

# Lesson 13 *Advanced*

**align** uh•LINE VERB

1. to arrange or adjust in a straight line; to arrange things to be in the proper relationship with each other [When parking a car, *align* the wheels with the curb.]
2. to join or cooperate with others for or against a cause [I'll *align* myself with the students who want a longer lunch period.]

**conducive** kun•DOO•siv ADJECTIVE

to lead or contribute (to an effect) [A gentle rocking motion is *conducive* to sleep.]

**continuity** kon•tuh•NOO•uh•tee NOUN

the state of being unchanged over time [An old mill on the river at the edge of downtown gave the town a feeling of *continuity*.]

**daft** DAFT ADJECTIVE

extremely foolish or silly; crazy [Ignore Mabel's latest idea; it is totally *daft*.]

### Daft Poem 1

Excuse me, but I  
think it's daft  
To use concrete  
to make a raft.

**epitome** ee•PIT•uh•mee NOUN

a person or thing that has all the typical qualities of something [Her clothes are the *epitome* of good taste.]

**facility** fuh•SIL•uh•tee NOUN

1. the ability to do something easily [Basil has a *facility* for making friends.]
2. equipment that makes some activity possible or easier; usually used in the plural [Our school has the *facilities* for science lab work.]
3. a building, room, or area for some activity [The city council voted to approve construction of the proposed new health care *facility*.]

**gallivant** GAL•uh•vant VERB

to go here and there in search of amusement [My friends went out to *gallivant* around town, but I had to study.]

**incredulous** in•KREJ•uh•luss ADJECTIVE

unwilling or unable to believe [Ravi gave me an *incredulous* stare when I told him the news.]

**jargon** JAR•gun NOUN

the special language used in a particular field of interest or activity [In baseball *jargon*, a "rope" is a long line drive.]

**mollify** MOL•uh•fy VERB

to make less angry [Verleen tried to *mollify* the director by promising she'd never be late for rehearsal again.]

**momentum** moh•MEN•tum NOUN

the force with which something moves [The wagon gained *momentum* as it moved down the steep hill.]

**repercussion** ree•pur•KUSH•un NOUN

something that happens as an effect of or reaction to an event or action; often used in the plural [One of the *repercussions* of building so much new housing in our suburb has been overcrowded schools.]

### Daft Poem 2

The revolution  
of the Russians  
Had some nasty  
repercussions.

**smolder** SMOLE•dur VERB

1. to burn and smoke without flame [The logs were damp, and the fire would only *smolder*.]
2. to exist in a state of hidden or tightly controlled activity [Bert's desire for revenge continued to *smolder* while he waited for his chance to get even.]

**stoic** STOH•ik

NOUN someone who controls his or her emotions, accepts whatever happens, and remains calm in spite of pain or suffering [Everyone was amazed that Simone could be such a *stoic* during her illness.]

ADJECTIVE unemotional; calm and unbothered by suffering; self-controlled [It was bitterly cold, but Misha walked on in *stoic* silence.]

**vile** VILE ADJECTIVE

disgustingly bad [That movie is so *vile* that I can't believe anyone can sit through it.]

## Exercise A: What Is It?

Write the **Word** that each clue describes.

1. This is easy for some people to understand but hard for others. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Barbecue coals do this for a time after the flames die down. \_\_\_\_\_
3. The more of this a thing has, the harder it is to stop it. \_\_\_\_\_
4. This is one thing people get from having traditions. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Teenagers sometimes go to a mall to do this. \_\_\_\_\_

USE A WORD ONLY ONE TIME IN EACH EXERCISE.

## Exercise B: Rhyme Time

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

6. What is this dinner? Roasted crocodile?  
I've never tasted anything so \_\_\_\_! \_\_\_\_\_
7. The gymnast had such skill and flexibility  
That she did every stunt with great \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_
8. My sister's teeth are perfect, but not mine.  
Though, after I've had braces, they'll \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_
9. He laughs, he sobs, but he is still heroic.  
Who thinks today that courage must be \_\_\_\_? \_\_\_\_\_
10. I'd like to go to parties and arcades, but I just can't.  
I do not have the time to \_\_\_\_! \_\_\_\_\_

### Daft

### Poem 3

Mary's doctor  
often told her  
Not to let her anger  
smolder. So she took  
some actions bolder.  
Now a prison cell  
will hold her  
Till she's gotten  
much, much  
older.



## Exercise C: Antonyms

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

11. Don't be sassy and stir up your parents even further; try to \_\_\_\_ them by apologizing. \_\_\_\_\_
12. I tried to separate myself from Moe and Rena's activities because I didn't want to \_\_\_\_ myself with such troublemakers. \_\_\_\_\_
13. Come up with one sensible suggestion instead of all these \_\_\_\_ ones. \_\_\_\_\_
14. Gayle's reaction to the salesman was trusting, but Alicia was \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_
15. Anger may burst out in loud words or just \_\_\_\_ under the surface. \_\_\_\_\_
16. Clyde is such a crybaby; I wish he could be more of a \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_
17. Is soft music harmful to your concentration or \_\_\_\_ to it? \_\_\_\_\_

### Exercise D: True or False

Circle TRUE or FALSE for each statement.

- 18. One who is the *epitome* of fashion may qualify for a "best dressed" award. . . . . TRUE FALSE
- 19. Getting a good job is a likely *repercussion* of dropping out of school. . . . . TRUE FALSE
- 20. A playground's *facilities* might include swings and jungle gyms. . . . . TRUE FALSE
- 21. Eating only sugary foods would be *conducive* to good health. . . . . TRUE FALSE
- 22. A ringing alarm breaks the *continuity* of one's sleep. . . . . TRUE FALSE
- 23. A driver uses brakes to increase *momentum*. . . . . TRUE FALSE

### Exercise E: Analogies

Write the letter of the word that completes the analogy.

- \_\_\_ 24. *cold : cool :: daft :*  
A. sick            B. silly            C. mean            D. clumsy
- \_\_\_ 25. *delightful : vile :: long :*  
A. dull            B. good            C. short            D. endless
- \_\_\_ 26. *uniform : clothing :: jargon :*  
A. belief            B. singing            C. language            D. occupation
- \_\_\_ 27. *mollify : anger :: dim :*  
A. lights            B. flames            C. tantrum            D. evening

#### Daft Poem 4

Kyle ran a  
Mile from a  
Vile rep-  
Tile.



"Me? Vile? I think I  
deserve an apology."

### Exercise F: Synonyms

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

- 28. Please put the books on the shelf so their spines are even with the edge. \_\_\_\_\_
- 29. Okay, so you think my plan is nuts; that doesn't mean I can't make it work. \_\_\_\_\_
- 30. "Paying attention is generally helpful to learning," said Ms. Green sternly. \_\_\_\_\_
- 31. One result of the flood was that people lost their jobs at businesses damaged by it. \_\_\_\_\_
- 32. The coach's doubtful comment indicated he thought my excuse was suspicious. \_\_\_\_\_

#### Daft Poem 5

"I'm sorry"  
will not  
qualify.  
My rage it  
will not  
mollify.  
My mood it  
will not  
jollify.

33. A particularly gross color combination is brown and lime green. \_\_\_\_\_
34. Elena's skill and efficiency at drawing is absolutely amazing. \_\_\_\_\_
35. That player is the perfect example of good sportsmanship. \_\_\_\_\_

## Exercise G: Fill-in

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

36. Did people think the Wright brothers were \_\_\_\_\_ when they said they were building a flying machine?
37. A child might suffer from a lack of \_\_\_\_\_ in life if his or her family moves often.
38. I tried not to show how \_\_\_\_\_ I was, but I truly did not believe a word he said.
39. Would you \_\_\_\_\_ the edges of the cloth so that I can pin them together?
40. A campfire may \_\_\_\_\_ even after you think it's out, so be careful.
41. One must know computer \_\_\_\_\_ to make sense of "reboot," "download files," and "surf the Net."
42. Increased pollution was just one \_\_\_\_\_ of building a factory on the lake shore.
43. The ballet dancer in the starring role was the \_\_\_\_\_ of graceful strength.
44. The gym is being repainted, so we use a \_\_\_\_\_ at the local park field house.
45. The movie's villain did such \_\_\_\_\_ things that she deserved the punishment she got.
46. If I were rich, I would \_\_\_\_\_ around the world, going wherever I pleased.
47. Amanda's \_\_\_\_\_ response to the tragedy in her life made us wonder if she was made of stone.
48. The truck's \_\_\_\_\_ was so great that it broke right through the wall it hit.
49. Karen tried to \_\_\_\_\_ Woody, but nothing she did decreased his rage.
50. Working together can be \_\_\_\_\_ to friendship, and Wade and Dustin developed strong ties during the summer they were both camp counselors.

## Quick LIST

**align** V.  
**conductive** ADJ.  
**continuity** N.  
**daft** ADJ.  
**epitome** N.  
**facility** N.  
**gallivant** V.  
**incredulous** ADJ.  
**jargon** N.  
**mollify** V.  
**momentum** N.  
**repercussion** N.  
**smolder** V.  
**stoic** N., ADJ.  
**vile** ADJ.

### Daft Poem 6

The melons fell down to the floor  
 And picked up such momentum  
 That when they rolled right  
 out the door,  
 Nobody could prevent 'em.

