

Vocab Expansion #3

Difficulty Level: ★ ★ ★ ★ ☆

Let's examine five new words to help expand our ever-growing vocabulary. Examine the new words and answer the questions to the best of your ability using full sentences.

Ruined: (verb)

Means to destroy something, to no longer be useable or good.

Synonyms: destroy, devastate, wreck

Antonyms: repair, rebuild

"I get so nervous when I go on a first date. I really hope I don't ruin my chances."

"The director ruined the movie by killing the protagonist in the end."

"Cake is always how I end up ruining my diet."

Questions: Please use full sentences when answering the questions.

- 1.) Give me an example about how someone ruined your day. What happened?
- 2.) Does your country have a good reputation? What is something someone in your country did that gave your country a bad reputation (ruined your countries reputation)?
- 3.) What is a simple thing someone can do for you to make your day (make your day is the opposite of ruining your day.)?

Earn: (verb)

To obtain money in exchange for labor or services; to gain or incur deservedly in return for one's behavior or achievements.

Synonyms: be paid, make, take home, gross

Antonyms: lose, squander

"Computer programmers earn a competitive salary."

"I earned my master's degree in computer sciences from the university of Toronto."

"Earning a six figure salary is not uncommon in the field of computer sciences."

Questions: Please use full sentences when answering the questions.

- 1.) How much do you need to earn to live comfortably in country?
- 2.) Do you have a post-secondary education? If so, what did you earn your degree in?
- 3.) How long does it take earn your trust?
- 4.) How much does a professional in your field earn on an annual basis?

Enthusiastic: (adjective)

To have an intense interest or enjoyment about a particular subject or idea.

Synonyms: eager, passionate, keen

Antonyms: weary, doubtful, dull

"He enthusiastically accepted his new position as regional manager of his company."

"Rarely do you meet someone who is so enthusiastic about language learning."

"After the first semester his enthusiasm towards his major dropped considerably."

Questions: Please use full sentences when answering the questions.

- 1.) What are you most enthusiastic about now that Spring is right around the corner?
- 2.) What hobby were you enthusiastic about in your younger years that has faded over time. Why do you think that is?
- 3.) How would you describe your level of enthusiasm for learning English? Has it peaked yet?

Distinct: (adjective)

Recognizably different in nature from something else of a similar type.

Synonyms: well defined, unmistakable, easily distinguishable, obvious

Antonyms: indistinct, common, indefinite

I knew she was from England due to her distinct English accent.

He was awarded the distinct Purple Heart for his services in the military.

Kobe Bryant's style of basketball is very distinct compared to others on the professional level.

Questions: Please use full sentences when answering the questions.

- 1.) What is a special skill you have that makes you stand out compared to your co-workers?
- 2.) What makes your city distinct when compared to others in your country?
- 3.) Is your country famous for anything? When did this distinction become recognizable?

Hinder: (verb)

To create difficulties for someone or something which results in delay or obstruction.

Synonyms: hamper, obstruct, delay, and hold up

Antonyms: facilitate, unblock, advance, allow, and assist

My inability to speak Korean has been a huge hindrance in allowing me to make lasting relationships while living in South Korea.

"The amount of paperwork to apply for permanent residency in Canada is really starting to hinder the process."

"My recent weight gain has become a huge hindrance in finding a partner."

Questions: Please use full sentences when answering the questions.

1.) What is the biggest obstacle in your career that is preventing you from getting a promotion?

2.) Are most people supportive of your future plans or do some friends and family hinder you from achieving your goals?

Match:

Match the words from column 1 with the best-suited answer from column 2.

Column 1	Column 2
1.) ruined	a.) gross
2.) earn	b.) unique
3.) enthusiastic	c.) slow down progress
4.) distinct	d.) excited about
5.) hinder	e.) unusable

Daily Expressions, Phrasal Verbs & Idioms:

1.) "To kick off": Means to begin or start.

"I really want to kick off the New Year on a positive note and fulfill all my goals."

2.) "To straighten up": Means to organize tidy and clean.

"I think we should straighten up the offices before the regional manager arrives this afternoon. I want to leave him with a good impression."