

Daily *warm-ups*



TEST-PREP WORDS

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The *Daily Warm-Ups series* is a wonderful way to turn extra classroom minutes into valuable learning time. The 180 quick activities—one for each day of the school year—review, practice, and teach words that are commonly included on standardized tests such as the SAT. These daily activities may be used at the very beginning of class to get students into learning mode, near the end of class to make good educational use of that transitional time, in the middle of class to shift gears between lessons—or whenever else you have minutes that now go unused.

Daily Warm-Ups are easy-to-use reproducibles—simply photocopy the day’s activity and distribute it. Or make a transparency of the activity and project it on the board. You may want to use the activities for extra-credit points or as a check on critical-thinking skills and problem-solving skills.

However you choose to use them, *Daily Warm-Ups* are a convenient and useful supplement to your regular lesson plans. Make every minute of your class time count!



altercation (n)—a noisy dispute

From Latin *altercare* (to wrangle)

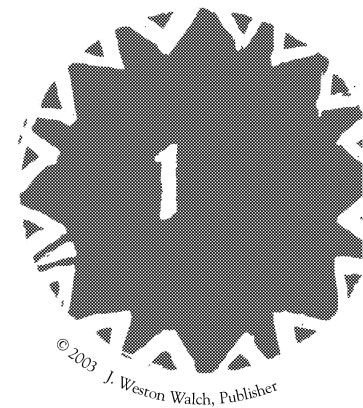
The **altercation** between the two teams erupted after the umpire made several bad calls.



Think of three synonyms for *altercation*. Write them below.



Now use *altercation* and two of its synonyms in sentences of your own.





benevolent (adj)—kindly; charitable

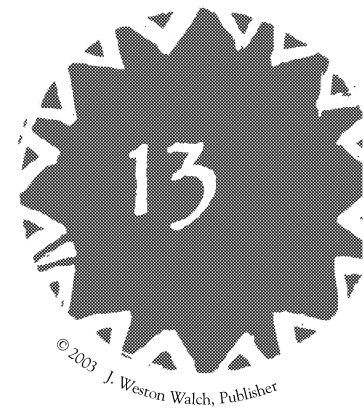
After the earthquake, many **benevolent** volunteer groups assisted the victims.

Circle the letter of the pair of words that is related in the same way as the pair in capital letters.

BENEVOLENT : DONOR ::

- (A) quiet : orator
- (B) disloyal : competitor
- (C) nimble : athlete
- (D) inquisitive : researcher
- (E) honorable : traitor

Now use *benevolent* in a sentence of your own.





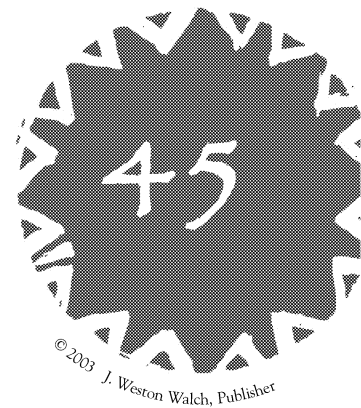
insipid (adj)—bland

The restaurant critic claimed that many items on the restaurant's menu were **insipid**, lacking any kind of spice.

Circle the words that are similar in meaning to *insipid*.

tasty dull tasteless pungent unsavory savory seasoned

Now use *insipid* in a sentence of your own.





exasperation (n)—irritation; frustration

The choreographer couldn't hide her **exasperation** when the dancers made a mess of the dance routine.

Circle the words that are similar in meaning to *exasperation*.

annoyance	happiness	disappointment	exuberance
alienation	vexation	advocacy	displeasure
ecstasy	discontent		

Now write two antonyms for *exasperation*.

Now use *exasperation* in a sentence of your own.

