



Unit 1



'a' – making 'ar' sound

Important words

Practise these words with your teacher.

branch	dancer	drama	fasten
mask	calm	grasp	advance
advantage	disaster	command	clasp

Clues

Read these clues and write in the correct word from the box above.

1. Something you might wear on your face.	_____
2. An antonym for 'agitated'.	_____
3. To fix things together or attach them.	_____
4. You might see this on stage.	_____
5. To take hold of something.	_____
6. An antonym for 'retreat'.	_____

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Suffixes – ‘-ant’ or ‘-ent’

It can be difficult to decide between these because the ending often sounds the same. Add the correct endings below. Then write them into the appropriate column. Use your dictionary to check each word.

pleas_____

asc_____

eleg_____

deter_____

immigr_____

exuber_____

adjac_____

dilig_____

applic_____

excell_____

anci_____

solv_____

hesit_____

extravag_____

arrog_____

obedi_____

contin_____

inhabit_____

fraudul_____

evid_____

assist_____

fragr_____

flipp_____

compet_____

-ant		-ent	
_____	_____	_____	_____
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Crossword

Read the clues and complete them using the words in the box below.



advantage	disaster	glance
branch	drama	raft
dancer	fasten	rather
vast		



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ACROSS

- 3. The _____ fell from the tree.
- 5. She has a _____ amount of experience.
- 7. Another word for 'a quick look'.
- 9. It is an _____ to be able to speak two languages.
- 10. The poor scores were a _____ for the team.

DOWN

- 1. He tried to _____ the box more securely.
- 2. She is a very talented ballet _____.
- 4. I would _____ go by train.
- 6. This is a good thing to study if you want to become an actor.
- 8. The shipwreck survivors clung to the flimsy _____.

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Synonyms

Read the words on the left. Then find and circle the synonym or synonyms on the right. Remember, a synonym is a word which means the same.



Note: A good way to tell if a word means the same is to think of a sentence with the first word. Then see if an alternative word can be used without changing the sense.

fine	final	excellent	superb	weather	adequate
scorn	scornful	mockery	respect	contempt	admire
nimble	agile	clumsy	bright	dull	dexterous
stationary	letter	not moving	writing materials	still	postage
transparent	transport	see through	opaque	translucent	parental
solitary	sociable	confinement	alone	isolated	thoughtful
perpetual	temporary	constant	temporary	personally	interminable
negligible	trivial	insignificant	significant	neglect	not cared for
ironic	sincere	household	mocking	sincerity	sarcastic
ferocious	gentle	savage	mild	prolonged	fierce
eradicate	wipe out	encourage	clean up	eliminate	monitor
derelict	dilapidated	maintained	ramshackle	illegal	abandoned
confront	oppose	confuse	challenge	tackle	evade
tranquil	calm	agitated	hostile	sedate	serene
solemn	insincere	boring	only	grave	serious

Speedreading



ascent	branch	grasp	excellent	hesitant	dancer	deterrent
mask	drama	adjacent	fasten	branch	competent	mask
calm	obedient	grasp	immigrant	advance	hesitant	exuberant
significant	disaster	extravagant	adjacent	assistant	command	advantage
exuberant	ascent	clasp	obedient	disaster	fasten	advance



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Analogies

An analogy is a relationship between two things. Look at the examples below:



dog : cat :: red : blue
 (dog is to cat as red is to blue)

The relationship is: *things in the same category.*



Now look at the analogies below. Identify what the relationship is and then choose a word from the box on the right to complete the analogy.

1. cries : sad :: laughs : _____	funny	laughing
	comedy	happy
2. horse : herd :: wolf : _____	dog	pack
	hunt	fierce
3. ferocious : gentle :: rude : _____	manners	abrupt
	courteous	offensive
4. proficient : inept :: transparent : _____	see through	glass
	opaque	transparency
5. vehicle : travelling :: saddle : _____	horse	riding
	equestrian	saddlery
6. omelette : eggs :: wine : _____	grapes	vineyard
	alcohol	drinking
7. curious : intrigued :: stubborn : _____	compliant	flexible
	obstinate	unhelpful
8. brain : thinking :: pen : _____	pencil	writing
	ink	tool
9. explore : explorer :: accounting : _____	accountant	counting
	accountancy	calculation
10. detective : inspector :: teacher : _____	student	pupil
	teaching	professor

Reading

Read the following passage and underline the words with the letter 'a' making an 'ar' sound.



The young ballet dancer swallowed apprehensively. She stood in the wings, waiting to go on stage to perform. It would be her first major role and she was excited, but very nervous. "What if it is a disaster?", she thought to herself, clasping her hands tightly in her anxiety. "It will be so frustrating to fail in public – particularly in front of such a vast crowd."

Suddenly she heard a whisper behind her. She glanced at her fellow dancers and realised that she was not the only one who was nervous. All the dancers wore masks for their roles in the ballet, but despite this she could see that even the more experienced dancers looked tense. "Think positively," she told herself. "This is my big chance to show what I can do." She fastened the laces of her ballet shoes more firmly and waited for the stage director to give the command to go on stage.

Finally it came. Taking a big breath, she moved to her allotted place and went out onto the stage. The familiar music inspired and reassured her and suddenly she forgot about the audience and started the movements she had practised so thoroughly. Riveted, the audience watched as the slender young girl danced her role with confidence and grace.



Synonyms

Read the passage again and find synonyms for these words.

instruction	_____	slim	_____
anxiously	_____	rapt	_____

Proofreading

Find the mistakes in this passage. Then write it out correctly underneath.

The workman glansed at the clock befor puting down his tules it was lunchtime and he was hunnry. The bilding sight looked like a desaster zone, but he did'nt realy care any more.

Dictation words





Dictation Sentences

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Now do the B list activities on StepsWeb. Tick them off below:

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