

Word Forms

Study the following sentences:

- 1 Is there any **danger** of infection?
- 2 It is **dangerous** for women to venture out alone in the middle of the night.
- 3 Smoking during pregnancy can **endanger** the baby's health.
- 4 The motorist, who was under the influence of alcohol, was driving **dangerously**.

The words in bold in the above sentences belong to the same family. They are called **derivative words** as they have the same root. These words can take the form of a noun, verb, adjective or adverb. Hence they belong to different parts of speech and must be used accordingly.

Examples:

Verb	Noun	Adjective	Adverb
agitate	agitation	agitated	agitatedly
agree	agreement	agreeable	agreeably
assure	assurance	assured	assuredly
benefit	benefit	beneficial	beneficially
differ	difference	different	differently
disappoint	disappointment	disappointed	disappointedly
forget	forgetfulness	forgetful	forgetfully
produce	production	productive	productively
suspect	suspicion	suspicious	suspiciously
vary	variation	varied	variably

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For each of the sentences below, choose the correct word in the brackets and fill in the blank.

- 1 Mr Cohen can speak Chinese, English and French _____.
(fluent / fluently / fluency)
- 2 I _____ people interrupting me when I am talking.
(hate / hated / hatred)
- 3 My next-door neighbour has this _____ habit of banging his door.
(annoy / annoying / annoyance)
- 4 Carol was not _____ during the lesson. Something seemed to be troubling her.
(attend / attention / attentive)
- 5 Calvin was shocked when his good friend _____ him over a small amount of money.
(betrayed / betraying / betrayal)
- 6 The _____ power of the earthquake was indeed awesome.
(destroy / destructive / destruction)

Vocabulary Builder



Audio

betray - to be disloyal

awesome - feeling great respect, worry or fear for something that is seen as very serious, impressive or difficult

destructive - causing damage to people or things

- 7 The family is now in great _____ difficulty as their **sole breadwinner** has lost his job.
(finance / financial / financially)
- 8 **Courtesy** and **punctuality** are certainly two _____ habits that children should **cultivate**.
(desire / desirable / desirably)
- 9 All the children are _____ against **smallpox**.
(vaccinated / vaccination / vaccine)
- 10 Our new manager, Mr Hogan, is young and _____.
(ambition / ambitious / ambitiously)
- 11 The organisers had not _____ the overwhelming response from the public.
(anticipated / anticipation / anticipatory)
- 12 The mother is smiling _____ at her child.
(approve / approval / approvingly)
- 13 It is good to have someone whom you can always _____ in.
(confide / confident / confidence)
-  14 The guest speaker delivered his speech most _____.
(brilliant / **brilliance** / brilliantly)
-  15 There is a wide choice of _____ goods in the store.
(**consume** / consumer / consumption)

Vocabulary Builder

sole - the only one

breadwinner - the member in the family who earns the money needed to support the family

courtesy - polite behaviour

punctuality - being on time for something

cultivate - to work hard to develop a skill or an attitude

desire - to want something badly

desirable - something that is worth having

smallpox - a disease that causes small marks on the skin

vaccinated - immunised

ambition - determination to want to achieve something

ambitious - determined to be powerful, successful, etc.

anticipate - to expect something to happen and to be prepared for it

approve - to have a positive feeling or opinion about someone or something

confide - to tell someone whom you trust something that you would not want others to know

brilliance - a high level of intelligence

consume - to use up; to eat or drink

Revision 1

A Underline the correct word forms in the brackets to complete the web forum discussion.

Looking4cash



Hey all, I see people make huge profits from buying cryptocurrency, and I want to grow my savings. Could someone **(1) (confide / confidence)** to me which coin to buy?

CryptoXpert



You don't **(2) (likened / likely)** have the right idea about crypto. Cryptocurrency is too unstable to be treated as an investment. If you don't treat it as gambling you'll feel **(3) (betrayal / betrayed)** by it.

AlphaInvest



I myself **(4) (anticipation / anticipated)** large profits when I first started buying crypto, but the truth is that you'll be losing money until you understand the **(5) (market / marketing)**.

N3wshound



News outlets **(6) (sensationalise / sensation)** cryptocurrency and make people think it is more profitable than it actually is. You only see the news about the currencies that do well. 99 per cent of cryptocurrencies don't grow much.

Looking4cash



That's a **(7) (shaming / shame)**. I was really hoping to invest my savings instead of having the money sit in the bank doing nothing.

CryptoXpert



We don't mean to **(8) (deterring / deter)** you from investing. There are plenty of safer and more predictable investments out there than crypto. It would be **(9) (beneficial / benefit)** for you to learn how to invest with those first.

B Fill in each blank in the press release excerpt with one word from the given list. Only one word from each word pair is used.

beneficial / benefit

inaugurated / inauguration

achievement / achieve

brilliant / brilliance

supportive / supported

financial / finance

formal / formally

Press release

Platinum Bauhinia Monument celebrating the Hong Kong Youth Foundation to be made public

We are proud to announce that the Platinum Bauhinia Monument will be (1) _____ unveiled at Metro Square on 15 September. This (2) _____ sculpture was donated by the Council of Social Service to the Hong Kong Youth Foundation, and has been under construction since March of this year. Its central location in one of the city's most important (3) _____ zones will serve as a reminder of every person's duty to help those who are less fortunate. As a flower symbolizing wisdom, the Platinum Bauhinia represents how the HKYF has always (4) _____ young people from low-income backgrounds to (5) _____ the highest education they can.

During the unveiling ceremony, Dr Ashley Ko will be (6) _____ as the HKYF's new Executive Director. Dr Ko has been working with non-profit organisations for over 30 years to (7) _____ the living standards of low-income families.

C Sort the words in bold in the article under the correct part of speech in the table.

If you were wondering whether getting **vaccinated** was safe, wonder no longer — it is both safe and highly important to your health at all stages of your life. **Vaccines** are strictly tested before they gain **approval** to be used. The ingredients in vaccines are **trusted**; they contain only parts of the virus they are designed to prevent, or a killed and inactive form of the virus. A normal **immune** system cannot get the disease the vaccine is trying to prevent from the vaccine itself. Statistically, the only thing more effective at reducing infectious diseases for humans is **access** to clean water. This shows how important vaccines are to human survival. Vaccines are such a powerful medicine because they prevent diseases entirely as **opposed** to simply treating them. Every year worldwide, vaccines prevent 2–3 million deaths while 1.5 million people die from **sicknesses** that vaccines **deter**. Not getting vaccinated is **destructive** not only to our own health, but to the health of all our loved ones as well, because infectious diseases can be spread to healthy people of all age groups.

Noun	Verb	Adjective