

Lesson 1

antiseptic *an•ti•SEP•tik*

NOUN a substance that kills germs [The doctor cleaned the cut with an *antiseptic* before applying a bandage.]

ADJECTIVE free from germs [The operating room must be kept in an *antiseptic* condition.]

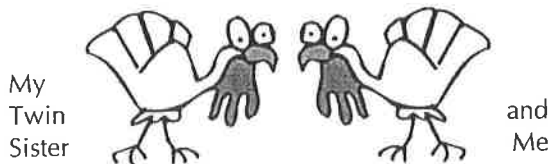
attentive *uh•TEN•tuv* ADJECTIVE

1. paying attention [The storyteller praised the children for being so *attentive*.]

2. considerate of the needs of others; thoughtful [As an *attentive* host, Mrs. Lee always makes sure to include each guest in the conversation.]

befuddle *bee•FUD•ul* VERB

to confuse completely [My twin sister and I often manage to *befuddle* anyone who doesn't know that there are two of us.]



commonplace *KOM•un•place* ADJECTIVE

anything common, uninteresting, or taken for granted [Medical treatments that once seemed miraculous are now *commonplace*.]

disruption *dis•RUP•shun* NOUN

an interruption of the orderly course of something; a disturbance; a breakdown [The storm caused a *disruption* in our electricity for several days.]

flamboyant *flam•BOY•unt* ADJECTIVE

highly colorful, flashy, or dashing [Betsy loves *flamboyant* clothes, which usually makes her easy to spot in a crowd.]

infallible *in•FAL•uh•bul* ADJECTIVE

1. not capable of error; never wrong [No human judge is *infallible*.]

2. dependable; without failure; certain [This drug is an *infallible* cure.]

jaunt *JAWNT* NOUN

a short trip, especially one taken for pleasure [Our weekend *jaunt* to Chicago was great!]

laden *LAY•dun* ADJECTIVE

loaded; weighed down [The car was *laden* with food, gifts, and passengers.]

lure *LOOR*

NOUN something that strongly attracts or tempts [The smell of fresh-baked cookies was a powerful *lure* that drew us into the shop.]

VERB to attract; to tempt [Sue used bits of cheese to *lure* the stray dog into the yard.]

queue *KYOO*

NOUN a line of people, vehicles, and so on [The *queue* for concert tickets was a block long.]

VERB to form, stand, or wait in a line (often used with *up*) [We had to *queue up* for an hour before we got to the clerk's window.]

revive *ri•VIVE* VERB

1. to come or bring back to consciousness or life [Paramedics managed to *revive* the woman.]

2. to give or show new life, strength, or freshness [A short rest will *revive* me.]

shameless *SHAME•lus* ADJECTIVE

having or showing no shame, moral goodness, or sense of what is proper [Voters were disgusted by the candidate's *shameless* lies.]

slander *SLAN•dur*

NOUN a false statement that is damaging to another person's reputation [It is *slander* to call someone a thief if you know it isn't true.]

VERB to use or spread slander [We don't want to *slander* anyone, so we need proof.]

wholesome *HOLE•sum* ADJECTIVE

1. good for one's physical or mental health; healthful [We spent a *wholesome* day hiking in the woods and breathing the fresh country air.]

2. of value to the mind or character; worthwhile [My parents let me go to movies as long as they're *wholesome* ones.]

Exercise A: Matching

Match each phrase on the left to the phrase on the right that means the same, or nearly the same, thing.

A Flock of Shameless Chicken Jokes

(Actually, there are six shameless jokes about chickens, and only one is a joke about shameless chickens.)

1. Why did the farmer think his chickens were shameless?
2. Where do chickens line up for a Texas-style cookout?
3. What kind of shows do chickens like best?

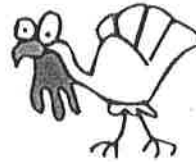
- ___ 1. a disagreeable *disruption*
- ___ 2. an *infallible* individual
- ___ 3. a *commonplace* coin
- ___ 4. a *flamboyant* fleet
- ___ 5. a *shameless* show
- ___ 6. *befuddle* a beagle
- ___ 7. *queue* up quickly
- ___ 8. a *laden* lad
- ___ 9. *lure* Lassie

- A. showy ships
- B. puzzle a pup
- C. coax a collie
- D. race into a row
- E. a normal nickle
- F. a burdened boy
- G. a faultless fellow
- H. a disgraceful display
- I. an irritating interference

Exercise B: What Is It?

Write the **Word** that each clue describes.

10. This describes gravel and pigeons but not diamonds and peacocks.
11. This is what you often find at a ticket booth or check-out counter.
12. This describes a man who isn't embarrassed by his bad behavior.
13. This could be cheese in a mousetrap or a worm on a fishing line.
14. This is what people do when they tell harmful lies about others.
15. This is what "family entertainment" shows are supposed to be.



My Sister

4. Which is heavier—a truck laden with a ton of chickens or one with a ton of chicken feathers?



Me

Exercise C: Antonyms

Write the **Word** that is an antonym for each set of words.

16. rare; extraordinary; unusual
17. imperfect; faulty; undependable
18. admirable; praiseworthy; respectable
19. daydreaming; unaware; absent-minded

Exercise D: Synonyms

Write the **Word** that could be used in place of each underlined word or phrase.

20. We need to work in a completely sterile environment.

21. Get ready to board the bus by standing in a single file.

22. Ricky's directions are so bad, they will only baffle you.

23. Growing puppies, like children, need nourishing meals.

24. Yesterday's win helped to restore the team's enthusiasm.

25. Trust Millie; her judgment about these matters is perfect.

26. You'll notice Louise; everything she does is eye-catching.

27. My friends and I had a fun outing to the amusement park.

5. How could you slander a rooster?

6. Why did the chicken cross the road?

7. Why did the *other* chicken cross the road?



Sis

Exercise E: If . . .

Write the **Word** that best completes each sentence.

28. If you quit eating food that's bad for you and instead eat food that makes you strong and helps you stay well, your new diet is

29. If someone gets up, points out the window, and starts talking about something outside while the teacher is trying to teach, that's a

30. If you have a wound, and you don't want it to get infected, and you know that you should put something on it to kill bacteria, you could use some

31. If you're going someplace, and you'll only be gone for a while, and you're planning to have fun (not do work), your trip is a

32. If a man fainted and fell down and was lying there without moving and wasn't aware of anything, another person might slap him gently to help him to

33. If Mrs. X makes up a nasty, totally untrue story about Mrs. Y that hurts Mrs. Y's good name, what Mrs. X is doing is called

34. If you help your grandmother take off her coat and seat her in a comfortable chair and get her a snack and offer whatever assistance she needs, you are being

35. If snow has fallen and is heaped on the branches of a tree so that they droop under the heaviness, the branches are

Quick LIST

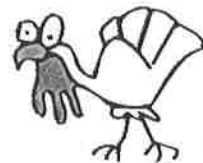
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attentive ADJ.	disruption N.	laden ADJ.	shameless ADJ.
befuddle V.	flamboyant ADJ.	lure N., V.	slander N., V.
	infallible ADJ.	queue N., V.	wholesome ADJ.

Exercise F: Fill-in

Write the **Word** that best completes each sentence. Use each word only once.

36. Tad looked forward to his family's _____ to Marlin Island.
37. The store put up "Clearance Sale" signs to _____ customers.
38. After surgery, patients stay in a recovery room until they _____.
39. Drive-through lanes at fast food restaurants are so _____ that we have come to expect all such restaurants to have them.
40. Before giving me the shot, the nurse used _____ to clean the area of the injection.
41. An accident on a major street can cause a huge _____ in the flow of traffic.
42. The clerk treated customers with such _____ rudeness that few of them ever returned to the store.
43. Ms. Ritchie expects us to be _____ during class, and she calls on any student whose mind appears to be wandering.
44. Amy had to stand in a _____ at the post office for twenty minutes to buy stamps.
45. My baby brother's statements often _____ strangers, but I can understand what he's saying.
46. Turn off the TV and get involved in _____ activities, such as biking or playing a sport.
47. The feud began with one man's _____ against the other, which was followed by a similar falsehood uttered by the victim.
48. We thought our plan was _____, so we were shocked when it didn't work.
49. Michael was _____ with a backpack, a gym bag, and three bags of groceries.
50. With a _____ gesture, the magician pulled a rabbit out of his hat.

chicken



Me

1. They used fowl language.
2. At the barbeque
3. Good, wholesome hentertainment
4. They both weigh a ton!
5. Call him a dumb cluck.
6. There was a disruption on the subway.
7. She couldn't afford a jaunt to Paris.