Word Analysis: Signal Words

1. Go to http://grammar.about.com/od/developingparagraphs/a/cohsignals.htm and read about the importance of signal words in understanding word meanings.

2. If you are confused, now is a good time to STOP and visit an instructor or a tutor to get some help. Write your questions below before you go.

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Once you are ready, go on to #3.

3. For the sentences below, list the signal word(s) and the meaning of the underlined word. Sentences drawn from CAHSEE On Target student workbook.
   a. I despise broccoli, but I love spinach.

      Signal word(s) ________________________________

      Meaning of despise ____________________________

   b. In contrast to my sister, who is quite taciturn, I am extremely talkative.

      Signal word(s) ________________________________

      Meaning of taciturn ____________________________

   c. While I do not necessarily concur with all his viewpoints, I completely agree with his most recent decision.

      Signal word(s) ________________________________

      Meaning of concur _____________________________

   d. Although Karen and Jody are very close friends, they are very different. Karen spends a lot of money to buy things while Jody is frugal.

      Signal word(s) ________________________________

      Meaning of frugal ______________________________

   e. I love taking long walks early in the morning; in fact, I find the experience invigorating.
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Signal word(s) ____________________________________________

Meaning of invigorating ______________________________________

4. Before reviewing your answers with an instructor or tutor, use the space below to write any questions you still have about using signal words to determine word meanings:
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5. Review your answers with an instructor or tutor in the WRC. Have that person sign and date this sheet.

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Instructor/Tutor signature _____________________________ Date ________________

6. Return this completed, signed sheet to your instructor.