Lesson 10
Turning

Roots: vers/vert (turn), contra (against)
Prefixes: re- (back), di- (aside; apart)

1 divert v. 1. To turn aside or in another direction.
   A police officer diverted the traffic to side streets as the accident was being cleared from the main road.
   2. To entertain or amuse.
   The babysitter found that it was easy to divert the children with outdoor games.
   diversion, n.

2 reverse adj. Causing movement backward.
   Mom shifted into reverse gear and backed out of the driveway.
   v. To change or turn in different directions.
   The workers cheered when they learned the owners had reversed their decision to close the business.

3 versatile adj. Talented, not limited, able to turn easily from one thing to another.
   The lead role required a versatile actress who could dance and sing as well as act.
   versatility, n.

4 version n. A way of presenting, a point of view.
   Marta did not like the movie version of the story as much as she liked the book.

5 versus prep. 1. Against (usually abbreviated to vs.).
   The newspaper reports that the championship game will be Glencove vs. Lakeland.
   2. In contrast to.
   The students considered having the test preparation help on Saturday morning versus right after school.

6 vertebrate n. A creature with a spine or backbone.
   The category of vertebrates includes not only humans but also fish and birds.

7 contradictory adj. Inclined to say the opposite or deny; inconsistent.
   The evidence was contradictory, so the jury had a hard time reaching a verdict.

8 contrary adj. Inclined to oppose and be stubborn, opposite.
   Contrary to his mother's directions, Jorge stayed up late to finish his book.

9 contrast v. To point out differences; to set apart one as unlike another.
   The teacher asked the students to contrast the views held by Northerners and Southerners during the reconstruction period that followed the American Civil War.
   n. Difference.
   The contrast between Jennie's excellent swimming and her clumsy diving puzzled the coach.

10 controversial adj. Debatable, stirring up opinions that turn against each other and clash.
   At many schools, a dress code is a controversial subject that brings out sharp differences of opinion.
   controversy, n.
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<td>contraband</td>
<td>n. Goods that have been imported or exported illegally.</td>
<td><em>When Peter took his golf clubs to Finland in order to sell them to a friend, he had no idea it was illegal to do so, and that his golf clubs were considered contraband by Finnish authorities.</em></td>
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<td>adverse</td>
<td>adj. Preventing success or development; harmful; unfavorable.</td>
<td><em>The adverse conditions in Mrs. Wagner’s class caused the students to gradually shift their desks into Mrs. Worthing’s room.</em></td>
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<td>extrovert</td>
<td>n. An outgoing, overtly expressive person.</td>
<td><em>Mrs. Wagner is an extrovert as she is very outgoing and does not hesitate to express her feelings.</em></td>
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<td>vertigo</td>
<td>n. A sensation of whirling and loss of balance.</td>
<td><em>Today’s vocabulary lesson was giving the children vertigo, and Mrs. Worthing found herself running about the room catching the students as they fell over. Unfortunately, she missed a few.</em></td>
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