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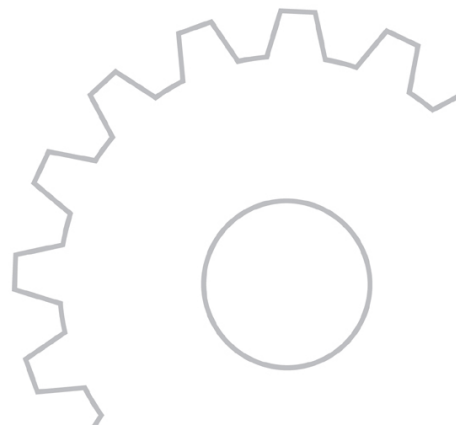
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## HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

This book is designed around a simple principle: information is more easily assimilated when you have context.

### Words Organized by Theme

Rather than studying random or alphabetized lists of words (which are quite arbitrary when it comes to how words are related), in this edition the words are organized into lists based on common concepts or themes. Themes are noted on the top right of the page. This should, on its own, make the words easier to retain. For example, if you forget what *languid* means but remember that it belongs to the list of words related to *sloth*, you'll know that it probably has something to do with laziness or lacking energy.

This way of organizing words affords a few study options. For example, you can study related groups of words like *speech*, *expression*, and *writing* or opposite pairs of words like *success* and *failure* to build ever larger frameworks of context.

A natural consequence of organizing words by common meaning is that you will encounter many words with similar or identical meanings. So, while working through exercises, do not be disturbed by the fact that while you used one word to answer a question, a synonymous word is listed as the answer.

**If your answer is synonymous with the correct answer, both answers are correct!**

### Notable Roots

Another feature of this book is the list of *notable roots* that follows each day's words. This includes roots, prefixes, and suffixes found in your vocabulary words that can also be found in other words. This gives you yet another context for study: groups of words that share common roots.

_____ 12. pedantic	<b>l.</b> thoughtful; cautious
_____ 13. pensive	<b>m.</b> observant; sarcastically witty
_____ 14. perspicacious	<b>n.</b> showing off one's knowledge
_____ 15. peruse	<b>o.</b> to set as a condition for an agreement
_____ 16. politic	<b>p.</b> caution; good sense
_____ 17. pragmatic	<b>q.</b> careful to avoid giving offense; shrewd
_____ 18. probity	<b>r.</b> clever; keenly observant
_____ 19. proffer	<b>s.</b> to review with care
_____ 20. prudence	<b>t.</b> sharpness; perceptiveness
_____ 21. ruminate	<b>u.</b> to provide information
_____ 22. stipulate	<b>v.</b> to present in a helpful manner
_____ 23. surmise	<b>w.</b> to create or prepare
_____ 24. trenchant	<b>x.</b> inward looking; self-aware

*moribund* career. Mullins, never one to *balk* at such barbs, punched the manager, knocking them both off their feet.

**Sample Sentences:** Use the new words in the following sentences.

1. After the scandal broke, a confession and apology might have \_\_\_\_\_ demands for the prime minister's resignation.
2. Three \_\_\_\_\_ empires did not survive the Great War: the Austrian, Ottoman, and Russian.
3. The investors who \_\_\_\_\_ at the opportunity to purchase shares in the new software company would come to regret it within a decade.
4. When Alaric sacked Rome in 410, it was the \_\_\_\_\_ of the empire's long history.
5. Given the complexity of Earth's natural cycles, the \_\_\_\_\_ of human activities can take decades to reveal themselves.
6. Attempts to create a universal language have proven \_\_\_\_\_ from the start.

**Definitions:** Match the new words with their meanings.

- |                  |       |                                    |
|------------------|-------|------------------------------------|
| 7. abortive      | _____ | a. to head off                     |
| 8. nadir         | _____ | b. consequences                    |
| 9. ramifications | _____ | c. dying                           |
| 10. forestall    | _____ | d. doomed from the start           |
| 11. moribund     | _____ | e. to hesitate; to refuse          |
| 12. balk         | _____ | f. the low point of one's fortunes |



# WEEK 8 DAY 3 Youth

## NEW WORDS

**jejune**

zhā - zhūn

**scion**

sī - on

**fatuous**

fā - chū - əs

**puerile**

pwer - īl

**dilatory**

dil - ə - tōr - ē

**imprudent**

im - prū - dənt

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### Notable Roots:

june = young; puer = boy; dil = delay;

prude = caution

## STYMIED\* BY PERSONAL SICKNESS

After an extensive lecture tour in 1956, Dr. Dooley, the once *jejune* activist and now *scion* of anticommunism, returned to Laos to set up a mobile medical unit. Because the Geneva Agreement barred the entrance of military personnel to the country, he resigned from the Navy and went to work as a civilian. That story is told in *The Edge of Tomorrow*. The next year, despite a growing illness, the ubiquitous Dooley turned up in the remote village of Muong Sing, attempting to thwart\* his traditional enemies—disease, dirt, ignorance, and starvation. He still maintained the increasingly *fatuous* hope of

cohort is entrusted with heating or cooling the hive. Dedicated to the welfare of the entire insect community, all of these workers are not *chary* about working hard.

**Sample Sentences:** Use the new words in the following sentences.

1. Prior to the invention of agriculture, humans \_\_\_\_\_ for much of their food.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ in his own dealings, Andrew Mellon was one of the few honest brokers in the Harding Administration.
3. Following the Mormon Trail from Nebraska to Utah was an \_\_\_\_\_ journey.
4. Unlike the other Founding Fathers, Burr worked \_\_\_\_\_ for his own interests.
5. Nuclear deterrence made the U.S. and U.S.S.R. \_\_\_\_\_ about the prospect of war.
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ Fiorello LaGuardia expanded New York's infrastructure and fought both corruption and organized crime during three terms as mayor.

**Definitions:** Match the new words with their meanings.

- |                         |                                   |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 7. assiduous _____      | a. tireless                       |
| 8. arduous _____        | b. wary; averse to risks          |
| 9. scrupulous _____     | c. to gather resources            |
| 10. forage _____        | d. hardworking                    |
| 11. indefatigable _____ | e. difficult                      |
| 12. chary _____         | f. careful about details; ethical |

# Wordsearch

**Directions:** Using the clues listed below, fill in each blank in the following story with one of the new words you learned this week.

## Clues

2nd Day

2nd Day

3rd Day

2nd Day

2nd Day

4th Day

1st Day

## *Mapmakers at Work*

We are all caught up in the events that change history and the shape of the countries in Asia, Africa, and the Middle East. Each time a country changes its name or its borders, there are some people who have their work cut out for them. They are the mapmakers—the cartographers. These skilled artists are not \_\_\_\_\_ into believing that this year's borders will remain fixed. Has there ever been a \_\_\_\_\_ border?

Looking through an atlas of just a few years back, we realize that political \_\_\_\_\_, brought on by \_\_\_\_\_ diplomats, have a tendency to change the world that we're used to. The mapmaker must be a \_\_\_\_\_, unmoved by developments that constantly render his work obsolete.

Countless trees have become \_\_\_\_\_ for the cause of maintaining current paper maps. For this reason, mapmakers have been eager \_\_\_\_\_ of the use of digital technology in mapmaking. Digital maps are no more permanent than the printed variety, but at least they can be updated quickly without wasting paper!

contained one sentence: “If you really care about me, you will find me by midnight, Friday. Evelyn.”

**Sample Sentences:** Insert the new words in these sentences.

1. As the shortages worsened, \_\_\_\_\_ products like salt and sugar substitutes proliferated.
2. Miss Havisham became embittered after she was \_\_\_\_\_ by her fiancé.
3. Sound walls can \_\_\_\_\_ the noise produced by major highways.
4. Montana, \_\_\_\_\_ by his bout with the flu, wasn't sharp in the playoff loss.
5. Cody's father sent him to his room when he didn't \_\_\_\_\_ playing with his food.
6. Momentum is one of the most powerful, yet \_\_\_\_\_, factors in sports.

**Definitions:** Match the new words with their meanings.

- |               |       |                                    |
|---------------|-------|------------------------------------|
| 7. intangible | _____ | a. to abandon                      |
| 8. desist     | _____ | b. to weaken                       |
| 9. attenuate  | _____ | c. fake; imitation                 |
| 10. jilt      | _____ | d. to stop doing something         |
| 11. ersatz    | _____ | e. to lessen the effect of         |
| 12. enervate  | _____ | f. difficult to perceive; abstract |

# WEEK 41 DAY 5 Health

## GROUP REVIEW

You can be sure of a balanced language if you are well acquainted with all the products (words) available in your supermarket (vocabulary).

### Matching

**Directions:** Match this week's words with their meanings.

#### REVIEW WORDS

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. abstemious

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. adverse

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. afflict

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. atrophy

\_\_\_\_\_ 5. austere

\_\_\_\_\_ 6. debilitate

\_\_\_\_\_ 7. deficiency

\_\_\_\_\_ 8. degrade

\_\_\_\_\_ 9. fettle

\_\_\_\_\_ 10. gallant

\_\_\_\_\_ 11. gaunt

\_\_\_\_\_ 12. imbibe

\_\_\_\_\_ 13. laceration

\_\_\_\_\_ 14. longevity

\_\_\_\_\_ 15. malady

\_\_\_\_\_ 16. malignant

\_\_\_\_\_ 17. masticate

#### DEFINITIONS

a. rest

b. to handicap

c. a cut

d. powerful; deadly

e. destructive; harmful

f. red-faced

g. healthy

h. unfavorable

i. pale and sickly

j. moderate in consumption

k. brave and daring

l. bare; uncomfortable

m. to soothe without curing

n. a sickness

o. weaken by disuse

p. to break down; to humiliate

q. to chew

1. k
2. h
3. w
4. v
5. u
6. t
7. o
8. m
9. e
10. b
11. s
12. i
13. g
14. x
15. a
16. q
17. p
18. r
19. c
20. d
21. j
22. f
23. l
24. n

## **Wordsearch**

1. florid
2. sanctimonious
3. hyperbole

6. prognosticate
7. e
8. d
9. a
10. b
11. f
12. c

## **Week 40, Day 5**

### **Matching**

1. i
2. l
3. n
4. g
5. c
6. x
7. m
8. d
9. q
10. j
11. p
12. r
13. f
14. w
15. k
16. h
17. s
18. a