

Lesson 4

apprehend *ap•ri•HEND* VERB

1. to take into custody; capture; arrest
[The police hope to *apprehend* the suspect soon.]
2. to understand; to grasp with the mind
[It took me a while to *apprehend* what the teacher wanted.]

astound *uh•STOUND* VERB

to greatly amaze; to astonish [This car's speed will *astound* you.]

barren *BAIR•un* ADJECTIVE

not producing anything, such as crops (said of land) or offspring (said of animals) [The dry land had been *barren* for years.]

congestion *kun•JESS•chun* NOUN

an overcrowding; a clogging [*Congestion* on the highway slowed our travel.]

denounce *di•NOUNCE* VERB

to accuse publicly; to criticize strongly
[The senator will *denounce* the president's plan.]

diligent *DIL•uh•junt* ADJECTIVE

hard-working; making a steady effort [Sally is *diligent* about doing her chores.]

dominate *DOM•uh•nate* VERB

to rule by strength or power; to be most important; to control [The leader of the wolf pack *dominates* the other wolves.]

emit *ee•MIT* VERB

1. to send out; to give off [A fire *emits* heat.]
2. to utter [A hungry lion may *emit* a terrifying roar.]

gibberish *JIB•ur•ish* NOUN

meaningless chatter; nonsense [Is he speaking a foreign language or just *gibberish*?]

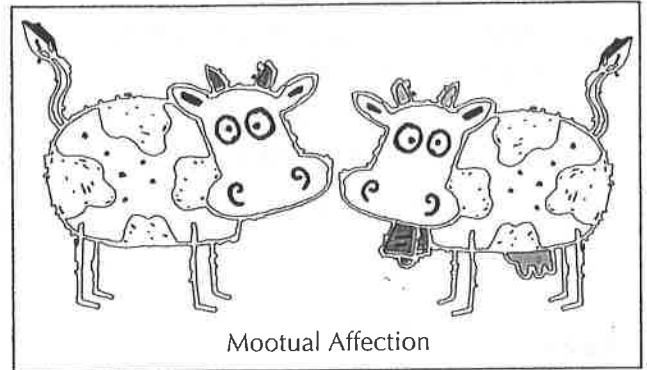
hypocrisy *hih•POK•ruh•see* NOUN

a pretending to be what one is not; saying one thing and doing another [It was *hypocrisy* for a nation that celebrated freedom to allow slavery to exist.]

impenetrable *im•PEN•uh•truh•bul* ADJECTIVE
not capable of being entered or passed through
[The thorny hedge was *impenetrable*.]

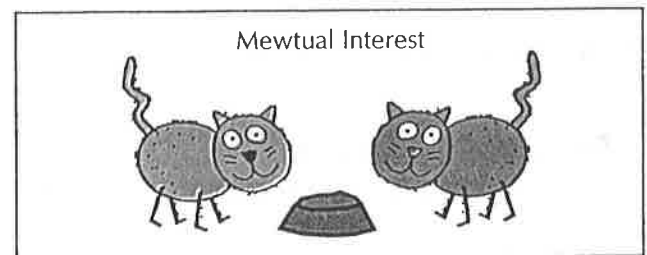
likelihood *LIKE•lee•hood* NOUN

the fact of being likely to happen; something that is likely to happen [What is the *likelihood* that the meeting will start on time?]



mutual *MYOO•choo•ul* ADJECTIVE

1. done or felt by each of two people toward the other [We had a *mutual* affection for one another.]
2. shared by all or common to all [The police and the neighborhood had a *mutual* interest in lowering the crime rate.]



offbeat *OFF•beat* ADJECTIVE

out of the ordinary; different than most; strange
[Pam has an *offbeat* sense of humor.]

terminate *TUR•mi•nate* VERB

1. to put an end to; to bring to an end; to stop
[If there is any lightning, we will have to *terminate* the game.]
2. to come to an end [The celebration will *terminate* with a fireworks display.]

Exercise A: If . . .

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

1. If someone you really love a lot says, "I love you," you might say, "The feeling is ____."
2. If a speeding driver criticizes other people for dangerous driving, that person is showing ____.
3. If everyone tried to leave a very big, full parking lot at the same time, the result would be ____.
4. If a clothes designer wanted to start a brand new fashion, he or she might create clothes that were ____.
5. If you couldn't understand a word someone said, you might say the person spoke ____.

Exercise B: What Is It?

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

6. This describes workers who do their jobs responsibly and well.
7. This is what exists when there is a strong possibility that an event will occur.
8. This is what you do to something when you call a halt to it.
9. This is what armor, bulletproof vests, forts, and safes are supposed to be.
10. This describes a sandy desert or a pear tree that never bears fruit.

Exercise C: Rhyme Time

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

11. When mobs of people slow me down, I always have this question:
How can I get to class on time through halls with such ____?
12. If you trample Mother's flowers, she'll really have a fit.
You'll recognize her horror by the shrieks that she'll ____.
13. Fingerprints are helpful to detectives who intend
To figure out which suspect is the one to ____.
14. "Voting," said the senator, "is central to democracy!"
He didn't vote himself. I think he's guilty of ____.
15. I can't stand bossy people; no, I don't appreciate
Those folks who have to be in charge and always ____.

Exercise D: Synonyms

Write the **Word** that is a synonym for each set of words.

- 16. realize; see; know _____
- 17. solid; dense; thick _____
- 18. conclude; halt; cancel _____
- 19. stun; impress; surprise _____
- 20. odd; unusual; peculiar _____
- 21. govern; direct; command _____

Exercise E: Antonyms

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

- 22. individual; separate; unshared _____
- 23. lazy; careless; undependable _____
- 24. praise; recommend; approve _____
- 25. normal; standard; regular _____
- 26. fertile; productive; rich _____
- 27. begin; start; continue _____
- 28. release; free; let go _____

Exercise F: Completion

Choose the correct answer to complete each sentence. This exercise continues on the next page.

- ___ 29. A pot of boiling water **emits**
A. flames. B. steam. C. food.
- ___ 30. One example of something that is often **gibberish** is
A. applause. B. literature. C. baby talk.
- ___ 31. One thing that a politician is likely to **denounce** is
A. crime. B. voters. C. honesty.
- ___ 32. If something **astounds** you, you are likely to
A. yawn. B. gasp. C. blush.

Question:

Why did the baker decide to terminate his donut business?

Answer: He got sick of the hole thing.

MAN 1: Did your watch stop when you dropped it on the floor?

MAN 2: Well, sure, it did. The floor is impenetrable!

Question:

How could you describe a good worker in a pickle factory?

Answer: Diligent

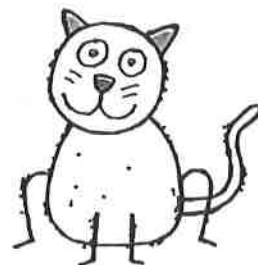
Quick LIST

- apprehend V.
- astound V.
- barren ADJ.
- congestion N.
- denounce V.
- diligent ADJ.
- dominate V.
- emit V.
- gibberish N.
- hypocrisy N.
- impenetrable ADJ.
- likelihood N.
- mutual ADJ.
- offbeat ADJ.
- terminate V.

- ___ 33. If someone else **dominates** a conversation, you might say you couldn't
 A. listen. B. understand. C. get a word in.
- ___ 34. There is a **likelihood** of rain when there is
 A. thunder. B. a dry spell. C. a weather report.
- ___ 35. Someone who is a **diligent** athlete is likely to
 A. cheat. B. practice. C. come in last.

Exercise G: Fill-in

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



36. As the cat's meows got louder, we began to _____ that she wanted her dinner.
37. Mom likes _____ movies that I think are weird, but Dad likes more traditional ones.
38. When volcanoes erupt, they _____ lava, hot gases, and pieces of rock.
39. That band is so popular that there's a _____ that all the tickets for their concert will be sold.
40. I was shocked by Anna's _____ when she lied while criticizing me for not being truthful.
41. The girls used a code that sounded like _____ to me, but they obviously understood each other.
42. One of our three cows is now old and _____, but the other two had calves this spring.
43. The shades and heavy curtains were _____ to sunlight, so the room was completely dark.
44. All that candidate does is _____ his opponent's actions and beliefs; he never has a positive word to say.
45. Lenny, Vic, and Bruce have a _____ interest in bowling, so they often go together.
46. Both Elm Street and Fourth Avenue _____ at the river; only Main Street leads to a bridge.
47. One company used to _____ the market for blue jeans; now, however, many brands compete for sales.
48. News or events that _____ you may leave you speechless with surprise.
49. Sarina is _____ about doing her homework and always turns in completed assignments on time.
50. During rush hour, _____ on the highways through the city slows traffic to a crawl.

Question:
 What terminates everything?

The letter g
Answer: