

Lesson 1 Definitions

Lesson Word Parts:

--**ang**--“bend,” “corner” --**ann-** (**-enn-**) “year”

Word List

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| 1. abolish | 6. amuck (amok) |
| 2. abound | 7. angular |
| 3. adapt | 8. anniversary |
| 4. adore | 9. antique |
| 5. agenda | 10. appalling |

- abolish** *V.* to do away with completely; get rid of (Congress may *abolish* the law.)
- abound** *v.* 1. to exist in large numbers or amounts (Insects *abound* in a jungle.)
2. to have plenty; be filled (The park *abounds* with birds.)
- adapt** *v.* 1. to change so as to make fit or usable (A sliding curtain rod can be *adapted* for windows of various widths.) 2. to change oneself to fit new conditions (The colonists had to *adapt* themselves to the new land.) --*a.dapt'er* or *a.dap'tor* *n.*
- adore** *lv.* 1. to worship as divine (“O come let us *adore* Him.”) 2. to love greatly or honor highly (He *adored* his wife.) 3. to like very much --*a.dored*, *a.dor'ing*.
a.do'a.ble *adj.*
- agenda** *n.* a list of things to be done or talked about, as at a meeting (The *agenda* for this evening was mailed to you last week.) *pl. a.gen'das*
- amuck (amok)** *adj., adv.* in a mad rage to kill –run *amok*, to rush about in a mad rage
- angular** *adj.* 1. having angles or sharp corners (an *angular* building) 2. measured by an angle (the *angular* motion of a pendulum) 3. with bones that jut out; gaunt (an *angular* face)
- anniversary** *n.* 1. the date on which something happened in an earlier year (June 14 will be the tenth *anniversary* of their wedding.) 2. the celebration of such a date
adj. of or celebrating an anniversary –*pl. an'ni.ver'sa.ries*
- antique** *adj.* very old; of former times; made or used a long time ago *n.* a piece of furniture or silverware, a tool, etc. made many years ago (They sell *antiques* of colonial America.)
- appalling** *adj.* shocking or upsetting; dismal. (The conditions in which they live is *appalling*.) *v. ap.pall* or *ap.pal*

Lesson 2 Definitions

Lesson Word Part: *aqua*--"water"

Word List

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| 1. approximate | 6. askew |
| 2. apt | 7. assume |
| 3. aquarium | 8. authentic |
| 4. aquatic | 9. avalanche |
| 5. arid | 10. badger |

1. **approximate** *adj.* 1. very much like; close to (The painting is an *approximate* copy) 2. more or less correct or exact (The *approximate* area of the U. S. is 3,600,000 square miles). *v.* to be or made almost the same as or very much like (These artificial flavors do not even *approximate* real fruit flavors.) *ap.prox'i.mat.ed, ap.prox'i.mating ap.prox'i.mate.ly adv.*
2. **apt** *adj.* 1. likely or almost certain; inclined (It is *apt* to rain today.) 2. just right for what is being said or done; appropriate; fitting (an *apt* remark) 3. quick to learn or understand (an *apt* student) *apt'ly adv. apt'ness n.*
3. **aquarium** *n.* 1. a glass tank or bowl in which living fishes, water animals, and water plants are kept 2. a building where collections of such animals and plants are shown to the public *pl. a.quar'i.ums or a.quar'i.a.*
4. **aquatic** *adj.* 1. growing or living in or upon water (*aquatic* plants) 2. done in or upon the water (*aquatic* sports)
5. **arid** *adj.* 1. not having enough water for things to grow; dry and barren (A desert is an *arid* region.) 2. not interesting; dull (an *arid* talk) *a.rid'i.ty n. ar'id.ly adv.*
6. **askew** *adv., adj.* on or to one side; not straight (The captain's hat was knocked *askew*.)
7. **assume** *v.* 1. to take on a certain look, form, or role (In a Greek myth, Zeus *assumes* the form of a bull.) 2. to take upon oneself; take over (to *assume* an obligation; to *assume* control) 3. to suppose something to be a fact; take for granted (Let's *assume* our guests will be on time.) 4. to pretend to have; put on (Although afraid, he *assumed* an air of bravery.) *as.sum'ed, as.sum'ing.*
8. **authentic** *adj.* 1. that which can be believed; reliable; true (an *authentic* news report) 2. that which is genuine; real (an *authentic* antique) *au.then'ti.cal.ly adv.*
9. **avalanche** *n.* 1. a large mass of snow, ice, rocks, etc. sliding swiftly down a mountain 2. anything that comes suddenly and in large numbers (an *avalanche* of mail; an *avalanche* of blows)
10. **badger** *n.* 1. an animal with a broad back, thick fur, and short legs that lives in holes which it digs in the ground 2. the fur of this animal *v.* to annoy; pester (The speaker was *badgered* by interruptions.)

Lesson 3 Definitions

Lesson Word Parts

biblio--“book”

bi-- “two”

Word List

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| 1. balk | 6. binoculars |
| 2. barricade | 7. bizarre |
| 3. belated | 8. boycott |
| 4. bewilder | 9. brilliant |
| 5. bibliography | 10. brisk |

- balk** *v.* 1. to stop and stubbornly refuse to move or act 2. to bring to a stop; block
n. 1. something that blocks or hinders 2. in baseball, the action by a pitcher of starting a pitch but not finishing it, allowing any base runner to move up one base
- barricade** *n.* 1. a pile of things built up quickly to block a road or entrance, especially in order to hold off an attack 2. anything that blocks the way; barrier *v.* 1. to put up barricades in; block 2. to keep out or shut in with a barricade
- belated** *adj.* too late; not on time (a belated birthday greeting) *be.lat.ed.ly adv.*
- bewilder** *v.* to make confused; puzzle very much *be.wil.der.ment n.*
- bibliography** *n.* a list of writings about a certain subject or by a certain author.
pl. bib.li.or'ra.phies bib.li.o.graph.i.cal adj.
- binoculars** *n pl.* a pair of small telescopes fastened together for use with both eyes (Field glasses are a kind of *binoculars*.)
- bizarre** *adj.* very odd or unusual; queer; fantastic; grotesque
- boycott** *v.* to join together in refusing to buy, sell, or use something or to have any dealings with someone *n.* the act of boycotting a business, etc.
- brilliant** *adj.* 1. very bright; glittering or sparkling 2. very splendid or distinguished 3. very clever or intelligent *n.* a diamond or other gem cut in such a way that it will sparkle *bril'liant.ly adv.*
- brisk** *adj.* 1. quick and full of energy 2. cool, dry and refreshing *brisk'ly adv.*
brisk'ness n.

Lesson 4 Definitions

Lesson Word Parts **cent**--“one hundred” **--cert**--“sure”

Word List

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| 1. browse | 6. canopy |
| 2. buoyant | 7. cantankerous |
| 3. calamity | 8. ceaseless |
| 4. candid | 9. century |
| 5. candidate | 10. certify |

- browse** *v.* 1. to nibble at leaves, twigs, shoots, etc. 2. to look through a book or books, stopping to read a bit here and there 3. to look casually over things for sale *browsed, brows'ing*
- buoyant** *adj.* 1. able to float or rise in liquid or air 2. able to keep things afloat 3. cheerful and lively *buoy'ant.ly adv.*
- calamity** *n.* 1. deep trouble or misery 2. a terrible happening that brings great sorrow; disaster *pl. ca.lam'i.ties*
- candid** *adj.* 1. saying what one honestly thinks; frank, honest, and fair 2. not formal or posed *-can'did.ly adv.*
- candidate** *n.* a person who seeks, or who has been suggested for, an office or award
- canopy** *n.* 1. a cloth or other covering fastened as a roof above a throne, bed, etc., or held on poles over a person or sacred thing 2. anything that seems to cover like a canopy *pl. can'o.pies v. to put or form a canopy can'o.pied, can'o.py.ing*
- cantankerous** *adj.* having a bad temper; ready to quarrel
- ceaseless** *adj.* going on and on; continuous *cease'less.ly adv.*
- century** *n.* any of the 100-year periods counted forward or backward from the beginning of the Christian Era 2. any period of 100 years *pl. cen'tu.ries*
- certify** *v.* 1. to say in an official way that something is true or correct; verify 2. to guarantee; vouch for 3. to give a certificate to *cer'ti.fied, cer'ti.fy.ing cer'ti.fi.ca'tion n.*

Lesson 5 Definitions

Lesson Word Part: **co-, con-, -com-** “with,” “together”

Word List

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| 1. chaperon (chaperone) | 6. companion |
| 2. chronic | 7. concentrate |
| 3. clamor | 8. concoct |
| 4. clarity | 9. concur |
| 5. coincidence | 10. congregate |

- chaperon (chaperone)** *n.* an older person who goes along with young, unmarried people to a party, dance, etc. to see that they behave properly *v.* to be a chaperon to *chap'er.oned, chap'er.on.ing.*
- chronic** *adj.* 1. going on for a long time or coming back again and again (a *chronic disease*) 2. having been one for a long time; constant or habitual (a *chronic complainer*; a *chronic* invalid) *chron'i.cal.ly adv.*
- clamor** *n.* a loud, continued noise or uproar, as of a crowd demanding something or complaining *v.* to cry out or demand noisily (The audience *clamored* for more songs.) *clam'or.ous adj.*
- clarity** *n.* 1. the state or quality of being clear or transparent to the eye; clearness (the *clarity* of pure water) 2. clearness of understanding (a difficult proposition presented with such *clarity* that everyone understood)
- coincidence** *n.* 1. a happening of events that seem to be connected but are not actually; accidental happening (It is just a *coincidence* that both roommates are named Jones.) 2. the fact of coinciding (the *coincidence* of two triangles.)
- companion** *n.* 1. a person who goes along with another; especially, one who often shares or supports the other's activities; comrade; associate 2. either one of a pair of matched things (Where is the *companion* to this glove?)
- concentrate** *v.* 1. to gather all of one's thoughts or efforts (I must *concentrate* on this problem.) 2. to bring or come closely together in one place (The troops are *concentrated* at the border.) 3. to make or become stronger or thicker (You can *concentrate* the jam by boiling off some of the water.)
- concoct** *v.* to make up, prepare, or invent (to *concoct* a new recipe; to *concoct* an excuse)
- concur** *v.* 1. to agree in an opinion or decision. (Dr. Smith *concurred* with Dr. Black in the diagnosis.) 2. to act or happen together *con.curred' con.cur'ing*
- congregate** *v.* to come together; assemble (We *congregated* around the piano.) *con'gre.gat.ed, con'gre.gat.ing*

Lesson 7 Definitions

Lesson Word Parts

co,-con-, com-- “with,” “together” **--strict--** “draw tight”
--tempo- “time” **--cycle--** “circle,” “ring”

Word List

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| 1. constrict | 6. craggy |
| 2. contemporary | 7. cuisine |
| 3. controversial | 8. culprit |
| 4. converge | 9. cycle |
| 5. convert | 10. dawdle |

- constrict** *v.* to make smaller or narrower by pressing together; squeeze; contract (The tight collar *constricted* my neck.) *con.stric'tion n.* *con.stric'tive adj.* *con.stric'tor n*
- contemporary** *adj.* 1. existing or happening in the same period of time 2. current; modern (*contemporary* art; *contemporary* furniture) *n.* 3. a person living in the same period as another (The painters Mary Cassatt and Edgar Degas were *contemporaries*.) pl. *con.tem'po.rar'ies*
- controversial** *adj.* that which is or can be much argued about; debatable (a *controversial* book) *con'tro.ver'sial.ly adv.*
- converge** *v.* to come together or seem to come together at a point; move toward the same place (Railroad tracks *converge* as they extend into the distance (Crowds *converged* on the stadium.) *con.verged'* *con.verg'ing*
- convert** *v.* 1. to change from one form or use to another; transform (The mill *converts* grain into flour.) 2. to change from one belief or religion to another (Missionaries tried to *convert* them to Christianity.) 3. to exchange for something of equal value (The bank will *convert* your dollars into English pounds.) 4. to score an extra point or points after a touchdown in football *n.* (*kan'vərt*) a person who has changed from one religion or belief to another *con.vert'er n.*
- craggy** *adj.* having many crags; steep and rugged *crag'gi.er, crag'gi.est*
crag'gi.ness n.
- cuisine** *n.* 1. style of cooking (a Swedish *cuisine*) 2. the food prepared as at a restaurant
- culprit** *n.* 1. a person who is guilty of a crime or wrongdoing 2. a person accused of a crime in court
- cycle** *n.* 1. a complete set of events that keep coming back in the same order; also, the time it takes for one complete set to take place (the life *cycle* of a frog; the yearly *cycle* of the seasons) 2. a bicycle, tricycle; or motorcycle 3. a complete set of stories, songs, or poems about a certain hero or event *v.* to ride a bicycle, motorcycle, etc. *cy'cled, cy'cling*
- dawdle** *v.* to waste time by being slow; idle; loiter *daw'dled, daw'dling* *daw'dler n*

Definitions

Lesson Word Parts

de- “from,” “down” **-struct-** “build” **dict-** “say,” “speak”

Word List

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| 1. debris | 6. denounce |
| 2. deceitful | 7. destruction |
| 3. deduct | 8. devoted |
| 4. delicate | 9. dialogue |
| 5. deluge | 10. dictate |

- debris** *n.* broken, scattered remains; rubbish (the *debris* from an explosion; the *debris* on picnic grounds)
- deceitful** *adj.* full of deceit; lying or misleading. *de.ceit'ful.ly adv. de.ceit'ful.ness n.*
- deduct** *v.* to take away; subtract (If I trade the old one, they'll *deduct* \$50.00 from the price of the new one.)
- delicate** *adj.* 1. pleasing in its lightness, mildness, or softness (a *delicate* flavor, odor, or color) 2. beautifully fine in quality or form (*delicate* linens; *delicate* workmanship) 3. slight and not easily felt or seen (a *delicate* fragrance) 4. easily hurt or spoiled; not strong; frail or fragile (*delicate* glassware; *delicate* health) 5. needing careful handling (a *delicate* problem) 6. having a quick and sensitive reaction to small differences or details (a *delicate* ear for music; a *delicate* gauge) *del'i.cate.ly adv.*
- deluge** *n.* 1. a great flood 2. a heavy downpour 3. a rush or flood of anything (A *deluge* of questions followed her talk.) *v.* to flood or overflow *del'uged, del'ug.ing*
the Deluge: the great flood told about in the story of Noah
- denounce** *v.* 1. to speak out against in a strong way; say that something is bad (to *denounce* dishonesty in government) 2. to give information against someone, as to the police; inform against. *de.nounced de.nounc'ing*
- destruction** *n.* the act of destroying or the condition of being destroyed; ruin (The forest fire caused much *destruction*.)
- devoted** *adj.* very loving or loyal (a *devoted* father; a *devoted* supporter)
- dialogue** or **dialog** *n.* 1. a talking together, especially an open exchange of ideas, as in an effort to understand each other's views 2. the parts of a play, novel, radio or television program, etc. that are conversation
- dictate** *v.* 1. to speak or read something aloud for some else to write down (to *dictate* a letter to a secretary) 2. to say or tell with authority; command or order (Do as your conscience *dictates*.) *dic'tat.ed, dic'tat.ing n.* an order or command given with authority (They follow the *dictates* of fashion.)

Lesson 9 Definitions

Lesson Word Parts

dis-- “opposite of,” “apart,” “away” **ego--** “I”

Word List

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|------------------|-----------------|
| 1. disagreement | 6. drench |
| 2. disintegrate | 7. echo |
| 3. distinguished | 8. eerie (eery) |
| 4. distraught | 9. ego |
| 5. dormant | 10. elegant |

1. **disagreement** *n.* 1. a quarrel or argument 2. a difference of opinion 3. being unlike; difference
2. **disintegrate** *v.* to break up into parts or pieces; separate entirely (The bomb explosion *disintegrated* the building. The Roman Empire began to *disintegrate* in the fourth century.) *dis.in'te.grat.ed, dis.in'te.grat.ing dis.in'te.gra'tion n*
3. **distinguished** *adj.* 1. set apart as different; to be the difference in (how human beings are *distinguished* from the apes) 2. famous; outstanding (a *distinguished* poet) 2. having the look of a distinguished person (a diplomat with a *distinguished* air)
4. **distraught** *adj.* very confused or troubled, as by worry or grief
5. **dormant** *adj.* 1. not moving or growing as if asleep (Many trees are *dormant* in the winter.) 2. not active; quiet (a *dormant* volcano)
6. **drench** *v.* to make wet all over; soak (The garden was drenched by the rain.)
7. **echo** *n.* 1. sound heard again when sound waves bounce back from the surface *pl. ech'o.es.* 2. Echo, a nymph of Greek myths who pined away for Narcissus until only her voice was left *v.* 1. to be filled with echoes (The long hall *echoed*.) 2. to be repeated as an echo (Her shout *echoed* in the empty theater.) 3. to repeat the words or actions of another person (“It’s true,” she said. “It’s true,” he *echoed*.) *ech'o.ed ech'o.ing*
8. **eerie (eery)** *adj.* giving one a feeling of fear or mystery; weird (an *eerie* house that looked haunted) *ee'ri.er ee'ri.est*
9. **ego** *n.* a person as aware of himself or herself; the self *pl. e'gos*
10. **elegant** *adj.* 1. rich-looking and attractive in a dignified or refined way (an *elegant* dress) 2. showing good taste, politeness, etc. (*elegant* manners) *el'e.gance n*

Lesson 10 Definitions

Lesson Word Parts

e-- "out" --ject--"throw"
--migr--"move" -- equa--"to make even," "equal"

Word List

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| 1. eject | 6. endure |
| 2. elude | 7. enormous |
| 3. emigrant | 8. equator |
| 4. enchant | 9. equivalent |
| 5. endeavor | 10. etiquette |

- eject** *v.* to force out; throw out; expel (The chimney *ejects* smoke. The heckler was *ejected* from the meeting.) expel; forcing out especially the forcing out of a country, group, etc, often with shame; oust, getting rid of something unwanted as by using force or action of the law
- elude** *v.* 1. to escape or get away from by being quick or clever; evade (The convict *eluded* the police for a week.) 2. to keep from being seen, understood, or remembered by (Your name *eludes* me.) *e.lud'ed, e.lud'ing.*
- emigrant** *n* one who leaves one's country or region to settle in another (Many *emigrants* came from Ireland to the U.S.) one who migrates
- enchant** *v.* 1. to cast a magic spell over; bewitch 2. to delight; charm greatly (I'm *enchanted* by the rose garden.) *en.chant'er n. en.chant'ing adv. en.chant'ment n.*
- endeavor** *v.* to try hard; make an effort; strive *n.* an effort or try
- endure** *v.* 1. to hold up under pain, weariness, etc.; put up with; bear; withstand (to *endure* torture; to *endure* insults) 2. to go on for a long time; last; remain (The Sphinx has *endured* for ages.) *en.dured' en.dur'ing en.dur'a.ble adj.*
- enormous** *adj.* much larger than usual; huge (an *enormous* stadium) *e.nor'mous.ly adv. e.nor'mous.ness n. Synonyms: immense, huge*
- equator** *n.* an imaginary circle around the middle of the earth, at an equal distance from the North Pole to the South Pole
- equivalent** *adj.* equal or the same in amount, value, meaning, etc. *n.* something that is equal or the same (Three teaspoonfuls are the *equivalent* of one tablespoonful.) *e.quiv'a.lence. n.*
- etiquette** *n.* rules that society has set up for the proper way to behave in dealing with other people; good manners (The best *etiquette* is based on being kind and polite to other people.)

Lesson 11 Definitions

Lesson Word Part

ex--“out,” “from,” “out of” or “beyond”

Word List

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| 1. evade | 6. falter |
| 2. exalt | 7. farce |
| 3. exasperate | 8. fatigue |
| 4. exempt | 9. ferocious |
| 5. exotic | 10. fickle |

- evade** *v.* to keep away from or avoid by using tricks or cleverness; elude (The running back *evaded* the tackler by dodging. Are you trying to *evade* my question?) *e.vad'ed*, *e.vad'ing* *e.va.sive* *adj.* *e.va'sive.ly* *adv.*
- exalt** *v.* 1. to praise or worship (to *exalt* God) 2. to make higher in rank, power, dignity, etc. 3. to fill with happiness, pride, etc. (They were *exalted* by the music.) *ex.al.ta.tion* *n.*
- exasperate** *v.* to make angry; annoy very much; irritate (It *exasperates* me that he is never on time.) *ex.as'per.at.ed*, *ex.as'per.at.ing* *ex.as'per.a'tion* *n.*
- exempt** *v.* to set free from a rule or duty that others must follow; excuse (He was *exempted* from military service because of poor eyesight.) *adj.* freed from a usual rule or duty (goods that are *exempt* from payment of tax) *ex.emp.tion* *n.*
- exotic** *adj.* strange, different, or foreign, especially in a fascinating way (*exotic* plants). *ex.ot'i.cal.ly* *adv.*
- falter** *v.* 1. to move in a shaky or unsteady way; stumble 2. to speak in a broken or stumbling way; stammer (She *faltered* as she told of the tragedy.) 3. to act in an unsure way; hesitate; waver (The army *faltered* under enemy fire.) *n.* a faltering
- farce** *n.* 1. a humorous play with ridiculous things in it that are meant to make people laugh 2. any ridiculous action; especially, a pretending that is ridiculous because no one is fooled by it (Her concern for us was a *farce*.)
- fatigue** *n.* a tired feeling, as from hard work or not enough rest; weariness *v.* to tire out; make weary; exhaust *fa.tigued'*, *fa.tigu'.ing*
- ferocious** *adj.* 1. cruel or fierce in a wild way; savage 2. very great; (a *ferocious* appetite) *fe.ro'cious.ly* *adv.*
- fickle** *adj.* changing often in one's feelings or interests: inconsistent (a *fickle* sweetheart) *fick'le.ness* *n.*

Lesson 13 Definitions

Lesson Word Parts

--*frag*--“to break” --*funct*--“perform”
--*gen*--“birth.” “kin,” “produce”

Word List

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| 1. fictitious | 6. frigid |
| 2. finicky | 7. functional |
| 3. flabbergasted | 8. gala |
| 4. flourish | 9. gallant |
| 5. fragile | 10. generation |

- fictitious** *adj.* of or like fiction; not real; made up (a *fictitious* character in a play)
- finicky** *adj.* too particular; fussy (You are too *finicky* about what you eat.)
- flabbergasted** *adj.* surprised so greatly that one is speechless; amazed
- flourish** *v.* 1. to grow strongly; be successful or healthy; prosper (The arts *flourished* in ancient Greece.) 2. to wave in the air (The crowd greeted the president by *flourishing* small flags.) *n.* 1. a sweeping movement (The hostess entered the room with a *flourish*.) 2. a fancy line or curve added to writing as a decoration. 3. a loud, showy burst of music; fanfare (a *flourish* of trumpets).
- fragile** *adj.* easily broken or damaged; delicate (a *fragile* teacup) *fra.gil.i.ty n.*
- frigid** *adj.* 1. very cold; freezing (a *frigid* day in January) 2. not warm or friendly; stiff (*frigid* welcome) *fri.gid.i.ty n*
- functional** *adj.* 1. a thing or person that performs a purpose or a type of work (The brakes on a car are not *functional* if the fluid is low.) 2. useful for a specific purpose (That table is *functional* as a desk.) *n. function v. functioning, functioned adv. function.al.ly*
- gala** *adj.* of, for, or like a joyous or merry celebration; festive (a *gala* occasion) *n.* a joyous celebration; festival
- gallant** *adj.* 1. brave and noble; daring 2. (Pronounced *gə lan't*) very polite and respectful to women *gal'lant.ly adv.*
- generation** *n* 1. a single state in the history of a family (Grandmother, mother, and son are three *generations*.) 2. all the people born in about the same time (Most of his *generation* of men spent time in the army.) 3. the average time between the birth of one generation and the birth of the next, about 30 years 4. a generating or producing (the *generation* of heat from a fire)

Lesson 14 Definitions

Lesson Word Parts

geo-- “earth”

--graph-- “write,” “written,” “drawn”

Word List

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| 1. genuine | 6. glisten |
| 2. geography | 7. gorge |
| 3. ghastly | 8. gracious |
| 4. giddy | 9. graphic |
| 5. glaring | 10. grapple |

- genuine** *adj.* 1. really being what it seems to be; not false; true (a *genuine* diamond). 2. sincere or honest (*genuine* praise). *gen'u.ine.ly adv. gen'u.ine.ness n.*
- geography** *n.* 1. the study of the surface of the earth and how it is divided into continents, countries, seas, etc. Geography also deals with the climates, plants, animals, minerals, etc. of the earth. 2. the natural features of a certain part of the earth (the *geography* of Ohio) *ge.og'ra.pher n*
- ghastly** *adj.* 1. horrible or frightening (a *ghastly* crime) 2. pale and sick (to look *ghastly*) 3. very bad (a *ghastly* mistake) *ghast'li.er, ghast'li.est ghast'li.ness n.*
- giddy** *adj.* 1. feeling as though things were whirling about; dizzy (Climbing ladders makes me *giddy*.) 2. not serious about things; flighty, silly, etc. (a *giddy* child). *gid'di.er, gid'di.est gid'di.ly adv. gid'di.ness n.*
- glaring** *adj.* 1. shining so brightly as to hurt the eyes (*glaring* headlights) 2. too bright and showy (*glaring* colors) 3. staring in an angry way 4. standing out so that it cannot be overlooked (a *glaring* mistake) *glar'ing.ly adv.*
- glisten** *v.* to shine or sparkle, as fresh snow or a well-polished surface
- gorge** *n.* 1. a narrow pass or valley between steep cliffs or walls 2. the throat or gullet *v.* to stuff with food in a greedy way (to *gorge* oneself with cake) *gorged, gorg'ing*
- gracious** *adj.* 1. kind, polite, and charming (a *gracious* host and hostess) 2. full of grace and comfort (*gracious* living) *interjection:* an expression showing surprise (*Gracious!* What a party that was!) *gra'cious.ly adv. gra'cious.ness n*
- graphic** *adj.* 1. shown by a graph (a *graphic* record of the rainfall for a month) 2. told in a way that makes a sharp picture in the mind; vivid (The announcer gave a *graphic* account of the fire.) 3. having to do with drawing, painting, engraving, etc. (the *graphic* arts) 4. of or shown in handwriting; written *graph'i.cal.ly adv.*
- grapple** *v.* 1. to fight or struggle in a close or hard way (to *grapple* with a burglar; to *grapple* with a problem) 2. to grip or seize *grap'pled, grap'pling.*

Lesson 15 Definitions

Lesson Word Parts

--**grati** --“pleasing”
-- **herb**--“plant”
--**nym**-- , --**nom**--“name”

Word List

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|----------------|----------------|
| 1. gratitude | 6. hibernate |
| 2. grueling | 7. homely |
| 3. hapless | 8. homonym |
| 4. hazardous | 9. humane |
| 5. herbivorous | 10. hysterical |

1. **gratitude** *n.* the condition of being grateful for some favor; thankfulness.
2. **grueling** *adj.* very tiring; exhausting (*grueling* work).
3. **hapless** *adj.* unlucky; unfortunate
4. **hazardous** *adj.* dangerous; risky
5. **herbivorous** *adj.* feeding mainly on grass or other plants (Cows and deer are *herbivorous*.)
6. **hibernate** *v.* to spend the winter in a kind of sleep, in which the body temperature is lower than normal (Woodchucks *hibernate* in holes in the ground.) *hi'ber.nat.ed*, *hi'ber.nat.ing* *hi'ber.na'tion. n*
7. **homely** *adj.* 1. plain or simple (a *homely* meal; a *homely* way of speaking) 2. not very pretty or handsome; plain (a *homely* face) *home'li.er*, *home'li.est* *home'li.ness n.*
9. **homonym** *n.* a word that is pronounced like another word but that has a different meaning and is usually spelled differently (“Bore” and “boar” are *homonyms*.)
9. **humane** *adj.* kind, gentle, and showing mercy (*humane* treatment of prisoners) *hu.mane'ly adv.*
10. **hysterical** *adj.* 1. of or like hysteria 2. having or likely to have wild fits of laughing, crying, etc. 3. very funny or comical also *hys.ter'ic* *hys.ter'i.cal.ly adv.*

Lesson 16 Definitions

Lesson Word Parts

il--, *in--*, *im--* "not"
--port-- "carry"

Word List

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|---------------|---------------|
| 1. ideal | 6. impartial |
| 2. illiterate | 7. impede |
| 3. illogical | 8. import |
| 4. illusion | 9. inadequate |
| 5. immense | 10. inaudible |

1. **ideal** *adj.* 1. exactly as one would wish; perfect (Your camp is *ideal* for a vacation) 2. that which is only in the mind; not real; imaginary (A utopia is an *ideal* society.)
n. 1. an idea of something perfect, used as a standard (Our Bill of Rights is based on *ideals* of freedom.) 2. a person or thing thought of as perfect; perfect model (This house is the *ideal* of a comfortable home.) *i.de'al.ly* *adv.*
2. **illiterate** *adj.* 1. not educated; especially, not knowing how to read or write 2. showing a lack of education (an *illiterate* letter) *n.* a person who does not know how to read or write *il.lit'er.a.cy.* *n.*
3. **illogical** *adj.* not logical; showing poor reasoning *il.log'i.cal.ly* *adv.*
4. **illusion** *n.* 1. a false idea or mistaken belief (Your cheating on this test has destroyed my *illusion* about your honesty.) 2. the appearance of something that makes one see it in a false way (A large mirror gives the *illusion* of more space in a room.)
5. **immense** *adj.* very large; huge; vast (an *immense* territory) *im.mense'ly* *adv.*
6. **impartial** *adj.* not favoring one side more than another; fair; just (an *impartial* referee).
im.par.ti.al.i.ty *n* *im.par'tial.ly* *adv.*
7. **impede** *v.* to get in the way of; delay or obstruct (The accident *impeded* traffic)
im.ped'ed, *im.ped'ing*
8. **import** *v.* to bring goods into one country from another (England *imports* much of its food.) *n.* 1. something imported from another country (Automobiles are one of Canada's chief *imports*.) 2. meaning (the *import* of a remark) 3. importance (a matter of no *import*)
9. **inadequate** *adj.* not adequate; less than is needed; not enough *in.ad'e.qua.cy* *n.*
in.ad'e.quate.ly *adv.*
10. **inaudible** *adj.* not audible; that which cannot be heard *in.au'di.bly* *adv.*

Lesson 17 Definitions

Lesson Word Parts:

--**credi**--“believe”

--**sign**--“mark”

Word List

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|---------------|----------------|
| 1. inaugurate | 6. intoxicated |
| 2. incredible | 7. intricate |
| 3. indulge | 8. jargon |
| 4. infuriate | 9. jaunt |
| 5. insignia | 10. jovial |

1. **inaugurate** *v.* 1. to place in office with a ceremony; install (The new President will be *inaugurated* on January 20.) 2. to begin or start (to *inaugurate* a new school year) 3. to mark the first public use of with a ceremony (to *inaugurate* a new bridge) *in.au'gu.rat.ed in.au'gu.rat.ing in.au'gu.ra'tion n.*
2. **incredible** *adj.* so great, unusual, etc. that it is hard or impossible to believe (an *incredible* story; *incredible* speed) *in.cred'i.bly adv.*
3. **indulge** *v.* 1. to give in to something one wants or wants to do; let oneself have some pleasure (to *indulge* a craving for sweets; to *indulge* in sports) 2. to give in to the wishes of; humor (They *indulge* their children too much.) *in.dulged', in.dulg'ing.*
4. **infuriate** *v.* to make very angry; enrage *in.fur'ti.at.ed, in.fu'ri.at.ing*
5. **insignia** *n.* a special mark or badge of some organization, rank, etc. *pl. in.sig'ni.a or in.sig'ni.as*
6. **intoxicated** *adj.* 1. lose control of oneself as from the consumption of alcohol 2. to be very excited or happy (The team's fans were *intoxicated* by their victory.) 3. to be poisoned as by a drug
7. **intricate** *adj.* 1. entangled or involved 2. complicated; hard to understand
8. **jargon** *n.* 1. the special words and phrases used by people in the same kind of work (Sports writers have a *jargon* of their own, and so do scientists.) 2. talk that makes no sense; gibberish
9. **jaunt** *n.* a short trip for pleasure *v.* to take such a trip
10. **jovial** *adj.* friendly and cheerful; playful and jolly. *jo.vi.al.i.ty n. jo'vi.al.ly adv.*

Lesson 19 Definitions

Lesson Word Parts

jud--“law” *liber--*“free” *luna--*“moon”

Word List

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|-------------------------|--------------|
| 1. judgment (judgement) | 6. liability |
| 2. keen | 7. liberate |
| 3. kindergarten | 8. loathe |
| 4. lanky | 9. lunar |
| 5. legend | 10. lurk |

1. **judgment (judgement)** *n.* 1. judging or deciding. 2. a decision given by a judge or a law court (The *judgment* was for the defendant.) 3. an opinion; the way one thinks or feels about something (In my *judgment*, she will win the election.) 4. criticism or blame (to pass *judgment* on another) 5. being able to decide what is right, good, practical, etc.; good sense (a person of clear *judgment*)
2. **keen** *adj.* 1. having a sharp edge or point (a *keen* knife) 2. sharp or cutting in force (a *keen* wind; a *keen* appetite) 3. sharp and quick in seeing, hearing, thinking, etc.; acute (*keen* eyesight; a *keen* mind) 4. eager or enthusiastic (Are they *keen* about going?) 5. good, fine, excellent, etc. *keen'ly adv.* *keen'ness n.*
3. **kindergarten** *n.* a school or class for young children about five years old, to get them ready for regular schoolwork by games, exercise, simple handicrafts, etc.
4. **lanky** *adj.* 1. tall and slender; lean in a awkward way (a *lanky* cowboy) *lank'i.er*
lank'i.est *lank'i.ness n.*
5. **legend** *n.* 1. a story handed down through the years and connected with some real events, but probably not true in itself (The story of King Arthur is a British *legend*.) 2. all such stories as a group (famous in Irish *legend*) 3. a remarkable person who is much talked about while still alive (Babe Ruth was a baseball *legend*.) 4. the writing on a coin, medal, etc. 5. a title or description under a picture, map, etc.
6. **liability** *n.* 1. the condition of being liable; responsible for (*liability* for error; *liability* for damages) 2. money owned; debts 3. a condition that acts against one; disadvantage (Small hands can be a *liability* to a pianist.) *pl. li'a.bil'i.ties*
7. **liberate** *v.* to free as from slavery (to *liberate* prisoners of war). *lib'er.at.ed*, *lib'er.at.ing*
lib'er.a.tor n.
8. **loathe** *v.* to feel hate or disgust for *loathed*, *loath'ing*
9. **lunar** *adj.* 1. of or like the moon (a *lunar* eclipse; a *lunar* crater) 2. measured by the revolution of the moon around the earth. (A *lunar* month is equal to about 29 ½ days.)
10. **lurk** *v.* to stay or be hidden, usually ready to attack or spring out suddenly

Lesson 20 Definitions

Lesson Word Parts: *man(u)*--"hand" *--mar(e)*--"sea"

Word List

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|----------------|----------------|
| 1. magazine | 6. manual |
| 2. magnanimous | 7. manuscript |
| 3. magnate | 8. marathon |
| 4. magnificent | 9. marine |
| 5. manipulate | 10. masquerade |

1. **magazine** *n.* 1. a publication that comes out regularly, as weekly or monthly and contains articles, stories, pictures, etc. 2. a place for storing things, as military supplies 3. a space, as in a warship, for storing explosives 4. the space in a gun from which the cartridges are fed 5. the spaces in a camera from which the film is fed
2. **magnanimous** *adj.* generous in forgiving injury; not mean or petty *mag.nan'i.mous.ly* *adv.*
3. **magnate** *n.* a very important or powerful person (a business *magnate*)
4. **magnificent** *adj.* rich, fine, noble, beautiful, etc., in a grand way; splendid (a *magnificent* castle; a *magnificent* idea)
5. **manipulate** *v.* 1. to work or operate with the hands; use with skill (to *manipulate* the controls of a machine) 2. to manage or control in a clever or unfair way (to *manipulate* a person by making vague promises) 3. to change figures, accounts, etc., as in bookkeeping, for dishonest reasons *ma.ni'.u.lat.ed*, *ma.nip'.u.lat.ing*. *ma.nip'u.la'tion* or *ma.nip'u.la.tor* *n.*
6. **manual** *adj.* made, done, or worked with the hands (*manual* labor; *manual* controls) *n.* a small book of facts or instructions; handbook (a stamp collector's *manual*) *man'u.al.ly* *adv.*
7. **manuscript** *n.* a book, article, etc, that is typewritten or in handwriting; especially the copy of an author's work that is sent to a publisher or printer
8. **marathon** *n.* a foot race of 26 miles 385 yards; also, any contest to test endurance
9. **marine** *adj.* 1. of the sea (Seaweeds are *marine* plants.) 2. having to do with sailing or shipping (*Marine* insurance protects cargo ships.) 3. for use on a ship (a *marine* engine)
10. **masquerade** *n.* 1. a party or dance where masks and fancy costumes are worn 2. a costume for such a party 3. the act of hiding who one is, how one feels, etc.; disguise *v.* 1. to take part in a masquerade 2. to hide who one is by pretending to be someone else *mas.quer.ad'ed*, *mas.quer.ad'ing* *mas.quer.ad'er* *n.*

Lesson 21 Definitions

Lesson Word Parts

medi--“middle” **--mobile--**“ move”

Word List

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|---------------|--------------|
| 1. maverick | 6. minority |
| 2. mediate | 7. mobile |
| 3. mesa | 8. momentous |
| 4. meticulous | 9. morale |
| 5. miniature | 10. morsel |

1. **maverick** *n.* 1. an animal, especially a lost calf, that has not been branded 2. a person who is independent especially of any political party or group
2. **mediate** *v.* 1. to act as a judge or go-between in trying to settle a quarrel between persons or sides 2. to bring about an agreement by acting as a go-between.
me'di.at'ed, me'di'at'ing me'di'a'tor n.
3. **mesa** *n.* a large, high rock having steep walls and a flat top
4. **meticulous** *adj.* very careful or too careful about details; fussy
5. **miniature** *n.* 1. a very small copy or model (a *miniature* of the Liberty Bell) 2. a very small painting, especially a portrait *adj.* that which is a miniature (a *miniature* railroad)
6. **minority** *n.* 1. the smaller part or number; less than half (A *minority* of the Senate voted for the law.) 2. a small group of people of a different race, religion, etc. from the main group of which it is a part 3. the time of being a minor, or not yet an adult
pl. mi.nor'i.ties
7. **mobile** *adj.* 1. that which can be moved quickly and easily (a *mobile* army) 2. that which can change rapidly or easily in response to different moods, conditions, needs, etc. (*mobile* features; *mobile* policies) *n.* a kind of sculpture made of flat pieces, rods, etc. that hang balanced from wires so as to move easily in air currents
mo.bil'i.ty n.
8. **momentous** *adj.* very important (a *momentous* occasion; a *momentous* undertaking)
9. **morale** *n.* the courage, self-control, and confidence that help one to keep up one's spirits in facing challenge, hardship or danger (The team was defeated because of its low *morale*.)
10. **morsel** *n.* 1. a small bite or bit of food 2. any small piece or amount

Lesson 22 Definitions

Lesson Word Parts: --*mort*-- “death” *multi*--“many”

Word List

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|--------------|---------------|
| 1. mortgage | 6. navigate |
| 2. motivate | 7. negotiate |
| 3. multitude | 8. nimble |
| 4. mystify | 9. nomadic |
| 5. narrative | 10. nostalgic |

1. **mortgage** *n.* 1. an agreement in which a person borrowing money gives the lender a claim to property as a pledge that the debt will be paid (The bank holds a *mortgage* of \$15,000 on our house.) 2. the legal paper by which such a claim is given *v.* 1. to pledge by a mortgage in order to borrow money (to *mortgage* a home) 2. to put a claim on; make risky (He *mortgaged* his future by piling up debts.) *mort'gaged, mort'gag.ing*
2. **motivate** *v.* to give the desire, feeling, etc. that makes one do something (Love *motivated* my actions.) *mo'ti.vat.ed, mo.ti.vat.ing. mo.ti.va'tion.*
3. **multitude** *n.* a large number of persons or things; a crowd
4. **mystify** *v.* to puzzle or bewilder (I was completely *mystified* by her answer.) *mys'ti.fied, mys'ti.fy.ing mys'tifi.ca'tion n*
5. **narrative** *n.* 1. a story; a report of happenings; tale 2. the telling of stories or events; narration *adj.* in the form of a story (a *narrative* history of the United States)
6. **navigate** *v.* 1. to steer, or control the course of (to *navigate* a ship or aircraft) 2. to travel through, on, or over (to *navigate* a river) *nav'i.gat.ed, nav'i.gat.ing*
7. **negotiate** *v.* 1. to talk over a problem, business deal, dispute, etc. in the hope of reaching an agreement (to *negotiate* a contract) 2. to arrange by talking about (to *negotiate* a loan) 3. to sell or transfer, as stock, bonds, etc. 4. to succeed in crossing, climbing, etc. (to *negotiate* a deep river) *ne.go'ti.at.ed, ne.go'ti.at.ing ne.go'ti.a'tion n. ne.go'ti.a.tor n*
8. **nimble** *adj.* 1. moving quickly and lightly; agile (a *nimble* child) 2. having or showing mental quickness; clever (a *nimble* mind) *nim'bler, nim'blest nim'ble.ness n. nim'bly adv.*
9. **nomadic** *adj.* 1. the state of having no fixed home but moving about looking for food or pasture for animals 2. any wanderer who had no fixed home *no.mad n.*
10. **nostalgic** *adj.* a wishing for something that happened a long time ago or is now far away (a *nostalgic* longing for one's home town)

Lesson 23 Definitions

Lesson Word Parts

--*mid--*, --*miss--* “send” “throw”

octo-- “eight”

Word List

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|--------------|---------------|
| 1. notorious | 6. optimistic |
| 2. nurture | 7. outrageous |
| 3. obsession | 8. pamper |
| 4. octagon | 9. pantomime |
| 5. omission | 10. pathetic |

- notorious** *adj.* well-known, especially for something bad (a *notorious* liar)
no.to'ri.ously adv.
- nurture** *n.* 1. the training, care, or bringing up, as of a child 2. anything that nourishes; food *v.* 1. to bring up with care; help grow or develop; train 2. to feed or nourish *nur'tured, nur'tur.ing*
- obsession** *n.* 1. the condition of being obsessed with an idea, wish, etc. 2. an idea, wish, etc. that fills one's thoughts and cannot be put out of mind (Spending the summer traveling through Europe has become an *obsession* with him.)
- octagon** *n.* a flat figure having eight angles and eight sides
- omission** *n.* 1. the act of leaving something out 2. anything that has been left out
- optimistic** *adj.* 1. to have a bright and hopeful feeling about life, in which one expects things to turn out all right 2. to have a belief that there is more good than evil in life
op'ti.mism n. op'ti.mis'ti.cally adv.
- outrageous** *adj.* 1. doing great injury or wrong (*outrageous* crimes) 2. so wrong or bad that it hurts or shocks (an *outrageous* lie) *out.ra'geous.ly adv.*
- pamper** *v.* to give in easily to the wishes of; to be gentle with (to *pamper* a child)
- pantomime** *n.* 1. a play in which actors move and gesture but do not speak. 2. the use of gestures only, without words, to tell something *v.* to act or tell by pantomime
pan'to.mimed, pan'to.mim.ing
- pathetic** *adj.* causing or deserving pity, sorrow, etc.; pitiful (a wounded bird's *pathetic* cries) *pa.thet'i.cal.ly adv.*

Lesson 25 Definitions

Lesson Word Parts --ped--, --pod--“foot” --photo--“light”

Word List

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|---------------|----------------|
| 1. pavilion | 6. persistent |
| 2. pedestrian | 7. pessimistic |
| 3. pensive | 8. petite |
| 4. perennial | 9. photogenic |
| 5. perimeter | 10. plush |

- pavilion** *n.* 1. a building or part of a building, often with open sides, used for exhibits, dancing, etc., as at a fair or park 2. a separate part of a group of buildings, as of a large hospital 3. a large tent, often with a pointed top
- pedestrian** *n.* a person who is walking (a crosswalk for *pedestrians*) *adj.* 1. going on foot; walking 2. without interest or imagination; dull and common (a *pedestrian* lecture)
- pensive** *adj.* thinking deeply in a serious or sad way; thoughtful *pen'si.vely adv.*
- perennial** *adj.* 1. that which lives for more than two years; said of certain plants 2. returning or becoming active again and again (Raising money for new sports equipment is a *perennial* problem.) 3. lasting or going on for a long time (to seek *perennial* youth) *n.* a plant that lives more than two years *per.en'ni.al.ly adv.*
- perimeter** *n.* 1. the boundary or line around a figure or area 2. the total length of the distance around an area
- persistent** *adj.* 1. refusing to give up; steady and demanding (a *persistent* job seeker) 2. lasting for some time; going on and on (a *persistent* rain) *per.sis'tence* or *per.sist'en.cy n.* *per.sis.tent.ly adv.*
- pessimistic** *adj.* 1. being gloomy about life, in which one expects things to turn out badly 2. harboring the belief that there is more evil than good in life *pes.si.mism n.* *pes'si.mis'tical.ly adv.*
- petite** *adj.* small and dainty; (said of a girl or woman)
- photogenic** *adj.* that which looks attractive in photographs (a *photogenic* person)
- plush** *adj.* exhibiting or characteristic of an abundance of wealth; luxurious (a *plush* hotel) fabric similar to but having a deeper pile than velvet, used especially for upholstery

Lesson 26 Definitions

Lesson Word Parts

--*pop*--“people” *prim*--“first”

Word List

- | | |
|---------------|------------------|
| 1. population | 6. quandary |
| 2. precede | 7. quibble |
| 3. primitive | 8. quiver |
| 4. provoke | 9. radiant |
| 5. pungent | 10. rambunctious |

1. **population** *n.* 1. the people living in a country, city, etc.; especially, the total number of these 2. the act of population or the fact of being populated (The gold rush speeded the *population* of California.)
2. **precede** *v.* to go or come before in time, order, rank, etc. (She *preceded* him into the room. A colonel *precedes* a major.) *pre.ced'ed, pre.ced'ing*
3. **primitive** *adj.* 1. of or living in earlier times; ancient (Some *primitive* people worshiped the sun.) 2. like that of earliest times; crude; simple (*primitive* art)
n. 1. a person or thing that is not modern 2. an artist who does work in untrained style or who is untrained *prim'i.tive.ly adv.*
4. **provoke** *v.* 1. to annoy or make angry (It *provoked* me to see litter on the lawn.) 2. to arouse or call forth (The clown's antics *provoked* laughter from the crowd.) *pro.voked, pro.vok'ing*
5. **pungent** *adj.* 1. having a sharp or stinging taste or smell (a *pungent* chili sauce) 2. very keen and direct, sometimes in a painful way; biting (*pungent* criticism; *pungent* wit). *pun'gen.cy n. pun'gent.ly adv.*
6. **quandary** *n.* a condition of being doubtful or confused about what to do (in a *quandary* about going) *pl. quan'da.ries*
7. **quibble** *v.* *quibbled, quibbling* to make petty objections or criticism *n.* petty objection or criticism
8. **quiver** *v.* to shake with little, trembling movements (leaves *quivering* in the breeze)
n. the act of quivering
quiver *n.* a case for holding arrows
9. **radiant** *adj.* 1. shining brightly 2. showing joy, very good health, etc.; beaming (a *radiant* smile 3. coming from a source of rays (*radiant* energy from the sun) *ra'di.ance n.ra'di.ant.ly adv.*
10. **rambunctious** *adj.* wild and boisterous

Lesson 27 Definitions

Lesson Word Part *re--*“again,” “back”

Word List

- | | |
|-------------|---------------|
| 1. readjust | 6. rendezvous |
| 2. recycle | 7. replica |
| 3. remorse | 8. reprieve |
| 4. reliable | 9. repulsive |
| 5. relic | 10. retaliate |

- readjust** *v.* to adjust again; arrange or set into position as before *re.ad.just'ment n.*
- recycle** *v.* to use again and again, as a single supply of water in a fountain or for cooling; metal to be melted down and recast, or paper processed for use again *re.cy'cled, re.cy'cling*
- remorse** *n.* a deep feeling of sorrow or guilt over a wrong one has done (Did you feel any *remorse* after you lied to me?) *re.morse'ful adj.*
- reliable** *adj.* that which can be trusted; dependable (This barometer gives a *reliable* weather forecast.) *re.li.a.bil'i.ty n. re.li'a.bly adv.*
- relic** *n.* 1. a thing or part that remains from the past (The cannon is a *relic* of the Civil War.) 2. something kept as sacred because it belonged to a saint or martyr
- rendezvous** *n.* 1. a meeting place (The ice cream store is our favorite *rendezvous*.) 2. a place where troops, ships, etc. meet for battle maneuvers 3. an agreement to meet at a certain time and place 4. the meeting itself *pl. re'.dez.vous n. to come together at a rendezvous ren'dez.voused, ren'dez.vous.ing*
- replica** *n.* an exact copy, as of a painting, statue, etc.
- reprieve** *v.* 1. to delay the execution of a person sentenced to die 2. to give relief to for a while, as from trouble or pain *re.prieved' re.priev'ing. n. a reprieving or being reprieved, a delay, as in carrying out an execution*
- repulsive** *adj.* causing strong dislike or disgust; disgusting (*repulsive* manners) *re.pul'sive.ly adv.*
- retaliate** *v.* to harm or do wrong in return for harm or wrong done (If a bear is hurt, it will *retaliate*.) *re.tal'i.at.ed, re.tal'i.at.ing re.tal'i.a'tion n.*

Lesson 28 Definitions

Lesson Word Parts

--**vert**-- "turn" --**sani**-- "health," "healthy," "heal"

Word List

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|-------------|----------------|
| 1. revert | 6. scurry |
| 2. rubble | 7. sentimental |
| 3. salary | 8. severe |
| 4. sanitary | 9. shanty |
| 5. scheme | 10. shirk |

- revert** *v.* 1. to go back to an earlier condition, way of acting, etc.; return (Without care, the lawn *reverted* to a field of weeds.) 2. in law, to go back to a former owner or the heirs of that owner
- rubble** *n.* 1. rough, broken pieces of stone, brick, etc. 2. masonry made up of such pieces 3. broken pieces of buildings, etc. damaged or destroyed by earthquakes, bombing, etc.
- salary** *n.* a fixed amount of money paid at regular times, as once a week, for work done *pl. sal'a.ries*
- sanitary** *adj.* 1. having to do with or bringing about health or healthful conditions (*sanitary* laws) 2. free from dirt that could bring disease; clean; hygienic (a *sanitary* meat market)
- scheme** *n.* 1. a plan or system in which things are carefully put together (the color *scheme* of a painting) 2. a plan or program, often a secret or dishonest one (a *scheme* for getting rich quick) *v.* to make secret or dishonest plans; plot (Lee is always *scheming* to get out of work.) *schemed, schem'ing schem'er n.*
- scurry** *v.* to run quickly; scamper *scur'ried, scurry'ing n.* the act or sound of scurrying
- sentimental** *adj.* 1. having or showing tender, gentle feelings, sometimes in a weak or foolish way (a *sentimental* song) 2. of or caused by sentiment (I'll save this picture for *sentimental* reasons.) *sen.ti.men'tal.ist n. sen.ti.men.tal'ity n. sen.ti.men'tal.ly adv.*
- severe** *adj.* 1. strict or harsh; stern; not gentle or kind (*severe* punishment; a *severe* critic) 2. serious or grave; forbidding 3. very plain and simple; with little or no decoration (a *severe* black dress) 4. causing great damage, pain, etc.; violent (a *severe* headache; a *severe* storm) 5. hard to bear; difficult (a *severe* test of courage) *se.ver'er, se.ver'est se.ver'ly adv. se.ver'e'ness n.*
- shanty** *n.* a small house or hut built in a crude way; shack *pl. shan'ties*
- shirk** *v.* to get out of doing or leave undone what should be done (She *shirked* her homework to go swimming.) *skirk'er n.*

Lesson 29 Definitions

Lesson Word Part --spect--“to view,” “watch”

Word List

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| 1. shrivel | 6. sprawl |
| 2. skeptical | 7. sry |
| 3. smirk | 8. squabble |
| 4. spectator | 9. stamina |
| 5. splendid | 10. startle |

1. **shrivel** *v.* to curl up and shrink or wither (Without water, the flowers *shriveled* up and died.) *shriv'eled* or *shriv'elled*, *shriv'el.ing* or *shriv'el.ling*
2. **skeptical** *adj.* having or showing doubt; not believing easily; questioning *skep'ti.cal.ly* *adv.*
3. **smirk** *v.* to smile in a silly, mocking or conceited way *n.* a silly, mocking smile
4. **spectator** *n.* a person who watches something without taking part; onlooker (We were *spectators* at the last game of the World Series.)
5. **splendid** *adj.* 1. very bright, brilliant, showy, magnificent, etc. (a *splendid* display; a *splendid* gown) 2. deserving high praise; glorious; grand (your *splendid* courage) 3. very good; excellent; fine (a *splendid* trip) *splen'did.ly* *adv.*
6. **sprawl** *v.* 1. to sit or lie with the arms and legs spread out in a relaxed or awkward way. 2. to spread out in an awkward or uneven way (Your handwriting *sprawls* across the page.) *n.* a sprawling position (My first attempt to ice skate ended in a *sprawl*.)
7. **spry** *adj.* moving with quickness and ease; lively; agile *spry'er* or *spry'er*, *spry'est* or *spry'est* *spry'ly* *adv.*
8. **squabble** *v.* to quarrel in a noisy way about something not important *squab'bled*, *squab'bling* *n.* a noisy quarrel about something not important.
9. **stamina** *n.* the strength to carry on or endure; vigor; endurance
10. **startle** *v.* to frighten suddenly or surprise; cause to move or jump (The ring of the telephone *startled* me.) *start'led*, *start'ling*

Lesson 31 Definitions

Lesson Word Parts

sub--“under,” “less than,” “partially”

Word List

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|-----------------|------------|
| 1. stellar | 6. swelter |
| 2. suave | 7. taboo |
| 3. subterranean | 8. taint |
| 4. subtle | 9. tamper |
| 5. subtotal | 10. tarry |

- stellar** *adj.* 1. of or pertaining to the stars; consisting of stars 2. like a star, as in brilliance, shape, etc. 3. by or for a star actor, athlete, etc.; most important; leading (a *stellar* role in a play; a *stellar* performance during the tournament)
- suave** *adj.* polite or gracious in a smooth way *suave'ly adv.* *suav'i.te n.*
- subterranean** *adj.* underground (a *subterranean* river)
- subtle** *adj.* 1. having or showing a keenness about small differences in meaning, etc. (a *subtle* thinker; *subtle* reasoning) 2. hard to see or understand (a *subtle* problem) 3. not open or direct; sly; clever, crafty, etc. (a *subtle* hint; *subtle* criticism) 4. having or showing delicate skill (a *subtle* design in lace) 5. not sharp or strong; delicate (a *subtle* shade of red; a *subtle* perfume) *sub'tly adv.*
- subtotal** *n.* sum of part of a group of numbers or quantities being added, especially such a sum arrived at in the process of determining the final, complete total for the whole group *sub. to'taled, sub.to'tal.ing*
- swelter** *v.* to suffer from excessive heat *sweltering adj.*
- taboo** *n.* 1. the act or practice of making certain persons and things sacred so that they cannot be touched or talked about 2. any rule that makes something forbidden (There is a *taboo* against using certain words on radio and TV.) *pl. ta.boos' adj.* forbidden by taboo *v.* to put under taboo; forbid *ta.boosed', ta.booi'ng*
- taint** *n.* a trace of something that spoils, rots, or poisons *v.* to spoil, rot, or poison *adj.* the state of being spoiled, rotten, or poisoned (This food is *tainted*.)
- tamper** *v.* to meddle or interfere, especially in a way that is not right or honest or that makes things worse (It is not legal to *tamper* with a witness. I *tampered* with the clock and now it won't run.)
- tarry** *v.* 1. to stay for a time (We *tarried* in the park until sundown.) 2. to put off; delay (Don't *tarry*; mail the letter now.) *tar'ried, tar'ry.ing*

Lesson 32 Definitions

Lesson Word Parts: --**scope**--“see” --**term**--“end” --**terra**--“land”

Word List

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|--------------|----------------|
| 1. tart | 6. terrier |
| 2. tattered | 7. terse |
| 3. telescope | 8. theoretical |
| 4. terminal | 9. therapeutic |
| 5. terrain | 10. thrash |

1. **tart** *adj.* 1. sharp in taste; sour; acid (*tart* grapes) 2. sharp in meaning; cutting (a *tart* answer) *tart'ly adv. tart'ness n.*
2. **tattered** *adj.* 1. hanging in or torn into shreds (a *tattered* shirt) 2. dressed in worn ragged clothes (a *tattered* waif)
3. **telescope** *n.* a device for making far-off things seem closer and larger, used especially in astronomy; It consists of one or more tubes containing lenses and, often, mirrors. *v.* 1. to slide together, one part into another, as the tubes of some telescopes 2. to force or crush together in this way (The crash *telescoped* the whole front end of the car.) *tel'e.scoped, tel'e.scop.ing*
4. **terminal** *adj.* 1. of, at, or forming the end (a *terminal* bud on a branch; the *terminal* payment of a loan) 2. describing the last stages of a disease that will soon cause death (*terminal* cancer) *n.* 1. the end or end part 2. either end of an electric circuit 3. a main station of a railroad, bus line, or airline, where many trips begin or end 4. a machine like a typewriter, but with a kind of TV screen for feeding information to, or getting it from, a computer
5. **terrain** *n.* ground or an area of land (a farm with hilly *terrain*)
6. **terrier** *n.* any of various lively, rugged, usually small dogs with a coat that ranges from smooth and short to wiry and fairly long, as the fox terrier or Scottish terrier (*Terriers* were originally used to hunt animals that burrow in the ground, but are now kept chiefly as pets.)
7. **terse** *adj.* using only a few words, but clear and to the point (She gave a *terse* reply.) *ters'er, ters'est terse'ly adv. terse'ness n.*
8. **theoretical** *adj.* 1. of or based on theory, not on practice or experience (a *theoretical* explanation) 2. forming theories (a *theoretical* mind) *the'o.ret'i.cal.ly adv.*
9. **therapeutic** *adj.* having to do with or used in treating or curing diseases *ther'a.pu'ti.cal.ly adv.*
10. **thrash** *v.* 1. to give a severe beating to; flog, as with a stock or whip 2. to move about in a violent or jerky way (a bird *thrashing* its wings)

Lesson 33 Definitions

Lesson Word Part: --tract--“pull,” “draw”

Word List

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|---------------|---------------|
| 1. threadbare | 6. toil |
| 2. threshold | 7. tolerate |
| 3. thrifty | 8. topography |
| 4. timid | 9. tousle |
| 5. tinge | 10. traction |

- threadbare** *adj.* 1. with the nap worn down so that the threads show (a *threadbare* rug) 2. wearing worn clothes; shabby (a *threadbare* beggar) 3. used so often that it is stale (a *threadbare* joke)
- threshold** *n.* 1. piece of wood, stone, metal or the like forming the lower horizontal part of a door frame 2. point of entering or beginning (on the *threshold* of a new job) 3. limit or point below which a stimulus cannot produce a response or be perceived (to have a high *threshold* for pain)
- thrifty** *adj.* practicing or showing a careful managing of one's money, income, etc. so that there is no waste; economical (a *thrifty* shopper; *thrifty* habits) *thrift'i.er*, *thrift'i.est* *thrift'i.ly* *adv.* *thrift'i.ness* *n.*
- timid** *adj.* feeling or showing fear or shyness *ti.mid'i.ty* *n.*
- tinge** *v.* 1. to color slightly; tint (The sunset *tinged* the sky.) 2. to give a slight trace to (Our joy was *tinged* with sorrow.) *tinged*, *tinge'ing* or *ting'ing.* *n.* 1. a slight coloring; tint 2. a slight trace
- toil** *v.* 1. to work hard; labor 2. to go slowly with pain or effort (to *toil* up a hill) *n.* hard work *toil'er* *n.*
- tolerate** *v.* 1. to let something be done or go on without trying to stop it (I won't *tolerate* such talk.) 2. to put up with; endure; bear (We can't *tolerate* rats.) 3. to have tolerance, as for a drug *tol'er.at.ed* *tol'er.at.ing*
- topography** *n.* 1. the surface features of a region, as hills, rivers, roads, etc. 2. the science of showing these on maps and charts *to.pog'ra.pher* *n.* *top.o.grap'i.cal* or *top.o.graph'ic* *adj.*
- tousle** *v.* to make untidy, or mess up; rumple (*tousled* hair) *tou'sled*, *tou'sling*
- traction** *n.* 1. the power to grip or hold to a surface while moving, without slipping (The tires lost *traction* on the icy hill, and the car slid backward.) 2. the act of pulling or drawing a load over a surface 3. the condition of having a leg, arm, etc. pulled by some device, as to bring a dislocated bone back into place 4. the pulling power of a locomotive, etc.

Lesson 34 Definitions

Lesson Word Parts *un--“not”*

Word List

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| 1. tranquil | 6. urban |
| 2. tremendous | 7. urgent |
| 3. tribulation | 8. vacant |
| 4. undisciplined | 9. variable |
| 5. unintelligible | 10. ventriloquist |

1. **tranquil** *adj.* calm, quiet, peaceful, etc. (*tranquil* waters; a *tranquil* mood) *tran.quil.li.ty* or *tran.quil.i.ty* *n.* *tran'quil.ly* *adv.*
2. **tremendous** *adj.* 1. very large or great; enormous (a *tremendous* building) 2. wonderfully very fine; amazing, etc. (a *tremendous* opportunity)
3. **tribulation** *n.* great misery or trouble (The poor have many *tribulations*.)
4. **undisciplined** *adj.* not having proper discipline; hard to control or keep in order
5. **unintelligible** *adj.* that which cannot be heard well enough to be understood (an *unintelligible* mumble)
6. **urban** *adj.* of, living in, or having to do with cities or towns (*urban* dwellers)
7. **urgent** *adj.* 1. demanding or calling for immediate attention; compelling; pressing (We have *urgent* business to attend to.) 2. important; insistent (*urgent* appeal for funds) *ur'gent.ly* *adv.*
8. **vacant** *adj.* 1. having nothing or no one in it; empty (a *vacant* lot; a *vacant* seat; a *vacant* house) 2. free from work; leisure (a *vacant* period in the day) 3. without interest or thought (a *vacant* stare; a *vacant* mind) *va'cant.ly* *adv.*
9. **variable** *adj.* 1. likely or liable to change; changeable 2. capable of being changed *var'i.a.bil'ity*, *var'i.a.ble.ness* *n.* *var'i.a.bly* *adv.*
10. **ventriloquist** *n.* a person skilled in the art or act of speaking without moving the lips much so that the voice seems to come from another point, as from a puppet or dummy held by the performer *ven.tril'o.quism* *n.*

Lesson 35 Definitions

Lesson Word Parts

--*vid--*, --*vis--* "see"

--*voc--*, --*vok--* "voice," "call"

Word List

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|-------------|------------|
| 1. vigorous | 6. waive |
| 2. virus | 7. willful |
| 3. visible | 8. witty |
| 4. vocal | 9. zest |
| 5. vouch | 10. zodiac |

- vigorous** *adj.* 1. full of energy; energetic (a *vigorous* public official) 2. forceful; powerful (a *vigorous* writing style)
- virus** *n.* a form of matter smaller than any of the bacteria, that can multiply in living cells and cause disease in animals and plants (Smallpox, measles, the flu, etc. are caused by *viruses*.)
- visible** *adj.* 1. capable of being seen; perceptible (The house is *visible* from the road.) 2. evident; apparent; obvious (Her anger at the insult was *visible*.) *vis'i.bly* *adv.*
- vocal** *adj.* 1. of or made by the voice; in or for singing or speech (the *vocal* cords; *vocal* music) 2. able to speak or make sounds 3. speaking openly or strongly (She was very *vocal* in the fight for women's rights.) *vo'cal.ly* *adv.*
- vouch** *v.* to give guarantee; give one's word in backing (Her friends *vouched* for her honesty. He had references *vouching* for his ability.)
- waive** *v.* to give up as a right, claim, or advantage (He *waived* his right to have an attorney present during questioning.)
- willful** *adj.* 1. always wanting one's own way; doing as one pleases; stubborn (his *willful* daughter) 2. done or said on purpose (*willful* lies) *will'ful.ly* or *wil'ful.ly* *adv.* *will'ful.ness* or *wil'ful.ness* *n.*
- witty** *adj.* showing wit; clever in an amusing way (a *witty* person; a *witty* remark) *wit'ti.er*, *wit'ti.est* *wit'ti.ly* *adv.* *wit'ti.ness* *n.*
- zest** *n.* 1. exciting or interesting quality; relish (Danger adds *zest* to an acrobat's work.) 2. keen enjoyment (to work with *zest*.) *zest'ful* *adj.* *zest'ful.ly* *adv.*
- zodiac** *n.* an imaginary belt across the sky, along the path that the sun seems to travel; It is divided into twelve parts, each named after a different constellation. A chart showing this is used in astrology.