

Stretching Vocabulary, Book 1 - Answers

Paper 1

1. Antonym Prefixes

im-	ir-	il-	un-
immature	irreversible	illogical	(unhealthy)
immortal	irregular	illiterate	unreliable
immodest	irresponsible	illegible	unhealthy
immobile			unfortunate

2. Good and Bad

Good	Bad
malnourished	benefit
dismal	benevolent
malicious	benign
malignant	
malady	
malevolent	

Malevolent - meaning to do evil

Benevolent - meaning to do good

Malnourished - suffering from a lack of proper nutrition

Benign - of a gentle and kind manner

Malady - illness

Malicious - intending to do harm or malice

Dismal - gloomy

3. Gradations

1. finished
2. closed
3. concluded
4. completed
5. stopped

6. shoved
7. touched
8. stroked
9. nudged
10. punched

4. Proverbs

1. cat - people will misbehave when the person in charge leaves.
2. elephant - there is something obvious going on that everyone is trying to ignore
3. leopard - people don't change their characters/personalities
4. dogs - don't interfere with a situation that isn't currently causing a problem
5. bird - people that act quickly and early will get the best opportunities
6. sheep - there's an odd person out in every family
7. horse - you shouldn't be ungrateful when you are given a gift or an opportunity
8. birds - people that are alike will stick together

5. Weather Words

Sun

Muggy

Humid

Scorching

Rain

Downpour

Torrential

Drizzle

Cloud

Cloudy

Overcast

Dreary

6. The Velveteen Rabbit

1. trouble
2. dragged
3. arms
4. after
5. uncomfortable
6. breathe
7. lived
8. splendid
9. dropped
10. clasped
11. shabbier

Paper 2

1. Prefixes

in-	dis-	un-
insane	disappear	unstoppable
indefinite	disapprove	unfinished

in-	dis-	un-
infinite	disprove	undue
invisible	disagree	
inauthentic	disbelieve	
incalculable		

abnormal
ignoble
anti-clockwise
decode
misbehave
nonsense

noble - having good morals.
finite - limited in size.
sane - not crazy.
due - (1) expected or planned for a certain time. (2) of the proper amount or extent.
authentic - genuine and real.
calculable - something that can be calculated.
legible - clear enough to read.
modest - not boastful or extravagant.
literate - someone that is able to read and write.
mobile - able to move or be moved.
mortal - someone that cannot live forever.
emerge - to appear and become visible.
exterior - the outside of something.

Exclude - include
Exterior - interior
Increase - decrease
Ascending - descending
Emerge - submerge

2. Derivatives - Re-, Spec- and -Tract

<i>retrospection</i>	The action of looking back on past events.
<i>spectacle</i>	A performance or display that looks impressive.
<i>retract</i>	1. To take something back . 2. To withdraw a statement.
<i>perspective</i>	A particular way of looking at something. Also derives from the Latin ' per- ' meaning 'through'.
<i>extract</i>	To take out . Relates to the prefix 'ex-' meaning 'out'.
<i>introspective</i>	To look inwards and examine your own way of thinking.

3. Gradations

1. snatched
2. removed
3. grabbed
4. took
5. captured

6. breaking
7. splitting
8. puncture
9. rest
10. broke

4. Masculine and Feminine

1. fraternity/sorority
2. shepherd/shepherdess
3. bachelor/spinster
4. giant/giantess
5. hero/heroine
6. wizard/witch (note: warlock can also be a male witch)
7. landlord/landlady
8. groom/bride
9. widower/widow
10. tiger/tigress

5. Definitions

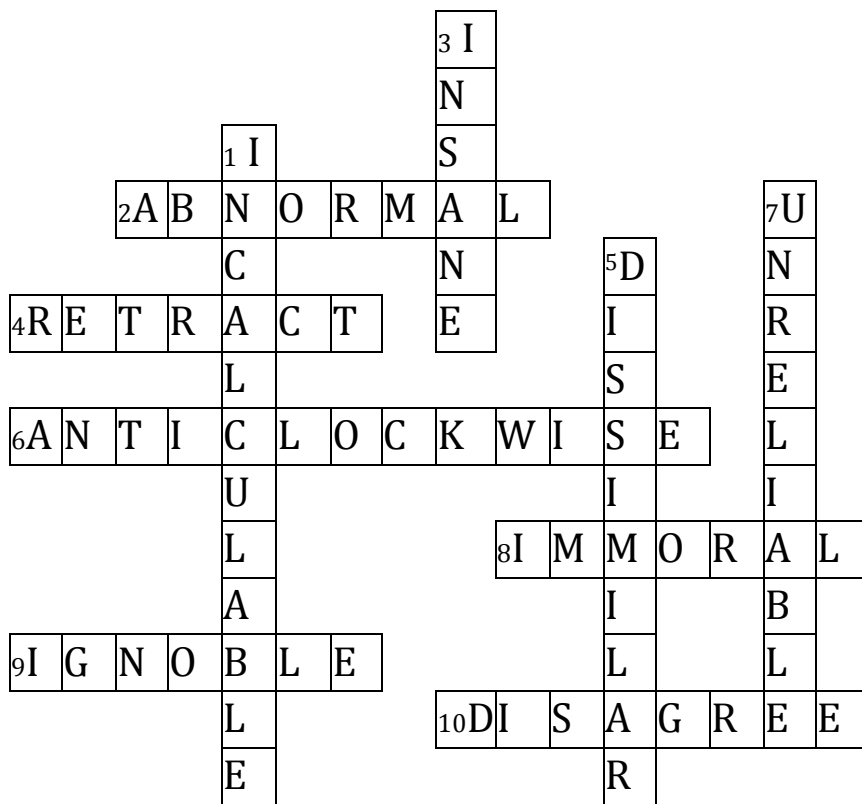
Calamity - a disaster

Subdued - quiet and reflective or depressed

Triumphant - a feeling of joy following the winning of a competition or contest

6. Proverbs

birds of a feather flock together		if there is a rumour that someone is unpleasant then there is probably a reason for it
make hay while the sun shines		leave something alone if it could cause you trouble
don't carry all your eggs in one basket		once someone has experienced a bad outcome they are less likely to do the same thing again
a bad workman always blames his tools		don't be dependent on only one outcome or plan
let sleeping dogs lie		make the most of opportunities while you have them
there's no smoke without fire		people will always blame something else for their failings
once bitten twice shy		people that are alike stick together



Paper 3

1. Prefixes and Suffixes

-let - little

trans- - across

-ess - female

sub- - under

pre- - before

1. let - piglet, owlet, pamphlet, eaglet, booklet
2. sub - submarine, sub-let, subdued, subtitles
3. pre - pre-historic, preclude, pre-teen, previous, preview
4. trans - transform, transport, transatlantic, transfer, transaction, transcribe
5. ess - princess, duchess, countess

2. Morphemes

1. erupt
2. laboratory

3. duchess
4. dormitory
5. circumference
6. aquarium

3. Derivatives

inaudible
 Francophile
 misanthrope
 philanthropist

4. Definitions

Anxious - nervous, feeling worried
 Stealthy - behaving in a cautious manner so as not to be heard
 Vague - uncertain or unclear
 Fatal - causing death
 Eager - strongly wanting to do or have something, keen
 Console - to comfort someone at a time of grief or disappointment
 Grateful - feeling or showing appreciation for something
 Profuse - very plentiful, especially relating to liquids
 Eloquent - fluent or persuasive in speaking
 Illusion - a false belief, idea or image
 Rueful - expressing sorrow or regret
 Repent - to express regret at your own wrongdoing
 Punctual - on time

5. Collocations

1. soundly
2. eagerly
3. ruefully
4. vaguely
5. greedily
6. stealthily
7. fatally
8. bitterly
9. heavily
10. flatly

6. Numerical Prefixes

The first school that a child attends.	<i>primary</i>
The second school that a child attends.	<i>secondary</i>
A period of one hundred years.	<i>century</i>

An eight-sided shape.	<i>octagon</i>
A three-wheeled cycle.	<i>tricycle</i>
A two-wheeled cycle.	<i>bicycle</i>
A period of one thousand years.	<i>millennium</i>
An image or object with many colours.	<i>polychromatic or multi-coloured</i>
A period of ten years.	<i>decade</i>
A four-sided shape.	<i>quadrilateral</i>
Taking place twice a year.	<i>biannual</i>
An athletic contest consisting of three separate events.	<i>triathlon</i>
A person with more than one husband or wife.	<i>polygamist</i>
A series of three related plays, books or films.	<i>trilogy</i>
A person in their nineties. Clue: <i>octogenarian</i> is the name for someone in their eighties.	<i>nonagenarian</i>
A sea creature with eight legs.	<i>octopus</i>
Using only one colour or only black and white. Also derives to 'khrôma' meaning 'colour'.	<i>monochrome</i>
One hundredth of a litre.	<i>centilitre</i>
Having five fingers or toes. Clue: relates to 'daktulos' meaning 'finger'.	<i>pentadactyl</i>

7. Forming Adjectives and Nouns

1. Dangerous
2. Existence
3. Perseverance
4. Shoddiness
5. Mountainous
6. Bilious
7. Liveliness
8. Repentance
9. Significance
10. Elegance

8. Review

1. Heroine
2. Millennium
3. Something that can be read
4. Illegal
5. Immodest
6. Owlet
7. Perseverance
8. A feeling of regret for something you've done

9. Someone that loves books
10. Septuagenarian
11. Heptathlete

Paper 4

1. Gradations

1. tip-toed, crept, walked, trudged, stomped
2. whispered, mumbled, announced, shouted, bellowed
3. poke, nudge, push, shove, ram
4. heat, brown, roast, burn, char
5. glacial, chilly, lukewarm, tepid, scorching

2. Collocations

1. profusely
2. anxiously
3. inconsolably
4. categorically
5. profusely
6. gratefully
7. inaudibly
8. valiantly
9. greatly
10. finely

3. Collective Nouns

1. choir
2. crew
3. gang
4. host
5. troupe

1. coven
2. bevy
3. tribe
4. melody
5. panel

1. illusion
2. crowd
3. eloquence
4. disguising
5. board

Final section - answers as chosen by children

4. Forming Adjectives and Nouns

1. maintenance

2. disturbance
3. stupidity
4. tenacious
5. extravagance
6. appearance
7. creativity
8. humility
9. forgetfulness
10. visibility

5. Morphemes

Interrogate - a conversation between two people...

International - existing between two nations or countries

Intercept - to catch someone between two actions

Exterior - outside

6. A Christmas Carol

1. voice
2. undergone
3. glistened
4. leaves
5. reflected
6. roaring
7. chestnuts
8. oranges
9. peeping

Paper 5

1. Forming Adjectives and Nouns

Bolstered by his subordinate's courageousness, Rufus, the leader of western Valania, boldly entered the dragon's cave. Although Rufus was known throughout the land for his braveness, he couldn't help but feel something of a fraud as he tiptoed in, knees knocking and hands shaking.

Frederick, Rufus's right-hand man, had been brought on the mission as they needed someone of greater intelligentness than Rufus himself; for, although Rufus was kind and brave, he was not known for being the sharpest tool in the box. However, despite his shortcomings, Frederick had shown a loyalness to his fearless leader that was quite beyond the call of duty.

1. courage
2. bravery
3. intelligence
4. loyalty

2. Definitions

Rupture - to break or burst suddenly

Succinct - short and clearly expressed

Grieve - to feel intense sorrow

Categorically - direct and without any room for confusion.

3. Using a Thesaurus

Examples below.

	Synonym 1	Synonym 2
<i>think</i>	ponder	consider
<i>unfriendly</i>	hostile	aloof
<i>see</i>	glimpse	observe
<i>break</i>	shatter	destroy
<i>shout</i>	bellow	yell
<i>flexible</i>	malleable	pliable
<i>keen</i>	eager	enthusiastic
<i>sensible</i>	logical	responsible
<i>run</i>	sprint	dash
<i>angry</i>	irate	seething
<i>fall</i>	plummet	tumble
<i>laugh</i>	chortle	guffaw

4. Siamese Twins

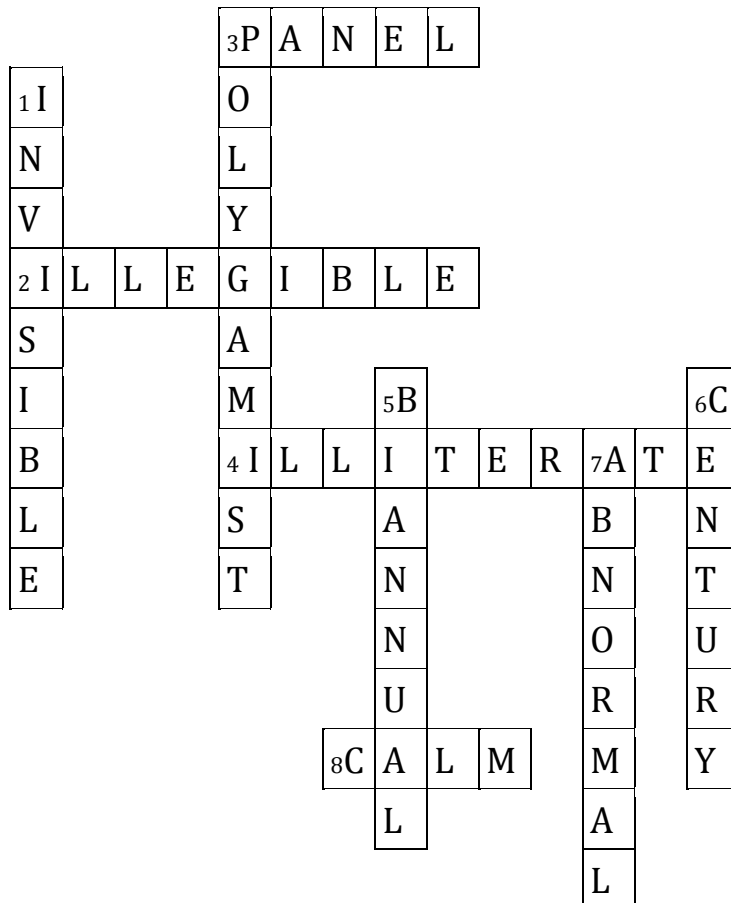
1. pepper
2. famous
3. light
4. butter
5. thin
6. tired
7. shine
8. later
9. alive
10. tuck

5. Word Search - Antonyms

Succinct - lengthy

Crazy - sane

Late - punctual



6. Review

1. Coven
2. Widower
3. Trilogy
4. E.g. century, centilitre, centenary, centimetre
5. Weep, bleed, sweat
6. Mono, Uni or Solus
7. Monocle
8. Humility
9. Spinster
10. Insane

Paper 6

1. Powerful Words

Happy - over the moon, ecstatic, exuberant, jubilant, gleeful,
Sad - melancholy, devastated, glum, down-hearted, inconsolable
Scared - panic-stricken, frightened, petrified, frantic
Confused - bewildered, muddled, bemused, perplexed, puzzled

2. Colours

Red - blood, ruby, cherry, crimson, scarlet

Yellow - ochre, golden, amber, canary, mustard, saffron

Blue - sapphire, azure, cyan, Prussian, indigo, cornflower, cobalt

3. Siamese Twins

1. neck
2. heels
3. discomfort
4. relaxation
5. fancy free
6. cheese
7. deep blue sea, hard place
8. hawing
9. raving
10. shoulders

4. Using a Thesaurus

	Synonyms
disaster	catastrophe, calamity, cataclysm, tragedy
evil	malevolent, malicious, villainous, wicked, dastardly, immoral
think	ponder, contemplate, reflect, deliberate
triumph	victory, win, achievement, success
smelly	malodorous, fetid, reeking, putrid, acrid, rank, foul-smelling
cautious	careful, wary, circumspect
angry	livid, furious, fuming, irate, vexed, irked, displeased
calm	placid, serene, tranquil, relaxed
little	petite, microscopic, compact, miniature
hate	despise, loathe, detest, abhor
breathe	respire, inhale and exhale, puff, pant, gasp
look	observe, glance, stare, gaze, peer, watch, examine

5. Definitions

Thicket - a dense area of bushes and trees

Mortal - capable of dying

Ceased - stopped

Loathe - hate

Feeble - weak (in physical strength)

Strike - to hit with force

Notion - an idea or belief about something

Bound - (1) tied together; (2) to walk or run in large strides

Underbrush - shrubs or small trees growing in a forest

Arouse - to awaken something or someone

Caution - (1) to warn; (2) care taken to avoid danger

6. Wild Animals I Have Known

1. continuous
2. aroused
3. cautioned
4. rasping
5. roly-poly
6. terror
7. dinner
8. love
9. reptile
10. mouthful
11. revenge