

## UNIT 10 THE EUROPEAN UNION (EU)



Target  
Vocabulary

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| <b>Noun:</b>         | prosperity, employment, environment, division, constitution, voter     |
| <b>Adjective:</b>    | diverse, huge, smooth, former, committed                               |
| <b>Adverb:</b>       | basically  |
| <b>Verb:</b>         | oversee, dismantle, intend, ensure, enlarge, falter, reject, introduce |
| <b>Phrasal Verb:</b> | look like, look up, take down, wear out, turn into                     |

The European Union, or EU, describes itself **basically** as a family of democratic European countries, **committed** to working together for peace and **prosperity**. The organisation **oversees** co-operation among its members in **diverse** areas, including trade, the **environment**, transport and **employment**. On 1 May 2004 the EU took in 10 new members, most of them **former** communist countries, in a **huge** step along the road towards **dismantling** the post-World War II **division** of Europe. The new joiners were the Czech Republic, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia. However, plans to **introduce** a **constitution** – **intended** to **ensure** the **smooth** running of the **enlarged** EU – **faltered** in 2005 after they were **rejected** by **voters** in two founding nations; France and the Netherlands.

I. Read the passage carefully and circle the choice which is the closest in meaning to the word given.

1. "prosperity" in line 2 means

- A. war
- B. wealth
- C. health

3. "diverse" in line 3 means

- A. polluted
- B. poor
- C. different

2. "oversees" in line 3 means

- A. supervises
- B. prevents
- C. ignores

4. "faltered" in line 9 means

- A. failed
- B. joined
- C. succeeded

5. "rejected" in line 10 means

- A. refused
- B. elected
- C. selected

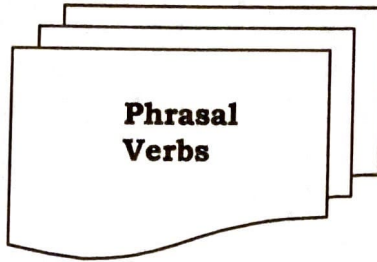
**II. Match the following words with the definitions.**

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| 1. ___ <b>division</b>     | a. a set of basic laws and principles that a country is governed by |
| 2. ___ <b>committed</b>    | b. happening or operating successfully, without any problems        |
| 3. ___ <b>constitution</b> | c. to make larger, to increase in size or scale                     |
| 4. ___ <b>dismantle</b>    | d. to make certain that something will happen properly              |
| 5. ___ <b>smooth</b>       | e. the act of separating something into two or more different parts |
| 6. ___ <b>enlarge</b>      | f. willing to work very hard at something                           |
| 7. ___ <b>ensure</b>       | g. to gradually get rid of a system or organization                 |

**III. Fill in the blanks with an appropriate word from the list below making changes if necessary.**

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| <b>huge</b>      | <b>introduce</b> | <b>former</b>     | <b>intend</b>      |
| <b>basically</b> | <b>voter</b>     | <b>employment</b> | <b>environment</b> |

1. Bill Clinton, the \_\_\_\_\_ President of the United States, has published his memoirs.
2. Russia is a \_\_\_\_\_ country with a relatively thin population spread over it.
3. The government officials say the program was \_\_\_\_\_ for defensive purposes only.
4. The construction of the new factory will provide \_\_\_\_\_ for many people living in the region.
5. All living things have to adapt to their \_\_\_\_\_ in order to survive.
6. When the new government came to power, they \_\_\_\_\_ a new tax system.
7. Only 40% of eligible \_\_\_\_\_ participated in the last election.
8. I believe that all human beings are \_\_\_\_\_ good.



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| <b>look like:</b> | resemble (in appearance)   |
| <b>look up:</b>   | find (or try to find) something (e.g. a telephone number) in a book (e.g. a telephone directory) |
| <b>take down:</b> | record (a statement / a telephone number / some information etc.) in writing                     |
| <b>wear out:</b>  | wear something / use something until it can no longer be worn / be used                          |
| <b>turn into:</b> | change; become (something or someone)  |

**IV. Fill in the blanks with an appropriate word from the list above making changes if necessary.**

1. The beautiful princess kissed the frog and it \_\_\_\_\_ a handsome prince.
2. When the policeman arrived at the scene of the accident he \_\_\_\_\_ the witness's statement.
3. I suppose I should get some new shoes. I've almost \_\_\_\_\_ this pair \_\_\_\_\_.
4. I'm sorry, but I don't know what that word means. I'll have to \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Does he \_\_\_\_\_ his father or his mother?



## MINI TEST

1. **The war was followed by a long period of peace and ----.**  
A) prosperity            B) environment  
C) division              D) constitution  
E) feature
2. **The organisation is ---- to nuclear disarmament and it has staged a lot of demonstrations in the last few years.**  
A) former                B) huge  
C) committed          D) diverse  
E) alert
3. **The duty of the police is to ---- that the law is obeyed.**  
A) dismantle            B) intend  
C) introduce            D) falter  
E) ensure
4. **According to the ----, every citizen has a right to freedom of speech.**  
A) constitution        B) employment  
C) voter                D) environment  
E) facility
5. **I applied for a job at the local garage, but I was ---- because I did not have a high school diploma.**  
A) intended            B) rejected  
C) faltered             D) ensured  
E) responded
6. **As the headmaster, his job is to ---- everything that goes on in the school.**  
A) intend                B) oversee  
C) reject                D) introduce  
E) launch
7. **Students in American universities are from culturally and ethnically ---- backgrounds.**  
A) diverse                B) huge  
C) smooth                D) committed  
E) former
8. **The devalued YTL was ---- on January 1, 2005, and replaced the old Turkish lira.**  
A) dismantled          B) ensured  
C) rejected              D) intended  
E) introduced
9. **The village has remained ---- unchanged for over 300 years.**  
A) currently            B) directly  
C) especially          D) basically  
E) professionally
10. **She used to be a fat little girl, but she ---- a beautiful young woman.**  
A) looked like        B) looked up  
C) took down         D) wore out  
E) turned into