UNIT EIGHT

CESS
Latin CEDERE, CESSUM, “to go, to yield”

ACCESSIBLE (ak ses’ ē bal) adj. Able to be reached or understood
L. ad, “to,” + cessum = come to
My school was not accessible because a huge tree was blocking the road.

SUCCESSION (suk ses’ ən) n. A group of things that follow one another
L. sub, “up from under,” + cessum = to go up from under, climb up to, follow
A succession of bad leaders had made the country unstable.

PROCESSION (pra ses’ ən) n. A group that moves together
L. pro, “forth,” + cessum = going forth
The beautiful procession of animals and performers from the circus persuaded us
To buy tickets as soon as possible.

GRAD, GRESS
Latin GRADI, GRESSUS, “to go, progress”

TRANSGRESS (tranz gres’ ən) v. To go against a law or rule
L. trans, “across,” + gressus = going across (boundaries or rules)
For every rule that the children transgress, their mother fines them a nickel.

PROGRESSION (pra gress’ ən) n. A going forth, a movement toward
L. pro, “forth,” + gressus = going forth
Because Arlene practiced extremely hard, her progression from amateur to professional dancer took her only one year.

GRADUAL (gra’ jō əl) adj. Happening over a period of time
Everyone was happy to see the gradual but steady increase in the number of students going to college.

syn: eventual
ant: immediate
IT
Latin IRE, ITUM, “to go”

AMBITION (äm bish′ on) n. A desire to succeed or be powerful
L. ambi, “around,” + itum = a going around
Larry’s ambition is to be an Elvis Presley impersonator, which is surprising
because he cannot sing.

TRANSIT (tranz′ it) n. The act or process of moving from one place to another
L. trans, “across,” + itum = a going across
The package is now in transit, heading for New Jersey.

CUR, COURS
Latin CUR RERE, CURSUM, “to run”

OCCURRENCE (ə kōr′ ans) n. An instance
L. ob, “towards,” + currere = running towards
Fred wasn’t sure, but he felt JoAnn was referring to the occurrence that took place
yesterday.

COURSE (kōrs) v. To flow; to stream
Once the pipe is fixed, water will course through at about a gallon a minute.
syn: gush

CURRENCY (kūr′ on sē) n. Money, especially paper money
Confederate money that was used in the Civil War has no real value today, except
to currency collectors.

RECURRENT (rē kōr′ ant) adj. Happening many times
L. re, “again,” + currere = to run again
In Paul’s recurrent nightmare, which wakes him up frequently, cannibals are chasing
him through the jungle.
syn: repeated  ant: one-time

In ancient Rome, candidates for political office
walked (“atum”) around (“ambi”) to ask for votes. In modern day,
ambition does not have to be political; you, for instance, could have
great ambitions for your science fair project or your career.

Shocking himself became a RECURRENT event.
EXERCISES - UNIT EIGHT

Exercise I. Complete the sentence in a way that shows you understand the meaning of the italicized vocabulary word.

1. In order to make the difficult book more accessible to readers, the author...

2. Water could not course through the hose because...

3. The procession of funeral-goers started at the funeral home because...

4. Jay's ambition is to be student body president because...

5. The country's currency had lost some of its value because...

6. Darlene does not wish to transgress the...

7. The disappearance of the rain forest has not been gradual, but...

8. Doctors followed the progression of the patient's disease by...

9. When Mike learned that there had been an occurrence of water poisoning in his town, he...

10. While the package was in transit, some of its contents...

11. Justin had recurrent headaches that...

12. Our class had a succession of substitute teachers because...

Exercise II. Fill in the blank with the best word from the choices below. One word will not be used.

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1. Because of the Internet, information that was once unavailable is now ____________ to everyone.

2. The ____________ increase in rainfall led the city's sewers to slowly fill up with water.

3. When we crossed the border into Spain, we had to exchange all of our French ____________

4. The doctors were happy to see blood ____________ through the patient's veins after the arm had been sewn back on.
Fill in the blank with the best word from the choices below. One word will not be used.

occurrence transit succession progression ambition

5. A new ___________ system is needed to carry people from one end of the city to the other.
6. As the reporter said, the snowstorm was a strange ___________ in the hot desert town.
7. It was difficult to follow the ___________ of notes in the musical piece because they skipped all over the place.
8. The ___________ of kings ended when King Frank was killed in battle.

Fill in the blank with the best word from the choices below. One word will not be used.

recurrent ambitions successions procession transgressed

9. Geraldine was given a new punishment for every rule she ___________.
10. For someone with as many ___________ as Pauline, a simple desk job will never be good enough.
11. Death, good and evil, and love are ___________ ideas in the novel.
12. We saw a(n) ___________ of automobiles following the President in the parade.

Exercise III. Choose the set of words that best completes the sentence.

1. The idea that health care should be ___________ to everyone was ___________ in the President’s speech.
   A. gradual; recurrent
   B. accessible; recurrent
   C. recurrent; gradual
   D. accessible; gradual

2. A(n) ___________ of disasters led to a(n) ___________ decline in the town’s population.
   A. occurrence; accessible
   B. procession; accessible
   C. ambition; recurrent
   D. succession; gradual

3. The ___________ of cars was in ___________ from the park to the beach.
   A. procession; transit
   B. progression; ambition
   C. occurrence; succession
   D. currency; transit
4. You may have a lot of _________ and desire to succeed, but it doesn't mean you can _________ all the rules of our company.
   A. succession; transgress
   B. currency; course
   C. ambition; transgress
   D. ambition; course

5. The _________ of the blood as it _________ through the patient's veins was represented by a series of arrows.
   A. transit; transgressed
   B. progression; coursed
   C. currency; coursed
   D. currency; transgressed

Exercise IV. Complete the sentence by inferring information about the italicized word from its context.

1. If Morgan notices a gradual increase in the temperature outside, he could believe that...

2. If the President declares that all Federal buildings should be accessible to wheelchairs, ...

3. If the criminal makes a progression from burglary to assault, police might infer that...

Exercise V. Fill in the blank with the word from the Unit that best completes the sentence, using the root we supply as a clue. Then, answer the questions that follow the paragraphs.

As you grow in maturity and social skills, you naturally want to branch out and do interesting things with your friends. One of the finest things young people can do today is volunteer in their communities. Volunteering gives you an opportunity to interact with adults who provide necessary services in your community. Maybe there are refugees who need legal or medical services that are not _________ (CESS) to them, but have nobody willing to take the time to show them the way to the offices. You could be that person, and you could learn during the course of your service how people of other cultures live by talking with these people in need. You might even make some lifelong friends!

Maybe you are naturally talented as a game player or computer genius. What if you took those skills into a local nursing home and taught senior citizens how to use e-mail or type on a computer? Soon, they would be able to increase their contact with the outside world. You could help them escape from the boredom of everyday life in a nursing home. That would certainly make both you and those you help feel pretty special.

We all know we are lucky to live the way we do. It isn't without cost, though. Citizens have to contribute in a meaningful way to their society, or the society will not prosper. Just as you should contribute to the welfare of your home and your school, you should contribute to the general welfare of your community. Join a club or service organization, help adults pick up trash along the interstate, help deliver meals to the housebound, visit the sick, volunteer at a hospital, read to a blind person, help rescue abandoned pets, clean up a riverbed, etc. The list is endless, and the rewards are great. They may not be financial, but the pride, character and self-esteem you will gain will more than make up for the lack of funds. Your community will be a better place, your contribution will not go unnoticed, and your friends will want to join you as you make a significant contribution to the well-being of your fellow human. Who knows—your volunteering may blossom into a field of study, leading you on a _________ (GRAD) path to becoming a certified professional caregiver. Volunteer! You'll be glad you did.
1. Why does the author of this passage encourage volunteerism?
   A. It is the duty of all adults.
   B. It gives someone a chance to give back to the community.
   C. It is a way to build character.
   D. Both B and C

2. According to the article, a young person could volunteer to do all of the following EXCEPT
   A. wait on tables.
   B. rescue stray animals.
   C. teach how to use e-mail.
   D. pick up trash.

3. What could be considered a "reward" of volunteering?
   A. Increased self-esteem
   B. Improvement of the community
   C. Cultural awareness
   D. All the above

4. The author of this article is more likely to be from _______ than a large city.
   A. America
   B. a small town
   C. Neither A nor B
   D. It is impossible to tell from the passage.

5. The passage could be best categorized as
   A. descriptive.
   B. scientific.
   C. persuasive.
   D. dramatic.

Exercise VI. Drawing on your knowledge of roots and words in context, read the following selection and define the italicized words. If you cannot figure out the meaning of the words on your own, look them up in a dictionary. Note that ex means "out" or "beyond."

The money the Lee family spent on vacation this year exceeded their summer budget. They went to Paris and had such a wonderful time that they completely forgot about their wallets. When they got home and saw that they had spent too much, they decided next year's trip will have to be cheaper. They will probably take a brief excursion to Yellowstone National Park, which is not far from their home.