

**I. Write sentences with these phrases. The definition is in parenthesis. Read your sentences to the teacher.**

- 1.broke down: (stopped working)
- 2.back down: (retreat)
- 3.calm down: (tranquilize)
- 4.close down: (stop business activity)
- 5.come down with: (become sick)
- 6.crack down on: (impose restrictions)
- 7.let down: (disappoint)
- 8.look down on: (feel superior to)
- 9.mark down: (lower in price)
- 10.put down: (insult)
- 11.turn down: (reject)
- 12.shut down: (ended)
- 13.run down: (poor condition)
- 14.down and out (poor)
15. boil down to: (reduce to its essence)
- 16.down in the dumps: (depressed)
- 17.down on your luck: (unlucky)
- 18.down to the wire: (at the very last moment)

**II. Vocabulary**

.The **essence** of something is its basic and most important characteristic. EX:The essence of good managing is caring about your employees.

You use **in essence** to show you are talking about the most important characteristic. EX: In essence democracy is about empowering the people.

A related word is **essential**. If something is essential it is a must. It is needed. EX:This apartment has all the essentials for a comfortable home.

1.What do you think is essential in a home? What luxuries do you like to have in your home, but don't really need?

2.What is essential to succeed in America? Is it the same thing that is essential to succeed in your country?

3.What is the essence of a good education?

If you **restrict** something, you put a limit on it before it becomes too large. EX: Many countries restrict foreign imports. If you restrict someone you prevent them from moving or acting freely. EX: Many years ago when we visited China, foreigners were restricted to certain cities.

A **restriction** is a limitation. EX:The restriction on bringing liquids aboard an aircraft should be lifted.

**Restrictive** things make it difficult for you to do what you want. EX: Her parents were so restrictive that she wasn't even allowed to attend events where boys would be present.

1. R rated movies are restricted. If you are under 17, you may not go to an R rated movie unless you are accompanied by a parent or guardian. If you are under 21, you may not buy or consume alcohol. If you are under 16, you may not drive without a parent in the car with you. Do you think these restrictions are fair? Which one seems the most unreasonable?

2. What restrictions does your country have on youth?

3. Are there any restrictions on adults? Do you think there should be more or less on adults?

**III. Reading Comprehension: Read the story and answer the questions.**

*One day, while backpacking through Germany, my friend and I were ravenous, but low on cash. We decided to stop at a village market to get a few groceries. I chose some cookies and went to the front counter to make the purchase. Near the counter I noticed some packaged cookies in a large bin. They looked scrumptious and were a lot cheaper than the ones I had in my hand, so I took them instead.*

*We left the store and looked for a place where we could eat. We devoured our sandwiches first, then gobbled up the cookies. We thought they were terrific.*

*“Let’s get these again,” I said. “They’re really cheap and tasty.”*

*My friend can read some German, but I can’t, so I handed her the package so she could look for the brand name. She glanced at it and then burst out laughing.*

*“Why are you laughing?” I asked.*

*“Because they’re dog biscuits!” she said.*

1. Explain what happened in the story.

2. Explain why it is funny.

3. Tell about a similar incident you have experienced.