

UNIT 12 STUDENT MOTIVATION

**Target
Vocabulary**

Noun:	occupation, tide, self-esteem, avoidance, approach, response, device, blow, security
Adjective:	rising, ingenious
Adverb:	typically, wisely
Verb:	dread, threaten, view, confront, escalate, eliminate, maintain
Phrasal Verb:	pass out, knock oneself out, take to, go towards, speak up for

Infants are born with a natural curiosity and a love of learning. By contrast, many children and adults have come either to **dread** or hate learning. Teaching has become the most stressful social **occupation**, and this is in no small part due to the fact that many children and adults are **threatened** by learning. Other contributing factors are a **rising tide** of discipline difficulties, low motivation, poor staff relationships, large class sizes, poor psychological and social back-up services, and teachers' own **self-esteem** problems. Teachers and parents **typically** make the mistake of **viewing** students' **avoidance** of or rebelliousness around learning as the challenging behaviours that need to be **confronted**. However, such an **approach** only serves to **escalate** these difficult **responses**. The real problem is hidden behind these **ingenious** protective **devices** and is about individuals' worth and relationships not being determined by academic and other learning performances. The clever purpose of the so-called "challenging behaviours" is to reduce or **eliminate** further **blows** to self-worth and **security** in key relationships. Unless there is a clear separation between loving and learning and person and behaviour; children and adults will **wisely maintain** their defences in situations when teaching threatens their emotional and social well-being.

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

1. "occupation" in line 3 means

- A. situation
- B. group
- C. job

2. "rising" in line 5 means

- A. decreasing
- B. growing
- C. falling

3. "escalate" in line 10 means

- A. make worse
- B. solve
- C. improve

4. "responses" in line 10 means

- A. reactions
- B. actions
- C. articles

5. "ingenious" in line 11 means

- A. successful
- B. clever
- C. unique

II. Match the following words with the definitions.

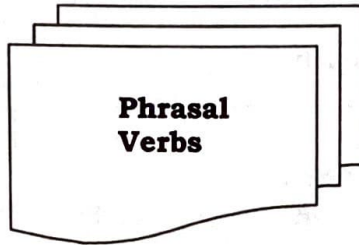
- 1. ___ **confront** a. an action or event that causes difficulty or sadness for someone
- 2. ___ **threaten** b. to deal with something very difficult or unpleasant in a brave and determined way
- 3. ___ **dread** c. to feel anxious or worried about something that is going to happen or may happen
- 4. ___ **device** d. a plan or trick, especially for a dishonest purpose
- 5. ___ **maintain** e. to make something continue in the same way or at the same standard as before
- 6. ___ **blow** f. something that is increasing and is difficult to control
- 7. ___ **tide** g. to say that you will cause someone harm or trouble if they do not do what you want

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

avoidance	self-esteem	view	approach	wisely	security	typically	eliminate
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- 1. Global warming is an issue that should be _____ from several perspectives.
- 2. Each of the members of the Board of Directors suggested a different _____ to solve the problem.
- 3. Some people wrongly suppose that technological process will _____ the problem of scarcity of resources.
- 4. Parenting is about giving your child _____ and love.
- 5. _____ of discussing issues such as domestic violence and child abuse will only make them worse.
- 6. Losing the job was a real blow to his _____.

7. Victims of mugging are _____ young men in their early 20s.
8. He invested his money _____, so he didn't lose much during the economic crisis.



take to:	start to like sb. or sth.
speak up for:	speak in support of sb. or sth.
pass out:	faint; lose consciousness
go towards:	serve as a contribution for
knock oneself out:	work much harder than normal or than what is expected

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

- The money raised at the concert will _____ the rehabilitation of the refugees.
- We completed the project on time because Chuck _____ to make sure we didn't miss the deadline.
- James was an odd man whom Mary had never really _____.
- When Ella heard that she'd won a million dollars, she was so shocked that she _____.
- He is willing to _____ the rights of children.

MINI TEST

1. **You earn a lot of money if you have a managerial ---- but you should also be prepared to take on responsibility.**
A) approach B) response
C) occupation D) priority
E) stability
2. **Teachers may improve their effectiveness by increasing the frequency of positive ---- while reducing the negative.**
A) responses B) reductions
C) occupations D) offers
E) profits
3. **It is men rather than women who are ---- expected to finance the family expenses.**
A) comparatively B) mutually
C) typically D) enormously
E) incredibly
4. **The magazine "Home and Garden" is full of ---- ideas for transforming your house into a dream home.**
A) unethical B) perverse
C) huge D) ingenious
E) immoral
5. **Our rainforests are being ---- with destruction, and the consequences will be severe.**
A) threatened B) persuaded
C) eliminated D) maintained
E) encouraged
6. **The new government had to ---- many problems which they had not anticipated before the elections.**
A) accomplish B) propose
C) maintain D) confess
E) confront
7. **So far traffic police have failed to ---- congestion in city centres caused by illegally parked vehicles.**
A) modify B) confront
C) eliminate D) threaten
E) fascinate
8. **The trial of the two Members of the Parliament was held in tight ----.**
A) response B) security
C) challenge D) curiosity
E) effort
9. **Turkish Airlines has ---- a high level of service for many years.**
A) maintained B) eliminated
C) responded D) spread
E) tackled
10. **I didn't know what to do when my friend ---- at the gym.**
A) put out B) passed out
C) handed out D) looked forward to
E) brought in on