

**Vocabulary: Choose the word that is most commonly used by Americans in these sentences.**

- 1.If I remember (rightly, keenly, fairly) she had two brothers, both older than her.
- 2.If you want information about the publisher of this book, you can (demand/ call/ visit) their website.
- 3.Eating all those peanuts has (spoiled/ attacked/ lowered) my appetite.
- 4.She bought a really (strong, powerful) automobile.
- 5.I like (strong, powerful) coffee, preferably without sugar or cream.
6. Mrs. Jansen is a teacher who really (did, made, took) a difference in her students lives.
7. We didn't have a lot of (empty, free, open) time while we were at camp.
8. I'm a/an (triumphant, considerable, ardent) admirer of your work.
9. Watch out for Tom. He can be a/an (ardent, dangerous, unfair) adversary.
- 10.I don't trust him. I think he has a (concealed, hidden) agenda.

**Homographs are words that are spelled the same but have different meanings. Read these sentences and tell what the meaning of the underlined word is in each sentence. Students take turns reading a sentence and explaining to the class what the sentence means.**

### **BANK**

1. We are banking all of our extra earnings now because we want to buy a house in the future and will need a downpayment.
2. They banked the earth along the wall in hopes that it could withstand the rushing waves.
3. The turns on the racetrack were steeply banked to allow the cars to corner faster.
4. The plane banked sharply to the left to avoid hitting the birds.
5. I bank at the credit union down the street.
6. The computer's memory bank should always be backed up.
7. My son broke into his piggy bank when the ice cream truck came by.
8. He pulled himself up onto the bank and collapsed in exhaustion.
9. He was quite the pool player. He banked his shot off the cushion and straight into the hole.

### **CAPTURE**

1. John captured my heart when he showed up at my parent's house with flowers for my mother.
2. They brought in a microphone and captured the sounds of the subway.

3. In her latest painting, she captured the essence of Venice.
4. Many citizens were captured by the advancing armies.
5. Related word: captivate and captivity EX: Once he begins singing, he captivates the audience. I don't like seeing animals in captivity.

## **CLEAR**

1. The most expensive diamonds were perfectly clear.
2. Make sure your windshield is clear and clean before you start driving.
3. The coast is clear. You can bring in the gifts now.
4. He gave clear instructions not to be bothered at work.
5. I'm still not clear why you are here.
6. Do I make myself clear?
7. I have a clear conscience.
8. I'm not drinking tonight because I need a clear head tomorrow.
9. We cleared a profit after the first three months in business.
10. You guys need to clear out before my wife comes home.
11. Things have been awkward between Mark and I, so we met over lunch and cleared the air.
12. The train is coming. Stand clear of the rails.
13. When the weather cleared, we started our hike.
14. The horse barely cleared the hurdle.
15. The woods have been cleared and the crops are ready for planting.
16. That car parked so close to you that you won't be able to clear his bumper when you pull out.
17. **Related words: clearance** There is not enough clearance for the truck to pass under the bridge.
18. Target is having a clearance sale on electronic goods. I bought a camera on clearance last year.
19. I have clearance to go ahead and apply
20. He works at the Pentagon and has the highest security clearance.

## **ATTRIBUTE**

1. Jack has many wonderful attributes, but neatness is not one of them.
2. I attribute his lack of confidence to the fact that he is the youngest officer in the corps.
3. This poem is attributed to Velasquez, but there is some doubt about it's authorship.