

## Example Sentences for Verbs Set Four

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

**Strive** = to try very hard to achieve something

**Opt** = to make a choice from a range of possibilities

**Perish** = to die or to stop existing

**Admonish** = to tell someone they have done something wrong

**Yearn** = to want something very much, especially something you cannot get

The company is constantly **striving** to improve its customer service.

Everyone should **strive** towards reaching their full potential in life and achieve their goals.

Will: Have you finished the book that you're writing?

Anne: I'm **striving** to finish it before the end of this month so that it can be published soon after.

At this school, we **strive** to develop your child into a responsible and creative individual.

Students can **opt** to stay in university dorms or arrange their own accommodation.

We could choose to visit any country in Europe, so we **opted** for Germany since we'd never visited before.

It's time for me to choose which subjects I want to study further. I think I'll **opt** for science, history and English.

Customer: I need a new laptop, but nothing too expensive. Any recommendations?

Salesman: Most customers **opt** for this one. It's cheap and has all the basic functions needed.

More than 1,500 people **perished** in the sinking of the Titanic.

The ancient Maya civilisation **perished** after 3,000 years of prosperity.

Large numbers of animals in the region **perished** because of deforestation and hunting.

Hundreds of precious ancient objects **perished** in the fire, including paintings, furniture and other items.

I have to constantly **admonish** my daughter about crossing the road without paying attention.

Three players were **admonished** by the referee for fouling.

My tennis coach always **admonishes** me for hitting the ball too hard. He says I should just relax when I strike the ball.

The company was **admonished** by the newspaper after a series of negative stories.

Linda: What did you want to be when you were a child?

Ella: I **yearned** to be a pop star, just like my idol Madonna.

Brian: How is your wife?

Oscar: She's **yearning** to quit her job and take a year off, but it's not possible for now.

Chris still **yearns** to be with Sally more than a year after they split up. He just can't seem to forget about her.

The prisoner has changed his ways and he **yearns** for a second chance. He's hoping the judge will see this and give him early release.