

Lesson 1

Definitions

Lesson Word Parts

ab-- "away from "

ad-- "to, toward"

Word List

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| 1. abdicate | 6. adjacent |
| 2. abstain | 7. adverse |
| 3. absurd | 8. affluent |
| 4. adept | 9. ambiguous |
| 5. adhere | 10. amble |

1. **abdicate** *v.* *ab'di.cat.ed, ab'di.cat.ing.* to give up (power or responsibility) formally (*abdicate* the throne) (Queen Wilhelmina *abdicated* in 1948.) *ab.di.ca'tion. n.*
2. **abstain** *v.* to keep from doing something voluntarily; refrain: (He *abstains* from eating candy.) *ab.stain'er n.*
3. **absurd** *adj.* contrary to common sense, ridiculous (an *absurd* suggestion)
4. **adept** *adj.* skillful and effective; proficient (*adept* at sewing; an *adept* mechanic) *a.dept'ly adv. a.dept'ness n.*
5. **adhere** *v.* *ad.hered', ad.her'ing* 1. to stick or hold fast (The wall paper *adheres* to the wall.) 2. to remain loyal; give continuing support (*adhere* to one's religious beliefs) 3. to follow closely, without changes (They *adhered* to the original plan.)
6. **adjacent** *adj.* 1. next to; adjoining (the room *adjacent* to mine) 2. nearby; neighboring;(the city and *adjacent* farm lands) 3. situated side by side (*adjacent* pages in a book) *ad.ja'cent.ly adv.*
7. **adverse** *Adj.* 1. not favorable. hostile (*adverse* criticism: an *adverse* decision) 2. in an opposite direction (*adverse* currents) *ad.verse'ly adv.*
8. **affluent** *adj.* having plenty of money; fairly rich *af.flu'ent.ly adv.*
9. **ambiguous** *adj.* having two or more possible meanings or interpretations; unclear; vague (an *ambiguous* statement by the governor)
10. **amble** *v.* *am'bled, am'bling.* to walk or move along at a slow, leisurely pace (The horses *ambled* out of the corral. We *ambled* aimlessly down the street.) *adj.* an *ambling* gate, as of a horse

Lesson 2 Definitions

Lesson Word Parts: *ante--* "before" *anti--* "against" *audio--* "hearing," "sound"

Word List

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| 1. antagonize | 6. antisocial |
| 2. antebellum | 7. arrogant |
| 3. antechamber | 8. articulate |
| 4. antibiotic | 9. atrocious |
| 5. antidote | 10. audit |

1. **antagonize** *v.* an.tag'o.nized, an.tag'o.niz.ing. to earn the dislike of (He *antagonized* his father by acting bored.)
2. **antebellum** *adj.* belonging to the period prior to the Civil War (an *antebellum* mansion)
3. **antechamber** *n.* a waiting room at the entrance to a larger and more important room
4. **antibiotic** *n.* any of a group of substances such as penicillin and streptomycin, produced by certain fungi, bacteria, and other organisms, that are capable of destroying microorganisms or stopping their growth; They are widely used in the treatment and prevention of diseases. *—adj.* of, using, or acting as an antibiotic or antibiotics: antibiotic therapy; an antibiotic drug
5. **antidote** *n.* 1. a substance that counteracts the effects of a poison 2. anything that counteracts something injurious
6. **antisocial** *adj.* 1. avoiding the society or company of others; not social 2. opposed to or interfering with society (drugs that cause crime of aggressive *antisocial* behavior) *an.ti.so'cial.ly adv.*
7. **arrogant** *adj.* excessively and unpleasantly self-important, as in disregarding all other opinions but one's own *ar'ro.gant.ly adv.*
8. **articulate** *adj.* 1. spoken clearly and distinctly: articulate speech 2. capable of speaking clearly and expressively (*articulate* people) 3. endowed with the power of speech 4. having joints or segments *v. ar.tic'u.lat.ed, ar.tic'u.lat.ing.* 1. to utter (a speech or sound) distinctly; enunciate (*Articulate* the following words. He *articulates* well.) 2. to express verbally (He *articulated* the sentiments of the group.) 3. to join or hold together in such a way as to permit movement (The elbow *articulates* the arm. The hand and arm *articulate* the wrist.) *ar.tic'u.late.ly adv. ar.tic'u.late.ness. n.*
9. **atrocious** *adj.* 1. extremely evil or cruel; wicked (an *atrocious* crime) 2. very bad; abominable (*atrocious* weather) *a.tro'cious.ly adv. a.tro'cious.ness n.*
10. **audit** *n.* an official and thorough examination of financial records or accounts *v.* 1. to examine and verify (financial records or accounts) 2. to attend (a college course) without receiving academic credit

Lesson 3 Definitions

Lesson Word Parts

audio-- "hearing," "sound" **--arium-- (-orium)--** "place where," "a place for"
auto-- "self," "same" **--graph--** "write," "written" **bene--** "well"

Word List

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|---------------|---------------|
| 1. audition | 6. beneficial |
| 2. auditorium | 7. benevolent |
| 3. autograph | 8. benign |
| 4. automate | 9. berserk |
| 5. balmy | 10. bias |

- audition** *n.* a test or trial performance, as of a musician who is applying for employment 1. to perform in an audition (He *auditioned* for a part in the play). 2. to give (a performer) an audition
- auditorium** *n.* pl. *au.di.to'ri.ums*, or *au.di.to'ri.a* 1. a large room or building designed for a big audience 2. the part of a church or theater in which the audience is seated
- autograph** *n.* 1. a signature, usually of a famous person, that is saved by an admirer or collector 2. a manuscript in the author's own handwriting *adj.* an autograph collection *v.* to write one's name or signature on *au'to.graphed* *au'to.graph v.*
- automate** *v.* *au'to.mat.ed*, *au'to.mat.ing* 1. to enable (a process, factory, machine, etc.) to operate with little or no human supervision; make automatic 2. to make use of automatic machinery and processes (Costs forced the factory to *automate*.)
- balmy** *adj.* *balm'i.er*, *balm'i.est*. 1. having the quality or fragrance of balm 2. mild and pleasant (*balmy*, subtropical climates)
- beneficial** *adj.* bringing benefit; advantageous (Many bacteria are *beneficial*.)
- benevolent** *adj.* 1. desiring or inclined to do good; kindly (a *benevolent* king; a *benevolent* attitude) 2. designed for charitable purpose (a *benevolent* fund)
- benign** *adj.* 1. kind, gentle (His face was fatherly and *benign*.) 2. mild: favorable (a *benign* climate) 3. not seriously harmful or malignant (a *benign* illness; a *benign* tumor) *be.ning'ni.ty* *n.*
- berserk** *adj.* in or into a crazed or violent frenzy (He went *berserk* and started firing at everyone in sight.)
- bias** *n.* 1. a line crossing the weave of cloth at a slant (cut cloth on the *bias*.) 2. an inclination for or against something that inhibits impartial judgment; prejudice (a strong *bias* against youth; a reader influenced by his *bias* in favor of dogs; a newspaper with a strong conservative *bias*) *adj.* (a neckline with *bias* edges; *bias* seams) *v.* *bi'ased* or *bi'assed*, *bi'as.ing* or *bi'ass.ing* to cause to have a prejudice view; influence unfairly (The prosecutor's statement was disallowed for fear it would *bias* the jury.) *bi'ased* *adj.* (a *biased* report)

Lesson 4 Definitions

Lesson Word Parts

bi-- "two," "twice"
bio-- "life," "living organism"

Word List

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| 1. bicentennial | 6. boor |
| 2. bilingual | 7. bravado |
| 3. biodegradable | 8. brusque |
| 4. biosphere | 9. causeway |
| 5. blatant | 10. chaos |

1. **bicentennial** *adj.* 1. of or in honor of a 200th anniversary (a *bicentennial* celebration) occurring once every 200 years *n.* A 200th anniversary or its celebration (the *bicentennial* of American independence)
2. **bilingual** *adj.* 1. able to speak two languages equally well 2. written or expressed in two languages
3. **biodegradable** *adj.* capable of being decomposed by natural biological processes (a *biodegradable* detergent)
4. **biosphere** *n.* the part of the earth and its surroundings in which living organisms exist, consisting of a band or envelope extending from the earth's crust to the outer atmosphere
5. **blatant** *adj.* 1. unpleasantly loud 2. offensively conspicuous; obvious (a *blatant* lie)
bl'.tan.cy n. bla'tant.ly adv.
6. **boor** *n.* a crude person with rude or clumsy manners
7. **bravado** *n. pl. bra.v'.does or bra.v'.dos* a show of pretend or defiant courage; false bravery
8. **brusque** *adj.* rudely abrupt in manner or speech; curt; blunt *brusque'ly adv. brusque'ness n.*
9. **causeway** *n.* a raised roadway, as across marshland
10. **chaos** *n.* 1. great disorder or confusion. 2. the shapeless and disordered state of matter and space supposed to have existed before the creation of the universe

Lesson 5 Definitions

Lesson Word Parts

circum-- "around," "about"

com-, con-, co-- "with," "together"

Word List

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| 1. circumference | 6. compassion |
| 2. circumstantial | 7. compatible |
| 3. circumvent | 8. concerted |
| 4. coexist | 9. condominium |
| 5. coherent | 10. cumbersome |

- circumference** *n.* 1. the length of a circle 2. the boundary of a circle
- circumstantial** *adj.* 1. of or dependent upon circumstances (a *circumstantial* solution to the plot of the mystery novel) 2. not of primary importance; incidental (*circumstantial* matters) 3. full of facts or details; complete (a *circumstantial* account)
- circumvent** *v.* 1. to get the better of or overcome by ingenuity (*circumvent* an enemy army) 2. to avoid by passing around or as if by passing around (*circumvent* a problem)
cir.cum.ven'tion n.
- coexist** *v.* to live or exist together, at the same time, or in the same place
- coherent** *adj.* 1. sticking together; coherent particle . 2. logically connected; easy to understand (*coherent* speech) 3. composed of waves that oscillate in a fixed, orderly way (the *coherent* light of a laser). *co.he'r.ence, co.her'en.cy n. co.her'ent.ly adv.*
- compassion** *n.* the feeling of sharing the suffering of another, together with a desire to give aid or show mercy
- compatible** *adj.* able to live or perform in agreement or harmony with another or others *com.pat.i.bil.i.ty n. com.pat'i.bly adv.*
- concerted** *adj.* planned or accomplished together with others; combined (a *concerted* fund-raising drive)
- condominium** *n.* an apartment building in which the individual apartments are owned by the tenants
- cumbersome** *adj.* 1. heavy and awkward to carry, wear, etc.; burdensome (*cumbersome* baggage; *cumbersome* garments) 2. clumsy and inefficient (a *cumbersome* method of plowing)

Lesson 7 Definitions

Lesson Word Parts

dec-- "ten"

deci-- "one-tenth"

demo-- "people"

Word List

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| 1. curt | 6. democracy |
| 2. debunk | 7. deplore |
| 3. decade | 8. dialect |
| 4. decimal | 9. dilemma |
| 5. decrepit | 10. diligent |

1. **curt** *adj.* *cur'ter, curt'est.* rudely brief and abrupt in speech or manner; brusque (a *curt* reply) *curt'ly adv.* *curt'ness. n*
2. **debunk** *v.* informal: to expose or ridicule the falseness of exaggerated claims (The writer *debunked* television commercials.)
3. **decade** *n.* 1. a group of ten 2. a period of ten years
4. **decimal** *n.* 1. a numeral in the decimal system of numeration 2. a numeral based on 10, used with a decimal point in expressing a decimal fraction *adj.* 1. of expressed as, or capable of being expressed as a decimal
5. **decrepit** *adj.* in poor condition because of old age or long use; worn out; broken-down (a *decrepit* old man; a *decrepit* car) *de.crep'it.ly adv.*
6. **democracy** *n.* pl. *democracies* 1. a form of government in which power belongs to the people, who express their will through elected representatives 2. a country with this form of government 2. respect for the right of every individual in a society.
7. **deplore** *v.* *de.plored', de.plo'.ing* 1. to regard with strong disapproval (I *deplore* his cruelty.) 3. to feel sorrow about (We all *deplore* our leader's death.)
8. **dialect** *n.* a regional variety of a language, distinguished from other varieties by pronunciation, vocabulary, etc. (Cockney is a *dialect* of English.) *di.a.lect'al. adj.*
9. **dilemma** *n.* a situation that requires a person to choose between courses of action that are equally difficult or unpleasant (He faced the *dilemma* of giving in or losing his job.)
10. **diligent** *adj.* 1. industrious; hard-working in one's job or studies 2. done with great care (a *diligent* search) *dil'i.gent.ly adv.*

Lesson 8 Definitions

Lesson word Part: *de--*, *di--*, *dis--* “from,” “away from,” “opposite”

Word List

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| 1. disorient | 6. dynamic |
| 2. disarray | 7. eccentric |
| 3. diverge | 8. effervescent |
| 4. domineer | 9. endow |
| 5. drudgery | 10. entice |

1. **disorient** *v.* to cause (a person) to lose awareness of his relationship with his surroundings, as with respect to time or space *dis.o.ri.en.ta'tion n.*
2. **disarray** *n.* 1. state of disorder or confusion (The mail lay in *disarray* on his desk.)
2. disordered or insufficient dress
3. **diverge** *v.* *di.verged'*, *di.verg.ing.* 1. to go or extend in different directions from a common point; branch out (a road that suddenly *diverged* into paths like branches of the letter “Y”) 2. to turn aside or depart 3. to differ, as in opinion or manner
4. **domineer** *v.* to rule over arbitrarily or arrogantly; tyrannize *dom.i.neer'ing adj.* (a *domineering* mother)
5. **drudgery** *n.* *pl. drud'er.ies.* hard, tiresome, or menial work (household *drudgery*)
6. **dynamic** *adj.* 1. energetic; vigorous (a *dynamic* President) 2. marked by or tending to produce progress (a *dynamic* social system) 3. of energy, force, or motion in relation to force 4. of or indicating musical dynamics (*dynamic* markings) *dy.nam'i.cal.ly adv.*
7. **eccentric** *adj.* 1. odd or unusual in appearance, behavior, etc.; strange; peculiar (an *eccentric* hat; an *eccentric* person; an *eccentric* habit) 2. deviating from the form or a circle in the way that an ellipse does (a very *eccentric* orbit) 3. not in or at the center (an *eccentric* pivot) 4. revolving on a eccentric pivot or shaft (an *eccentric* wheel)
5. having different centers as a pair of geometric figures, especially circles *n.* 1. a person who is odd in behavior 2. an eccentric machine part especially a disk or wheel. *ec.cen'tri.cal.ly adv.*
8. **effervescent** *adj.* 1. the process or capability of giving off gas in small bubbles
2. sparkling high spirits; vivacity *eff.er.ves'cence n.*
9. **endow** *v.* to provide with property, income, or a source of income (*endow* a college)
2. to provide or invest with certain talents, qualities, rights, etc. (Nature has *endowed* her with both beauty and charm.)
10. **entice** *v.* *en.ticed'*, *en.tic'ing.* to attract by offering something tempting; lure (They *enticed* him into investing money in stocks.) *en.tic'ing adj.* (an *enticing* offer)

Lesson 9 Definitions

Lesson Word Part:

extra-- "outside," "beyond"

Word List

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|------------------|---------------------|
| 1. epitome | 6. extraterrestrial |
| 2. equity | 7. extravagant |
| 3. era | 8. façade |
| 4. eradicate | 9. fallacy |
| 5. extraordinary | 10. fanatical |

1. **epitome** *n.* 1. someone or something that is the perfect example of an entire group or class; embodiment (His answer was the *epitome* of tactfulness and diplomacy.) 1. a summary of a book, article, etc.
2. **equity** *n. pl. eq'ui.ties.* 1. justice; fairness; impartiality 2. legal justice applied in circumstances not covered by a law or law (a court of *equit.*) 3. the value of a business or property after the debts, mortgages, etc., on it are deducted.
3. **era** *n.* 1. a period of time that utilized a specific point in history as its beginning (the Christian *era*; the Colonial *era* in U.S. History; the *era* of the atom) 2. the longest division of geologic time, containing one or more periods
4. **eradicate** *v. e.rad'i.cat.ed, e.rad'icat.ing* to remove all traces of; destroy completely (Can we *eradicate* poverty?) *e.rad.i.ca'tion n.*
5. **extraordinary** *adj.* very unusual; exceptional; remarkable (an *extraordinary* person; an *extraordinary* event) *ex.traor'di.nar'i.ly adv.*
6. **extraterrestrial** *adj.* from or located outside the earth or its atmosphere
7. **extravagant** *adj.* 1. wasteful or lavish; unrestrained (My sister goes on *extravagant* buying sprees.) 2. going beyond reasonable bounds; excessive (He makes *extravagant* demands on his friends.) *ex.trav'a.gant.ly adv.*
8. **façade** *n.* 1. the main face or front of a building 2. the front part of anything especially an artificial or false front
9. **fallacy** *n. pl. fal'la.cies* 1. an idea or opinion based on mistaken assumptions or logic; a false notion 2. false reasoning, belief, argument, etc.
10. **fanatical** *adj.* extreme or unreasonable (a *fanatical* religious sect; a *fanatical* belief in something.) *fa.nat'i.cal.ly adv.*

Lesson 10 Definitions

Lesson Word Parts: *fore--* “before,” “in front,” “first in order or rank” *geo--* “earth”

Word List

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|---------------|----------------|
| 1. foreboding | 6. geology |
| 2. forestall | 7. glib |
| 3. forfeit | 8. glutton |
| 4. fugitive | 9. graffiti |
| 5. generic | 10. gregarious |

1. **foreboding** *n.* an uneasy feeling that something bad is going to happen
2. **forestall** *v.* to prevent, put off, or cut off by taking effective action in advance (He was curt with them to *forestall* any more questions.)
3. **forfeit** *v.* to lose or give up (something) as a penalty or fine for a failure, error, or offense (By failing to appear and play, the opposing team *forfeited* the game.) *n.* something lost, given up, or paid as a penalty or fine (pay a *forfeit*.)
4. **fugitive** *adj.* 1. running or having run away, as from the law or justice (a *fugitive* convict) 2. passing quickly; fleeting or elusive (trying to call back the *fugitive* hours)
n. a person who flees; a runaway; refugee
5. **generic** *adj.* 1. of including or indicating an entire group, class, or category; general rather than specific (The *generic* word “sad” suggests specific words like “mournful,” “grieving,” and “downhearted.”) 2. not protected by a trademark and therefore applicable to an entire class of products (the *generic* name for a widely prescribed drug) *ge.ner'i.cal.ly* *adv.*
6. **geology** *n.* 1. the scientific study of the origin, history, behavior, and structure of the earth 2. the geological study, analysis, properties, etc., of the earth or, especially, of one of its regions (the *geology* of Antarctica)
7. **glib** *adj.* *glib'ber, glib.best* 1. speaking or writing readily but suggesting lack of thought or sincerity (*glib* politicians accustomed to promising the moon in an election year) 2. smooth and flowing but shallow or insincere in meaning (a *glib* reply)
glib'ly *adv.* *glib'ness* *n.*
8. **glutton** *n.* 1. a person who eats to excess 2. a person with an unusually great capacity to receive or withstand something (a *glutton* for punishment) *glut'ton.ous* *adj.*
9. **graffiti** *n.* anything drawn or written, as on a wall or door, so as to be seen by the public
10. **gregarious** *adj.* 1. living in flocks, herds, colonies, or similar groups with others of the same kind (Zebras are *gregarious*.) 2. seeking out and enjoying the company of others: sociable (a *gregarious* man) *gre.gar'i.ous.ly* *adv.* *gre.gar'i.ous.ness* *n.*

Lesson 11 Definitions

Lesson Word Parts

hemo-- "blood"

--hospes-- (--hospit--) "guest," "host"

Word List

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|------------------|-----------------|
| 1. gurgle | 6. hideous |
| 2. hallucination | 7. hilarious |
| 3. havoc | 8. hoax |
| 4. hemorrhage | 9. homogenize |
| 5. heritage | 10. hospitality |

1. **gurgle** *v.* *gur.gled, gur.gling* 1. to flow, making a low sound (A stream *gurgled* through the woods.) 2. to make such sounds (The baby *gurgled* in its mother's arms.)
n. the act or sound of gurgling
2. **hallucination** *n.* 1. an illusion of seeing, hearing, or otherwise sensing something that does not really exist; false perception 2. a vision, image, etc., that occurs as such an illusion
3. **havoc** *n.* devastation; destruction
4. **hemorrhage** *n.* bleeding, especially heavy bleeding *v.* *hem'or.rhaged, hem'or.rhag.ing* (to have a *hemmorhage*); bleed heavily
5. **heritage** *n.* 1. property that is or can be inherited 2. something other than property passed down from preceding generations; legacy; tradition (Every country has its *heritage* of folk music.)
6. **hideous** *adj.* 1. horribly ugly; revolting (a *hideous* mask) 2. repugnant to the moral sense; despicable; odious (a *hideous* murder) *hid'e.ous.ly adv.*
7. **hilarious** *adj.* boisterously funny; provoking much laughter (a *hilarious* story) *hi.lar'i.ous.ly adv.*
8. **hoax** *n.* a trick or action intended to deceive others, often in the form of a practical joke, false report, etc., that which fools the public. *v.* to deceive or cheat by a hoax
9. **homogenize** *v.* 1. to blend into a smooth mixture; to make homogenous 2. to reduce to small particles of uniform size and evenly distributed 3. to break up the fat globules in milk or cream in order to distribute them throughout
10. **hospitality** *n.* 1. the friendly reception and treatment of guests or strangers 2. the quality of or disposition of receiving and treating guests and strangers in a warm, friendly, generous way

Lesson 13 Definitions

Lesson Word Parts:

homo--"the same, "akin" (Greek) "man" (Latin)

--**hydro(a)**-- "water"

--**cide**-- "a killer of," "kill"

Word List

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|-------------------|---------------|
| 1. homicide | 6. ignite |
| 2. hors d'oeuvres | 7. illuminate |
| 3. hydraulic | 8. impasse |
| 4. hypnotic | 9. impeccable |
| 5. hypothesis | 10. inanimate |

1. **homicide** *n.* 1. the killing of a person by another person 2. a person who kills another person *hom.i.ci'dal adj.*
2. **hors d'oeuvres** *n.* an appetizer, often served on crackers or small pieces of toast
3. **hydraulic** *adj.* 1. of, moved by, or operated by a liquid, especially water or oil under pressure (*hydraulic* jack) 2. of hydraulics 3. capable of hardening under water, as Portland cement *hy.drau'li.cal.ly adv.*
4. **hypnotic** *adj.* 1. of, like, involving, or producing hypnosis 2. of hypnotism 3. causing or producing sleep *n.* a drug or other agent that produces sleep or a sleeplike state *hyp.not'i.cal.ly adv.*
5. **hypothesis** *n.* 1. an idea or set of propositions set forth to explain the occurrence of some specified group of phenomena, either offered as a guide for further investigation or accepted as highly probably in light of known facts
6. **ignite** *v.* to set fire to or catch fire *ig.ni't.ed, ig.nit'.ing*
7. **illuminate** *v.* *il.lu'mi.nat.ed, il.lu'mi.nat.ing* 1. to provide with light; turn or focus light on. (a landscape *illuminated* by a full moon) 2. to make understandable; clarify; explain (clues that *illuminate* the snarled story) 3. to decorate (a manuscript) with ornamental designs *il.lu'mi.na'tion n.*
8. **impasse** *n.* 1. a position from which there is no escape; deadlock 2. a road or way that has no outlet
9. **impeccable** *adj.* without flaw; faultless (*impeccable* table manners) *im.pec'ca.bly adv.*
10. **inanimate** *adj.* 1. not living (an *inanimate* object) 2. showing no sign of life; lifeless (an *inanimate* body) 3. not lively; listless *in.an'i.mate.ness n.*

Lesson 14 Definitions

Lesson Word Parts

in-- "not" *inter--* "between," "among" *intra--* "within," "inside"

Word List

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| 1. incognito | 6. intercede |
| 2. incompatible | 7. interlude |
| 3. incorrigible | 8. intermingle |
| 4. infinite | 9. intravenous |
| 5. intense | 10. invalid |

1. **incognito** *adj.* 1. having one's identity concealed, as under an assumed name, especially to avoid notice *adv.* 2. with the real identity concealed (to travel *incognito*) *n.* 3. a person who is *incognito* 4. the state of being *incognito* 5. the disguise or character assumed by an *incognito*
2. **incompatible** *adj.* 1. not compatible; not in harmony or agreement (*incompatible* colors) 2. not capable of living or working together happily or smoothly (*incompatible* roommates) *in.com.pat'i.bil.i.ty n in.com.pat'i.bly adv.*
3. **incorrigible** *adj.* not capable of being corrected or reformed. *n.* a person who cannot be reformed *in.cor'ri.gi.bil'i.ty n in.cor'ri.gi.bly adv.*
4. **infinite** *adj.* 1. having no limit in space, extent, number, or time; endless (The universe is usually assumed to be *infinite*.) 2. a. greater in value than any specified number, however large (an *infinite* number) b. having a measure that is infinite (an *infinite* plane) 3. seemingly without limit; (an *infinite* variety of colors) *n.* 1. an infinite thing or quantity. 2. The infinite God. *in'fin.nite.ly adv.*
5. **intense** *adj.* 1. extremely deep, strong, forceful or concentrated (an *intense* blue; an *intense* odor; *intense* light.) 2. deeply felt, profound (*intense* affection) *in.tense'ly adv.*
6. **intercede** *v.* *in.ter.ced'ed, in.ter.ced'ing* 1. to plead on another's behalf (Mother *interceded* for her sister when grandfather was angry.) 2. to mediate in a dispute; (Congress can *intercede* in certain labor disputes.)
7. **interlude** *n.* 1. something, such as an event, episode, or period of time that intervenes or interrupts the course of event 2. a short piece of music that occurs between large sections of a long composition, acts of a play, parts of a religious service, etc.
8. **intermingle** *v.* *in.ter.min.gled, in.ter.mingling* to mix or mingle
9. **intravenous** *adj.* within or into a vein (an *intravenous* injection) *in.tra.ve'nous.ly adv.*
10. **invalid** (*in.ve'lid*) *n.* a sick, weak, injured, or disabled person, especially someone in poor health for a long time
invalid (*in.val'id*) *adj.* not valid or proper, without force, foundation, etc.; (an *invalid* will) *in.val'id.ly adv.*

Lesson 15 Definitions

Lesson Word Part: *ir--* "not"

Word List

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|---------------|------------------|
| 1. irrational | 6. kleptomania |
| 2. jaunty | 7. knave |
| 3. jeopardize | 8. knead |
| 4. jubilant | 9. lackadaisical |
| 5. juvenile | 10. languid |

1. **irrational** *adj.* 1. not capable of reasoning or thinking clearly 2. not based on or guided by reason; unreasonable; illogical (an *irrational* fear) *ir.ra'tion.al.ly adv.*
2. **jaunty** *adj.* *jaun'ti.er, jaun'ti.est* 1. having a carefree, self-confident air (a *jaunty* gait.) 2. stylish or smart in appearance (a *jaunty* hat) *jaun'ti.ly adv.*
3. **jeopardize** *v.* *jeop'p.ard.ized, jeop'ard.iz.ing* to expose to loss or injury; endanger; (*jeopardize* one's health)
4. **jubilant** *adj.* full of joy; rejoicing (a *jubilant* crowd) *ju'bi.lant.ly adv.*
5. **juvenile** *adj.* 1. young; immature; childish (*juvenile* behavior; After a year the *juvenile* baboon is more independent of its mother.) 2. of or for young people (*Juvenile* law courts hear cases involving young persons under 18 years of age.) *n.* 1. a young person of animal 2. an actor who plays the roles of children. 3. a book written for children
6. **kleptomania** *n.* an uncontrollable urge to steal, especially when there is no personal need or desire for the things stolen
7. **knave** *n.* 1. a dishonest, crafty man (He played the *knave* in our business dealings.) 2. archaic: a male servant (a lowly kitchen *knave*) 3. a playing card, the jack. These sound alike *knave, nave.*
8. **knead** *v.* 1. to mix and work a substance into a plastic mass, as by folding, stretching, pressing, etc. (The children watched the pizza man *knead* the dough.) 2. to squeeze, press, or roll with the hands, as in massaging (*knead* one's leg muscles to get the soreness out of them) These sound alike *knead, need.*
9. **lackadaisical** *adj.* lacking spirit or interest (a *lackadaisical* attitude toward one's schoolwork) *lac.a.dai'si.cal.ly adv.*
10. **languid** *adj.* 1. lazily slow or relaxed (a *languid* wave of the hand) 2. lacking spirit or energy (She was *languid* after her long illness.) 3. causing a feeling of laziness or listlessness (*languid* weather) *lan'guid.ly adv.*

Lesson 16

Definitions

Lesson Word Parts

mal-- "bad," "wrongly," "ill"

mater-- (matr--) "mother"

Word List

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|--------------|----------------|
| 1. larceny | 6. lustrous |
| 2. legacy | 7. maladjusted |
| 3. levity | 8. malady |
| 4. liaison | 9. malice |
| 5. lucrative | 10. maternal |

1. **larceny** *n.* *pl. lar'ce.nies.* the crime of stealing; theft
2. **legacy** *n.* *pl. leg'a.cies* 1. money or property left to someone in a will
2. something passed on to those who come later in time; heritage (a *legacy* of military strength.\)
3. **levity** *n.* *pl. lev.i.ties* 1. a light, humorous manner or attitude, especially when inappropriate; frivolity 2. a humorous or careless remark made at the wrong time
4. **liaison** *n.* 1. communication between different offices or units of an organization
2. a channel or means of communication (He served as the President's *liaison* with Congress.) 3. a close relationship between people or groups.
5. **lucrative** *adj.* producing wealth; profitable (a *lucrative* importing business)
6. **lustrous** *adj.* having a gloss or sheen; gleaming (*lustrous* Oriental silks; deep-set, *lustrous* eyes)
7. **maladjusted** *adj.* poorly adjusted to one's environment or to one's circumstances
8. **malady** *n.* *pl. mal'a.dies* a disease, disorder, or ailment; a sickness
9. **malice** *n.* the desire to harm others or to see others suffer; ill will; spite
10. **maternal** *adj.* 1. of a mother or motherhood (a *maternal* instinct) 2. inherited from one's mother (a *maternal* trait) 3. related to through one's mother *ma.ter'nal.ly* *adv.*

Lesson 17 Definitions

Lesson Word Parts

micro-- "small"

mis-- "wrong," "wrongly," "opposite or lack of," "failure"

mono-- "one," "single" **--lith--** "stone"

Word List

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|------------------|------------------|
| 1. mausoleum | 6. miscellaneous |
| 2. mesmerize | 7. misnomer |
| 3. microorganism | 8. monogamy |
| 4. minimal | 9. monolith |
| 5. miraculous | 10. monologue |

- mausoleum** *n.* *pl. mau.so.le'ums, mau.so.leu'ma* 1. a sepulchral or stately monument often architecturally noteworthy 2. a structure for the interment of many bodies 3. a large tomb
- mesmerize** *v.* 1. to hypnotize 2. to spellbind; fascinate 3. to compel by fascination *mes'mer.i.za'tion* or *mes.mer.iz'er* *n.*
- microorganism** *n.* an organism, such as a bacterium or protozoa, so small that it can be seen only with the aid of a microscope.
- minimal** *adj.* smallest in amount or degree; least possible (a task requiring *minimal* labor) *min'i.mal.ly* *adv.*
- miraculous** *adj.* 1. having the nature of a miracle (a *miraculous* operation) 2. having the power to work miracles (a *miraculous* drug) *mi.rac'u.lous.ly* *adv.* *mi.rac'u.lous.ness* *n.*
- miscellaneous** *adj.* 1. made up of a variety of different elements or ingredients (a *miscellaneous* assortment of chocolates) 2. not falling into a particular category (*miscellaneous* items in a budget)
- misnomer** *n.* a name that is wrongly applied (To call a whale a "fish" would be a *misnomer*.)
- monogamy** *n.* 1. the custom or condition of being married to only one person at a time 2. the condition of having just one mate for life
- monolith** *n.* a large, single block of stone
- monologue** *n.* 1. a long speech delivered by an actor on the stage or a character in a story or poem 2. a series of jokes and stories told by a comedian on the stage alone. 3. a long speech made by one person in a group (Professor Smith had little regard for anyone else's views, his conversations mainly being *monologues*.)

Lesson 19 Definitions

Lesson Word Parts

--**noct--** (**nox--**) "night"

non-- "not," "absence of," "avoidance of"

(When **non--** is connected to a word with a capital letter,
a hyphen is used: **non-American**)

Word List

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|----------------|------------------|
| 1. monotonous | 6. nocturnal |
| 2. monstrosity | 7. nominal |
| 3. myriad | 8. nonconformist |
| 4. nebulous | 9. nondescript |
| 5. negligence | 10. norm |

1. **monotonous** *adj.* 1. uttered or sounded in one repeated tone; unvarying in pitch (a *monotonous* drone that tires the listener) 2. never varied or enlivened; repetitiously dull (a *monotonous* diet) *mo.not'o.nous.ly adv.*
2. **monstrosity** *n. pl. mon.stro'i.ties* 1. someone or something that is monstrous 2. the condition or quality of being monstrous; of or like a monster
3. **myriad** *adj.* amounting to a very large, indefinite number (the moon, sun, planets, and *myriad* stars) *n.* a vast number
4. **nebulous** *adj.* lacking definite form; vague; unclear *neb'u.lous.ly adv.*
5. **negligence** *n.* 1. a failure to act with care or concern 2. in law, neglect of any reasonable precaution, care, or action
6. **nocturnal** *adj.* 1. of the night or occurring at night (*nocturnal* stillness; a *nocturnal* breeze) 2. active at night rather than by day (Owls are *nocturnal* birds.) *noc.tur'nal.ly adv.*
7. **nominal** *adj.* 1. in name only; not in fact (The queen is the *nominal* ruler of the country.) 2. very small; slight (There is a *nominal* fee to enter the zoo.) *nom'ina.ly adv.*
8. **nonconformist** *n.* 1. someone who does not act in accordance with or feel bound to follow generally accepted customs, beliefs, or ways of doing things; an individualist 2. a person who does not belong to a national or established church, especially an English Protestant who is outside the Church of England; a dissenter *non.con.form'i.ty n.*
9. **nondescript** *adj.* lacking in distinctive qualities and thus difficult to describe (a dull, *nondescript* piece of rock)
10. **norm** *n.* 1. rule, standard, or pattern of behavior (cultural *norms*) 2. average derived from the organization and analysis of data (statistical *norms*) 3. a point midway between two extremes 4. a level of performance or achievement that can be accepted as a standard for guidance of a pattern to be followed (The child is above the *norm* for his age in arithmetic.)

Lesson 20 Definitions

Lesson Word Part *omni--* "all" Word List

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|---------------|---------------|
| 1. obligation | 6. obtuse |
| 2. oblivious | 7. omniscient |
| 3. obnoxious | 8. omnivorous |
| 4. obscure | 9. opaque |
| 5. obsolete | 10. paltry |

1. **obligation** *n.* 1. a legal, social, or moral requirement, duty, or promise that has the power of binding one to a certain action (an *obligation* to vote) 2. the binding power of a law, promise, contract, or sense of duty (the *obligation* of friendship) 3. a debt owed in return for a special service or favor (a social *obligation*) 4. a debt of money (He settled all his *obligations*.)

2. **oblivious** *adj.* 1. lacking memory of something, as by being preoccupied; forgetful (*oblivious* of past disappointments) 2. unaware or unmindful (*oblivious* to her surroundings) *o.bliv'i.ous.ly adv. o.bliv'i.ous.ness n.*

3. **obnoxious** *adj.* extremely unpleasant or offensive *ob.nox'ious.ly adv.*

4. **obscure** *adj.* *ob.scu'er, ob.scur'est* 1. difficult to understand; vague (an *obscure* reference to a past incident) 2. unknown; humble (an *obscure* professor) 3. dark, gloomy (an *obscure* room of the old house) 4. not readily perceived; indistinct (*obscure* markings on a stone) *v. ob.scured' ob.scur'ring* 1. to conceal from view; hide (Clouds *obscured* the stars.) 2. to make less clear; cause to be difficult to understand (His vague speech *obscured* his real meaning.) *ob.scur'ri.ly adv. ob.scure'ness n.*

5. **obsolete** *adj.* no longer useful in use or in fashion (an *obsolete* word, *obsolete* weapons, an *obsolete* computer) *ob.so.lete'ness n.*

6. **obtuse** *adj.* 1. slow to perceive or apprehend; not discerning; dull (an *obtuse* person) 2. not sharp or pointed in form; blunt (an *obtuse* angle) *ob.tuse'ly adv. ob.tuse'ness n*

7. **omniscient** *adj.* having unbounded knowledge; knowing everything *om.nis'cience n*

8. **omnivorous** *adj.* 1. eating both plant and animal substances or products as food; eating all kinds of food (Rats and human beings are *omnivorous*.) 2. taking in everything one can, as with the mind (an *omnivorous* reader)

9. **opaque** *adj.* 1. not capable of letting light pass through; neither transparent nor translucent (Metals and some minerals are *opaque*.) 2. not reflecting light; not shiny; dull (an *opaque* finish on a surface) 3. hard to understand; obscure *o.paque'ly adv. o.paque'ness n.*

10. **paltry** *adj.* *pal'tri.er, pal'tri.est* 1. meager; insignificant (Jack sold the cow for a few *paltry* beans.) 2. lowly; contemptible (*paltry* cowards) *pal'tri.ness n.*

Lesson 21 Definitions

Lesson Word Parts

pan-- "all"
pater--, **patr--** "father."

Word List

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|----------------|--------------|
| 1. panacea | 6. paternal |
| 2. pandemonium | 7. pertinent |
| 3. panorama | 8. pilfer |
| 4. parody | 9. placid |
| 5. paragon | 10. pompous |

1. **panacea** *n.* a remedy for all diseases or woes; a cure-all.
2. **pandemonium** *n.* wild confusion and noise; uproar
3. **panorama** *n.* 1. a view or picture of everything visible over a wide area (a vast *panorama* of mountain scenery) 2. a view or picture of a long series of events, stages, or things (a book that presents a *panorama* of man's ascent from savagery to civilization) 3. a wide picture depicting a scene or story that is unrolled a part at a time before the spectators
4. **parody** *n. pl. par'o.dies* a comic imitation, as of a person, literary work, style, etc., that exaggerates the characteristics of the original to make it seem ridiculous
v. par'o.died, par'o.dy.ing, par'o.dies(dize) to present, perform, or be a parody of
(*parodied* the pompous style of editorial writers)
5. **paragon** *n.* a model of excellence; a perfect example (a *paragon* of honesty)
6. **paternal** *adj.* 1. of a father; fatherly 2. received from a father (a *paternal* trait in his makeup) 3. related to through one's father *pa.ter'nal.ly . adv. pa.ter'ni.ty n.*
7. **pertinent** *adj.* related to a specific matter; relevant (discussing *pertinent* topics)
per.ti.nence n.
8. **pilfer** *v.* to steal small sums of money or things of little value (He *pilfered* some blackberry jam, three biscuits, and a jug of cider. Tom Sawyer *pilfered* from his aunt's pantry.) *pil'fer.er n.*
9. **placid** *adj.* calm; peaceful *plac'id.ly adv. plac'id.ness n.*
10. **pompous** *adj.* 1. acting with an air of great dignity and self-importance 2. full of high-sounding words and phrases *pom.pous.ly adv. pom.pos'i.ty, pom pos'i.te, pom.pous.ness n.*

Lesson 22 Definitions

Lesson Word Parts: **post--** "after" **pre--** "before"
Word List

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|-----------------------|------------------|
| 1. post meridian (pm) | 6. precise |
| 2. posthumous | 7. preconception |
| 3. potential | 8. prehistoric |
| 4. precaution | 9. preoccupied |
| 5. precede | 10. preposterous |

1. **post meridian** after noon
2. **posthumous** *adj.* 1. occurring or continuing after one's death (a *posthumous* award) 2. published after the author's death (a *posthumous* book) 3. born after the death of the father (a *posthumous* child) *pos'thu.mous.ly adv.*
3. **potential** *adj.* 1. possible or future, thought not yet actual, definite, or real (*potential* buyers; *potential* problems) 2. capable of being developed, realized, or used (the sea as a *potential* source of minerals) *n.* 1. capacity for further growth, development, or progress; promise (students high in *potential* but low in hope) *po.ten'tial.ly adv.*
4. **precaution** *n.* 1. an action or step taken in advance to guard against possible danger, error, or accident (take *safety* precautions) 2. care taken or caution shown in advance (a need for *precaution*)
5. **precede** *v.* *pre.ced'ed, pre.ced'ing* to go or come before in time, order, position, rank, etc. (A small surge of water *precedes* all geyser eruptions. The word *very* may *precede* an adjective.) *pre.ced'ing adj.* (the *preceding* winter; the *preceding* page)
6. **precise** *adj.* 1. definite; not vague (Tell me how to get there, and please be *precise*.) 2. distinct from others; particular (on this *precise* spot) 3. limited in meaning or application (*Lane, avenue, and boulevard* are more *precise* words for *street*.) 4. done, made, or capable of operating within very small limits of error or variation (a *precise* measurement) 5. exactly corresponding to what is called for (measured to the *precise* amount) 6. clear and correct (*precise* speech) 7. strictly observing established forms and procedures (a *precise* old gentleman who breakfasted at 7:15 sharp each morning) *pre.cise'ly adv. pre.cise'ness n.*
7. **preconception** *n.* an idea or opinion formed before full knowledge is available; a prejudice
8. **prehistoric** *adj.* of or belonging to the time before history or events were recorded in writing (a *prehistoric* animal) *pre.his.tor'i.cal.ly adv.*
9. **preoccupied** *adj.* 1. deep in thought; engrossed (sat quietly all through dinner, frowning and *preoccupied*) 2. attentive to what one is doing; busy (children too *preoccupied* with their games to notice the time)
10. **preposterous** *adj.* contrary to truth, reason, or common sense; absurd; ridiculous (a *preposterous* idea) *pre.pos'ter.ous.ly adv. pre.pos'ter.ous.ness n.*

Lesson 23
Definitions

Lesson Word Parts: **quadra--** "four" **quint--** "five"

Word List

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|---------------|--------------|
| 1. prolific | 6. quest |
| 2. putrid | 7. quintet |
| 3. quadruple | 8. random |
| 4. quarantine | 9. rant |
| 5. query | 10. rational |

- prolific** *adj.* 1. producing offspring or fruit in great numbers (*prolific* animals)
2. causing or sustaining abundant growth (the *prolific* tropical sun)
3. producing numerous words (a *prolific* author) *pro.lif'oi.cal.ly* *adv.*
- putrid** *adj.* 1. partially decayed or decomposed and having a foul smell; rotting (The lion's claws were coated with *putrid* meat from his kills. a *putrid* smell)
- quadruple** *adj.* 1. having four parts. 2. multiplied by four (a *quadruple* penalty)
n. a number or amount four times as many or as much as another. *v.* *quad.ru'pled*, *quad.r'pling* to make or become four times as great (Sam *quadrupled* his salary. The population of the town *quadrupled*.)
- quarantine** *n.* 1. isolation imposed on a person, animal, place, or object affected with or considered to be a carrier of an infectious disease, in order to prevent the spread of the disease 2. any imposed isolation *v.* *quar.an.tined*, *quar.an. tin.ing* 1. to impose isolation on in order to prevent the spreading of a disease 2. to isolate or exclude from normal relations, as for political, social, or economic reasons
- query** *n. pl. queries* a question, an inquiry *v. que'ried*, *que'ry.ing* 1. to ask questions of (The police *queried* the suspect about his recent activities.) 2. to express doubt about; question (*querying* the wisdom of his decision)
- quest** *n.* 1. a search for something held valuable or precious (Space exploration represent man's latest *quest* for knowledge of the universe.) 2. in stories of the Middle Ages, an expedition undertaken by a knight in order to find something or achieve a lofty purpose (the *quest* for the Holy Grail)
- quintet** *n.* 1. a musical composition that requires five performers (a group of five musicians who perform as a *quintet*) 2. a group of five people or things
- random** *adj.* 1. having no particular pattern, purpose, organization, or structure; happening by chance (*random* noise; a *random* set) *Idiom: at random* without a definite purpose or method
- rant** *v.* to speak loudly, violently, and at length; rave (*ranting* against high taxes) *n.* a loud, violent speech; a tirade *rant'er n.*
- rational** *adj.* 1. having or using the ability to reason (man, the *rational* animal)
2. consistent with or based on reason; logical (*rational* behavior) *ra'tion.al.ly* *adv.*

Lesson 25 Definitions

Lesson Word Parts: *ras--*“scrape” *re--*“again,” “back”

Word List

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|----------------|--------------|
| 1. rasp | 6. recurrent |
| 2. ravage | 7. redundant |
| 3. reality | 8. remorse |
| 4. rebuke | 9. renovate |
| 5. reciprocate | 10. rigid |

1. **rasp** *n.* 1. a coarse file with sharp raised points on its surface instead of ridges 2. a harsh, grating sound. *v.* 1. to scrape or file with a rasp. 2. to make a harsh, grating sound *rasp'ing.* *adj.* (a *rasping* voice)
2. **ravage** *v.* *rav'aged, rav'ag.ing* to bring heavy destruction upon; devastate (a hurricane *ravaging* the coast) *n.* 1. the act of ravaging; heavy destruction 2. often *ravages:* severe damage; destructive effect (the *ravages* of smallpox)
3. **reality** *n. pl. re.al'i.ties* 1. the condition or quality of being real; actual existence (an author who creates belief in the *reality* of his characters) 2. the sum total of things that actually exist; the real world (losing one's grip on *reality*) 3. someone or something that is real (seeing their dreams become *realities*)
4. **rebuke** *v. re.buked', re.buk'ing* to criticize sharply; upbraid; reprimand *n.* words or actions expressing strong disapproval; severe criticism
5. **reciprocate** *v. re.cip'ro.cat.ed, re.cip'ro.cat.ing* 1. to give or take mutually (*reciprocating* favors) 2. to make a return for something given or done. 3. to show or feel in return (*reciprocate* her love) 4. to move back and forth alternately, as a machine part *re.cip'ro.ca.tion n.*
6. **recurrent** *adj.* occurring or appearing again or repeatedly; returning regularly *re.cu'r.rence n.*
7. **redundant** *adj.* 1. composed of or containing more words than necessary; verbose; repetitive (a *redundant* message) 2. in excess of the minimum necessary; extra (*redundant* machine parts)
8. **remorse** *n.* bitter regret or guilt for having done something harmful or unjust.
9. **renovate** *v. ren'o.vat.ed, ren'o.vat.ing* to renew; repair (*renovate* an old cottage) *ren'o.va'tion* or *ren.o.va'tor n.*
10. **rigid** *adj.* 1. not changing shape or bending; stiff; inflexible (a *rigid* iron frame) 2. harsh and exacting; rigorous (a *rigid* examination) 3. strict; undeviating (a *rigid* social structure) *rig'id.ly adv. rig'id.nes* or *ri.gid'i.ty n*

Lesson 26
Definitions
Lesson Word Part
rupt-- "break"

Word List

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|-------------|---------------|
| 1. rumple | 6. salvage |
| 2. rupture | 7. satire |
| 3. russet | 8. scandal |
| 4. ruthless | 9. scarlet |
| 5. sabotage | 10. scavenger |

1. **rumple** *v. rum'pled, rum.'pl.ing* 1. to wrinkle or crease (Don't *rumple* the suit. Pack the clothes so that they won't *rumple*.) 2. to muss up; touse (He *rumpled* the boy's hair.) *n.* a wrinkle or untidy crease

2. **rupture** *n.* 1. the act or process of breaking open or bursting 2. a break; a split (a *rupture* in diplomatic relations) 3. a break; fissure (a spring bubbled out of a *rupture* in the stone) 4. a. a hernia; especially in the groin or intestinal region b. a tear in a tissue of the body *v. rup'tured, rup'tur.ing* 1. to break; burst 2. to break off; discontinue (*rupture* an alliance between nations)

3. **russet** *n.* 1. a reddish brown 2. a type of apple with reddish-brown skin *adj.* reddish brown

4. **ruthless** *adj.* showing no pity; cruel *rut'.less.ily adv.* *ruth'less.ness n*

5. **sabotage** *n.* the deliberate destruction of property or disruption of work by enemy agents or resistance fighters in wartime, or by protesting or striking workers *v. sa'.o.taged, sa'.o.tag.ing* to damage, destroy, or defeat by sabotage

6. **salvage** *v. sal'vaged, sal'vag.ing* 1. to save (a wrecked, damaged, or sunken ship or its cargo or parts) from total loss or ruin 2. to save or rescue anything of use or value that would otherwise be lost, discarded, damaged, or destroyed *n.* 1. the rescue of a wrecked, damaged, or sunken ship or of its cargo or parts 2. the act of saving endangered property from total loss 3. Goods or property saved from a general destruction or disaster. *adj.* (a *salvage* job; *salvage* workers)

7. **satire** *n.* 1. a novel, play, movie, etc. that exposes hypocrisy or foolishness, typically by using humor or irony 2. the use or technique of using humor or irony in this way

8. **scandal** *n.* 1. something that offends the morality of the social community; a public disgrace 2. malicious gossip

9. **scarlet** *n.* a bright red or red-orange *adj.* bright red or red-orange

10. **scavenger** *n.* 1. an animal, such as a vulture, hyena, or catfish that feeds on the remains of dead animals or on other dead or decaying plant or animal material 2. someone who searches through rubbish or discarded material for food, useful objects, etc.

Lesson 27 Definitions

Lesson Word Part

semi-- “part,” “partially,” “occurring twice within a given period”

Word List

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|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. scowl | 6. semiannual |
| 2. scrumptious | 7. semicircle |
| 3. scrupulous | 8. semiprecious |
| 4. secondary | 9. sentry |
| 5. seethe | 10. serpentine |

1. **scowl** *v.* to lower or contract the brow in an expression of anger, disapproval, etc; frown *angrily* (He *scowled* at the child.) *n.* an angry frown *scow'ler n.*
2. **scrumptious** *adj. Informal:* 1. very tasty; delicious 2. wonderful
3. **scrupulous** *adj.* 1. proper; honest (acting in a not too *scrupulous* fashion to enrich himself) 2. exacting; conscientious (a *scrupulous* regard for facts)
scru'pu.lous.ly adv. scru'pu.lous.ness n.
4. **secondary** *adj.* 1. of the second rank; not primary; lesser (a *secondary* cause) 2. derived from what is primary or original (*secondary* sources of information) 3. of or relating to education between the elementary school and college 4. having a current or voltage induced by the magnetic field caused by a current flowing in another coil (the *secondary* coil of a transformer) *n. pl. sec'on.dar.ies* 1. the coil or winding of a transformer from which electricity is drawn, as by a load 2. in football, the defensive backs or the area in which they are stationed *sec.on.dar'i.ly adv.*
5. **seethe** *v. seethed, seeth'ing* 1. to bubble, foam, or churn while or as if boiling (The caldron *seethes* with the witches' brew. The town *seethes* with gossip.) 2. to be violently agitated (She *seethed* over the new rules.)
6. **semiannual** *adj.* occurring or issued twice a year (*semiannual* payments; a *semiannual* magazine) *sem.i.an'nu.al.ly adv.*
7. **semicircle** *n.* an arch of 180 degrees; a half of a circle
8. **semiprecious** *adj.* designating a gem, such as topaz, amethyst, or jade that is less valuable than a precious stone such as a diamond or ruby
9. **sentry** *n. pl. sen'tries* a person, especially a soldier, posted at some spot to warn of approaching attackers or to check a person or persons seeking admittance; a guard
10. **serpentine** *adj. (sur'pen.tēn or sup'pen.tīn)* 1. of, resembling, or typical of a serpent; snakelike (a *serpentine* form; *serpentine* movements) 2. having many curves (a *serpentine* river)

Lesson 28 Definitions

Lesson Word Part: --soph-- "wise"

Word List

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|---------------|------------------|
| 1. shoddy | 6. smolder |
| 2. silhouette | 7. soluble |
| 3. simulate | 8. sophisticated |
| 4. skirmish | 9. speculate |
| 5. slapstick | 10. stability |

1. **shoddy** *n. pl. shod'dies* 1. inferior wool obtained from woolen waste, rags, or worn garments 2. yarn or cloth made from such wool *adj. shod.di.er, shod.di.est*
1. made of shoddy or some other inferior material 2. of poor quality or workmanship (*shoddy toys; a shoddy job*) 3. dishonest (*shoddy politicians*)
2. **silhouette** *n.* 1. a drawing consisting of the outline of something, especially a human profile, filled in with a solid color 2. an outline of something that appears dark against a light background *v. sil.hou.et'ted, sil.hou.et'ting* to cause to be seen as a silhouette
3. **simulate** *v. si'.u.lat.ed sim'u.lat.ing* 1. to have, take on, or duplicate the appearance, conditions, form, or sound of; imitate (a device that *simulates* space flight)
2. to make a pretense of; pretend; feign (*simulated* lack of interest) *sim'u.la.tor n.*
4. **skirmish** *n.* 1. a minor encounter between small bodies of troops 2. any minor conflict *v.* to engage in a skirmish
5. **slapstick** *n.* a form of comedy marked by zany chases, collisions, crude practical jokes, and similar boisterous activities
6. **smolder** *v.* 1. to burn and produce heat, some smoke, and no visible flame 2. to burn inwardly, especially to have pent-up anger
7. **soluble** *adj.* 1. capable of being dissolved 2. capable of being solved
8. **sophisticated** *adj.* 1. a. having worldly knowledge and experience; lacking natural simplicity; not naive; worldly wise b. able to make subtle distinctions; perceptive; knowledgeable; cultured (a *sophisticated* novelist) 2. suitable for or appealing to sophisticated people (*sophisticated* entertainment) 3. developed to a highly complex, refined, or intricate level; characterized by advanced form or technique (The company has spent millions of dollars developing this *sophisticated* electronic equipment.)
9. **speculate** *v. spe'.u.lat.ed, spec'u.lat.ing* 1. to think deeply on a given subject; ponder (*speculate* that life might exist in outer space) 2. to buy or sell something, as stocks or land, that involves a risk on the chance of making a substantial profit
10. **stability** *n. pl. sta.bi'i.ties* 1. able to resist sudden changes. 2. able to return to a state of balance if disturbed; being firmly established, enduring, or permanent

Lesson 29

Definitions

Lesson Word Parts

sub-- "under," "beneath" also "close to."
super-- "above," "upper," "greater," "better" **son--** "sound"

Word List

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|--------------|-----------------|
| 1. stagnant | 6. subordinate |
| 2. stammer | 7. subsonic |
| 3. stipulate | 8. subtotal |
| 4. stringent | 9. suburb |
| 5. submerge | 10. superlative |

1. **stagnant** *adj.* 1. not moving or flowing; motionless 2. foul or polluted as a result of not moving (*stagnant water; stagnant air*) 3. not changing or growing; inactive (a *stagnant industry*) *stag'nan.cy n. stag'nant.ly adv.*
2. **stammer** *v.* 1. to speak with involuntary pauses and sometimes repetitions of sounds, as a result of excitement, embarrassment, or an impediment 2. to say or utter with such pauses or repetitions *n.* an example or habit of stammering *stam.mer.er n*
3. **stipulate** *v.* *stip'u.lat.ed, stip'u.lat.ing* to specify as a condition of an agreement; required by contract *stip'u.la'tion n.*
4. **stringent** *adj.* rigorous; severe (*stringent restrictions*) *strin'gent.ly adv.*
5. **submerge** *v.* *sub.merged', sub.merg'ing* 1. to place or go under or as if under water or some other liquid (*submerged the dish in soapy water; The swimmer submerged in the pool.*) 2. to cover with water (the flood *submerged the island.*) *sub.merged' adj.* (a *submerged reef*)
6. **subordinate** *adj.* 1. belonging to a lower or inferior rank (a *subordinate position*); subject to the authority or control of another *n.* someone or something that is subordinate (He is courteous to his *subordinates.*) *v.* *sub.or'di.nat.ed, sub.or'di.nat.ing* to put in a lower or inferior rank (*subordinate a court to a higher one*) *sub.or'di.nate.ly adv. sub.or'di.na.tion n*
7. **subsonic** *adj.* of or indicating a speed less than that of sound
8. **subtotal** *n.* the total of a subset chosen from a set of numbers *v.* to total (a subset of a set of numbers)
9. **suburb** *n.* 1. a usually residential area near a city. 2. *The Suburbs:* the perimeter of country around a major city.
10. **superlative** *adj.* of the highest order, quality, or degree (a *superlative specimen*) *n.* 1. in grammar, the form of an adjective or adverb that indicates the greatest quality, quantity, etc., expressed by the adjective or adverb, as in the sentences (My house is the biggest on the block. I have the least amount of money. She left earliest of the three girls.) *su.per'la.tive.ly adv. su.per'la.tive.ness n*

Lesson 31 Definitions

Lesson Word Parts

super-- "above", "upper," "higher," "greater," "better"

therm-- "heat," "hot"

Word List

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. supernatural | 6. taut |
| 2. supersonic | 7. teem |
| 3. surge | 8. tenacious |
| 4. swindle | 9. tenement |
| 5. synchronize | 10. thermometer |

1. **supernatural** *adj.* outside the natural world; spiritual or divine (*supernatural* powers)
n. the supernatural; that which is supernatural
2. **supersonic** *adj.* having or caused by a speed greater than the speed of sound in a given medium
3. **surge** *v.* *surged, sur'ing* 1. to move with a gathering force and fullness, as rolling waves do 2. to move or rush forcefully (The mass of troops *surged* forward) 3. to increase suddenly *n.* 1. a powerful wave or swell of water 2. a heavy, swelling motion or pull like that caused by rolling waves (the ponderous *surge* of the sea along the vessel's hull) 3. a sudden onrush or increase (a *surge* of excitement; a *surge* of electric current) These sound alike: *surge, serge*
4. **swindle** *v.* *swin'dled, swin'dling* 1. to cheat or defraud (a person) of money or property 2. to get (money or property) by cheating or fraud *n.* the act or an example of swindling; a dishonest act or scheme; a fraud *swin.dler n.*
5. **synchronize** *v.* *syn'chro.nized, syn'chro.niz.ing* 1. to occur at the same time; happen together 2. to operate at the same rate and together in time 3. to cause (two or more things) to operate in this way
6. **taut** *adj.* *tau'er, taut'est* 1. pulled or drawn tight (sails *taut* with the wind)
2. strained; tense (his *taut* and angry face) 3. kept in trim shape; neat (a *taut* regiment with strict discipline) These sound alike: taught, taut *tau'ly adv. taut'ness. n.*
7. **teem** *v.* to be full of; abound (The preserve *teemed* with a fascinating variety of life.)
These sound alike: teem, team
8. **tenacious** *adj.* 1. holding or tending to hold firmly; persistent; stubborn (a man *tenacious* of opinion and averse to any innovations) 2. clinging to another object or surface 3. tending to retain; retentive (a *tenacious* memory) *te.nac'i.ty n.*
9. **tenement** *n.* 1 a building to live in, especially one intended for rent 2. a cheap apartment house whose facilities and maintenance barely meet minimum standards
10. **thermometer** *n.* an instrument that measures and indicates temperature, especially one that consists of a glass tube in which a liquid expands or contracts to reach a level that depends on the temperature

Lesson 32 Definitions

Lesson Word Part: *trans--* “across,” “beyond,” “over”

Word List

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|--------------|-------------|
| 1. titanic | 6. transit |
| 2. tolerate | 7. traverse |
| 3. torrent | 8. trek |
| 4. toxic | 9. trivial |
| 5. transcend | 10. trudge |

1. **titanic** *adj.* having great size, importance, strength, or power
2. **tolerate** *v.* *tol.er.at'ed, tol.er.at'ing* 1. to allow without prohibiting or opposing; permit (*tolerate* the existence of campus radicals) 2. to recognize and respect, as the opinions, practices, or behavior of others 3. to put up with; endure (I won't *tolerate* your tardiness.) 4. to have a tolerance for, as a drug or poison.
3. **torrent** *n.* 1. a turbulent, swift-flowing stream 2. a deluge (rain falling in *torrents*)
3. any turbulent or overwhelming flow (a *torrent* of insults)
4. **toxic** *adj.* 1. of the nature of a poison; poisonous (a *toxic* drug) 2. of or caused by a poison or toxin.
5. **transcend** *v.* 1. to go beyond or outside the range of (mysterious happenings that *transcend* human experience) 2. to rise above; surpass; excel (a painter who *transcended* himself in various ways)
6. **transit** *n.* 1. the act of passing over, across, or through; passage. 2. the act of carrying from one place to another (apples spoiled in *transit*; mail lost in *transit*) 3. the conveyance of persons or goods from one place to another, especially on a local public transportation system 4. a. the passage of a celestial body across the meridian through the point from which it is being observed b. the passage of a celestial body across the disk of a large celestial body. (Mercury is often observed to *transit* the sun.) 5. a surveying instrument
7. **traverse** *v.* *trav.ersed', tra.vers'ing* 1. to travel across, over, or through (*traversed* the desert safely) 2. to move forward and backward over (Searchlights *traversed* the sky.) 3. to extend across; cross (A bridge *traversed* the mountain stream.) *n.* something lying across something else, such as a beam, a rung of a ladder. *adj.* lying or extending across (a *traverse* curtain rod.)
8. **trek** *v.* *trekked, trek'king* to make a slow or arduous journey *n.* a journey, especially a long and difficult one
9. **trivial** *adj.* 1. of little importance or significance; trifling (*trivial* matters) 2. ordinary; commonplace (a *trivial* occurrence) *triv.i.al'i.ty n. triv'i.al.ly adv.*
10. **trudge** *v.* *trudged, trud'ing* to walk in a heavy-footed way; plod (*trudging* along)

Lesson 33 Definitions

Lesson Word Parts

ultra-- "beyond" **un--** "not," "contrary to"

Word List

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|-------------|---------------|
| 1. tsunami | 6. ultrasonic |
| 2. tuft | 7. unanimous |
| 3. turmoil | 8. unassuming |
| 4. tyrant | 9. uncanny |
| 5. ultimate | 10. undulate |

1. **tsunami** *n.* swift, powerful ocean wave caused by an underwater earthquake and causing great destruction to any land area it strikes
2. **tuft** *n.* 1. dense cluster of flexible fibers, as feathers or hair, bound together or attached at one end and loose and bushy at the other 2. small group or clump, as of trees or bushes *v.* 1. to adorn or furnish with a tuft or tufts 2. to sew (a mattress, pillow, or quilt) with tufts to keep the padding in place; to grow or form in tufts
3. **turmoil** *n.* a condition of great confusion or disturbance (The 17th and 18th centuries saw Europe in religious *turmoil*. The *turmoil* of waves was created by the reefs at the entrance of the bay.)
4. **tyrant** *n.* 1. a ruler who exercises power in a harsh, cruel manner; an oppressor 2. any tyrannical or despotic person
5. **ultimate** *adj.* 1. coming as a climax or at the end; final (The *ultimate* cost of the project was greater than the original estimate.) 2. the greatest or maximum possible; unsurpassed; absolute (*ultimate* authority) 3. that which cannot be further reduced, analyzed, or traced (man's *ultimate* origins) *n.* 1. that which is perfect, complete, or unsurpassed; peak (the *ultimate* in fashion) 2. something final, absolute, or fundamental; final state, degree, or result
6. **ultrasonic** *adj.* consisting of or using sound that is too high in frequency to be heard by human beings (*ultrasonic* sounds)
7. **unanimous** *adj.* 1. of one mind or opinion; in complete agreement 2. characterized by or resulting from complete agreement (done with the *unanimous* consent of the members) *u.nan'i.mous.ly* *adv.* *u.nan'i.mous.ness* *n.*
8. **unassuming** *adj.* not boastful or pretentious; modest
9. **uncanny** *adj.* *un.ca'ni.er, un.ca'ni.est* 1. arousing wonder and fear; strange (an *uncanny* light coming out of the ruins) 2. so keen and perceptive as to seem supernatural (an *uncanny* wisdom) *un.can'ni.ly* *adv.*
10. **undulate** *v.* *un'dul.lat.ed, un'du.lat.ing* 1. to move or cause to move in or with a smooth, wavelike motion. 2. to have a wavelike appearance or form

Lesson 34
Definitions

Lesson Word Part: *uni--* "one," "single"

Word List

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|------------------|------------------|
| 1. uniform | 6. unpredictable |
| 2. unique | 7. vague |
| 3. unison | 8. valiant |
| 4. universal | 9. vandalism |
| 5. unprecedented | 10. verbose |

1. **uniform** *adj.* 1. without change, fluctuation or variation; always the same; unvarying (a *uniform* temperature and pressure) 2. showing little or no difference in form, design, or size. (All the houses in the development are *uniform* in size and design.) 3. being the same as another or others. *n.* 1. distinctive or official dress or outfit worn by and identifying the members of a particular group or profession (policemen in *uniform*) *v.* to provide or clothe with a uniform
2. **unique** *adj.* 1. having no like or equal; unmatched or unparalleled, as in quality; singular (*unique* talents) 2. being the only one of its kind, of which there is only one; single; sole (a *unique* fossil specimen) 3. highly uncommon, rare, or noteworthy; remarkable (a *unique* experience) *u.nique'ly adv u.nique'ness n.*
3. **unison** *n.* 1. perfect or exact agreement or harmony. 2. *Music* identical in pitch, as of two or more tones or voices 3. a. uttering the same words or producing the same sound at the same time; all together b. music performing the same part at the identical pitch or at the interval of an octave
4. **universal** *adj.* 1. including, involving, or shared by all 2. existing or occurring everywhere or in all places 3. of, relating to, or characteristic of all or the whole 4. operative or effective under all conditions or in all cases 5. embracing or accomplished in a wide range of subjects or activities; comprehensive 6. adapted or adaptable to a variety of sizes, shapes or uses. *u.ni.ver'sal.ness n. u.ni.ver'sal.ly adv.*
5. **unprecedented** *adj.* not done or known before; without parallel (an *unprecedented* demand for housing)
6. **unpredictable** *adj.* of a quality or nature impossible to determine in advance; that which cannot be foretold, anticipated, or relied upon (*unpredictable* weather) *un'pre.dict'a.ble.ness n. un'pre.dict'a.bly adv.*
7. **vague** *adj. vagu'er, vagu'est* 1. not clearly expressed; lacking clarity (a *vague* statement) 2. lacking definite shape, form, or character (the *vague* outline of a sailing ship on the horizon) 3. indistinctly felt, perceived, understood, or recalled 4. not expressing one's thoughts, ideas, etc. clearly or precisely *vague'ly adv. vague'ness n.*
8. **valiant** *adj.* possessing, showing, or acting with valor; brave *val'iant.ly adv.*
9. **vandalism** *n.* willful or malicious damage to or destruction of public or private property
10. **verbose** *adj.* using more words than necessary; dull and wordy *ver.bose'ly adv. ver.bos'i.ty n.*

Lesson 35 Definitions

Lesson Word Parts *vita--* "life" *zoo--* "animal"

Word List

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|---------------|-------------|
| 1. vermin | 6. wrath |
| 2. vindictive | 7. writhe |
| 3. vital | 8. zealot |
| 4. vulnerable | 9. zenith |
| 5. whimsical | 10. zoology |

1. **vermin** *n.* *p.* *ver'min* 1. any of various insects or small animals such as cockroaches or rats, that are destructive, annoying, or injurious to health 2. a hateful or despised person 3. a collection of such people
2. **vindictive** *adj.* having or showing a desire for revenge; vengeful *vin.dic'tive.ly* *adv.* *vin.dic'tive.ness* *n.*
3. **vital** *adj.* 1. of or characteristic of life (*vital* signs) 2. essential for the continuation of life (*vital* organs; *vital* functions) 3. having great importance; essential (Irrigation was *vital* to early civilization.) *n.* *vitals* those organs or parts of the body whose functioning is essential to life *vi'tal.ly* *adv.* *vi.tal'i.ty* *n.*
4. **vulnerable** *adj.* 1. capable of being harmed or injured; helpless (*vulnerable* baby birds) 2. open to danger or attack; unprotected (The retreat of the army had left the outlying territories *vulnerable*.) 3. easily affected or hurt, as by criticism, sarcasm, etc. *vul'ner.a.bil.i.ty* *n.* *vul'ner.a.bly* *adv.*
5. **whimsical** *adj.* 1. playful, fanciful, or capricious (*whimsical* forms of self-expression) 2. quaint; fantastic; off (Middle English spelling seems *whimsical* to us now.) *whim'si.cal.ly* *adv.*
6. **wrath** *n.* violent, resentful anger; rage
7. **writhe** *v.* *writhed*, *writh'ing* 1. to twist or squirm or cause to twist or squirm as in pain 2. to move with a twisting or contorted motion (Snakes were *writhing* in the pit.)
8. **zealot** *n.* a person who is intensely or fanatically devoted to a cause
9. **zenith** *n.* 1. the point on the celestial sphere that is directly above the observer 2. a. the highest part of the sky directly overhead b. the highest point above the horizon to which a celestial body, as seen by an observer, rises 3. the highest point; peak; acme (the *zenith* of success)
10. **zoology** *n.* 1. science that deals with the origin, development, structure, functioning, and classification of all forms of animal life. 2. animal life, especially that found in a particular region