

Lesson 11 Advanced

attire uh•TIRE

VERB to dress; to clothe [I'm not sure how to *attire* myself for such a fancy party.]

NOUN clothes [A torn T-shirt is not suitable *attire* for that restaurant.]

chronic KRON•ik ADJECTIVE

1. lasting a long time or coming back again and again [I've suffered from a *chronic* cold.]

2. continual or done by habit [Kevin whines all the time; he's just a *chronic* complainer.]

distort dis•TORT VERB

1. to change from a natural shape [A curved mirror *distorts* one's reflection.]

2. to change from what is true; to fail to truly represent [When you quote only part of what someone says, you may *distort* the meaning.]

docile DOSS•ul ADJECTIVE

gentle, obedient, and trainable; easy to deal with [Golden retrievers are active and energetic but *docile* dogs.]

doleful DOLE•ful ADJECTIVE

full of sorrow or sadness [With a *doleful* face, the boy watched his friend's family pack as they prepared to move across the country.]

fallacy FAL•uh•see NOUN

1. a false or mistaken idea, belief, or opinion [Columbus knew that the belief that the earth was flat was a *fallacy*.]

2. an error in reasoning; incorrect reasoning [Diego tried to point out the *fallacy* in Jeff's argument, but Jeff couldn't see it.]

fruitful FRUIT•ful ADJECTIVE

producing results; successful [A bake sale may be a *fruitful* way to raise the money we need.]

immobile ih•MOH•bul ADJECTIVE

1. not movable [Setting the fence posts into concrete will keep them *immobile*.]

2. motionless; not moving [It's best to remain *immobile* while you're getting a haircut.]

indignation in•dig•NAY•shun NOUN

deep anger about something that seems wrong, unjust, or mean [The accusation that he was lying filled Hector with *indignation*.]

ostracize OSS•truh•size VERB

to exclude or keep out; to refuse to have anything to do with [Larry knew that if he told on the other boys, they would *ostracize* him.]

pompous POM•puss ADJECTIVE

showing too great an opinion of one's own importance; having an exaggerated idea of one's own dignity [He's too *pompous* to allow anyone to call him by his first name.]

revoke ri•VOKE VERB

to take back or bring to an end something that has been given or permitted, such as a right, agreement, or privilege [Will the traffic court judge *revoke* Zeke's driver's license?]

snare SNAIR

NOUN a trap used to catch small animals or something that works as a trap by being tempting or attractive [Police detectives used the precious gems as a *snare* to help them capture the burglar.]

VERB to catch in a snare or trap [We must try to *snare* the fox that raids our chicken coop.]

splurge SPLURJ

VERB to spend freely or too freely; to be extravagant [Jim decided to *splurge* and get the jacket he liked even though he didn't need it.]

NOUN wild spending; an unnecessary expense or luxury [Staying in such a fancy hotel was a *splurge*, but we enjoyed it.]

wince WINCE

VERB to shrink or draw back slightly from something in disgust, pain, or fear [Joey didn't cry, but he did *wince* when he got the shot.]

NOUN the act of wincing [At the recital, I could see the piano teacher's *wince* each time a pupil hit the wrong key.]

Exercise A: Mini-Rhyme Time

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

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

1. Thorny branches will stop you if they ___ your hair.
2. A desire to overdo it with purchases is an urge to ___.
3. A duke who is totally paralyzed by fear is a truly ___ noble.
4. Nothing in my closet fits; I need to go shopping to acquire ___.

Exercise B: Antonyms

Write the **Word** that means the opposite of each underlined word or phrase.

How? Well, doc,
there wath thith
thnare out in the
woodth, and my pal
Tham thaid,
"I dare you . . ."



Huh? But, doctor,
if I keep my tongue
immobile, how can
I thpeak clearly?

5. The losing team was ___, but the winners were joyous.
6. Some of the children were ___; others were wild and uncontrollable.
7. I couldn't find a single ___ in Cal's thought process; it showed perfect logic.
8. Is this pain in your back a ___ problem, or is it temporary and infrequent?
9. Credit cards can ___ people into debts from which they cannot free themselves.
10. One side reacted to the verdict with ___, the other with pleased approval.
11. Dad decided to ___ my later curfew, but he will restore it if my grades improve.

Exercise C: What It Is Not

Write the **Word** that belongs in each blank.

12. A burro that bites, kicks, and refuses to move when it's supposed to is NOT
13. A man who is thoughtful and humble and modest is NOT
14. Elephants really do have very long memories; that is NOT a
15. Buying food and medicine for a sick, hungry child is NOT a
16. When a man who rarely lies does tell a lie, his lying is NOT
17. When your efforts are useless and do no good, they are NOT

Exercise D: Synonyms

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

- 18. The children were safe with the tame and mild pony.
- 19. Marco spent quite a while choosing his outfit for the day.
- 20. Any little pressure on my broken arm made me flinch slightly.
- 21. The howling of the wolves sounded heart-breakingly mournful.
- 22. Jose has repeated ear infections and must visit the doctor often.
- 23. Alan's voice when he said "How *dare* you!" showed his outrage.
- 24. The cat sat completely still for so long that it looked like a statue.
- 25. I think our efforts would be more effective if we worked together.
- 26. Bret was able to twist the meaning of what I said by repeating only part of it.
- 27. The government can cancel the passport of someone who is waiting to go on trial.
- 28. In the rabbit's struggle to escape, the coiled vine worked as a noose, tightening around its leg.
- 29. Because of the gossip, neighbors began to reject and shut out the entire family.

Exercise E: If . . .

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

- 30. If you're afraid of toads because you think that touching one will give you warts, your fear is based on a
- 31. If a man behaves in a "high-and-mighty," stuck-up, superior way and thinks he deserves great respect all the time, he is
- 32. If you make a funny face by squinting and twisting your mouth down on one side and up on the other, your face is something you
- 33. If a sound really bothers you, such as fingernails on a blackboard or a high shriek, you would probably react with a
- 34. If it is important that a table stay firmly in the same place so that it can't be budged, you might bolt it to the floor to make it
- 35. If people turn their backs on Mr. X and won't include him in activities and act as if he doesn't exist, Mr. X is someone they

If the stupid joke that used to be in this spot hadn't been *revoked*, it would have made you *wince*.

Exercise F: Fill-in

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

36. The _____ expression on Victor's face made me ask why he was so unhappy.
37. The speaker was so _____ that he expected everyone to stand up when he was introduced.
38. Great anger or pain can _____ a person's face, making it look quite different.
39. As long as the butterfly was _____, it was hard to see; but we all noticed it as it flew away.
40. Carl's voice was sharp with _____ when he objected to the way he'd been treated.
41. Joshua felt that a tie was a necessary part of his _____ for the job interview.
42. When Lee's friends hear what he did, will they _____ him and stop inviting him to do things with them?
43. Greg released a bird he had found caught in a _____ and watched it disappear among the trees.
44. Our fishing vacation was quite _____; we caught enough for several meals.
45. For weeks, Ray has had a _____ cough that just will not go away.
46. The paramedics had to _____ when they saw the accident victims' terrible injuries.
47. The high school will _____ the parking pass of any student whose car blocks the fire lane.
48. Matthew is a sweet, _____ little boy who does exactly what he's told to do.
49. If John continues to _____ on expensive clothes, his bank account will soon be empty.
50. It's a _____ that dogs have cleaner mouths than we humans do; their mouths just contain different germs.

Question: Is a dog better attired in summer or in winter?



Answer: Summer. A dog has a coat in the winter, but in the summer it has a coat and pants.

A man in Cleveland, Ohio, asks his doctor to advise him about his chronic weight problem.

The doctor says, "My guess is that you are too immobile. I think walking two miles a day may be fruitful exercise."

Months later, the man calls the doctor and says in a doleful voice, "Okay, I'm at the Atlantic Ocean. What now?" ■



Quick LIST

attire v., n.
chronic adj.
distort v.

docile adj.
doleful adj.
fallacy n.
fruitful adj.

immobile adj.
indignation n.
ostracize v.
pompous adj.

revoke v.
snare n., v.
splurge v., n.
wince v., n.