

Vocabulary Activities

A. Read the sentences. Cross out the word or phrase in parentheses with a different meaning from the other two choices. Use a dictionary to help you understand new words. Compare answers with a partner.

1. Is our art professor (*available / free / busy*) after class?
2. He needs glasses if he doesn't have good (*eyesight / vision / hearing*).
3. If you feel (*happy / sad / depressed*), you should talk to a friend.
4. That artist is (*interested in / defined by / known for*) her use of color.
5. He has a(n) (*image / vision / word*) in his head of what he wants to create.
6. Are you (*free / working / available*) after 4:00 p.m.?
7. Please give (*an explanation / a definition / the pronunciation*) of this word.

Word Form Chart

| Noun | Verb | Adjective | Adverb |
|--------------|---------|--------------------------|------------|
| availability | _____ | available unavailable | _____ |
| definition | define | _____ | _____ |
| depression | depress | depressed | depressing |
| vision | _____ | _____ | _____ |

B. Write the target word from the Word Form Chart that works best with each of the phrases below. Use the correct form of the word.

1. The country is in an economic / a serious / a deep depression.
2. This is a _____ experience / day / song.
3. I have good / excellent / poor / normal _____.
4. The book is freely / widely / easily _____.
5. Please give me a clear / a short / an easy _____.

C. Work with a partner. Discuss the availability of these items or people. Say why each might be available or unavailable.

1. fruits and vegetables during the summer *Various fruits and vegetables are available during the summer, based on their growing season.*
2. hotel rooms in a popular vacation location
3. the latest smartphone
4. an important politician
5. cheap plane tickets

Vocabulary Activities

A. Using the target words in the box below, complete the paragraph. Be sure to use the correct form and tense of each word.

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The art collection on display (1. show) at the Wren Library is very interesting. It is abstract art, but it is not too difficult to understand. You can see what the art _____ (2. represents) easily. It is a good exhibit for people who think they don't like abstract art. The exhibit is _____ (3. short); it ends next week. Despite a lack of _____ (4. newspapers, etc.) exposure, the exhibit has been very popular.

Word Form Chart

| Noun | Verb | Adjective | Adverb |
|---------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| display | display | displayed | _____ |
| media | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| symbol | symbolize | symbolic | symbolically |

B. Use the target words from the Word Form Chart to complete the sentences below. Be sure to use the correct form of each word.

- The new art exhibit at the museum was discussed in the media.
- What does this sculpture _____? I don't know what it means.
- There are some new paintings on _____ at the museum.

C. Complete the sentences with a target word and its collocation.

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- Many people feel that art can be a powerful symbol for many things.
- You should go see the _____ at the museum soon.
- There are some new paintings _____ at the museum.
- The exhibit at the museum has received a lot of _____. It's been in the news online and on TV.