

*A.E.P.*  
**Comprehensive Lexical Training**

**New Words:**     avid     cajole     rudimentary     enhance     nuance

***You've Got To Be a Football Expert***

As an *avid* football fan, I try to see every game the Jets play. Whenever I can *cajole* my father into accompanying me, I try to do so. He has only a *rudimentary* knowledge of the game, and since I am steeped in it, I enjoy explaining its intricate details to him. It certainly does *enhance* your appreciation of football when you are aware of every *nuance* of the sport.

**Sample Sentences:** Use the new words in the following sentences. You may have to change the ending of a word.

1. Since my grasp of algebra is \_\_\_\_\_, I cannot solve the problem.
2. The parakeet refused to be \_\_\_\_\_ into entering her cage.
3. It will \_\_\_\_\_ your enjoyment of an opera if you know what the plot is about in advance.
4. In reading the satires of Jonathan Swift, one must be vigilant in order to catch each \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Franklin D. Roosevelt was an \_\_\_\_\_ reader of mystery stories.

**Definitions:** Match the new words with their meanings.

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| 6. avid        | _____ | a. eager                                   |
| 7. cajole      | _____ | b. slight variation in meaning, tone, etc. |
| 8. rudimentary | _____ | c. coax                                    |
| 9. enhance     | _____ | d. intensify, heighten                     |
| 10. nuance     | _____ | e. elementary                              |

***Today's Idiom***

*to beard the lion (in his den)*— to visit and oppose a person on his own grounds

Having decided *to beard the lion*, I stormed into the manager's office to ask for a raise.