

Lesson 5 Advanced

abashed uh•BASHD ADJECTIVE
uneasy and somewhat ashamed of oneself
[Melissa was *abashed* by Ken's kindness to her after she had been rude to him.]

balmy BALL•mee or BAH•mee ADJECTIVE
mild, pleasant, and gentle; used in describing weather [I sat on the shore, enjoying a *balmy* breeze off the lake.]

camaraderie kam•uh•RAH•dur•ee NOUN
a feeling of friendship, loyalty, and goodwill
[The team members developed a great deal of *camaraderie* during the long season.]

dawdle DAWD•ul VERB
to waste time on unimportant things or by being slow [We can finish the hike in an hour if no one *dawdles*.]

Two women in a busy café wait impatiently to be served. When a waiter finally appears, they order coffee. "Don't dawdle," one woman adds, "and make sure the cup is clean."

A few minutes later the waiter returns with their coffee. "Okay," he says, "now which one of you gets the clean cup?" ■

irk URK VERB
to annoy or irritate [After a while, Izzy's habit of whistling softly really began to *irk* me.]

manifest MAN•ih•fest
ADJECTIVE clear and evident; obvious [Lisa shook with *manifest* anger over the insult.]
VERB to make clear or reveal; to be evidence of [Rattlesnakes *manifest* their presence with an unmistakable noise.]

onslaught ON•slot NOUN
a violent and intense attack [The soldiers tried to prepare for the coming *onslaught*.]

proponent pruh•POH•nunt NOUN
one who actively supports a cause or idea
[My uncle is a *proponent* of stricter laws for protecting the environment.]

relevant REL•uh•vunt ADJECTIVE
connected or related to what is being discussed or considered [The facts about an event are *relevant* to a news story; the reporter's opinion about the event is not.]

retort ri•TORT
VERB to reply quickly or sharply [If anyone criticizes Mel, he always *retorts* with some kind of insult.]

NOUN a sharp or witty reply [Samuel Johnson, who wrote the first real English dictionary, was famous for coming up with good and often funny *retorts*.]

severity suh•VAIR•uh•tee NOUN
1. strictness; harshness [We knew that Dale would be punished, but the *severity* of the punishment shocked us.]
2. seriousness [The length of a prison term is usually based on the *severity* of the crime.]
3. sharpness, intensity, or violence [When the storm increased in *severity*, it was reclassified as a hurricane.]



squander SKWON•dur VERB
to spend or use foolishly and wastefully
[Every week, Ilyana *squanders* her allowance on magazines and video games.]

testy TESS•tee ADJECTIVE
easily irritated or annoyed [Juliane was a little *testy* this morning, so I kept out of her way.]

unerring un•AIR•ing or un•UR•ing ADJECTIVE
completely accurate; making no mistakes
[Alonzo has an *unerring* sense of what colors look good together.]

vanquish VANG•kwish VERB
to defeat thoroughly; to win a victory over
[For many years, the power of the Roman Empire allowed it to *vanquish* all its enemies and conquer a huge territory.]

USE A WORD ONLY ONE TIME IN EACH EXERCISE.

Exercise A: Rhyme Time

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

1. He's not a very pleasant guest. He
Grumbles, snarls, and seems quite ____.
2. During the test, do not let your mind wander.
Time, at such times, isn't something to ____.
3. Just one sniff and I know what my mother's preparing.
My nose for what's cooking is sharp and ____.
4. Jill bragged that she could jump the curb. Instead, she crashed.
And then she looked both battered and ____.

Exercise B: If...

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

5. If your mother shakes her head and frowns and glares at you when you do something, and there's absolutely no mistaking how she feels, her disapproval is
6. If someone says something mean to you, and you immediately fire back a clever remark in answer, then what you say is a
7. If money just "burns a hole in your pocket," and you buy things you don't really need, and you have no savings, at all, then money is something you
8. If it's not too hot and not too cold, and the air feels soft and soothing, and being outside is just a delight, the day is
9. If you are studying the Civil War, your teacher might encourage you to read novels or watch movies set during the war because what you learned from them would be
10. If you stop and smell the roses and watch a grasshopper and look for four-leaf clovers while you're walking to school, you
11. If an emergency room is very crowded, and not everyone can get treated immediately, the doctors will treat people's injuries and illnesses in order of their
12. If you're part of a group of people you enjoy being with, and you'd help them any time they needed it, you're experiencing
13. If you bumped against a bee hive, and several hundred bees came swarming out of it and buzzed around you and stung you, that would be a kind of

Exercise C: Synonyms

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

- 14. apparent; plain; unmistakable
- 15. backer; enthusiast; defender
- 16. grumpy; grouchy; touchy
- 17. overcome; conquer; beat
- 18. sure-fire; perfect; faultless
- 19. lag; putter; fool around
- 20. bother; pester; bug

Exercise D: Antonyms

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

- 21. hurry; hustle; rush
- 22. soothe; please; comfort
- 23. opponent; enemy; critic
- 24. save; preserve; hold onto
- 25. bitterness; hatred; conflict
- 26. gentleness; mildness; weakness
- 27. unimportant; beside the point; unrelated

Exercise E: What Is It?

Write the **Word** that each clue describes. This exercise continues on the next page.

- 28. During a war or a football game, this is what one side tries to do to the other.
- 29. This describes a short-tempered person.
- 30. This describes more days in Hawaii than in Alaska.
- 31. When children do this rudely, it's called "talking back."
- 32. You do this to someone when you get on that person's nerves.
- 33. If you forgot your best friend's birthday, this is how you'd feel.

Unabashed Retorts

CUSTOMER: Waiter, do you have wild duck?

WAITER: No, but I can take a calm one and irk it for you.

CUSTOMER: I'll have the oysters, but they must not be too big or too tough, and I want them sweet, fresh, and fast.

WAITER: Certainly. And do you want them with or without pearls?

CUSTOMER: There are manifestly far too many roaches in this café!

WAITER: No, I believe I can say unerringly that we have only as many as the city allows.



"I'm already a little irked about being on the menu!"

34. This occurred repeatedly at the Alamo and on D-Day during World War II, and many times in many other wars.
35. You could do this to your reaction to food by making a face when you taste it.

Exercise F: Fill-in

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

36. Worry and a lack of sleep had made Mom _____ and she snapped at everyone who tried to help fix breakfast.
37. Patrick Henry made it clear that he was a _____ of American independence in his "Give me liberty or give me death" speech.
38. One factor that helped the Spanish to _____ the Aztecs was superior weaponry.
39. The day of the picnic was clear and _____, and we were all relieved.
40. Clara's errors on the test were _____ to the conversation she was having with her parents about her grades.
41. A bloodhound's _____ nose allows it to track one particular person, even though many people may have crossed the path.
42. My brother's _____ when I said he was driving me crazy was "Well, that's a short trip!"
43. Rita was _____ by her classmates' loud laughter when she thought she had given the right answer.
44. The _____ of the rules and discipline at Jake's house make it hard for him to get away with anything.
45. My sisters _____ so much every morning that Mom has to get them up an hour earlier than me.
46. Joe tried not to _____ his boredom by yawning, but the dull lecture made it hard to hide his reaction.
47. Interrupting people tends to _____ them, especially if you do it repeatedly.
48. To prepare for the hurricane's _____, townspeople boarded up windows and stocked up on candles and batteries.
49. There was such a great feeling of _____ in our cabin at summer camp that we felt as if we'd been friends for years.
50. Our family has enough money if we don't _____ any of it; but if we aren't careful, we'll run short.

Quick LIST

- abashed ADJ.
 balmy ADJ.
 camaraderie N.
 dawdle V.
 irk V.
 manifest ADJ., V.
 onslaught N.
 proponent N.
 relevant ADJ.
 retort V., N.
 severity N.
 squander V.
 testy ADJ.
 unerring ADJ.
 vanquish V.

Testy Retorts

CUSTOMER: Waiter, your thumb is sticking in my steak!

WAITER: Yes, I didn't want it to fall on the floor again.

CUSTOMER: This isn't fit for a pig!

WAITER: Indeed, sir? I'll go find you something that is!