

## Example Sentences for Verbs Set Two

Listen to the accompanying MP3 and read these sentences. This will train your brain to master these words.

**Botch** = to do something very badly

**Impede** = to stop the progress of something

**Quaff** = to drink something in large amounts and with enjoyment

**Recollect** = to remember something

**Exacerbate** = to make something bad even worse

We **botched** our first attempt at starting a business, but we made a success of it the second time round.

Ronaldo has **botched** his penalty kick and that means Brazil has won the World Cup!

The detectives were strongly criticised after they **botched** the investigation into the diamond robbery.

The three men were caught by police after they **botched** their robbery of the bank. After entering, they were locked inside for 30 minutes until police arrived.

The people believe that the government is **impeding** the development of the country, and so wish to vote in a new one.

Even though he was **impeded** with a severe injury, the brave runner completed the marathon after 6 hours.

Fallen rocks and bad weather has **impeded** the efforts of the rescue workers, as they struggle to get to the people trapped in the cave.

Paul is a very shy man, but this hasn't **impeded** him in becoming an actor. In fact, people admire him more for this.

We **quaffed** the cool water from the stream and relaxed in the warm sunshine.

Wife: Where's the bottle of red wine I bought yesterday?

Husband: Sorry, Peter and I **quaffed** it last night with dinner.

Harry and I visited Germany last week. We spent the whole time **quaffing** the world-class German beers on offer.

British people are well-known for **quaffing** tea. 84% of Brits drink the hot beverage.

Police: Do you **recollect** anything from the day your house was broken into?

Victim: Yes, I remember there were a few strange people walking up and down the street.

Jane and I met last night for the first time in years. We were **recollecting** all our fun adventures from childhood.

Lee drank so much wine at the party last night that he can't **recollect** anything! Perhaps I shouldn't tell him about his awful singing.

Employee: What's the name of the new employee?

Colleague: As far as I can **recollect**, it begins with a 'B'. Billy or Brian I think.

The company made huge losses this year, and to **exacerbate** the situation, it is under police investigation for fraud.

Don't lift those heavy boxes, otherwise you'll **exacerbate** your back pain. Let me move them for you.

Patient: When can I start going to the gym again?

Doctor: Don't exercise for at least a month. It will only **exacerbate** the pain and prolong recovery.

Overpopulation and unemployment **exacerbated** the problems of the city. Thankfully, the mayor has done a fantastic job of overcoming these issues.