

# Lesson 9 *Advanced*

## **acclaim** uh•KLAIM

VERB to greet with loud approval; to praise with enthusiasm [The audience cheered to *acclaim* the band's performance.]

NOUN very high praise [The man's heroism earned him national *acclaim*.]

## **cringe** KRINJ VERB

to draw back from something that is painful, unpleasant, frightening, or dangerous

[A puppy is likely to *cringe* if an older dog growls and snaps at it.]

## **deluge** DEL•yooj

NOUN 1. a very heavy rainfall [The forecast warned of a *deluge* that could flood the area.]

NOUN 2. an overwhelming rush of anything [The factory had to hire more workers to deal with a *deluge* of orders.]

VERB 1. to flood [A tidal wave can *deluge* a seacoast.]

VERB 2. to overwhelm [Fans began to *deluge* the star with autograph requests.]

## **envision** en•VIZH•un VERB

to form a mental picture; to imagine [It's hard to *envision* Uncle Jasper as a goofy teenager.]

## **horrendous** hor•REN•dus ADJECTIVE

horrible; terrible [I'm not surprised that café closed; the food and service were *horrendous*.]

## **invaluable** in•VAL•yuh•bul ADJECTIVE

having a value so great that it cannot be measured; extremely valuable [Having a friend to talk to in tough times is *invaluable*.]

## **nurture** NUR•chur VERB

to help someone or something grow and develop [We tried to *nurture* Jerry's talent by sending him to a good theater school.]

## **prohibitive** proh•HIB•uh•tiv ADJECTIVE

likely to prevent [LuWanda has a roommate because the cost of living alone is *prohibitive*.]

## **quandary** KWON•dree NOUN

a condition of confusion or doubt due to being faced with a difficult situation [Ashley was in a *quandary* when the bus left without her.]

## **regal** REE•gul ADJECTIVE

characteristic of, or suitable for, a king or queen; splendid and dignified; royal [The hotel's ballroom has a *regal* magnificence.]

## **scapegoat** SKAPE•goat NOUN

one who is blamed, or takes the blame, for the wrong actions of another [Robbie was often the *scapegoat* for his brothers' misbehavior.]

## **skulk** SKULK VERB

to move about in a sneaky way in order to remain hidden or unnoticed [If you see anyone *skulk* around our house while we're away, would you call the police?]

The burglar used trees as a screen  
In an effort to get away clean.  
But he had too much bulk  
To successfully skulk,  
And he couldn't avoid being seen.

## **tart** TART ADJECTIVE

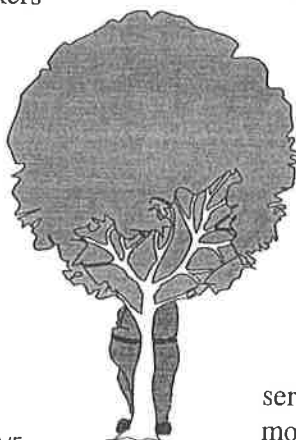
1. a sharp or sour taste [The dish was served with a really *tart* sauce that made my mouth pucker.]
2. sharp in tone or meaning [Aunt Louise's *tart* remark about my muddy shoes sent me scurrying to take them off.]

## **unwary** un•WAIR•ee ADJECTIVE

not aware of danger; not watchful or cautious [The dishonest store owner cheated *unwary* customers out of thousands of dollars.]

## **versatile** VUR•suh•til ADJECTIVE

1. having many different skills or talents [Mara is a *versatile* performer who can sing, dance, and act.]
2. having many uses [A cowboy's neck scarf is a *versatile* item; it can serve as a dust mask, handkerchief, or bandage, as well as a scarf.]



**Exercise A: Put It Briefly**

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

USE A **WORD** ONLY ONE  
TIME IN EACH EXERCISE.

1. Yesterday when my buddy broke a window and ran, I got nabbed; when the dog ate a box of cookies, Mom assumed I had done it; when my sister tracked dirt all over the living room, Dad yelled at me. *Briefly*, yesterday I was a .....
2. More and more letters poured in, arriving in bags and bins until they covered every table and desk and spilled onto the floor, where they piled up in stacks and heaps. *Briefly*, the mail became a .....
3. In responding, the woman's voice was crisp and brisk, with an edge to it; she made a pointed remark that let everyone know she wasn't going to put up with any nonsense. *Briefly*, her reply was .....
4. My uncle made rules including no snacks before dinner; no TV or piano playing; no feet on the couch; no exploring in the attic; no handling of tools; and no yelling. *Briefly*, all his rules were .....

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**Exercise B: Antonyms**

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

5. limited; narrow; specific
6. mild; mellow; sweet
7. careful; suspicious; alert
8. worthless; unimportant; useless
9. wonderful; excellent; superb
10. restrict; neglect; harm

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**A Sprinkle  
of Questions**

1. What do criminals do when a city is deluged?
2. What happened to the river during the deluge?
3. How do you know when a deluge is going to be really, really bad?
4. After an area has been totally deluged, where is the water the deepest?

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**Exercise C: Synonyms**

Write the **Word** that could be used in place of each underlined word or phrase. This exercise continues on the next page.

11. I was impressed by the noble and majestic way she carried herself.
12. Don't shrink away when the horse nuzzles you; he won't bite you.
13. If I see a man creep down a dark alley, I figure he's up to no good.
14. This handy, multipurpose tool can help with many repair jobs.
15. A clear, detailed description helps listeners visualize a scene.

16. Ralph told me about the predicament he found himself in.

17. She set a trap to catch the next unsuspecting passerby.

18. The firefighters' brave efforts deserve our applause.

19. Your loyalty and help are very precious to me.

20. We saw a dreadful traffic accident.

Nature  
nurtures.



Nurture  
nature.

### Exercise D: Questions

Write the **Word** that best answers the question.

21. What kind of residence is a palace?

22. What do gardeners do to young plants?

23. What does camouflage clothing help a soldier do?

24. What kind of price keeps you from making a purchase?

25. What will a lake do to the area near a dam if the dam breaks?

26. What are you in when you're in a pickle, a jam, or hot water?

27. What do you do to something if you see it in your "mind's eye"?

28. What do people often do when they are splashed with icy water?

29. What kind of person can build houses, write songs, and make pie?

30. What's the word for someone who is seen as being guilty but isn't?

### Exercise E: Analogies

Write the letter of the word that completes the analogy.

\_\_\_ 31. *drizzle* : **deluge** :: *murmur* :

- A. shout      B. giggle      C. secret      D. trickle

\_\_\_ 32. **acclaim** : *boo* :: *give* :

- A. send      B. praise      C. donate      D. receive

\_\_\_ 33. *move* : **skulk** :: *listen* :

- A. hear      B. speak      C. whisper      D. eavesdrop

\_\_\_ 34. *valuable* : **invaluable** :: *afraid* :

- A. shy      B. unafraid      C. terrified      D. concerned

\_\_\_ 35. *sweet* : *fudge* :: **tart** :

- A. salt      B. sugar      C. lemon      D. watermelon

**Horrendous  
Answers to a  
Sprinkle of  
Questions:**

1. They go on a crime wave.
2. It got too big for its bridges.
3. Sparrows start sandbagging their nests.
4. At the bottom

**Exercise F: Fill-in**

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

36. The pickpocket was successful in stealing from \_\_\_\_\_ people in the crowd.
37. The man's request was pleasant, but something \_\_\_\_\_ in his manner made me feel he was used to being instantly obeyed.
38. The sharp sound of a car backfiring made me \_\_\_\_\_ and look around in momentary panic.
39. Sara gazed at the store display, trying to \_\_\_\_\_ how the skirt would look with her favorite sweater.
40. Cameron's training as a lifeguard was \_\_\_\_\_ when his friend fell overboard while they were sailing.
41. If the time required were not so \_\_\_\_\_, Mia would take the train across the country instead of flying.
42. I don't understand the critics' \_\_\_\_\_ for that film; I found it boring and ridiculous.
43. Alana found herself in the \_\_\_\_\_ of not knowing whom to trust or where to turn for help.
44. The coach became the \_\_\_\_\_ for the team's losses even though he wasn't to blame.
45. Good parents \_\_\_\_\_ their children's minds as well as their bodies.
46. If customers \_\_\_\_\_ the store with complaints, maybe that rude clerk will get fired.
47. I bought a \_\_\_\_\_ kitchen gadget that chops, grinds, and mixes food.
48. Rachel's \_\_\_\_\_ reply to my repeated questions showed her irritation and impatience.
49. Foxes \_\_\_\_\_ around the chicken coop at night, but they never show up during the day.
50. The \_\_\_\_\_ battle that took place at Shiloh was one of the worst in the Civil War.

**Question:**  
What is it when a regal person has a sore throat and starts acting like a whiny little crybaby?



*"My regal throat hurts! Where are my [Cough!] cough drops? I want my mommy!"*

**Quick LIST**

acclaim v., n.	envision v.	prohibitive adj.	skulk v.
cringe v.	horrendous adj.	quandary n.	tart adj.
deluge n., v.	invaluable adj.	regal adj.	unwary adj.
	nurture v.	scapegoat n.	versatile adj.

**Answer:**  
A royal pain in the neck