

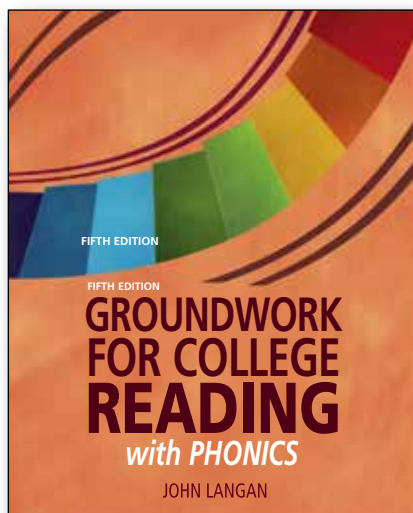
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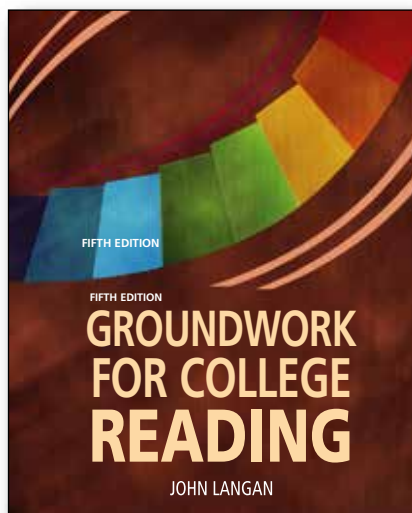
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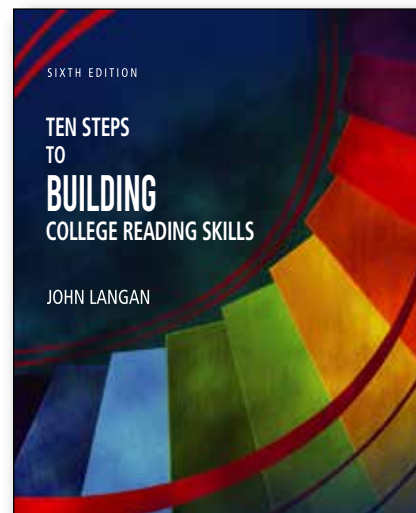
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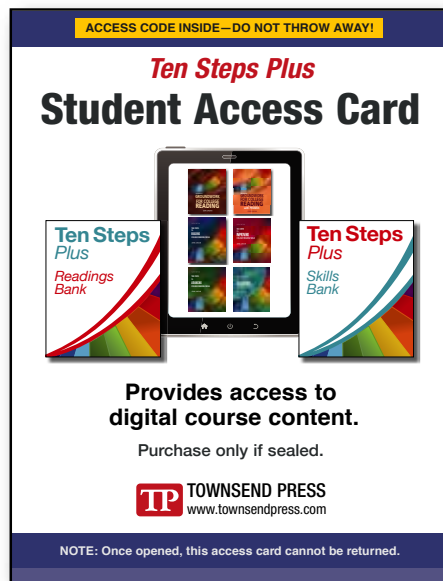
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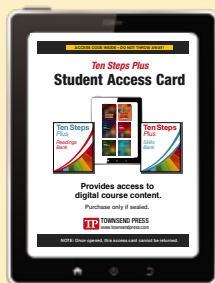
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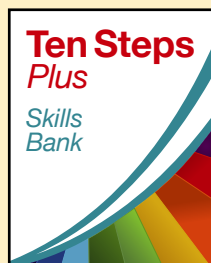
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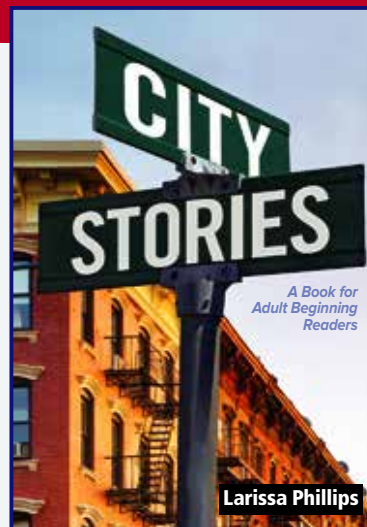
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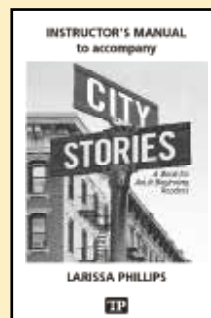
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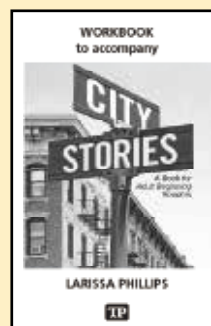
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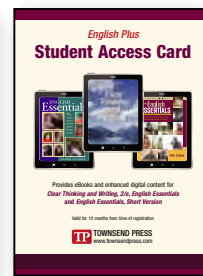
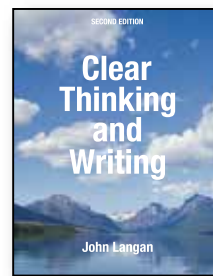
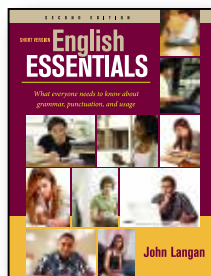


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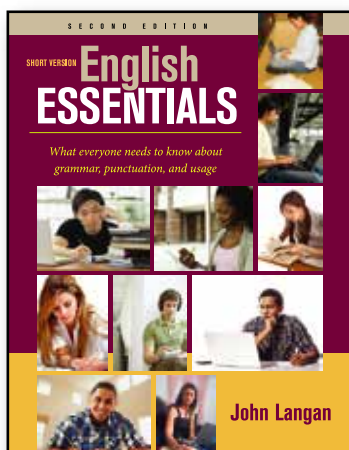
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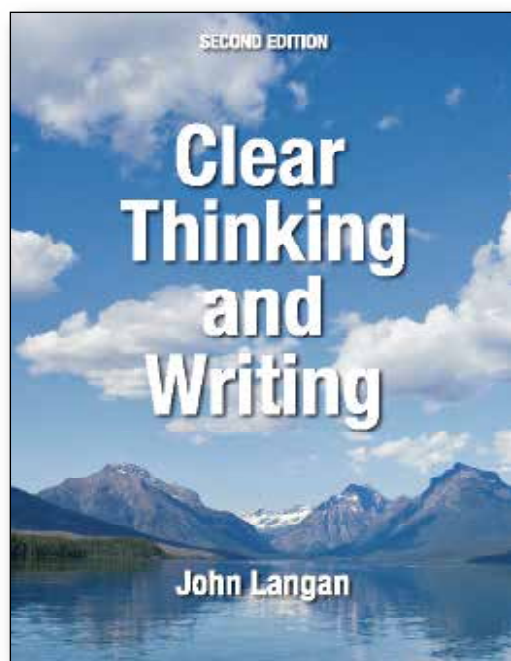
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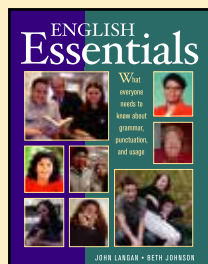
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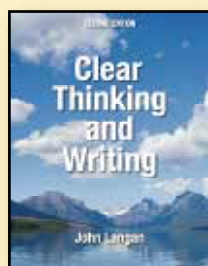
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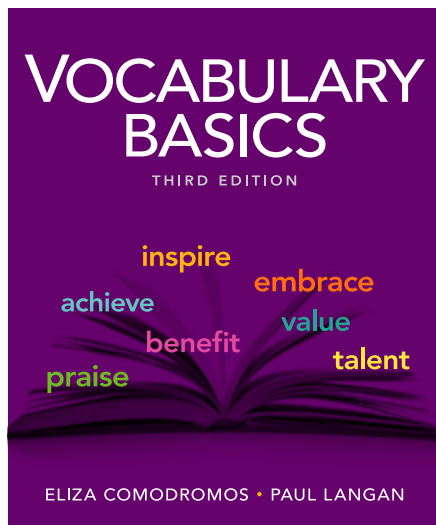
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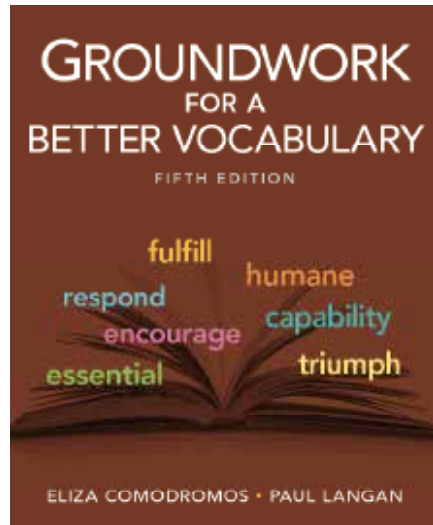
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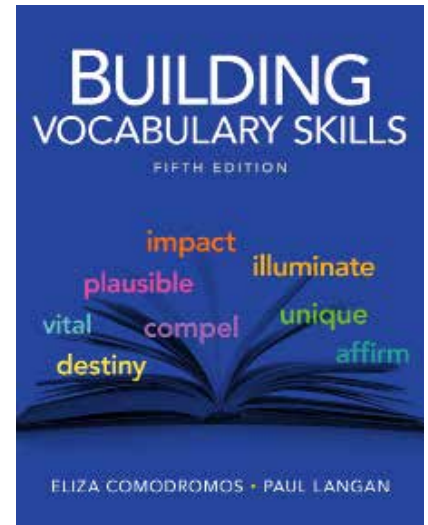
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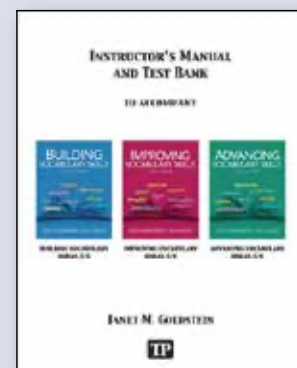
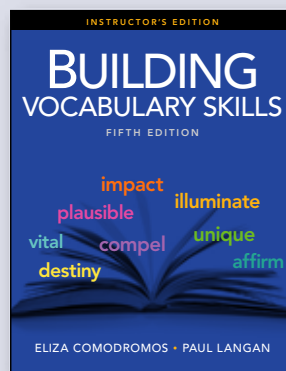
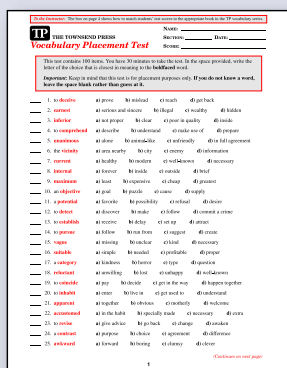
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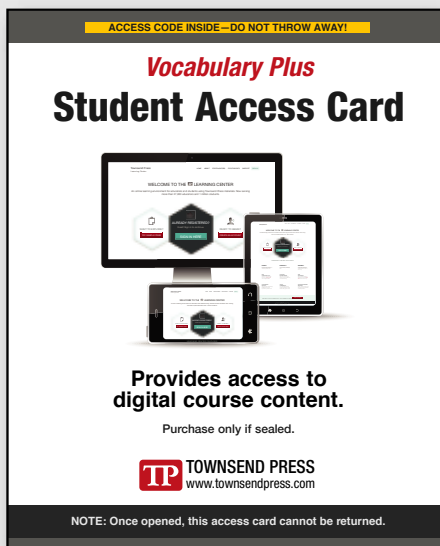
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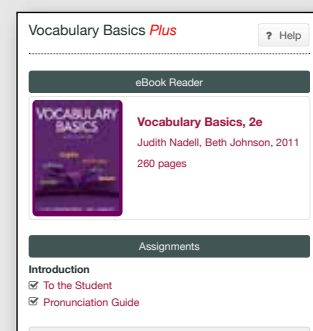
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Question 1. anti-

- Antifreeze prevents the water in a car radiator from freezing.
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An antibullying sign.

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Firing Our Boss

My stint<sup>1</sup> in the bookkeeping head. I don't expect supervisors done something wrong. Keller's by his antipathy<sup>2</sup> toward us. His complete (3) of (4) needs that we all tried to (4) where we could hardly add two.

Within a few weeks, even though I was a "subversive," thoughts. Our frustrated worker in front of everyone else, using such derogatory<sup>3</sup> terms ("Stupid!" suddenly decided that our only recourse<sup>4</sup> was to go over Keller's head—

**Vocabulary Review**

**derogatory (adjective):** Expressing a low opinion; belittling

**Note:** This word is also likely to appear on the SAT or GRE!

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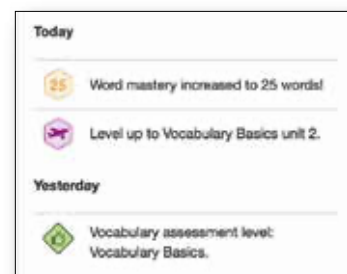
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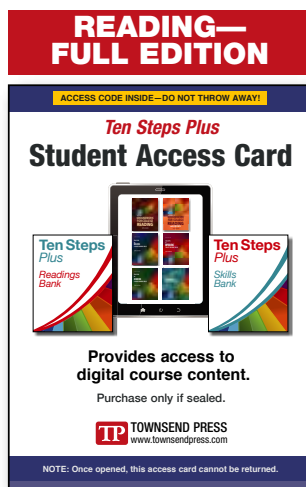


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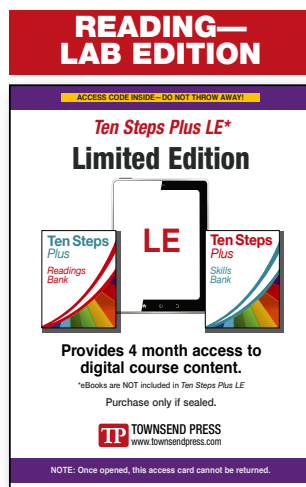
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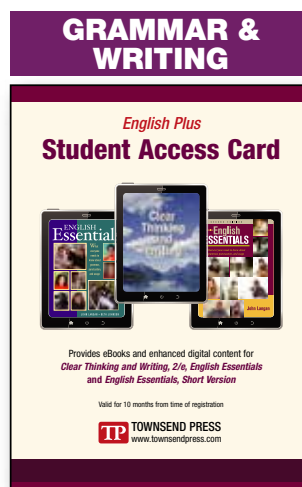
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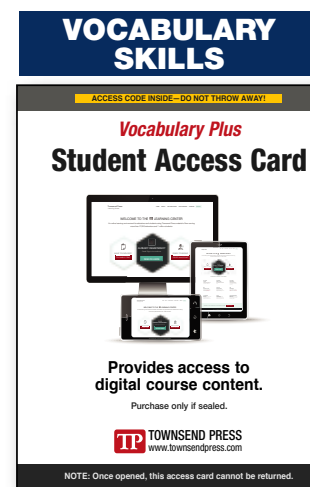
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