

UNIT 5: EXPRESS YOURSELF!



Root Word	Meaning	Origin
dict	say, declare	Latin
scrib/script	write	Latin
graph/gram	write, draw, describe, record	Greek



- dictate** (v) - to speak or read something to a person who writes it down; to decree
*For your spelling test, I will **dictate** the words and then you will write them down.*
- contradict** (v) - to say the opposite of something that someone else has said; to deny the truth
*I knew my sister was exaggerating when she told her story, but I didn't want to **contradict** her in front of her friends.*
- edict** (n) - an official order given by a person with power or by a government
*The government issued an **edict** banning public protests and demonstrations.*
- autobiography** (n) - a person's life story written by that person
*In Helen Keller's **autobiography**, she describes how she learned to speak.*
- telegram** (n) - a message sent by telegraph and then delivered in written or printed form; sometimes referred to as a wire or cable
*Before the inventions of the phone and the Internet, people sent **telegrams** to each other in order to communicate.*
- calligraphy** (n) - the art of making beautiful handwriting
*Ben's certificate for academic achievement was handwritten in ornate and beautiful **calligraphy**.*
- graphic** (adj) - shown or described in a very clear way, used especially to refer to things that are unpleasant or shocking
*The scary, **graphic** movie gave me nightmares for weeks to come.*
- inscription** (n) - words that are written on or cut into a surface
*The jeweler etched a beautiful **inscription** inside the couple's wedding bands.*
- transcript** (n) - a written, printed, or typed copy of words that have been spoken
*I have a **transcript** of Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream Speech."*
- prescription** (n) - a written message from a doctor that officially tells a patient what medicine to take
*When I got an ear infection my doctor wrote me a **prescription** for antibiotics.*

5A: SENTENCE COMPLETION

DIRECTIONS: Complete the following sentences with the correct word from your list. Each word will be used only once.



dictate

contradict

edict

autobiography

telegram

calligraphy

graphic

inscription

transcript

prescription

1. The wedding invitation was written in beautiful _____.
2. The _____ on the headstone included a few lines from a famous poem.
3. Even though I disagreed with his theory, I had no evidence to _____ him.
4. In the 1800s, sending a _____ was the fastest way to quickly send a message over long distances.
5. It was difficult to hear the _____ details of the accident.
6. My doctor wrote me a _____ for medicine when I was ill.
7. The author retells every fascinating detail of her childhood in her _____, which is going on sale next month.
8. The King's army enforced his _____ that stated no one could be out in public after 9:00 p.m.
9. The court recorder typed a _____ of the entire trial.
10. The politician would _____ her speech to her assistant, who would then type it out.

5B: YES or NO?

DIRECTIONS: Respond to the following statements by circling "Yes" or "No."

1. **Yes No** Today, a **telegram** is the most popular way to communicate.
2. **Yes No** An **autobiography** contains personal information about a person.
3. **Yes No** An **inscription** can easily be removed with water.
4. **Yes No** **Edicts** are suggestions that people have the option of following.
5. **Yes No** A **graphic** account is very detailed and possibly disturbing.
6. **Yes No** Many people think **calligraphy** is elegant, ornate, and beautiful.
7. **Yes No** A person can **dictate** something without saying a word.
8. **Yes No** Anyone can write a **prescription** for medication.
9. **Yes No** If you don't believe someone, you might **contradict** him/her.
10. **Yes No** A **transcript** can be handwritten or typed.