new pair of sports shoes because all of my current ones **are worn out / are wearing out**. |
| 6. | The US Food and Drug Administration regulates only bottled water sold across state lines, but that produced and sold in the same state **is exempt from** regulation. |
| 7. | He wanted to work as a computer engineer after graduation, but his parents did not **approve of** this idea. |
| 8. | Many users of this brand of mobile phones are known for **being addicted to** their devices, to the point that they even give them various nicknames. |

Unit 3

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| 1. | The curtains changed the atmosphere of the house completely and made it into a place of **exquisite** beauty. |
| 2. | As the sun **dispersed** the clouds, we enjoyed our afternoon of playing cards in the forest under the clear sky and observing the most spectacular view I have ever seen in my life. |
| 3. | The big company **decentralized** their operations last year and opened several regional offices in the country to meet the needs of the market. |
| 4. | It is not easy to **deduce** a trend of growth from the available facts since they are quite scarce and not that convincing. |
| 5. | Formerly found only in large industrial applications, microwave ovens now have become a standard **fixture** of most modern kitchens. |
| 6. | He calls on the public to save in everyday life and believes that **frugality** is the key to battling a culture that rewards mindless consumption. |
| 7. | He is suitable for the position as he is young enough to understand what the teenagers think but old enough to **administrate** their programs. |
| 8. | When asked about her whereabouts at 9 o'clock that night, she gave a rather **disjointed** response, which caught the detective's attention. |
| 9. | **Reviving)** the stalled economy and sticking to promises to bring the deficit down next year is proving to be the principal test for the new president. |
| 10. | A considerable period of time has to **elapse** before the effects of such security measures as closed-circuit television cameras and cell-phone monitoring become evident in reducing crimes. |

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| 1. | The new evaluation policy will base its decisions on workers' efficiency and effectiveness, not simply on **seniority** or how long one works in the company. |
| 2. | The French government has called on its people to defend the **purity** of their language and fight against foreign cultural invasion. |
| 3. | My friend has lived in New York for 10 years and loves Chinese food. He is familiar with all the **specialties** of Chinatown restaurants. |
| 4. | Totally shocked by the sight of the great snowstorm, she closed her eyes, and then opened them again to **reassure** herself she wasn't dreaming. |
| 5. | Her recent book describes parents pressured by circumstances such as the ever-expanding workweek and the **scarcity** of high-quality childcare. |
| 6. | Make sure not to be late for the meeting. You know the boss does expect **punctuality** from us. |
| 7. | Effective communication combined with **sensitivity** to the concerns of others makes resolution of most disputes possible. |
| 8. | An experienced manager from the headquarters has been brought in to assist management in **restructuring** the local branch of the company. |
| 9. | The slightly graying hair and piercing eyes of our team leader added to an air of professional **superiority** and power on his face. |
| 10. | Shocked by the results of the elections, many people start to question the process of elections and challenge the **validity** of the vote. |
| 11. | Fog has reduced **visibility** to under 20 meters and no planes have taken off since early morning. |
| 12. | The old gentleman delivered his speech with such grave **solemnity** that he silenced all the students in the auditorium (礼堂). |

In some urban centers, workaholism (工作狂) is so common that people do not consider it unusual: They accept the lifestyle as normal. Government workers in Washington D.C., for example, **frequently** work 60 to 70 hours a week. They don't do this because they have to; they do it because they want to.  
Workaholism can be a serious problem. True workaholics, being deeply **immersed** in their work, allow themselves little or no time to take breaks. They like to work without being **disrupted**, and they probably don't know how to relax.  
But is workaholism always bad? Perhaps not. There are people who work well under **stress**. Besides, some studies show that many workaholics have great energy and interest in their own **sphere**. Their work is so pleasurable that they are actually very happy. For most workaholics, work and entertainment are the same thing. Their work **challenges** them, keeping them busy and genuinely engaged.  
Why do workaholics enjoy doing their jobs so much? Of course they get paychecks from it, but it is hard to **quantify** the pleasure with money. It offers more than **financial** security. Psychologists claim that work gives people an identity and provides them with self-confidence. People have a feeling of satisfaction when they **administrate** a business well or complete a challenging piece of work. In addition, most jobs provide a socially acceptable way for people to meet others. So, though some people are compulsive (强迫性的) about their work, their **addiction** seems to be a safe or even an advantageous one. They feel empty and incomplete when they are involved in activities not related to work.

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| 1. | Because of his quiet personality, many people said they would not elect him president of the institute though they **held** him **in high regard**. |
| 2. | Peter graduated from college in June and started his work in the auto company in August. **In the interim** , he took a trip around the country. |
| 3. | When his advertisement using the new digital technique drew as many as 5,000 responses overnight, he knew he **was onto something**. |
| 4. | When students are more involved in their academic and extracurricular activities, they will experience a richer campus life, which **in turn** benefits their development. |
| 5. | The scientists of the research center keep the good habit of summing up their experience **from time to time**. |
| 6. | Whenever the older kids in school tried to **pick on** her brother, she would not be afraid to stand up for him. |
| 7. | If he doesn't try to get a ticket now, he's probably not going to get one. So, he might want to **take a stab at** it one more time. |
| 8. | There are a lot of reasons for replacing your hard drive or adding a new one to your old computer, but they all **boil down to** the need for more space. |

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| 1. | Sales promotion not only aims at increasing demand at the consumer level, but also is used as a **stimulus** to attract business people's support. |
| 2. | The war brought problems of great **magnitude** to the country, with the economy stalled and millions of people left homeless. |
| 3. | Wild winds were sweeping through the area at extreme **velocity**, destroying houses and erasing any landmark in their way. |
| 4. | The food company promised to provide its small retail outlets and local restaurants with free refrigerators if this year's sales **quota** was met. |
| 5. | It is **stipulated** by the board of directors that bonuses exceeding $100 from subordinate enterprises be handed over to the board. |
| 6. | The host of the television program likes to **tease** his guests about their fancy clothes and ask them some critical questions, which always attracts the viewers. |
| 7. | At this forum, students discussed topics such as lowering the legal drinking age and increasing the age at which one would be **eligible** to obtain a driver's license. |
| 8. | The explosion of luxury and **premium** brands in China during the last decade has been the result of its strong economic growth and people's increased brand awareness. |
| 9. | The speech given by the 80-year-old professor was filled with an unusual mixture of personal reflection and **reminiscence**. |
| 10. | Dissatisfied with the abundance of violence on TV, the public television committee has issued a **decree** for great changes in television and radio programs. |

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| 1. | Owing to poor information security, the Information Awareness Office emphasizes that the importance of data privacy should **be embedded in** the formal education process. |
| 2. | As a teacher, he enjoys being with students who are able to express their views openly — without **a trace of** fear on their faces or in their voices. |
| 3. | Most people spend up to 90 percent of their time indoors, therefore indoor air quality **is critical to** their health condition. |
| 4. | The national park has acquired an additional 7,300 acres, mostly **adjacent to** the coast, where it has been restoring the native habitat of some wild birds. |
| 5. | Our society should try to help those unfortunate people live an independent and productive life rather than **beat** them **down** with the notion that they are not competent. |
| 6. | Despite the harsh economic conditions of recent years, the local government still **remains committed to** offering generous benefits to its people. |
| 7. | With the growing popularity of the Internet, it is possible to **conceive of** a society where people live where they want, with their jobs following them. |
| 8. | To **be eligible for** a patent, an invention must be new, useful, original, and not easily discovered or created. |

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| 1. | Great ideas for starting a business often begin with a **compelling** *strategy* that needs to be carefully planned. **Instant** *success* doesn't usually come while you're sitting around sipping coffee. It tends to come while you're hard at work. |
| 2. | If you think some entrepreneurs are just lucky, WRONG! Luck is no competition for intention: to know exactly what you want, say, having a(n) **sturdy** *workforce*. Your intentions determine your actions, and your actions determine whether you are able to demonstrate your **measurable** *effects*. |
| 3. | Without a goal, entrepreneurs drift along with no strategy to build, grow or expand their business. They can't reward their committed employees with a **decent** *pay*. When in difficulty, the first thing they tend to do is to **trim** *benefits* of their employees. |

Unit 4

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| 1. | I will conduct a top-to-bottom review of the state departments, agencies, and commissions, and seek to **consolidate** or to eliminate them where appropriate. |
| 2. | To a 10-year-old girl, you need to offer understanding about her wishes and help her **differentiate** between fantasy and reality. |
| 3. | When we heard about the **dreadful** suffering of the children and adults, our primary instinct, like millions of others, was to shed tears. |
| 4. | It was when we started living together that we found, to our sadness and surprise, that we were **incompatible** . |
| 5. | It was **alleged** that he had taken a $50,000 bribe before the project was transferred to another company. |
| 6. | The budget proposal has been described as "**bizarre**" and "inappropriate" by people objecting to it. |
| 7. | It seems that what people believe and what researchers have found out about the **correlation** between wealth and happiness are more different than overlapping. |
| 8. | Current expenditure in this museum is **negligible** in comparison with the huge amount which foreign museums of similar standing spend. |
| 9. | The air and rivers in this area are getting cleaner, and attempts to preserve animal species and their **habitats** have been mainly successful. |
| 10. | If you can provide rational and **intelligible** debates from an unbiased point of view, maybe we will all learn something.   |  |  | | --- | --- | | 1. | After 24 hours of desperate fighting against the enemy, the native tribe emerged **victorious** , but the cost was dear. | | 2. | The study makes clear that air emissions even at levels below those commonly held to be acceptable are potentially **hazardous** to the health of inner-city residents. | | 3. | The study showed that higher sea level would severely erode the country's beaches, with the **consequent** loss of recreational opportunities and recreation-dependent business. | | 4. | Ever since he was a small boy he has been dreaming of becoming a cowboy and leading a romantic **adventurous** life. | | 5. | According to a recent report, the radiation leak from the damaged nuclear reactor has had a **disastrous** effect on the environment. | | 6. | Freshwater is not **evenly** distributed across the globe. From the statistics here, we can see that the Americas have the largest amount of fresh water and Oceania the smallest. | | 7. | This is a large and **spacious** modern hotel offering high standards of accommodation and service. | | 8. | Iron deficiency is very common among women in general, affecting one in four female teenagers and one in five women aged 18 to 45, **respectively**. | | 9. | Many schools today stress academic achievement but don't always identify and reinforce the notion that students need to become **virtuous**. | | 10. | Only about 15 percent of car thefts result in an arrest, because few police departments **routinely** conduct in-depth auto theft investigations. | | 11. | This all sounds **harmonious**, yet there was disorder, tension and conflict in our household. | | 12. | My reason for leaving the present employer is that I am **desirous** of getting broader experience in marketing. | |

Farming invariably interferes with the habitats of plants and animals. However, this does not necessarily mean that agriculture and biodiversity are **incompatible**. In fact, quite the opposite is true. The sustainable cultivation of plants for food and feed actually enables us to **preserve** biodiversity.  
By 2007, there were more than twice as many people living on the planet as there were in 1961. Over the same period, the total amount of **available** arable (可耕的) land grew by just 10 percent. In comparison with population growth, the expansion of arable land was small. And there are limits to further expansion. A large **proportion** of the earth's surface — like deserts — is not suitable for cultivation, and other areas are **utilized** by humans for roads and buildings. Some land that is rich in biodiversity needs to be preserved and thus should not be **converted** into arable land. The tropical rain forests, for example, have the highest species density in the world, and changing this land for crop cultivation would be **dreadful** to these species' habitats and, indeed, existence.  
By 2050, global demand for food will have risen by 70 percent. But the expansion of land available for cultivation has its limits. This is one of the greatest challenges facing agriculture today: How do we **balance** the increased demand for food with the need to maintain biological diversity, now and in the future?  
Efficient and **sane** use of land will be key to preserving natural animal and plant habitats. To achieve this aim will depend to a **considerable** extent on the use of modern agricultural methods. If these methods are successfully applied, we believe that agriculture and biodiversity can coexist in harmony.

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| 1. | After the painter's move to Paris in 1904, Picasso's Rose Period paintings **took on** a warmer and more optimistic mood than the previous Blue Period. |
| 2. | There are a number of different occasions when you might be **called upon** to make a speech. Therefore, you need to practice how to speak to a large audience. |
| 3. | Schools in the US believe that cheating in examinations **runs against the grain** of the "honor system" proposed by Tomas Jefferson hundreds of years ago. |
| 4. | Being a major global concern, rapid population growth is believed by many to **be incompatible with** sustainable management of the environment. |
| 5. | It seems that many people have **come through** periods of stress, with more physical and mental vigor than they had before. |
| 6. | More and more native plants disappear every year. Saving them is important because our own survival **is bound up** with their fate. |
| 7. | It's up to you to **differentiate between** those who have your interests at heart and those who would take advantage of you. |
| 8. | Although J. K. Rowling's *Harry Potter* novels are written for "ages 9-12", they **have struck a chord with** many older readers. |

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| 1. | If these different assessment methods **converge** on the same conclusion, then we can have greater confidence in their outcome. |
| 2. | There is little doubt that the effectiveness of the reform was greatly **impaired** by its internal difficulties and external opposition. |
| 3. | The pollution from the factories continues to **contaminate** the river and also poses a serious health threat to people living nearby. |
| 4. | Indeed, the **vulgar** behavior popularized by music videos, reality television, and violent movies indicated that authority, standards, and personal responsibility all had declined. |
| 5. | The clinic was terribly expensive because the cost of a typical 20-day stay in it was equivalent to the annual salary of an average city **dweller**. |
| 6. | When Hollywood films deal with controversial social issues, they do so, for the most part, in a way that is designed not to **alienate** mainstream audiences. |
| 7. | Many old residents in the neighborhood prefer **strolling** along the beach to sitting in front of the television. |
| 8. | One way to reduce fear of needles is to explain to patients who need to be **injected** that they will not feel any pain with modern needles. |
| 9. | We **deplore** the fact that he has shaped his proposals for educational reform while virtually ignoring what is being done along those lines in other regions of the world. |
| 10. | They saw factory work as a source of pride rather than low status, and in this way they **inverted** the ideas of people in traditionally more powerful classes of society. |

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| 1. | In many places of the world, there are still those who encourage women to stay at home and **be obedient to** their husbands. |
| 2. | As the old lady walked toward the door with her grandson, she held on to his arm and **leaned against** his shoulder for support. |
| 3. | We do not **subscribe to** the view that when the data analysis does not give rise to the expected results, the quality of the data is to blame. |
| 4. | She is the first woman to **preside over** the agency, which, with a staff of 425, regulates all fishing and hunting in the state. |
| 5. | When you feel tired, you can try relaxing in a warm bubble bath, listening to music and **shutting out** the world for a while. |
| 6. | When the pop singer first arrived in the city, he **plunged into** the crowds, who had turned out in their thousands to greet him. |
| 7. | On the whole, the less education that people have, the more likely they are to **be intolerant of** those who differ from them. |
| 8. | The main idea of the article is that our reliance on modern technology has created a society where people **are disconnected from** one another and immersed in their own world. |

Unit 5

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| 1. | Although he was not a legal expert, he knew it would not be proper to **fabricate** anything to mislead the public. |
| 2. | He does not work full time there, but he has been the **nominal** head of the organization's scholarship program for five years. |
| 3. | As Mark walked the sites on that initial trip of the migrants, he found some important **temporal** clues — dated bus tickets, shopping receipts and calendars. |
| 4. | In urban planning, it is important to take into consideration the **reciprocal** influence between the transportation network and other facilities, for example shopping centers and medical centers. |
| 5. | The label "Smart Choices" on the front of food packages usually **denotes** products that meet criteria for lower fat, sugar and sodium (钠) content. |
| 6. | The public high school graduation rates in New Mexico and Arizona have been increasing for three **consecutive** years, thanks to an online program that helps students earn missing credits. |
| 7. | In the accident at the air show last week, a pilot and 10 **spectators** were killed when a fighter plane crashed into the crowd. |
| 8. | The mother was not sure where the boys went, but she did hear them **muttering** something about going out for a movie with friends. |
| 9. | This newly released portrait of Planet Earth is actually a **composite** of several pictures taken earlier this month by a new research satellite. |
| 10. | You shouldn't feel insulted. We can assure you he meant to be friendly and there was nothing impolite or **malicious** in his words. |

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| 1. | Some African countries have started a new program to **conserve** wildlife by giving local people greater control over hunting. |
| 2. | She hurt her wrist last week after falling from her bicycle. Now it is swollen, and she has trouble **unbuttoning** her coat. |
| 3. | The author of this book is an **authoritative** expert, so we believe that he can give a logical and objective description of the event. |
| 4. | As an experienced doctor in cancer treatment, she has offered **consultative** services on drug development to a number of medical companies. |
| 5. | The man was not usually so **imaginative**, and thus his colleagues were all surprised when he proposed this creative use of studio techniques. |
| 6. | At the conference, the speaker presented a **quantitative** analysis of the results from his year-long experiment by using a group of tables and charts that contain detailed statistical data. |
| 7. | In this coming week, the finance minister will **unveil** the budget, the annual report of the country's economy, and the government's plans for tax and spending for the year. |
| 8. | As a manager, David likes his employees to be **assertive**, to state or ask in a calm and direct manner what they want or need. |
| 9. | The stock market fluctuated wildly last month, which **unsettled** investors because they were afraid that the big losses they suffered two years ago would happen again. |
| 10. | Parents mostly want their children to attend a good school. Hence, the quality of a school can play a **decisive** role in helping families choose where to live. |
| 11. | After you drink a cup of coffee, it takes about 30 minutes for the caffeine to work its way through your **digestive** tract and into your bloodstream. |
| 12. | There is a general belief that social science is **qualitative** and therefore not rigorous. However, this may not be true since social scientists also employ rigorous thinking in their research. |

Stereotypes have some truth mixed in with a few generalizations. Sometimes these generalizations can be misleading as they are often based on observation of the **exterior** behavior of people in a certain culture. Spaghetti, pasta, mafia (黑手党), gestures, fashion — these are some words commonly used to describe Italians. How much truth is there in the stereotype? As an Italian myself, I will give you some **insights** into the Italian soul and clarify some misunderstandings that foreigners have about us.  
Spaghetti and pasta are sacred. You can't take pasta away from an Italian meal; otherwise it won't be **complete**. A typical Italian meal generally includes pasta as a starter, fish or meat with salad as the main **course**, followed by fruit or dessert, and then coffee. But there are considerable regional differences in Italy, and hence **inconsistencies** exist between the stereotype and reality. For instance, you might find risotto (加有肉、鱼或蔬菜的调味饭) replacing pasta in some places!  
The Mafia is real: We are not proud of it, but it does exist, especially in the South and on the island of Sicily. Obviously, not every Italian is a member of the Mafia, and most will be **offended** if you use the term, even if you are just joking.   
Yes, the way we speak is unique. Italians use **gestures** a lot in communication. We simply cannot talk without our hands. If the hands are busy doing something else, we start moving shoulders or other parts of the body.  
We are also fashion victims. You can recognize Italians by the way they dress from head to toe. We wear stylish clothes and **ornaments** for every possible occasion. You won't ever see an Italian wearing running shorts combined with long socks: It's simply against our **sense** of style!  
Italy is made up of many regions and provinces which are similar in some ways and **distinctive** in others. The stereotype contains some truth, but being Italian takes a lot more than that.

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| 1. | We chatted for half an hour before he finally **got to the point** : He wanted to work as a business consultant and wondered if I could pass along the names of certain potential clients. |
| 2. | Scientists at the research center identified various features that **are attached to** the commodities purchased by female consumers. |
| 3. | The three mountain climbers **would have starved to death** if the villagers had not found them lying at the bottom of the valley. |
| 4. | The boy looked up timidly at his father who was sitting next to him, but he didn't stop crying. **If anything**, his crying became more intense. |
| 5. | Since no one knew how the disease spread, they **were suspicious of** everything, including mosquitoes, swimming pools, and people from other neighborhoods. |
| 6. | At the press conference, the government spokesman avoided answering the question about health-care reform directly. Instead he just **wandered around** to talk about the harsh economic situation. |
| 7. | Mr. Rogers, whom you met in the museum yesterday, works as a software engineer and plays folk music **on the side**. |
| 8. | These schools were selected for our survey because the composition of their student bodies **was representative of** the district's enrollment, which included a large proportion of children from immigrant families. |

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| 1. | If the product is defective, the customers can ship it to us at our expense, and we will replace it or **refund** to them the purchase price. |
| 2. | Tensions occur in many smaller communities where development pressure and population growth cause **friction / frictions** between longtime residents and newcomers, who often have different backgrounds and values. |
| 3. | The manager had lots of questions about the dispute between the two departments, but he resolved to stay **mute** until someone told him the whole truth. |
| 4. | She had hoped to be home early enough to pick up her son from school, but she was **detained** by a long meeting at work until late evening. |
| 5. | This analytic software enables businesses to **extract** relevant information about the customers, for example, age and education level, from a large range of documents. |
| 6. | Every year the American Association of Poison Control Centers **compiles** statistics on accidental deaths from drugs, vitamins and other supplements. |
| 7. | Although not as practical as cars with fixed metal roofs, **convertibles** are appealing because they look cool and ready for summer driving fun. |
| 8. | The rebels have said that they would not try to take the capital before peace talks **mediated** by a third party begin next week. |
| 9. | She spoke in a **tactful** yet sincere manner, which made him relaxed and willing to talk about his life: his poorly-paid job and his unhappy marriage. |
| 10. | The president delivered an enthusiastic speech, in which he expressed confidence in building national **cohesion** and unity by improving the life of all citizens. |

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| 1. | Women's attainment in career still **lags behind** that of men, even in developed countries where women have been participating in the workforce for decades. |
| 2. | Talented and diligent, Robert Hume was **put in charge of** managing the entire Company's accounts when he was only 25. |
| 3. | A number of economists have proposed that the government should **take a** balanced **approach to** dealing with the nation's tremendous deficits. |
| 4. | Over the past few months, Mr. Flake has seen his fame steadily rise, being **singled out** for praise in a *Wall Street Journal* article and interviewed by some influential journalists. |
| 5. | As soon as the paperwork was done, he left the office and **headed for** the airport to catch an early afternoon flight to Florida. |
| 6. | Some cities have adopted Bus Rapid Transit, a system in which some features of the train, such as speed, reliability and comfort, are **incorporated into** the bus system. |
| 7. | The adverse weather conditions raised safety concerns, so they decided to **divert** three flights **to** a nearby airport. |
| 8. | According to a study published last month, global warming **has had an impact on** crop yields since 1980, pushing up prices of wheat and corn worldwide. |

Unit 6

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| 1. | When I first came to this city, everything was **alien** to me. It took me a long time to adjust myself to the new environment. |
| 2. | Something growing in her brain caused damage to her **optic** nerve, and doctors thought she would never see again. |
| 3. | The front side of the house has a **symmetrical** arrangement of windows and doors, with the main door in the center, a side door and two windows on each side. |
| 4. | He cleaned the old machine and **lubricated** the moving parts with a little mineral oil, hoping that it could work again. |
| 5. | We could tell it was a crisp winter night because, overhead, between the shadows of the buildings, a multitude of stars **twinkled / were twinkling**. |
| 6. | During his work on child protection, he often acts as a **mediator** between parents and children, making the parents know what they can do and what they cannot do. |
| 7. | Due to safety concerns, the commander ordered his troops to leave their **outposts** in the mountains and return to their bases in the nearby village. |
| 8. | It's exciting to travel to a foreign place, no matter whether you're **traversing** the wilds of Africa or just making a weekend trip to the countryside. |
| 9. | In the 1970s, a number of countries passed laws to protect women's rights, announcing that they would **emancipate** women through education and work. |
| 10. | The basic idea of **deductive** reasoning is that if something is true of a class of things in general, this truth applies to all members of that class. |

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| 1. | The new funding program, which became **operative** soon after it was established, served well to protect the interests of the local fishermen. |
| 2. | Studies show that abilities such as planning and reasoning may be more **indicative** of future academic success than scores in IQ or standardized tests. |
| 3. | Malaria is **prevalent** throughout most of the tropical (热带的) world, producing a situation in which 40 percent of the world's population is at risk of acquiring this disease. |
| 4. | The dictionary has an **interactive** multimedia version for children, which offers them the advantage of being able to hear the words they look up or read about. |
| 5. | The explanation is largely **speculative**, with no support of actual data, and hence additional research is needed to decide whether it is correct or not. |
| 6. | If a man is interested in a woman, he may come up to introduce himself and **initiate** a conversation, but a woman is less likely to do this to a man. |
| 7. | We feel that the results will be more objective if **respondents** can answer the questions in their native language rather than in English. |
| 8. | The best deal to tour Los Angeles offered by this new travel agency is a 600-dollar all **inclusive** package that covers everything — meals, hotels and flights. |
| 9. | The doctors were delighted to see that months of their **persistent** efforts paid off because Laura's health was improving steadily. |
| 10. | Interviews of about 150 students were analyzed by using an **inductive** approach, which led to the discovery of three common patterns of study habits. |
| 11. | They argue that the government should be more **responsive** to the citizens' need for an efficient health-care system. |
| 12. | She seldom saw her father in those years when he was stationed as a news **correspondent** in the Middle East. |

To invest in women's education and health is important for the overall welfare of the human society. The **reason** for saying so is obvious, that is, women are playing important roles in modern society. The politicians who **levy** taxes should know that women contribute to 40 percent of the world's production in agriculture, a quarter in industry, and a third in services. Women farmers in the developing countries grow at least 50 percent of the world's food. In addition to **generating** income, women continue to take responsibilities for household activities such as childcare, cleaning and preparing food, which are sometimes not as **lightweight** and easy as generally thought.  
Yet women's productivity remains low. Improving women's productivity can greatly benefit economic growth and poverty **reduction**, which are key development goals around the world. Hence, to **enhance** women's status is a vital part of the World Bank's strategy for broadly based economic and human resource development.  
To improve women's welfare calls for the efforts of both women and men. If long-term change in the conditions of women is to be **achieved**, the actions and attitudes of men must change, rather than simply to **emancipate** women from old conventions. Problems affecting women are often closely related to the social **relationships** between men and women. For example, it is impossible to deal with women's health problems effectively through **approaches** that involve only women. Many women's health problems are embedded in unequal gender relation in work loads, responsibilities for family welfare, as well as access to resources and decision-making.

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| 1. | The amount of oil capable of **being extracted from** the earth is ever decreasing, and we will be officially running out of oil some day. |
| 2. | They sought to **emancipate** the country **from** the old rigid traditions and to open it up to different cultures of the world. |
| 3. | In order to **cater to** customers who don't have credit cards, the company will soon allow shoppers to select products online, pick them up at its local store and pay for them in cash. |
| 4. | We should return the power to the communities and the people, so that they can **have a say on** important issues in their own neighborhoods. |
| 5. | Every morning the chickens flocked from all corners of the yard and **made a racket** loud enough to be heard in the village. |
| 6. | In the movie, Anne was a bright and charming teenager, and her parents believed she **was destined to** become a great writer. |
| 7. | John arrived late for the baseball game because he had to **run errands** for his mom in the morning to the grocery store and the post office. |
| 8. | After her husband lost his job as a taxi driver two years ago, the family **has scraped by / has been scraping by** on her small earnings from housekeeping jobs. |

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| 1. | If you take public **transit** to the airport, you may have to leave four hours ahead of your departure time as traffic is heavy during rush hours. |
| 2. | There are a lot of Western influences in this South Pacific island nation although it was never **colonized** by a Western power. |
| 3. | One argument against the death penalty is that the court may make a wrong decision and hence the result may be the wrongful **execution** of an innocent person. |
| 4. | With a well-defined theme, it is easier for the writer to **distill** his ideas, present them in a simple fashion, and tell the story effectively. |
| 5. | The rigid division of labor between women and men makes us realize how deeply rooted gender **segregation** is in these societies. |
| 6. | A large proportion of the rural population is **illiterate** since tens of thousands of people grew up during wartime, when most schools were closed down. |
| 7. | In recent years, a large number of ancient stone **artifacts** have been uncovered in various East African sites extending along the Nile River. |
| 8. | The United States became a larger economy than the United Kingdom in 1872, but the dollar did not **displace** the pound as the reigning international currency until after World War II. |
| 9. | After several nights of sleeping on the ground and being **vigilant** for bears, the bed in our room at the tiny inn felt like one in a five-star hotel. |
| 10. | The new invention may **overthrow** the existing system of commercial networks and bring tremendous changes to the computer industry. |

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| 1. | Toward the end of the season, he **was ejected from** the remaining games for throwing a bottle and a hand towel at officials. |
| 2. | Some high school students smoke only because their peers smoke and they are afraid of **being looked down on** if they do not do the same. |
| 3. | Many first-generation immigrants think of English as the language of power in American society, and some even **forbid** their children **from** speaking their mother tongue at home. |
| 4. | When we got closer, we saw two thick ropes that **were coiled up with** the top branch of the tree. It seemed that someone had climbed up there to search for a hidden object. |
| 5. | My father had been writing about and giving speeches on politics for a long time before he **ran for** the Mayor's office in 2014. |
| 6. | Although he was not really interested in the job, he took it **against his will** because his parents strongly believed that the position would give him a bright future. |
| 7. | When the company reached its lowest point in 2008, nobody thought it had **a ghost of** a chance to be reorganized and revived. |
| 8. | When I heard the music on the radio, I thought of my aunt Evelyn, who, at the age of 63, **took up** a career as an opera singer. |