

LESSON 178

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Word pool 1 (nouns)

flaw	heir	escalator
gadget	maid	flair
dormitory	client	academy
victim	penalty	recreation
bench	napkin	suburb

the bigger ...

the more ...

When we are comparing only two people or things, it is possible to use the word "the" in front of a comparative adjective rather than a superlative adjective. For example, "I have two bedrooms in my flat. The smaller of the two is used as a store room".

comparatively

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economic

economical

cutback

cut back

The word "economic" means "related to money or the economy". For example, we can say "The country is facing severe economic problems". The word "economical", on the other hand, means "providing good value" or "requiring less money than usual". For example, we can say "The car cost quite a lot to buy, but it's very economical to run".

explosion

massive

anniversary

flatter

compliment

chat up

diet

gradual

cut out

surrender

plot

halfway

allotment

head for



capture

torture

under control

out of control

reality

fully

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tone

vice

get by

regardless

consult

make your way

deteriorate

specialist

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expire

expiry

renew

straightforward

uphold

institution

nap

give in

submit

assignment

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give up

chase

budget

Word-building exercise 1

For each sentence below, change the word printed at the beginning so that it fits correctly into the gap. Put your answer on the right.

Answers

e.g.	luck	She was ... to win the game.	<u>lucky</u>
1	face	Anne's ... features are so striking she could be a model if she wanted.	.....
2	expand	If this company hopes to grow, there'll need to be an ... in the range of products we offer.	.....
3	publish	This magazine is currently the only ... that makes any profit for the company.	.....
4	significant	It's hard to know what the ... of this latest decision will be.	.....
5	cover	The national TV station was praised for its detailed ... of events during the war.	.....
6	direct	The phone ... is now published online to save printing costs.	.....
7	talk	Peter's quiet in the classroom but he's a lot more ... outside.	.....
8	settle	The biggest ..., with over a thousand inhabitants, was next to the river.	.....
9	preserve	Investing money in the ... of this college building is an excellent idea.	.....
10	declare	Her sudden ... of love took him completely by surprise.	.....
11	refuse	Serena's ... to help arrange things for the party makes no sense; the party's for her!	.....
12	compare	Life today is not ... to that of a thousand years ago; it's so much easier now.	.....
13	persuade	The sales assistants in that store can be very ..., so be careful!	.....
14	problem	I've had a rather ... day so far. Let's hope it gets better.	.....
15	include	I'm not sure whether the price he's quoted me for the job is ... of tax or not.	.....