

## TM 6

## CORE CONCEPTS

**OVER:** over, above, overhead, etc.

**UNDER:** under, underneath, below, etc.

**LIFT:** lift, pick up, hoist, etc.

**DISAGREE:** dissent, irreconcilable, the bone of contention, etc.

**ARGUE:** reason with, have a row, quibble, etc.

**HUNGRY:** famished, peckish, be off one's food, etc.

**NERVOUS:** tense, on edge, on pins and needles, etc.

**WAIT:** hang on, hold off, stand by, etc.

**BUT:** all the same, for all that, having said that, etc.

*I. Complete the sentences, choosing between over and above. In two of the sentences, both words can be used!*

1. She put a blanket      the sleeping child.
2. She threw the ball      the fence.
3. Let's hang the painting      the fireplace.
4. I've never met the people who live in the flat      mine.
5. Could you please spread this cloth      the table?
6. The town is 500 feet      sea level.
7. The bird flew      the lake.
8. The ball rolled      the grass.
9. He wore an overcoat      his suit.
10. He put his hand      her mouth to stop her screaming.
11. The lamp hung      the table.
12. They jumped      the stream.

*II. Complete the sentences, choosing from under, underneath, and below. (In some sentences, you can use more than one word.)*

1. This jacket's too big, even with a sweater     .
2. Skirts must be      the knee.
3. I could see cattle grazing by the lake, far     .
4. I live on the fifth floor, and she lives on the floor     .
5. She wore a red coat with a blue dress     .
6. The water flows      the bridge.
7. Somebody found the body buried      a pile of leaves.
8.      the hospital blankets I could see the outline of her wasted body.
9. The boy crawled      the fence.
10. The old mine goes right      the city.
11. The letter had been pushed      the carpet by accident.
12. There is a lake      the village, further down the valley.

III. Complete the sentences, choosing from lift, raise, pick up, jack up, hoist, and scoop up. (In some sentences, you can use more than one verb.)

1. Can you help me \_\_\_\_\_ these big boxes?
2. He bent down and \_\_\_\_\_ the book from the floor.
3. He \_\_\_\_\_ his eyes from his work
4. The mechanic \_\_\_\_\_ the car to fix the tyre.
5. Kneeling down, the firefighter \_\_\_\_\_ the puppy in her arms.
6. I \_\_\_\_\_ the kids' clothes that were lying on the floor.
7. The sailors \_\_\_\_\_ the cargo onto the deck.
8. The mother \_\_\_\_\_ the baby and held it tightly to her.
9. Never \_\_\_\_\_ a vehicle without first blocking the wheels.
10. Please \_\_\_\_\_ all your toys when you've finished playing.
11. His doctor has told him that he must not \_\_\_\_\_ anything heavy.
12. A helicopter \_\_\_\_\_ the final section of the bridge into place.

IV. Complete the sentences, choosing the word/phrase that fits best.

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ with him for hours about the danger, but he wouldn't change his mind.  
a. talked                                 b. reasoned                                 c. quarrelled
2. Because of a family \_\_\_\_\_, he never spoke to his wife's parents for years.  
a. feud   b. showdown                                 c. tiff
3. In those days, religious \_\_\_\_\_ was not tolerated.  
a. dissent   b. disagreement                                 c. argument
4. I'm so hungry I could eat a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ !  
a. pig   b. horse   c. elephant
5. Is that all we've got to eat? I'm \_\_\_\_\_ !  
a. famished   b. peckish   c. hungry
6. She's feeling rather ill these days - she says she can't sleep, and she's even \_\_\_\_\_ her food.  
a. out of   b. off   c. below
7. Many people die of starvation during \_\_\_\_\_ every year.  
a. hunger   b. malnutrition                                 c. famine
8. Worry about the business has turned her into a nervous \_\_\_\_\_ .  
a. wreck   b. bundle   c. breakdown
9. After the quarrel, the atmosphere in the room was \_\_\_\_\_ .  
a. uneasy   b. nailbiting   c. tense
10. She was a little \_\_\_\_\_ till she heard she had passed.  
a. on edge   b. strained   c. jumpy

V. Translate into English, paying special attention to the underlined parts.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. \_\_\_\_\_ .
3. \_\_\_\_\_ .
4. \_\_\_\_\_ .

5. \_\_\_\_\_ .
6. \_\_\_\_\_ .
7. \_\_\_\_\_ .
8. \_\_\_\_\_ .
9. \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ à \_\_\_\_\_ .
10. \_\_\_\_\_ .
11. 11 \_\_\_\_\_ à \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ .
12. \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ .

VI. Complete the sentences, filling in each gap with a single word.

1. They had a terrible row \_\_\_\_\_ the damaged car.
2. Listen, it's obvious I can't change your mind and you can't change mine - so let's just \_\_\_\_\_ to differ.
3. He's so argumentative; he's always trying to pick \_\_\_\_\_ with people.
4. During a period of financial uncertainty, it makes sense to hold \_\_\_\_\_ making a big investment.
5. He's mean and bad-tempered and snores, but she loves him \_\_\_\_\_ all that.
6. She didn't do a very good job, but having \_\_\_\_\_ that, I don't think I could have done any better.
7. The island has always been the \_\_\_\_\_ of contention between the two countries.
8. Be patient, you'll hear the result all in \_\_\_\_\_ time.
9. If you'll just bear \_\_\_\_\_ me for a moment, I'll find you a copy of the drawings.
10. The news had spread throughout the hospital; nurses, doctors, and volunteers \_\_\_\_\_ by, ready to help.
11. \_\_\_\_\_ on a minute - I'll be with you in a moment!
12. It rained every day of our holiday - but we had a good time \_\_\_\_\_ the same.