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10. **unaccustomed** (ən ə kəs' təmd) not used to something
- Coming from Alaska, Claude was **unaccustomed** to Florida's heat.
  - The king was **unaccustomed** to having people disobey him.
  - Unaccustomed** as he was to exercise, Vic quickly became tired.
11. **bachelor** (batch' ə lər) a man who has not married
- My brother took an oath\* to remain a **bachelor**.
  - In the movie, the married man was mistaken for a **bachelor**.
  - Before the wedding, all his **bachelor** friends had a party.
12. **qualify** (kwəl' ə-fī) become fit; show that you are able
- I am trying to **qualify** for the job that is now vacant.\*
  - Since Pauline can't carry a tune, she is sure that she will never **qualify** for the Girls' Chorus.
  - You have to be taller than 5'5" to **qualify** as a policeman in our town.

## Words in Use

Read the following passage to see how the new words are used in it.

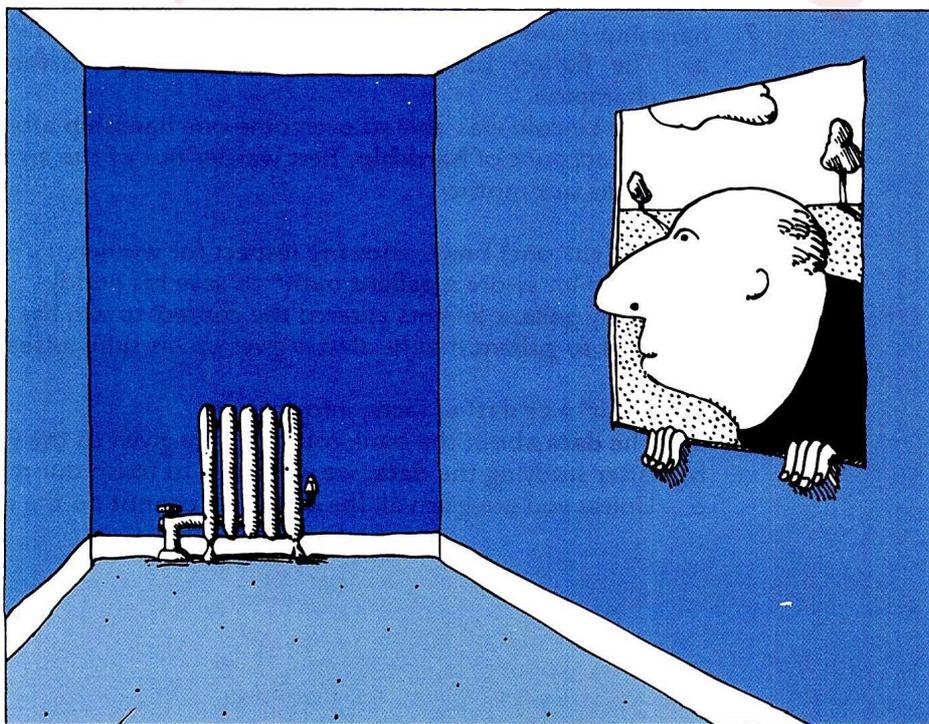
### My Brother, the Gentleman

The story of Sir Walter Raleigh, who spread his cloak on the ground to keep Queen Elizabeth from the **hardship** of crossing a muddy puddle, can **qualify** that nobleman for an award as a man of **tact** and good breeding. My brother Kenny, a **bachelor** with a **keen** interest in history, was impressed by that anecdote and thought he might demonstrate his excellent upbringing in a parallel situation. Accordingly he decided to **abandon** his subway seat in favor of a woman standing nearby.

Although **unaccustomed** to such generous treatment, the young woman was pleased to accept Kenny's kind offer. However, her **jealous** boyfriend swore an **oath** under his breath because he thought my brother was flirting with his girlfriend. I don't have any **data** on the number of young men who get into similar trouble as a result of a **gallant** gesture, but it's probably one in a thousand. Poor Kenny! He pointed to the now **vacant** seat.

## Picture It

Which of the words studied in this lesson is suggested by the picture?



# LESSON

# 2

“Alice had not the slightest idea what Latitude was, or Longitude either, but she thought they were nice grand words to say.”

—Lewis Carroll, *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*

## Words to Learn This Week

corpse

conceal

dismal

frigid

inhabit

numb

peril

recline

shriek

sinister

tempt

wager

- corpse** (kôrps) a dead body, usually of a person
  - When given all the data\* on the **corpse**, the professor was able to solve the murder.
  - The **corpse** was laid to rest in the vacant\* coffin.
  - An oath\* of revenge was sworn over the **corpse** by his relatives.
- conceal** (kən sēl') hide
  - Tris could not **conceal** his love for Gloria.
  - Count Dracula **concealed** the corpse\* in his castle.
  - The money was so cleverly **concealed** that we were forced to abandon\* our search for it.
- dismal** (diz' məl) dark and depressing
  - When the weather is so **dismal**, I sometimes stay in bed all day.
  - I am unaccustomed\* to this **dismal** climate.
  - As the **dismal** reports of the election came in, the senator's friends tactfully\* made no mention of them.
- frigid** (frij' id) very cold
  - It was a great hardship\* for the men to live through the **frigid** winter at Valley Forge.
  - The jealous\* bachelor\* was treated in a **frigid** manner by his girlfriend.
  - Inside the butcher's freezer the temperature was **frigid**.
- inhabit** (in hab' it) live in
  - Eskimos **inhabit** the frigid\* part of Alaska.
  - Because Sidney qualified,\* he was allowed to **inhabit** the vacant\* apartment.
  - Many crimes are committed each year against those who **inhabit** the slum area of our city.
- numb** (num) without the power of feeling; deadened
  - My fingers quickly became **numb** in the frigid\* room.
  - A **numb** feeling came over Mr. Massey as he read the telegram.
  - When the nurse stuck a pin in my **numb** leg, I felt nothing.
- peril** (per' əl) danger
  - The hunter was abandoned\* by the natives when he described the **peril** that lay ahead of them.
  - There is great **peril** in trying to climb the mountain.
  - Our library is filled with stories of **perilous** adventures.
- recline** (ri klīn') lie down; stretch out; lean back
  - Richard likes to **recline** in front of the television set.
  - After **reclining** on her right arm for an hour, Maxine found that it had become numb.\*
  - My dog's greatest pleasure is to **recline** by the warm fireplace.
- shriek** (shrēk) scream
  - The maid **shrieked** when she discovered the corpse.\*
  - With a loud **shriek**, Ronald fled from the room.
  - Facing the peril\* of the waterfall, the boatman let out a terrible **shriek**.

10. **sinister** (sin' is tər) evil; wicked; dishonest; frightening
- The **sinister** plot to cheat the widow was uncovered by the police.
  - When the bank guard spied the **sinister**-looking customer, he drew his gun.
  - I was frightened by the **sinister** shadow at the bottom of the stairs.
11. **tempt** (tempt) try to get someone to do something; test; invite
- A banana split can **tempt** me to break my diet.
  - The sight of beautiful Louise **tempted** the bachelor\* to change his mind about marriage.
  - Your offer of a job **tempts** me greatly.
12. **wager** (wā ' jər) bet
- I lost a small **wager** on the Super Bowl.
  - After winning the **wager**, Tex treated everyone to free drinks.
  - It is legal to make a **wager** in the state of Nevada.

## Words in Use

Read the following passage to see how the new words are used in it.

### Terror in the Cemetery

I like to bet on anything that is exciting, so when my friends tried to **tempt** me with an offer, I took it. The idea was for me to spend a **frigid** December night in a cemetery, all alone, in order to win twenty dollars. Little did I realize that they would use dirty tricks to try to frighten me into abandoning the cemetery, therefore losing my **wager**.

My plan was to **recline** in front of a large grave, covered by a warm blanket, with a flashlight to help me cut through the **dismal** darkness. After

midnight, I heard a wild **shriek**. I thought I saw the grave open and a **corpse** rise out of it! Although I was somewhat **numb** with fear, I tried to keep my senses. Using good judgment, I knew that no **peril** could come to me from that **sinister** figure. When I did not run in terror, my friends, who had decided to **conceal** themselves behind the nearby tombstones, came out and we all had a good laugh. Those spirits that may **inhabit** a cemetery must have had a good laugh, too.

## Fill in the Blanks

Place one of the new words in each of the blanks below.

- The chances of my winning the election were so \_\_\_\_\_ that I decided to quit before the votes were counted.
- I won the \_\_\_\_\_ that my bachelor\* friend would be married by June.
- Kit Carson's keen\* eyesight protected him from the \_\_\_\_\_ in the forest.
- While escaping from the bank, the robbers forced the teller to \_\_\_\_\_ on the floor of their car.
- Since the shack was vacant,\* we did not expect to hear the terrible \_\_\_\_\_ which came from it.
- With a \_\_\_\_\_ smile, the gangster invited Martha into his Cadillac.
- You cannot \_\_\_\_\_ the truth when you are questioned by the keen\* lawyer.
- It is said that many ghosts \_\_\_\_\_ the old Butler house.
- In \_\_\_\_\_ weather I always wear three or four sweaters.
- After standing guard duty for four hours, I became completely \_\_\_\_\_.
- As the closet was opened, the \_\_\_\_\_ fell out, frightening the janitor out of one year's growth.
- With the promise of a raise in pay, my boss tried to \_\_\_\_\_ me to stay on in the job.

Answer key, p. 196

# LESSON

# 3

“Good words anoint a man, ill words kill a man.”

—John Florio, *First Fruits*

## Words to Learn This Week

typical

minimum

scarce

annual

persuade

essential

blend

visible

expensive

talent

devise

wholesale

- typical** (tip' ə kəl) usual; of a kind
  - The sinister\* character in the movie wore a **typical** costume, a dark shirt, loud tie, and tight jacket.
  - The horse ran its **typical** race, a slow start and a slower finish, and my uncle lost his wager.\*
  - It was **typical** of the latecomer to conceal\* the real cause of his lateness.
- minimum** (min' ə məm) the least possible amount; the lowest amount
  - Studies show that adults need a **minimum** of six hours sleep.
  - The **minimum** charge for a telephone, even if no calls are made, is about \$60 a month.
  - Congress has set a **minimum** wage for all workers.
- scarce** (skārs) hard to get; rare
  - Chairs that are older than one hundred years are **scarce**.
  - Because there is little moisture in the desert, trees are **scarce**.
  - How **scarce** are good cooks?
- annual** (an' ū əl) once a year; something that appears yearly or lasts for a year
  - The **annual** convention of musicians takes place in Hollywood.
  - The publishers of the encyclopedia put out a book each year called an **annual**.
  - Plants that live only one year are called **annuals**.
- persuade** (pər swād') win over to do or believe; make willing
  - Can you **persuade** him to give up his bachelor\* days and get married?
  - No one could **persuade** the captain to leave the sinking ship.
  - Beth's shriek\* **persuaded** Jesse that she was in real danger.
- essential** (ə sen' shəl) necessary; very important
  - The **essential** items in the cake are flour, sugar, and shortening.
  - It is **essential** that we follow the road map.
  - Several layers of thin clothing are **essential** to keeping warm in frigid\* climates.
- blend** (blend) mix together thoroughly; a mixture
  - The colors of the rainbow **blend** into one another.
  - A careful **blend** of fine products will result in delicious food.
  - When Jose **blends** the potatoes together, they come out very smooth.
- visible** (viz' ə bəl) able to be seen
  - The ship was barely **visible** through the dense fog.
  - Before the stars are **visible**, the sky has to become quite dark.
  - You need a powerful lens to make some germs **visible**.
- expensive** (eks pen' səv) costly; high-priced
  - Because diamonds are scarce\* they are **expensive**.
  - Margarine is much less **expensive** than butter.
  - Shirley's **expensive** dress created a great deal of excitement at the party.
- talent** (tal'ənt) natural ability
  - Medori's **talent** was noted when she was in first grade.

- b. Feeling that he had the essential\* **talent**, Carlos tried out for the school play.
- c. Hard work can often make up for a lack of **talent**.

**11. devise** (də vīz') think out; plan; invent

- a. The burglars **devised** a scheme for entering the bank at night.
- b. I would like to **devise** a method for keeping my toes from becoming numb\* while I am ice skating.
- c. If we could **devise** a plan for using the abandoned\* building, we could save thousands of dollars.

**12. wholesale** (hō l' sāl) in large quantity; less than retail in price

- a. The **wholesale** price of milk is six cents a quart lower than retail.
- b. Many people were angered by the **wholesale** slaughter of birds.
- c. By buying my eggs **wholesale** I save fifteen dollars a year.

## Words in Use

Read the following passage to see how the new words are used in it.

### An Unusual Strike

The baseball strike of 1994–95, which kept the public from seeing the **annual** World Series, was not a **typical** labor dispute in which low-paid workers try to **persuade** their employers to grant a raise above their **minimum** wage. On the contrary, players who earned millions of dollars yearly, who were **visible** on TV commercials, drove **expensive** autos, and dined with presidents, withheld their **essential** skills until the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of our government were forced to **devise** solutions to the quarrel.

The team owners, a **blend** of lawyers, manufacturers, corporate executives, etc., felt that something had to be done about the huge salaries that the players were demanding. Since the **talent** beyond the major leagues was **scarce**, they had to start spring training in 1995 with a **wholesale** invitation to replacement players. The regular athletes returned in late April but there was a feeling that the strike could happen again.

## Fill in the Blanks

Place one of the new words in each of the blanks below.

1. The March of Dimes makes its \_\_\_\_\_ appeal in the early spring.
2. Oil paints \_\_\_\_\_ easily to form thousands of different shades.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ passing mark in most schools is 65%.
4. The producer always had her eye out for young \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Your gifts do not tempt\* me and will not \_\_\_\_\_ me to change my mind.
6. In the cemetery the corpse\* was \_\_\_\_\_ in the bright moonlight.
7. A \_\_\_\_\_ day in Florida is full of sunshine and warm breezes.
8. Let's \_\_\_\_\_ a plan for doing away with homework.
9. Everyone agrees that friendship is \_\_\_\_\_ for all of us.
10. A sharp rise in \_\_\_\_\_ prices is bound to affect the prices in our neighborhood stores.
11. The buffalo, which once roamed the plains, is quite \_\_\_\_\_ today.
12. Government experts told us to buy chicken without realizing how \_\_\_\_\_ it had become.

Answer key, p. 196

## Creativity Exercise

Now make up your own sentences, one for each of the new words you have just been taught.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
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- 9. \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. \_\_\_\_\_
- 11. \_\_\_\_\_
- 12. \_\_\_\_\_

### Spotlight On

**expensive**—The definition given to you was “costly, high-priced.” Other synonyms could have been provided because English is quite rich in that area. Webster’s *Dictionary of Synonyms*, for example, contains ten entries that explain *expensive* or show us slight variations of the word: *costly*, *dear*, *valuable*, *precious*, *invaluable*, *priceless*, *exorbitant*, *excessive*, *immoderate*. When would you use *costly* as a synonym for *expensive* and when would you use *excessive*?

### Picture It

Which of the words studied in this lesson is suggested by the picture?



# LESSON

# 4

“Good words are worth much and cost little.”

—George Herbert, *Jacula Prudentum*

## Words to Learn This Week

vapor

eliminate

villain

dense

utilize

humid

theory

descend

circulate

enormous

predict

vanish

- vapor** (vā' pər) moisture in the air that can be seen; fog; mist
  - Scientists have devised\* methods for trapping **vapor** in bottles so they can study its makeup.
  - He has gathered data\* on the amount of **vapor** rising from the swamp.
  - A **vapor** trail is the visible\* stream of moisture left by the engines of a jet flying at high altitudes.
- eliminate** (i lim' ə nāt) get rid of; remove; omit
  - When the railroad tracks are raised, the danger of crossing will be **eliminated**.
  - When figuring the cost of a car, don't **eliminate** such extras as air conditioning.
  - If we were to **eliminate** all reclining\* chairs, no one would fall asleep while watching television.
- villain** (vil' ən) a very wicked person
  - A typical\* moving picture **villain** gets killed at the end.
  - The **villain** concealed\* the corpse\* in the cellar.
  - When the **villain** fell down the well, everyone lived happily ever after.
- dense** (dens) closely packed together; thick
  - The **dense** leaves on the trees let in a minimum\* of sunlight.
  - We couldn't row because of the **dense** weeds in the lake.
  - His keen\* knife cut through the **dense** jungle.
- utilize** (ū' təlīz) make use of
  - No one seems willing to **utilize** this vacant\* house.
  - The gardener was eager to **utilize** different flowers and blend\* them in order to beautify the borders.
  - Does your mother **utilize** leftovers in her cooking?
- humid** (hū' mid) moist; damp
  - It was so **humid** in our classroom that we wished the school would buy an air conditioner.
  - New Yorkers usually complain in the summer of the **humid** air.
  - Most people believe that ocean air is quite **humid**.
- theory** (thē' ə rē) explanation based on thought, observation, or reasoning
  - Einstein's **theory** is really too difficult for the average person to understand.
  - My uncle has a **theory** about the effect of weather on baseball batters.
  - No one has advanced a convincing **theory** explaining the beginnings of writing.
- descend** (di send') go or come down from a higher place to a lower level
  - If we let the air out of a balloon, it will have to **descend**.
  - The pilot, thinking his plane was in peril,\* **descended** quickly.
  - Knowing her beau was waiting at the bottom of the staircase, Eleanor **descended** at once.
- circulate** (sər' kū lāt) go around; go from place to place or person to person
  - A fan may **circulate** the air in summer, but it doesn't cool it.

- b. My father **circulated** among the guests at the party and made them feel comfortable.  
 c. Hot water **circulates** through the pipes in the building, keeping the room warm.
10. **enormous** (i nôr' mäs) extremely large; huge  
 a. The **enormous** crab moved across the ocean floor in search of food.  
 b. Public hangings once drew **enormous** crowds.  
 c. The gallant\* knight drew his sword and killed the **enormous** dragon.
11. **predict** (pri dikt') tell beforehand  
 a. Weathermen can **predict** the weather correctly most of the time.  
 b. Who can **predict** the winner of the Super Bowl this year?  
 c. Laura thought she could **predict** what I would do, but she was wrong.
12. **vanish** (van' ish) disappear; disappear suddenly  
 a. Even in California the sun will sometimes **vanish** behind a cloud.  
 b. Not even a powerful witch can make a jealous\* lover **vanish**.  
 c. Give him a week without a job and all his money will **vanish**.

## Words in Use

Read the following passage to see how the new words are used in it.

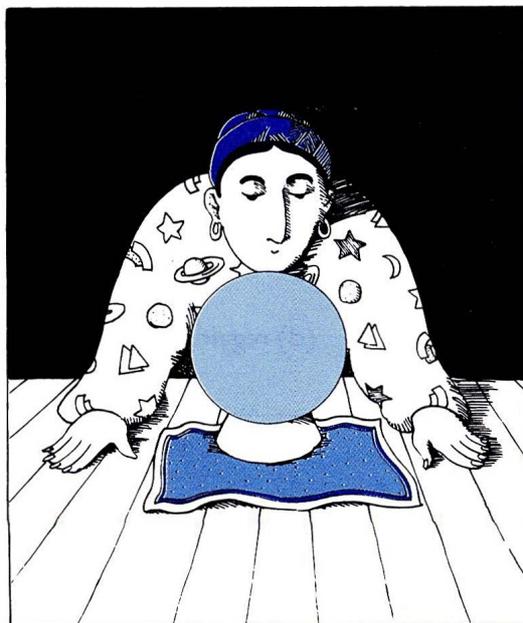
### A Fan in the Air

Fog, tiny droplets of water **vapor**, is the **villain** of the airports. In an effort to **eliminate dense** fog from airports, weathermen **utilize** giant fans, nylon strings, and chemicals dropped from planes or shot upwards from strange machines on the ground. Nothing works as well, though, as a new weapon in the fight against fog: the helicopter. Researchers believe that if warm dry air above the fog could somehow be driven down into the **humid** blanket of fog, the droplets would evaporate, thus

clearing the air. In a recent experiment to test their **theory** the researchers had a helicopter **descend** into the fog above barely visible\* Smith Mountain Airport near Roanoke, Virginia. The blades of the helicopter caused the air to **circulate** downwards and an **enormous** hole in the clouds opened above the airport. Weathermen **predict** that with larger, more expensive\* helicopters they will be able to make the thickest fog **vanish**.

## Picture It

Which of the words studied in this lesson is suggested by the picture?



10. **pacify** (pas' ə fī) make calm; quiet down; bring peace to
- This toy should **pacify** that screaming baby.
  - We tried to **pacify** the woman who was angry at having to wait so long in line.
  - Soldiers were sent to **pacify** the countryside.
11. **respond** (ri spænd') answer; react
- Greg **responded** quickly to the question.
  - My dog **responds** to every command I give him.
  - Mrs. Cole **responded** to the medicine so well that she was better in two days.
12. **beckon** (bek' ən) signal by a motion of the hand or head; attract
- Jack **beckoned** to me to follow him.
  - The delicious smell of fresh bread **beckoned** the hungry boy.
  - The sea **beckons** us to adventure.

## Words in Use

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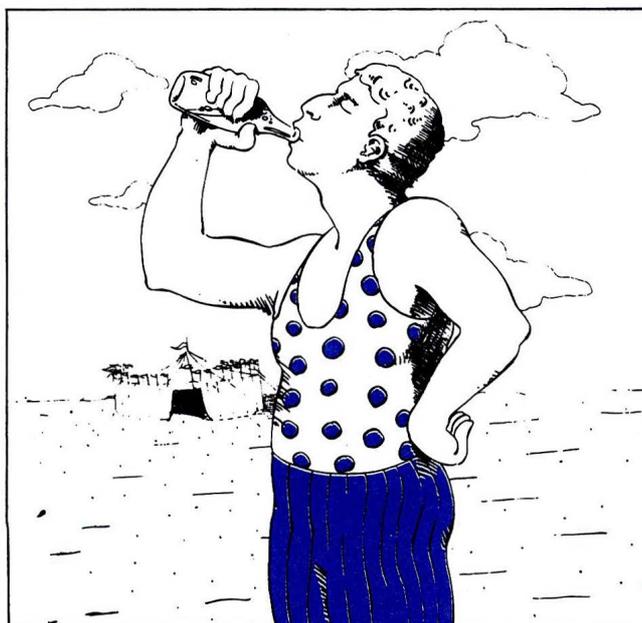
### Some Tall Tales

Do you think it is **possible** to defeat an opponent so fierce\* that a glance\* at her turns one to stone? This was the fate of anyone who looked upon the Medusa, a dreaded\* monster whose hair was made of hissing serpents. The brave Perseus undertook to fight the Medusa, but he was **compelled** to do battle in a most **awkward** manner. To help Perseus in his **venture**, the goddess Minerva had lent him her bright shield, and the god Mercury had given him winged shoes. Cautiously he approached the **awesome** monster. Using the image of the Medusa in his shield as a **guide**, he succeeded in cutting off her head and fixing it to the center of Minerva's shield.

Perseus then flew to the realm of King Atlas whose chief pride was his garden filled with golden fruit. Thirsty and near collapse,\* he pleaded with the king for water to **quench** his thirst and for a place to rest. But Atlas feared that he would be **betrayed** into losing his golden apples. He **uttered** just one word, "Begone!" Perseus, finding that he could not **pacify** Atlas, **responded** by **beckoning** him to look upon Medusa's head. Atlas was changed immediately into stone. His head and hair became forests, his body increased in bulk and became cliffs, and the gods ruled that the heaven with all its stars should rest upon his shoulders. Can there be a worse calamity\* than that which befell Atlas?

## Picture It

Which of the words studied in this lesson is suggested by the picture?



## Fill in the Blanks

Place one of the new words in each of the blanks below.

1. History has shown us that tyranny\* cannot \_\_\_\_\_ the human desire for freedom.
2. The sailors used the North Star to \_\_\_\_\_ them to their destination.
3. Our eyes \_\_\_\_\_ to sudden light by blinking.
4. The coach \_\_\_\_\_ to the pitcher to watch for a bunt.
5. Little Benjy was foolish enough to \_\_\_\_\_ out on the thin ice.
6. If we are \_\_\_\_\_ to vote without hearing all sides of the issue, we could make a serious mistake.
7. Power in the hands of the ignorant is an \_\_\_\_\_ responsibility.
8. Benedict Arnold \_\_\_\_\_ his country.
9. The only \_\_\_\_\_ excuse for Barry's failure is his lack\* of effort.
10. It was not possible\* to \_\_\_\_\_ the excited woman after she was fined for jaywalking.
11. The last words \_\_\_\_\_ by the dying soldier were, "We must hold the fort."
12. Ralph found himself in an \_\_\_\_\_ situation when his blind date turned out to be a foot taller than he.

Answer key, p. 198

## True or False

Based on the way the new word is used, write T (true) or F (false) next to the sentence.

1. An **awkward** person is very graceful.
2. An **awesome** sight is one that causes great wonder and respect.
3. If someone tells you it's **possible** to do something, that means the thing cannot be done.
4. To **beckon** is to signal by a motion of the hand or head to call someone over to you.
5. A person who shows you the way is a **guide**.
6. To **utter** is to remain silent.
7. To quiet an angry mob is to **pacify** the crowd.
8. If you are **compelled** to do something, you are forced to do it.
9. A person who undertakes a **venture** is afraid to take risks of any kind.
10. If I **respond** to your suggestion, I react to it.
11. To **quench** something is to renew it.
12. To **betray** someone is to be unfaithful or misleading.

Answer key, p. 198

## Spotlight On

**respond**—The next time you receive an invitation to a party, the host or hostess may want to be sure you are coming so that adequate preparations can be made. In that case, he or she will write R.S.V.P. on the invitation to tell you in simple French (*répondez s'il vous plaît*) to please respond.

10. **thrifty** (thrif' tē) saving; careful in spending; thriving
- By being **thrifty**, Miss Benson managed to get along on her small income.
  - A **thrifty** person knows that squandering\* money can lead to financial\* calamity.\*
  - By **thrifty** use of their supplies, the shipwrecked sailors were able to survive\* for weeks.
11. **miserly** (mī' zər lē) stingy; like a miser
- Being **miserly** with our natural resources will help us to live longer on this earth.
  - A **miserly** person rarely\* has any friends.
  - Silas Marner abandoned\* his **miserly** habits when Eppie came into his life.
12. **monarch** (män' ərk) king or queen; ruler
- There are few modern nations that are governed by **monarchs**.
  - The **monarchs** of ancient Rome considered themselves descendants\* of the gods.
  - Men sometimes believe that they are **monarchs** in their own homes.

## Words in Use

Read the following passage to see how the new words are used in it.

### Problems We Face

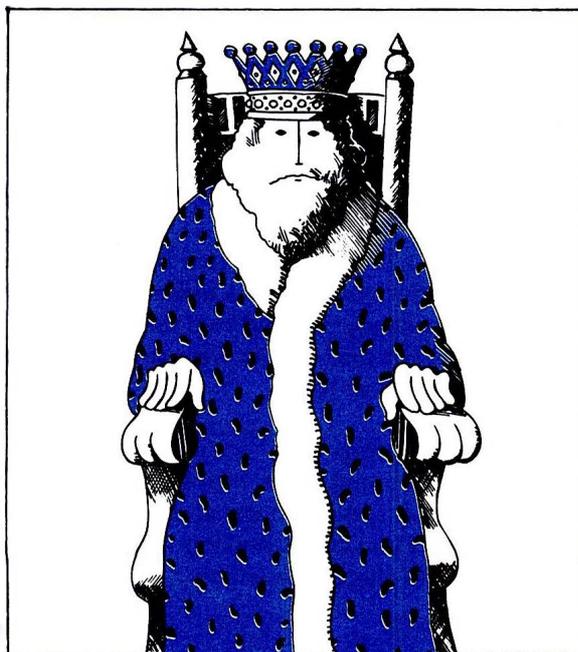
**Despite** wars, disease, and natural disasters,\* our world is experiencing a population explosion (boom) that threatens\* to change or **disrupt** life as we have known it. Vast\* numbers of people must be fed and housed, and in the process a whole **rash** of problems has descended\* upon the human race.

First has been the pollution\* of the air and the contamination\* of the water supply. Second has been the **rapid exhaustion** of fuels, minerals, and other natural resources. The response\* to this situation has ranged from utter\* disbelief to exaggerated\* concern.

Since scientists themselves disagree on the **severity** of the problem, our **feeble** knowledge is surely unable to suggest the correct course of action. But we cannot stand still because there is too much at stake. We are, therefore, compelled\* to **unite** in our efforts to insure that human life on this planet does not **cease**. We must learn to be **thrifty**, even **miserly**, with the gifts of nature that we have formerly taken for granted. If our past reveals\* a reckless\* squandering\* of our natural possessions, we must now find an intelligent guide\* to their use so that we may remain **monarchs** of a world that has peace and plenty.

## Picture It

Which of the words studied in this lesson is suggested by the picture?



# LESSON 30

“You cram these words into mine ears against  
The stomach of my sense.”

## Words to Learn This Week

depict

mortal

novel

occupant

appoint

quarter

site

quote

verse

morality

roam

attract

- depict** (di pikt') represent by drawing or painting; describe
  - The artist and the author both tried to **depict** the sunset's beauty.
  - Mr. Salinger **depicted** the juvenile\* character with great accuracy.\*
  - Al Pacino said he would **depict** a different kind of Shylock.
- mortal** (môr' tl) sure to die sometime; pertaining to man; deadly; pertaining to or causing death
  - We must live with the knowledge that all living creatures are **mortal**.
  - His rash\* venture\* brought him to a **mortal** illness.
  - The two monarchs\* were **mortal** enemies.
- novel** (näv' l) new; strange; a long story with characters and plot
  - The architect\* created a **novel** design that pleased everyone.
  - The **novel** plan caused some unforeseen\* problems.
  - Robert was commended\* by his teacher for the excellent report on the American **novel**, *The Grapes of Wrath*.
- occupant** (äk' yə pent) person in possession of a house, office, or position
  - A feeble\* old woman was the only **occupant** of the shack.
  - The will disclosed\* that the **occupant** of the estate was penniless.
  - The **occupant** of the car beckoned\* us to follow him.
- appoint** (ə point') decide on; set a time or place; choose for a position; equip or furnish
  - The library was **appointed** as the best place for the urgent\* meeting.
  - Though Mr. Thompson was **appointed** to a high position, he did not neglect\* his old friends.
  - The occupant\* of the well-**appointed** guest room considered\* himself quite fortunate.\*
- quarter** (kwôr' tər) region; section; (quarters) a place to live; to provide a place to live
  - The large family was unaccustomed\* to such small **quarters**.
  - Ellen moved to the French **Quarter** of our city.
  - The city **quartered** the paupers\* in an old school.
- site** (sīt) position or place (of anything)
  - The agent insisted\* that the house had one of the best **sites** in town.
  - We were informed by our guide\* that a monument would be built on the **site** of the historic battle.
  - For the **site** of the new school, the committee preferred an urban\* location.\*
- quote** (kwōt) repeat exactly the words of another or a passage from a book; that is, something that is repeated exactly; give the price of; a quotation
  - She often **quotes** her spouse\* to prove a point.
  - The stockbroker **quoted** gold at a dollar off yesterday's closing price.
  - Biblical **quotes** offer a unique\* opportunity for study.

9. **verse** (vers) a short division of a chapter in the Bible; a single line or a group of lines of poetry
- The **verse** from the Bible that my father quoted\* most frequently\* was, "Love thy neighbor as thyself."
  - Several **verses** of a religious nature were contained in the document.\*
  - Though it is not always easy to comprehend,\* Shakespeare's **verse** has merit\* that is worth the toil.\*
10. **morality** (mə ral' ə tē) the right or wrong of an action; virtue; a set of rules or principles of conduct
- The editor\* spoke on the **morality** of "bugging" the quarters\* of a political opponent.\*
  - We rarely consider\* the **morality** of our daily actions, though that should occupy\* a high position in our thinking.
  - Kenny's unruly\* behavior has nothing to do with his lack\* of **morality**.
11. **roam** (rōm) wander; go about with no special plan or aim
- In the days of the Wild West, outlaws\* **roamed** the country.
  - A variety\* of animals once **roamed** our land.
  - The bachelor\* promised his girlfriend that he would **roam** no more.
12. **attract** (a trakt') draw to oneself; win the attention and liking of
- The magnet **attracted** the iron particles.
  - Adventure was the thrill that **attracted** the famous mountain climber to the jagged\* peak.
  - A glimpse\* into the brightly colored room **attracted** the children's attention.

## Words in Use

Read the following passage to see how the new words are used in it.

### Bible Zoo

One of the most popular\* tales of the Bible **depicts** the great flood that destroyed every **mortal** except Noah and his family and the animals on his ark. Should there be a repetition\* of that disaster,\* there is one place where all the biblical animals are already gathered. The man to be commended\* for this **novel** collection is Professor Aharon Shulov, a zoologist at Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Israel.

Professor Shulov **appointed** himself a committee of one to search out the 130 creatures mentioned in the Old Testament. Among the **occupants** of this zoo are crocodiles, camels, apes, peacocks, deer,

foxes, and sheep, some of whom had to be imported from other lands. They are settled in suitable **quarters** on a twenty-five acre **site** in Jerusalem.

Visitors to the zoo not only get to view and feed the animals, but they are also treated to **quotes** from Bible **verses** that encourage\* the study of the Good Book and teach **morality** amidst the waddling of the ducks and the wailing\* of the wolves. Not surprisingly, the children have the final\* word at a special corner of the zoo, called the Garden of Eden, where animal cubs **roam** freely, **attracting** the attention of hundreds of youngsters who visit daily.

## Fill in the Blanks

Place one of the new words in each of the blanks below.

- The judge \_\_\_\_\_ to this case must be a person of justice\* and honesty.
- I knew that the culprit\* was in \_\_\_\_\_ terror of being caught.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ of the collapsed\* building were dazed\* by the tragedy.\*
- How can you \_\_\_\_\_ in a favorable light a person who betrayed\* his country?
- Let us explore\* another \_\_\_\_\_ for the hospital where the population\* is not so dense.\*
- A good line of \_\_\_\_\_ is thrifty\* with words and bursting with feeling.
- Troops were \_\_\_\_\_ in the city in a vain\* attempt to keep order.
- The price he \_\_\_\_\_ for the car was essentially\* the same as that of his competitor.\*
- Seeing the movie based on the \_\_\_\_\_ does not exempt\* you from reading the book.
- The death of the millionaire \_\_\_\_\_ a bewildering\* number\* of hopeful beneficiaries.\*
- The new \_\_\_\_\_ has not won unanimous\* acceptance; there are those who prefer the traditional\* ways.
- When I \_\_\_\_\_ abroad,\* I come across many historic sites\* and structures.

### Creativity Exercise

Now make up your own sentences, one for each of the new words you have just been taught.

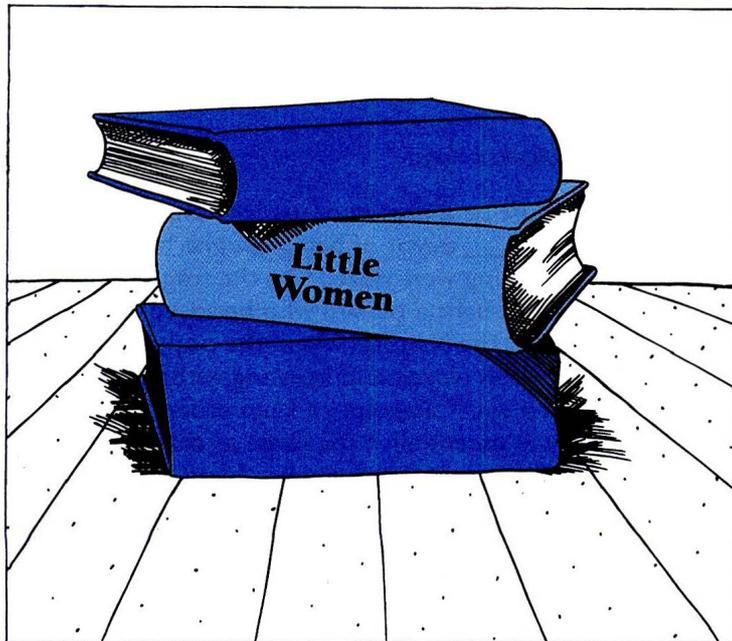
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### Spotlight On

**mortal**—The main part of this word, *mort-*, comes from the Latin and means “to die.” Some words you have heard contain this same root—*mortgage*, *mortify*, and *mortuary*. How are they related to the meaning “to die”? In detective stories, watch for the words “rigor mortis.”

### Picture It

Which of the words studied in this lesson is suggested by the picture?



## Word Review #5

These exercises are based on some of the words found in Lessons 25–30.

A. In each of the parentheses below there are two choices. Pick the one that fits better.

- Will storekeepers be (prosecuted, pacified) for raising prices without government permission?
- With a few strokes of his brush, Norman Rockwell could (depict, commend) beautiful scenes.
- Eric's serious (toil, blunder) caused him to lose the card game.
- It is useless to (mourn, maim) over spilt milk.
- Through his love of racing cars, Trevor (squandered, subsided) all the money he had inherited.
- Although she was very unhappy, Dora refused to (utter, comprehend) one word of complaint.
- At each step of the way, signs have been placed to (guide, attract) you through the winding caves.
- The bachelor\* met a lovely girl and decided to enter into (matrimony, bigamy).
- Willie Mays had a (mortal, novel) way of catching a fly ball that most fans had never seen.
- I tried to (unite, disrupt) the angry cousins but they would not let me make peace between them.

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B. **Opposites.** In Column I are ten words from Lessons 25–30. Match them correctly with their *opposite* meanings in Column II.

### Column I

- roam
- undernourished
- disclose
- rapid
- pauper
- possible
- feeble
- cease
- excessive
- rash

### Column II

- well-fed
- strong
- start
- could not happen
- not enough
- stay at home
- careful
- rich person
- hide
- slow

Answer key, p. 198

C. Which of the vocabulary choices in parentheses fits best in these newspaper headlines?

- Flood Waters \_\_\_\_\_ as Emergency Ends** (Collapse, Subside, Quench, Respond)
- 12-Year-Old Mugger Protected by \_\_\_\_\_ Law** (Final, Rash, Juvenile, Fugitive)
- Diplomat Sent to \_\_\_\_\_ Angry Canadians** (Pacify, Prosecute, Betray, Disrupt)
- Hundreds at Church \_\_\_\_\_ for Accident Victims** (Beckon, Mourn, Respond, Venture)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Fire Expected in Lebanese War** (Cease, Squander, Compel, Commend)
- Former \_\_\_\_\_ Does Not Miss Royal Luxury** (Guide, Monarch, Architect, Censor)
- Merger Effort Will \_\_\_\_\_ the Two Companies** (Daze, Betray, Depict, Unite)
- Painter Aims to \_\_\_\_\_ Life in Haiti** (Outlaw, Depict, Exhaust, Utter)
- Bank Rewards \_\_\_\_\_ Depositors** (Rash, Pauper, Excessive, Thrifty)
- "Forgetful" Husband Accused of \_\_\_\_\_** (Morality, Bigamy, Toil, Severity)

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D. From the list of words below choose the word that means:

occupant	disrupt	calamity	morality	utter	pacify
site	venture	beckon	toil	subside	commend
promote	verse	mortal	culprit	commend	fugitive
quench	exempt	maim	compel	architect	monarch
censor	quarter	awesome	bigamist	thrifty	disaster

- subject to death *and* has the same root as *mortgage*
- lose a bodily part *and therefore* be crippled or disabled
- a great misfortune *and* suggests one is under the influence of "an unlucky star"
- economical or stingy *but also* could describe someone who is prosperous because of hard work and good management
- one who draws plans for a house *but also* refers to the creator of any plan or idea
- a person with two wives or two husbands *and* is derived from the Greek word for "two weddings"
- put out, as a fire, *and also* satisfy, as one's thirst
- a ruler, rare in modern times *and also* master
- an official with the power to remove objectionable material from a book or film *as well as* a person who reads mail in wartime, to remove information that might be useful to the enemy
- provide lodgings *as well as* a particular district or section

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20. I'm thinking of a word (harsh, jagged, patriotic, vital, weird)
- It's a grand old flag.
  - Stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.
  - We're proud of our country.

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

21. I'm thinking of a word (abolish, casual, culprit, dilemma, decade)
- President Lincoln put an end to slavery.
  - No more death penalty.
  - The law against Sunday shopping was done away with.

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

22. I'm thinking of a word (menace, soar, survive, vague, vertical)
- Did he say what I thought he said?
  - Without my glasses I couldn't see who was in the picture.
  - Please make yourself clear.

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

23. I'm thinking of a word (budget, debtor, nimble, opponent, placard)
- The Orioles beat the Braves.
  - I was up against a 6'5" player.
  - It looks like a two-man race.

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

24. I'm thinking of a word (multitude, quantity, surplus, tragedy, vandal)
- 9/11
  - Serious business on the stage
  - The three-year-old was badly hurt.

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

25. I'm thinking of a word (linger, miserly, prohibit, quench, symbol)
- The drinks are on the house.
  - Water boy, where are you hiding?
  - Yes, I'll have a Dr. Pepper.

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

26. I'm thinking of a word (data, defect, penalize, rave, reckless)
- There was just one slight thing wrong with the diamond.
  - The radio had to be repaired.
  - Harry's heart problem kept him out of the army.

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

27. I'm thinking of a word (abide, dwindle, famine, jest, oath)
- Raise your right hand.
  - When Dad is angry, he will swear.
  - I do, I do.

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

28. I'm thinking of a word (alter, capacity, debtor, keg, lubricate)
- I owe everything to my parents.
  - Buy now, pay later.
  - Lend me your ears.

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

29. I'm thinking of a word (parole, ponder, squander, thrifty, vermin)
- Watch your pennies; your dollars will take care of themselves.
  - My mom has a Christmas Club at the bank.
  - Those supermarket coupons come in handy.

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

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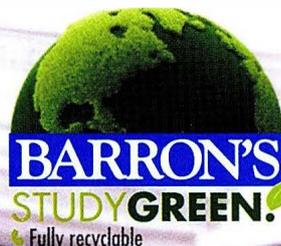
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