

Lesson 8 Advanced

allegation *al•uh•GAY•shun* NOUN
a formal, but not yet proved, accusation
[Armand's *allegation* that I stole money from the club treasury is totally untrue!]

animosity *an•uh•MOSS•uh•tee* NOUN
obvious anger or hatred [There is no excuse for showing *animosity* toward members of the other team.]

befitting *bee•FIT•ing* ADJECTIVE
appropriate to; suitable or proper for [That outfit is more *befitting* a casual picnic than a formal dance.]

brevity *BREV•uh•tee* NOUN
shortness of time; briefness [After so many months, I was glad to see my aunt but sorry about the *brevity* of our time together.]

curtail *kur•TAIL* VERB
to put limitations on; to cut short; to reduce
[Having little money will definitely *curtail* our activities this weekend.]

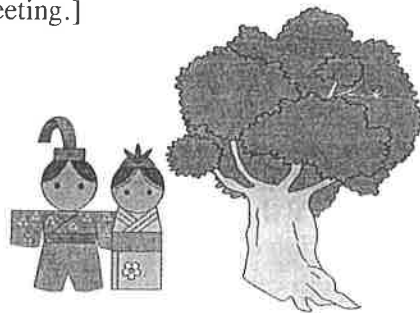
deface *dee•FACE* VERB
to damage or spoil the surface or appearance of
[A child's crayon marks can *deface* a wall.]

frivolous *FRIV•uh•lus* ADJECTIVE
not very important or serious [My cousin is always interested in *frivolous* things like what the latest fashions are.]

impart *im•PART* VERB
1. to give or add something, such as a quality
[Using a flute always seems to *impart* cheerfulness to a melody.]
2. to give information or knowledge [Please *impart* to Helen the time of the meeting.]

Question: What is Japan more proficient at producing than any other country?

Japanese people
Answer:



Question: How might people impart messages to each other deep in the forest?

by Moss Code
Answer:

oppression *uh•PRESH•un* NOUN
1. the act of keeping down by unjust use of power [Thomas Jefferson and many others objected to England's *oppression* of the American colonies.]

2. a sense of being heavily weighed down or troubled [The heat and humidity created an *oppression* that made it hard to work.]

peevish *PEEV•ish* ADJECTIVE
easily annoyed [The children were *peevish* because they missed their nap.]

proficient *proh•FISH•unt* ADJECTIVE
very capable; quite able [A *proficient* writer, Frankie always gets excellent grades on his research papers.]

regress *ri•GRESS* VERB
to go back; to move backward; to return to an earlier condition or behavior [Problems at home made the seven-year-old *regress*, and she went back to sucking her thumb again.]

stodgy *STAH•jee* ADJECTIVE
dull or uninteresting due to being overly traditional or formal; boringly old-fashioned [My uncle is much too *stodgy* to even listen to the kind of music I like, much less dance to it!]

totality *toh•TAL•uh•tee* NOUN
the condition or fact of being complete or total; the total amount [We need to consider the problem in its *totality* in order to figure out how best to deal with it.]

unkempt *un•KEMPT* ADJECTIVE
untidy in a way that results from neglect
[Your hair is looking pretty *unkempt* today.]

Exercise A: Mini-Rhyme Time

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

USE A WORD ONLY ONE TIME IN EACH EXERCISE.

1. Destructive people who throw paint on a room's walls ___ the space.
2. A useful bag that is worthy of holding the scarf a lady is making is one ___ her knitting.
3. A charge that a country has broken an international law is an ___ against a nation.
4. A company that can't afford what it has been spending on postage may have to ___ its mail.
5. To think about every part of a girl's nature and all of her individual qualities would be to consider the ___ of her personality.

Exercise B: Opposites

They say that opposites attract, and these couples are good examples. Complete the sentence about each couple with a **Word**.

6. Bonnie cooks badly, clogs up the vacuum cleaner, and smears the windows. At domestic chores, however, Ronnie is ___.
7. Morris is lively, amusing, bright, and bouncy. He loves to have fun, take chances, and try new things, and he's about as up-to-date as anyone can be. Doris, however, is ___.
8. Pearl is cheerful, even-tempered, patient, and agreeable. No matter what happens, she deals with it in a pleasant way. It seems that nothing upsets her. Earl, however, is ___.
9. Farrell makes changes that are for the better and sticks to them. He keeps on going and making progress. After a few days of improvement, however, Cheryl is likely to ___.
10. Manny shaves every morning, gets regular haircuts, uses his brush and comb often, sews missing buttons on his clothes, and irons his shirts. Fannie, however, is ___.
11. Trudy goes on and on and on when she talks. She is chatty, gabby, and long-winded. She takes forever to say anything. Rudy's remarks, however, are known for their ___.

Exercise C: What Is It?

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

12. Patients do this when they start to get better, then get worse again.
13. This is stated when a person is arrested and charged with a crime.

14. You'd want to find this quality in a speech that bored you. _____
15. Sudden bad weather might do this to a camping trip. _____
16. Graffiti and vandalism do this to property. _____

Exercise D: Yes or No

Circle YES or NO for each statement.

17. Would putting a spice in a stew *impart* a flavor to it? YES NO
18. Are you happy to see people toward whom you feel *animosity*? YES NO
19. Would an old barn be a place *befitting* a conference of world leaders? YES NO
20. Are debts and overdue bills likely to give a person a feeling of *oppression*? YES NO
21. Does a lawn look *unkempt* when it is overgrown and full of weeds? YES NO
22. Would a *stodgy* party be likely to keep all the neighbors awake? YES NO
23. Is an Olympic gold medalist *proficient* at his or her sport? YES NO

Exercise E: Synonyms

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

24. carefree; silly; light _____
25. messy; rumpled; sloppy _____
26. ill will; bitterness; dislike _____
27. professional; qualified; expert _____
28. mistreatment; persecution; abuse _____
29. tell; pass on; communicate _____
30. irritable; touchy; grouchy _____
31. entirety; wholeness; sum _____

Dr. Kato and Dr. Sato shared offices. Although serious and proficient at their work, the two dentists tended to be rather frivolous in their tastes and hoped to move to new, less stodgy offices.

One day Dr. Kato said, "Dr. Sato, I have found a space befitting both the importance of our work and our pleasingly light-hearted approach to it!"

"Splendid, Dr. Kato!" said Dr. Sato. "I have felt an oppression here that, I must admit, has made me peevish. Where is it?"

"On the river, Dr. Sato!" said Dr. Kato. "It is a boat!"

"Marvelous, Dr. Kato!" said Dr. Sato, and they soon began to fix up the

Exercise F: Other Forms of Words

Use what you know about the **Words** to choose the correct answers. This exercise continues on the next page.

- ___ 32. Taxes would be considered *oppressive* if they were
 A. very high. B. not adequate. C. urgently needed.
- ___ 33. If what a boy does *peeves* you, you'd be most likely to
 A. thank him. B. avoid him. C. try to help him.

Quick LIST

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boat, giving extra effort to imparting a sense of fun to its decoration. They even hired a captain to sail it up and down the river while they saw patients.

On opening day, Dr. Kato and Dr. Sato happily stepped out onto the dock to hang their new sign. A model of wit and brevity, it said:

"TOOTH FERRY." ■



"Cool!" said Dr. Kato.
 "In totality!" said Dr. Sato.

- _____ 34. A day of **frivolity** might include a visit to
 A. a prison. B. a lecture. C. an amusement park.
- _____ 35. If you **allege** that a woman committed a crime, you are saying
 A. she did it. B. she's innocent. C. you have proof.

Exercise G: Fill-in

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

36. His study habits improved, but he began to _____ after a while and was soon back to his old, lazy ways.
37. Buying fashion magazines seems to be a _____ use of money when there isn't enough food in the house.
38. Our family's new budget requires us to _____ our expenses.
39. Photographs of the boss's family _____ a warmth to his office.
40. The cats showed such _____ toward each other that I feared they would fight.
41. Dad looked _____ after a week of camping, but with a shower and fresh clothes, he was his normal, tidy self again.
42. Jilana is _____ in both Italian and English, having lived for long periods in both Italy and Britain.
43. The _____ of the Russian people by the czars eventually led to the Russian Revolution.
44. Don't _____ the library books by writing in them or underlining passages.
45. Luca was _____, snapping at me about every little thing; I guess he got up on the wrong side of bed.
46. Due to the _____ of our coach's instructions, we didn't need all the time allowed during our time out.
47. The mayor denied the _____ that she had accepted bribes while in office.
48. I wanted to dress in a way _____ the occasion, but I really couldn't afford anything new.
49. We soon realized that Yolanda was just too _____ to lighten up and get into the spirit of the party.
50. Although each task was a simple one, the _____ of the effort was huge because there were so many tasks.