

Dictionary Skills

I) What can you learn from a dictionary?

Pay particular attention to *different meanings* of words, and to *how they are used in a sentence* (in other words, what prepositions, words, or clauses generally follow each word).

II) I pay a high opportunity cost to attend to City College. [*incorrect*]

- a. Look up 'attend.'
- b. Read the first definition and be sure you understand it.
- c. Can this verb be followed by an object? _____ Does it have to be followed by an object? _____
- d. Copy the example sentence that includes an object:

e. Is there a preposition between the verb and the object? _____

f. Write your own sentence, using this verb *with* an object:

g. Now copy the example sentence that does not include an object:

h. Write your own sentence, using this verb *without* an object:

i. Can 'attend' be used *with* a preposition? _____ Which one? _____

j. What changes when we use the preposition? _____

k. Write your own sentence, using this meaning of the verb 'attend:'

II) Enjoyable/ to enjoy

III) Appreciable/ appreciative

IV) I spend a lot of my time to study. [*incorrect*]

V) Consist.

a. What is the difference between 'consist in' and 'consist of?' Which one would you be more likely to use? _____

b. Write your own sentence, using 'consist' together with an appropriate adverb.

VI) Responsibility

a. In your dictionary (Longman's Advanced), find the following example sentence (or another with "responsibility for:")

Vince refused to accept responsibility for the accident.

What does 'responsibility' mean in this sentence? _____

b. Now adapt this sentence to a situation in your own life, by filling in the blanks. Follow the pattern of the original example sentence:

_____ refused to accept responsibility for _____.

_____ agreed to accept responsibility for _____.

c. Now, to be sure you understand the meaning, add a result clause:

_____ refused to accept responsibility for _____, so I
_____.

_____ agreed to accept responsibility for _____, so I
_____.

d. Copy down two example sentences using 'responsibility to' instead of 'responsibility for:'

e. Now write your own sentences using 'to' instead of 'for.'

