# 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.]

## USF A WORD ONLY ONE Exercise A: Matching TIME IN EACH EXERCISE. Match each phrase on the left to the phrase on the right that means the same, or nearly the same, thing. 1. admonish an advisor A. restrict the residents B. necessary know-how 2. a roundabout route C. a proper purchase 3. a *congenial* contributor D. criticize a counselor 4. essential expertise E. a winding way 5. an acceptable acquisition F. sway sideways suddenly 6. **botch** the blending Question: What did the surgeon G. mess up the mixing 7. *inhibit* the inhabitants say to the patient after botching the operation? H. a good-natured giver 8. *lurch* to the left ont of you!" wore than enough Exercise B: Synonyms Answer: "That is Write the Word that could be used in place of each underlined word or phrase. 9. Milk is one of the most healthful foods that people can consume, no matter what age they are. 10. I believed Margie completely, not realizing that her description of what happened was untrue. 11. Although their enemies were powerful, the soldiers fought on with firm courage. 12. I suffered a strong sensation of discomfort of homesickness when I heard Mom's voice. 13. It's hard to get children (or anyone else) to eat food that they truly can't stand. 14. The train started forward with a jerk, and a standing passenger nearly landed in my lap. 15. Sophie's parents always <u>caution</u> her to look both ways before she crosses any street. 16. If Grandma has to live alone in that big house, I don't know how she can manage. 17. After saving for years, my parents are ready to pursue the ownership of a home

18. Ned's way of solving the problem was not the most efficient, but he

eventually got the answer.

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				Quick LIST acquisition N. admonish V. botch V., N. congenial ADJ. cope V.					
				deceptive ADJ. detest V. expertise N. grim ADJ. inhibit V.					
					24. encourage; permit; allow				lurch V., N.
					25. mean; cold; antisocial				nutritious ADJ. pang N.
xercise D: Rhyme Time  Vrite the Word that best completes each rhyme.				roundabout ADJ, unseemly ADJ.					
26. My life seems overwhelming. I just hope That I can somehow find the strength to _									
27. Was her behavior crude? I'd say, extreme For everything she did was quite!	ly!								
28. The boat is sinking fast, and I have never I've got to say, right now, the future's look									
29. The milk and mayonnaise are warm; the i We need a worker with refrigeration!	ce cubes will not fr	eeze.	2	9					
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 <i>grim</i> ?		YES	NO	Question: When a girl slips and falls on ice, what inhibits her brother from help- ing her get up?					
31. Do <b>deceptive</b> ads give people a false impr	ression?	YES	NO						
32. Would people think it was <i>unseemly</i> for a man to remarry a week after his wife died		YES	NO						
33. Are doughnuts and a soft drink a <i>nutritiou</i>	s meal?	YES	NO	Answer: He can't be a brother and assist her too.					
34. Does a baseball card collector have an interest in the <i>acquisition</i> of baseball card	5 <b>?</b>	YES	NO						
$35_{\odot}$ Is a person likely to enjoy experiencing a $ ho$	pang?	YES	NO						

# 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.

# 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."



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.