Chapter 6

Activity SS6-1 Word Choice

Directions: Antonyms, synonyms, analogies, and context can have a profound impact on a message. Complete the following activities as directed for each exercise.

Part 1–Antonyms

An antonym is a word that is the opposite of another word. Write an antonym for each of the words in the following list.

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| Word | Antonym |
| child |  |
| cry |  |
| deny |  |
| destroy |  |
| early |  |
| enemy |  |
| exit |  |
| happy |  |
| host |  |
| hot |  |
| incorrect |  |
| light |  |
| natural |  |
| never |  |
| public |  |
| Word | Antonym |
| quiet |  |
| rare |  |
| refuse |  |
| right |  |
| seldom |  |
| slow |  |
| sour |  |
| vague |  |
| weak |  |
| worst |  |

Part 2–Synonyms

Synonyms are words with similar meanings. Write a synonym for each of the words in the following list.

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| Word | Synonym |
| absolutely |  |
| accurate |  |
| automobile |  |
| awesome |  |
| cab |  |
| carpet |  |
| cease |  |
| courageous |  |
| essential |  |
| fragile |  |
| gift |  |
| hear |  |
| home |  |
| huge |  |
| inquire |  |
| lawful |  |
| number |  |
| obtain |  |
| question |  |

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| Word | Synonym |
| resolve |  |
| respond |  |
| road |  |
| sofa |  |
| terminate |  |
| yell |  |

Part 3–Analogies

Analogies can be useful when creating an oral presentation. The following is a list of incomplete analogies. Decide which word completes each analogy and write it in the space provided.

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| Analogy | Answer |
| Apple is to tree as grape is to… |  |
| Bird is to flying as fish is to… |  |
| Flight is to airplane as cruise is to… |  |
| Knife is to cut as pen is to… |  |
| Meow is to cat as bark is to… |  |
| Nose is to wiggle as eye is to… |  |
| Pickle is to sour as candy is to… |  |
| Son is to father as daughter is to... |  |
| Wood is to fireplace as gasoline is to… |  |
| Woman is to dress as man is to… |  |

Part 4–Context

The connotative (or implicit) meaning of a word can vary from its denotative (or explicit) meaning. Read the passage that follows. There are five underlined words. Write a connotative definition for each underlined word based on the context in which it is used. Then, find its denotative definition in a dictionary.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is a governmental organization with a mission to protect human health and the environment. The EPA is a rich resource of information on environmental issues, such as pollution, climate change, protecting wildlife, and hazardous waste disposal. The EPA publishes an abundance of information on the official regulations for many environmental causes. It is essential that individuals and businesses do their parts to protect the environment. The website of the EPA can help you learn more about what individuals and businesses can do to save the Earth.

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| Word | Connotation | Denotation (Definition) |
| mission |  |  |
| rich |  |  |
| abundance |  |  |
| essential |  |  |
| save |  |  |