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converge = to come from different directions and join together

parallel = similar and happening at the same time; separated by equal distance at every point

enable = to make it possible for someone to do something, or for something to happen

labor = work, especially physical work; to work hard; the process of giving birth

role = the way in which someone or something is involved in a situation, and how much influence they have on it; the character played by an actor in a play or film

converge

DEFINITION:

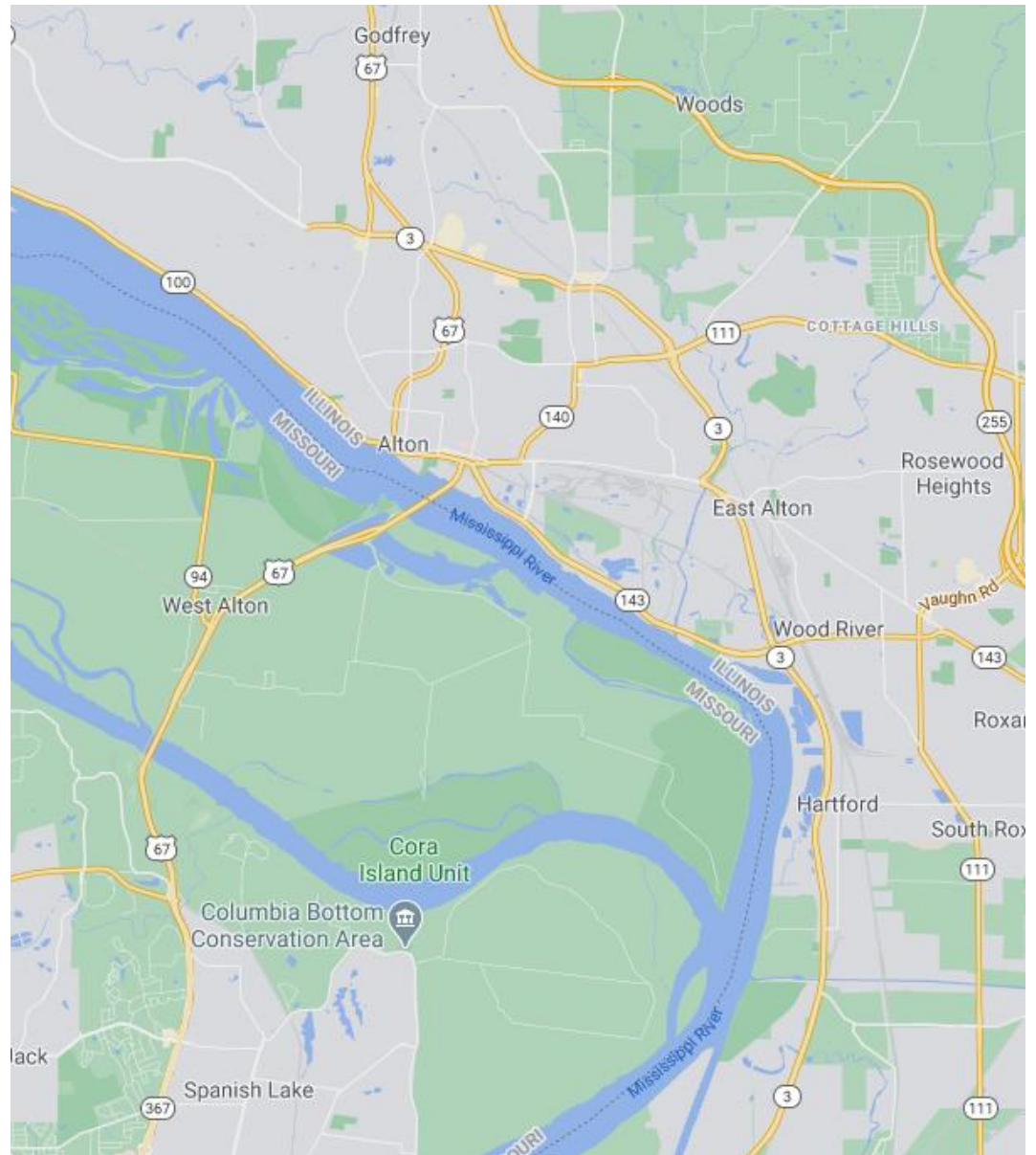
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SAMPLE SENTENCES:

- The two rivers **converged** into one near St. Louis.
- Reporters **converged** on the scene.
- The two groups of demonstrators **converged** in the street.

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SENTENCES

- The railway is **parallel** with the river.
- The airport's two runways are **parallel** and only 200 feet apart.
- The film attempts to follow the **parallel** story lines of the novel.

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DEFINITION:

- to make it possible for someone to do something, or for something to happen

SENTENCES

- The loan **enabled** Betty to buy her new car.
- Bert's new wheelchair **enabled** him to enjoy playing basketball again.

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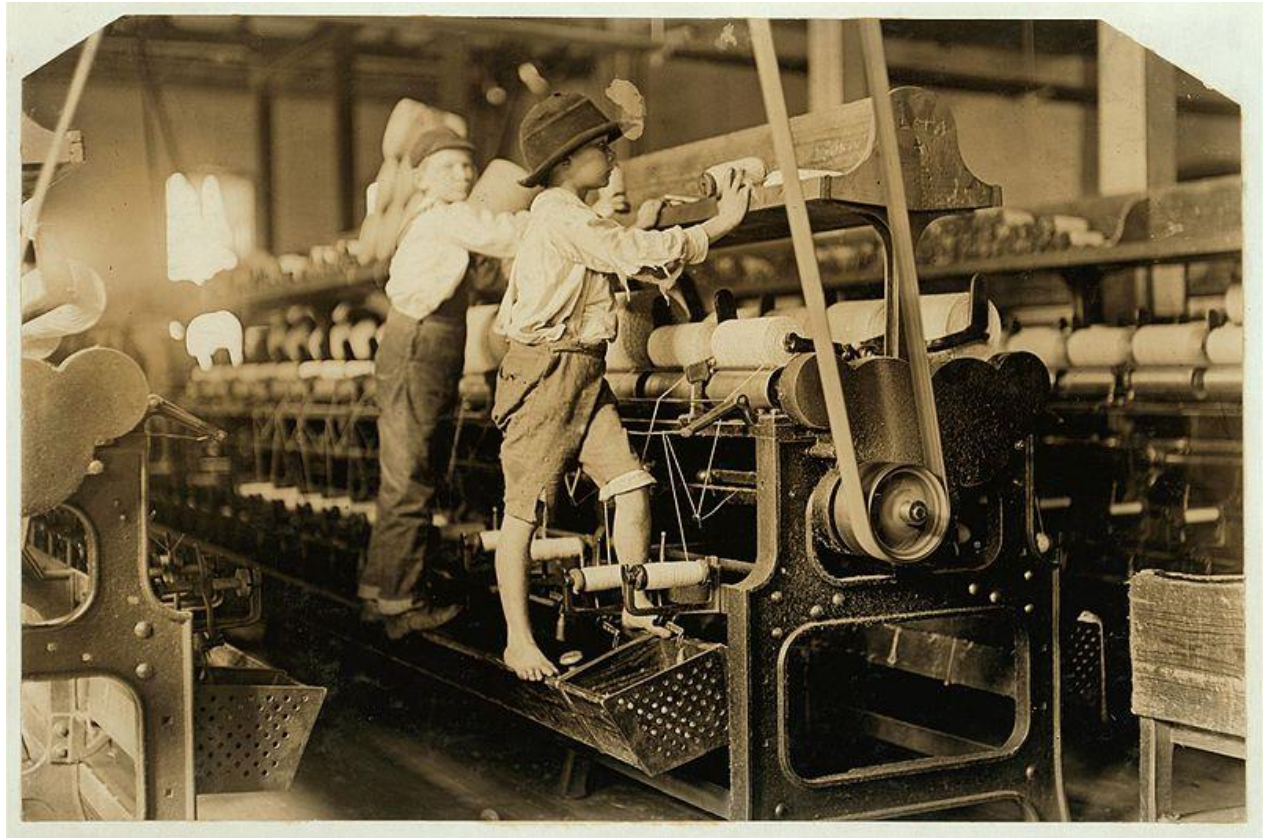
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- work, especially physical work;
- to work hard;
- the process of giving birth

SENTENCES

- Child **labor** was a problem during the Gilded Age.
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- A woman went into **labor** on a flight and gave birth to her son on the airplane.

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DEFINITION:

- the way in which someone or something is involved in a situation, and how much influence they have on it;
- the character played by an actor in a play or film

SENTENCES

- Counselors play an important **role** in helping people dealing with grief.
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