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# Positive Action

**Verbs** are words that show action or state of being. The following verbs show action. The definitions involve growth or regaining something lost. These words all have a positive **connotation**, or feeling to them. Read the verbs in the box below. Then write a sentence for each word pair.

progress (*v.*) – to move forward.  
expand (*v.*) – to open wide and unfold.  
extend (*v.*) – to stretch or lengthen.  
recover (*v.*) – to get back or regain.  
reappear (*v.*) – to come into sight again.

1. students/progress \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. balloons/expand \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. arms/extend \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. patients/recover \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. magician/reappear \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

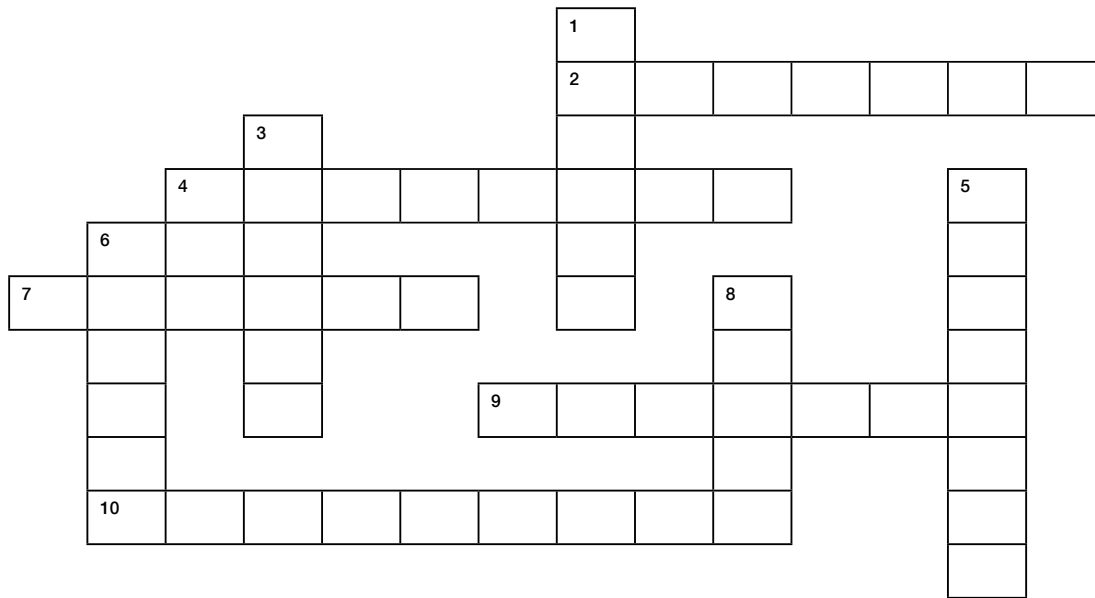


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# Making Progress

Match each clue with a vocabulary word from the box. Write the correct vocabulary word in the puzzle.

avoid	disregard	expand	progress	recover
detach	exhaust	extend	reappear	repeal



## Across

- 2. to tire out completely
- 4. to come into sight again
- 7. to open wide and unfold
- 9. to get back or regain
- 10. to pay no attention to

## Down

- 1. to do away with by legislative action
- 3. to separate from something else
- 5. to move forward
- 6. to lengthen
- 8. to keep or stay away from



# Do You Need Something?

What do you do when you need something – such as information, or for someone to agree with you? The verbs below describe things you do to get what you want or need. Read the verbs in the box below. Then fill in each line with the word from the box that best completes the sentence.

appeal (*v.*) – to ask for something badly wanted or needed

influence (*v.*) – to produce an effect on a person without using force or authority

interview (*v.*) – to meet and question

inquire (*v.*) – to ask about; to ask questions

barter (*v.*) – to trade one thing for another without the use of money

1. The reporter made an appointment to \_\_\_\_\_ the celebrity.
2. We called the Realtor to \_\_\_\_\_ about the apartment we saw yesterday.
3. I'm going to \_\_\_\_\_ to the teacher for more time to finish the test.
4. Once, people used to \_\_\_\_\_ food or handmade items for a doctor's services.
5. He tried to \_\_\_\_\_ my decision on the matter.



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# It's a Wonderful Life

Variety is the spice of life! Here are five different ways to say wonderful. Although these words are all very similar, there are small differences among them. Read the adjectives in the box below. Then list an antonym for each word.

delightful (*adj.*) – very pleasing; giving great joy or satisfaction  
impressive (*adj.*) – having the power to move or strongly affect the mind or feelings  
splendid (*adj.*) – having an effect on people because of amazing beauty or excellence  
superior (*adj.*) – better; excellent of its kind  
remarkable (*adj.*) – worth noticing; unusual

## Antonym

1. delightful \_\_\_\_\_
2. impressive \_\_\_\_\_
3. splendid \_\_\_\_\_
4. superior \_\_\_\_\_
5. remarkable \_\_\_\_\_

Now write a definition in your own words for two of the above antonyms.

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# Which One Fits?

The dictionary is a useful tool for looking up words and their meanings. It also tells a word's part of speech (noun, verb, adjective and so on).

Here is an example of a dictionary entry.

Example:

pen (*n.*) 1. a small writing instrument that uses ink 2. an author 3. a small fenced-in area for farm animals (*v.*) to compose or write

If the sentence is *The pigs were all safe in their pen*, then only definition 3 in the noun (*n.*) section fits. The following vocabulary words all have multiple meanings. Read the words in the box below. Then fill in both lines in each sentence with the same word from the box.

convention (*n.*) – 1. a way of doing things that is generally accepted and followed  
2. a meeting of people gathered for a common purpose  
combine (*v.*) – to join together (*n.*) – a farm machine that harvests grain  
assemble (*v.*) – 1. to meet in one place 2. to put parts together  
associate (*v.*) – to join or come together as partners, friends or companions  
(*n.*) – a fellow worker or partner  
campaign (*v.*) – to take part in a series of activities meant to achieve a goal  
(*n.*) – military operations designed to achieve victory

1. I no longer \_\_\_\_\_ with him because he stole from the company when he was a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ is to use formal titles, but formality goes out the window at the \_\_\_\_\_ .
3. After the \_\_\_\_\_ collects the grain, we will \_\_\_\_\_ wheat and barley to make bread.
4. We will \_\_\_\_\_ for more supplies before the soldiers ' \_\_\_\_\_ .
5. They will \_\_\_\_\_ in the gym to \_\_\_\_\_ the bikes.

