

## UNIT 7: I LIKE TO MOVE IT MOVE IT



Root Word	Meaning	Origin
mob/mot	move	Latin
tract	pull, draw	Latin
tend/tens/tent	stretch, give	Latin



- mobile** (adj) - able to move from one place to another  
*The **mobile** phone allows people to leave the home, even if they are waiting for an important phone call.*
- motivation** (n) - the condition of being eager to act or work  
*Cindy's **motivation** to finish school helped her graduate from college a semester early.*
- motive** (n) - a reason for doing something  
*My main **motive** for learning Spanish is so that I can speak with my grandmother, who doesn't speak English.*
- tractor** (n) - a large vehicle used to pull farm equipment  
*We watched the **tractor** pull the plow through the field at the farm.*
- detract** (v) - to reduce the strength, value, or importance of something  
*If you park that old rusted car in your front yard it will **detract** from the beauty of your house.*
- contract** (v) - to make something smaller or shorter; to become smaller  
*When you flex your bicep, the muscle **contracts** and gets shorter.*
- attention** (n) - the act or power of carefully thinking about, listening to, or watching someone or something  
*It's important to give your full **attention** when learning something new.*
- extend** (v) - to cause something, such as your arm or leg, to straighten out or to stretch out  
*If you **extend** your arms outwards, you will feel your chest muscles stretch.*
- tension** (n) - the amount that something is stretched; an uneasy feeling that makes it difficult to relax  
*After the friends argued, there was a lot of **tension** in the room.*
- contentious** (adj) - likely to cause people to argue or disagree  
*You will create a **contentious** environment if you keep bringing up these controversial issues.*

## 7A: SENTENCE COMPLETION

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



mobile  
motivation  
motive  
tractor  
detract  
contract  
attention  
extend  
tension  
contentious

1. After I injured my knuckle I could not fully \_\_\_\_\_ my finger.
2. The politicians finally ended their heated and \_\_\_\_\_ debate.
3. With this hot weather I am having trouble finding \_\_\_\_\_ to train for my race.
4. The black clouds of soot from the factory smoke stacks can really \_\_\_\_\_ from the city's appearance.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the rubber band was so high that he was sure it would snap soon.
6. They needed a \_\_\_\_\_ to pull their car out of the ditch.
7. The child's \_\_\_\_\_ for running away was to avoid punishment.
8. The hot metal will \_\_\_\_\_, or shrink, once it cools.
9. I was very confused because I wasn't paying \_\_\_\_\_.
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ food truck is like a restaurant on wheels.

## 7B: YES or NO?

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

1. **Yes No** A **contentious** atmosphere is very friendly.
2. **Yes No** The **tractor** can be used to pull heavy and large objects.
3. **Yes No** A **motive** can explain why a person acts a certain way.
4. **Yes No** If something **contracts** it stretches.
5. **Yes No** A **mobile** home has wheels under it.
6. **Yes No** Damage can **detract** from the value of baseball cards.
7. **Yes No** **Motivation** will prevent you from achieving your goals.
8. **Yes No** **Attention** and focus are synonyms.
9. **Yes No** To reach something you might need to **extend** your arm.
10. **Yes No** If there is **tension** in your life it is easy to relax and be calm.

