

Vocabulary Exercise 2

Upper Primary Advance English

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| 2 | nervous | apprehensive | upset | vexed |
| 3 | suffering from | threatened by | susceptible to | vulnerable to |
| 4 | protect | safeguard | maintain | sustain |
| 5 | enhancement | assistance | aid | advantage |

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