

LEXICAL-SEMANTIC ACTIVATION

Exercise 2

This is a synonym exercise that is designed to practice lexical and semantic development. Substitute each word in bold with a similar word that is adequate for the text provided.

Original Text

*Save the Children is the **leading** independent organisation creating **lasting** change in the lives of children in need in the United States and **around** the world. Recognised for our commitment to **accountability**, **innovation** and **collaboration**, our work takes us into the **heart** of communities, where we help children and families help themselves. We work with other organisations, governments, non-profits and a variety of local partners while **maintaining** our own independence without political **agenda** or religious **orientation**.*

*When **disaster strikes** around the world, Save the Children is there to save lives with food, medical **care** and education and **remains** to help communities **rebuild** through long-term **recovery** programs. As quickly and as effectively as Save the Children responds to **tsunamis** and civil conflict, it works to **resolve** the **on-going struggles** children face every day — poverty, **hunger**, illiteracy and disease — and **replaces** them with hope for the future.*

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Example

*Save the Children is the **chief** independent organisation creating **everlasting** change in the lives of children in need in the United States and **throughout** the world. Recognised for our commitment to **responsibility**, **modernisation** and **cooperation**, our work takes us into the **centre** of communities, where we help children and families help themselves. We work with other organisations, governments, non-profits and a variety of local partners while **conserving** our own independence without political agenda or religious **aim**.*

*When **tragedy happens** around the world, Save the Children is there to save lives with food, medical **rescue** and education and **continues** to help communities **restructure** through long-term **rehabilitation** programs. As quickly and as effectively as Save the Children responds to **tidal waves** and civil conflict, it works to **fix** the **endless battles** children face every day — poverty, **starvation**, illiteracy and disease — and replaces them with **optimism** for the future.*

Other Alternatives

Leading=best, dominant

Lasting=continuing, constant, endless

Around=all over

Accountability=liability

Innovation=modification, change

Collaboration=team work, partnership, working together

Heart=core, focus, hub, nucleus, root

Maintaining=keeping, protecting

Orientation=aspect, adaptation

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Disaster=catastrophe

Strikes=takes place, sneaks up, hits, attacks

Care=assistance, help, attention, support, treatment, relief

Remains=stays

Rebuild=repair, fix, patch up, reconstruct, revamp, recondition

Recovery=readjustment, reestablishment, restoration

Resolve=take care of

On-going=continuous, perpetual, timeless, steady, repeated

Struggles=battles

Hunger=famine

Hope=faith, promise, prospect