

Lesson 12 Advanced

acquisition ak•wuh•ZISH•un NOUN

something acquired; something one gets or gains [We hadn't realized how much our lives would change with the *acquisition* of a puppy.]

admonish ad•MON•ish VERB

1. to scold gently [My dad is sure to *admonish* me if I use bad table manners.]
2. to caution, warn, or advise someone about his or her behavior or duties [Parents should *admonish* their children not to open the door to strangers.]

botch BOTCH

VERB to spoil by poor or clumsy work; to repair badly [If I try to fix the car myself, I may *botch* the job.]

NOUN a poor or clumsy piece of work [In her rush, Olive made a *botch* of fixing dinner.]

congenial kun•JEEN•yul ADJECTIVE

1. friendly, agreeable, and pleasant [I sat with a *congenial* girl who made me feel welcome.]
2. able to get along; having similar likes and dislikes [Luther and Ted are a *congenial* pair and do many things together.]

cope KOPE VERB

to deal with something successfully; to overcome difficulties [Mom sometimes finds it hard to *cope* with raising three children alone while she also has a job.]

deceptive di•SEP•tiv ADJECTIVE

misleading or deceiving or meant to mislead or deceive [The ice looked safe, but its appearance was *deceptive* because there were patches where it was very thin.]

detest di•TEST VERB

to strongly dislike; to hate [I *detest* that ugly shade of green.]

expertise ek•spur•TEEZ NOUN

the skill or special knowledge of an expert [Steve has developed real *expertise* as a cook.]

grim GRIM ADJECTIVE

1. appearing stern or harsh; cold and forbidding [When LaVon came home late, his father met him at the door with a *grim* face.]
2. not giving in; unyielding [With *grim* determination, the exploration party plodded on through the deepening snow.]
3. without hope; cheerless; depressing; gloomy [When Phil lost his job and his house burned down, life seemed quite *grim*.]

inhibit in•HIB•it VERB

to hold back; to hinder or make difficult [A sense of fairness should *inhibit* people from taking more than their share.]

lurch LURCH

VERB to move suddenly in an irregular and unsteady way; to suddenly roll, stagger, or rock [I caught my heel in the carpet, making me *lurch* into the room.]

NOUN a lurching movement [The roller coaster gave a *lurch* and then began to move more smoothly.]

nutritious nu•TRISH•us ADJECTIVE

providing the substances needed for growth and health [Candy bars may be delicious, but they do not make a *nutritious* meal.]

pang PANG NOUN

a sudden, sharp feeling of pain, either physical or emotional [When I landed, I felt a *pang* in my ankle.]

roundabout ROUND•uh•bout ADJECTIVE

not by the shortest route or quickest method; not direct [The main roads were clogged with traffic, so we had to take a longer, *roundabout* route to the shopping mall.]

unseemly un•SEEM•lee ADJECTIVE

not proper or decent; not in agreement with accepted standards of good taste [I stared at Maureen, shocked by her *unseemly* giggling during the memorial service.]

Exercise C: Antonyms

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

- 19. love; admire; adore _____
- 20. fail; surrender; give up _____
- 21. truthful; trustworthy; honest _____
- 22. respectable; appropriate; dignified _____
- 23. success; triumph; achievement _____
- 24. encourage; permit; allow _____
- 25. mean; cold; antisocial _____

Quick LIST

- acquisition N.
- admonish V.
- botch V., N.
- congenial ADJ.
- cope V.
- deceptive ADJ.
- detest V.
- expertise N.
- grim ADJ.
- inhibit V.
- lurch V., N.
- nutritious ADJ.
- pang N.
- roundabout ADJ.
- unseemly ADJ.

Exercise D: Rhyme Time

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

- 26. My life seems overwhelming. I just hope
That I can somehow find the strength to ____.
- 27. Was her behavior crude? I'd say, extremely!
For everything she did was quite ____!
- 28. The boat is sinking fast, and I have never learned to swim.
I've got to say, right now, the future's looking pretty ____.
- 29. The milk and mayonnaise are warm; the ice cubes will not freeze.
We need a worker with refrigeration ____!

Exercise E: Yes or No

Circle YES or NO for each statement.

- 30. Is it a good idea to ask for a raise on a day
when your boss looks particularly **grim**? YES NO
- 31. Do **deceptive** ads give people a false impression? YES NO
- 32. Would people think it was **unseemly** for a
man to remarry a week after his wife died? YES NO
- 33. Are doughnuts and a soft drink a **nutritious** meal? YES NO
- 34. Does a baseball card collector have an
interest in the **acquisition** of baseball cards? YES NO
- 35. Is a person likely to enjoy experiencing a **pang**? YES NO

Question:

When a girl slips and falls on ice, what inhibits her brother from helping her get up?

Answer: He can't assist her too.

Exercise F: Fill-in

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

36. Some senators claimed that higher import taxes would _____ international trade.
37. This highway will take you straight there, but the _____ route is prettier if you have time to take it.
38. People in the crowded refugee camp had a _____ existence, because food and medicine were so scarce.
39. A bowl of whole-grain cereal is even more _____ when you add fresh fruit to it.
40. Careless workers are more likely to _____ a job than careful workers are.
41. A wave made my little rowboat _____ to one side and threw me off balance.
42. The man's kindly attitude was _____, for he wanted to harm, not help, the stranger.
43. The eight travelers were a _____ group and enjoyed being together for the voyage.
44. Her main concern was the _____ of wealth, and she worked steadily to achieve it.
45. It was difficult for Bart to _____ with the demands of his job after a poor night's sleep.
46. Does that pilot have the _____ necessary to fly in these stormy conditions?
47. Parents should always _____ their children for failing to thank people for gifts.
48. Anna experienced a _____ of guilt about hurting her friend's feelings.
49. We thought it was _____ to be so high-spirited on the day of the tragedy.
50. I really, truly _____ the taste of that medicine and can hardly make myself swallow it.



CUSTOMER (left): I'd like to try on that dress in the window.

CLERK (right): Okay, but surely it would be less unseemly if you used the dressing room like everyone else.

CUSTOMER: Don't call me Shirley. I detest that.

Exercise G: Writing

What three things would you **admonish** people for or about? Do it now in **THREE** sentences, each using one **Word**. Think in terms of bad habits and annoying behaviors, but write advice that's good for everyone. Here's an example: "A simple question deserves a simple answer, not a long, *roundabout* explanation or opinion."