

Lesson 14

abide uh•BIDE VERB

1. to bear patiently; to put up with [I cannot *abide* loud music.]
2. to last; to stay or remain [The young couple thought their love would *abide* forever.]
3. to accept; to obey or follow; to remain faithful to (used with *by*) [We must *abide* by the rules.]

access AK•ses NOUN

1. an approach or way to a place [The only *access* is by water.]
2. the ability or permission to approach, enter, or use [The Internet provides *access* to a great deal of information.]

chaos KAY•os NOUN

extreme confusion and disorder [Five kids playing in a room can quickly create *chaos*.]

erect ih•REKT

ADJECTIVE straight up and down [I leaned against the wall, too tired to stand *erect*.]

VERB to build [They will *erect* a tower here.]



Question:

If it took *three* farmhands one week to erect a barn, how long would it take *six* farmhands?

Answer
No time at all,
since it's already
been built!

excursion ek•SKUR•zhun NOUN

a short trip for pleasure [We took a weekend *excursion*.]

gorge GORJ

NOUN a deep, narrow valley, usually steep and rocky [The trail leads through a *gorge*.]

VERB to stuff with food; to eat greedily [I always *gorge* myself when I eat at Grandma's.]

grimy GRY•mee ADJECTIVE

covered with dirt that has been rubbed into the surface; very dirty [Cleaning the fireplace left me *grimy*.]

inscription in•SKRIP•shun NOUN

1. something carved or written on a surface, especially something meant to last [There is an *inscription* on the base of the statue.]
2. a brief message written inside a book [The *inscription* said, "To Tom, on his twelfth birthday, with love from Grandma."]

intolerable in•TOL•ur•uh•bul ADJECTIVE

too hard or painful to stand; unbearable [The heat on the desert was *intolerable*.]

pulverize PUL•vur•ize VERB

1. to crush or grind into powder or dust [This machine will *pulverize* the stone.]
2. to destroy completely [The bomb will *pulverize* the target.]

qualm KWOM or KWOLM NOUN

1. a doubt or uncertainty; uneasiness (often plural) [I have *qualms* about tomorrow's test.]
2. a guilty feeling (often plural) [She is so dishonest, she tells lies without a *qualm*.]

robust roh•BUST ADJECTIVE

strong and healthy [The *robust* children ran and played.]

taut TAWT ADJECTIVE

stretched firmly; drawn tight [Keep the rope *taut* so it doesn't sag.]

throng THRONG

NOUN a large gathering; a crowd [The *throng* jammed the room.]

VERB to crowd together; to crowd into [For the championship game, thousands of fans will *throng* the gym.]

tranquil TRAN•kwul ADJECTIVE

calm; quiet; peaceful [We spent a *tranquil* hour gazing at the clouds.]

Exercise A: What Is It?

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

Stealing dirt is
this kind of crime.

1. Fences, walls, and locked gates and doors prevent this.
2. If a teacher ever left a kindergarten class alone for half an hour, this is probably what she'd find when she returned.
3. In this, you may get bumped and shoved, but so will everyone else you're shoulder-to-shoulder with.
4. If a redwood is a good example of a tree, then the Grand Canyon is a good example of this.
5. This makes you hesitate about doing something you think is wrong or dangerous.
6. A suitcase might be useful for this, but a briefcase should be left at home.
7. This could be a set of initials on the handles of silverware or the words "Public Library" carved in stone above a door.

Exercise B: True or False

Circle TRUE or FALSE for each statement.

Beautiful canyons
are simply gorges!

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| 8. An inscription on a statue of a hero usually gives the person's name. | | TRUE | FALSE |
| 9. If you gorge yourself, you feel extremely full. | | TRUE | FALSE |
| 10. People usually dread going on an excursion . | | TRUE | FALSE |
| 11. To make flour from wheat, one must pulverize the grain. | | TRUE | FALSE |
| 12. A feeling of great confidence is called a qualm . | | TRUE | FALSE |
| 13. If you are very relaxed, your muscles feel taut . | | TRUE | FALSE |
| 14. After a day without drinking, your thirst would be intolerable . | | TRUE | FALSE |

Exercise C: Rhyme Time

Write the **Word** that completes each rhyme.
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If Sis sees a mouse,
It's ___ in our house!

15. As I climbed up the ladder, I was calm.
Then I looked down (and down) and felt a ___.
16. The fence isn't finished. The last time I checked it,
The workers had barely begun to ___ it.

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17. Eat right and get some exercise. You see, you really must
If you expect to grow up strong and healthy and ____.
18. "You're out!" the umpire said to me, despite my perfect slide,
And he makes the decisions by which players must ____.
19. The line to get the tickets is about a mile long.
The band's so good, their audience is going to be a ____.
20. This isn't hard to understand, just use a little thought.
A tightrope simply *isn't* one unless the rope is ____.
21. Don't use a sledge to hang a picture. Anyone who tries it
Will ruin all the plaster, for a sledge will ____ it.

Exercise D: Antonyms

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

22. pleasant; bearable; comfortable _____
23. knock down; destroy; demolish _____
24. scatter; spread out; split up _____
25. unhealthy; weak; delicate _____
26. noisy; violent; disturbing _____
27. clean; spotless; pure _____
28. calm; neatness _____
29. exit; way out _____

Question:

What is the difference between an angry, noisy throng and a cow that has a sore throat?



Answer: One boos madly, and the other moos badly.

Exercise E: Writing

What do you find **intolerable**? A sore throat? Living in a **grimy** city? Being trapped in a **throng** of people? On your own paper, use at least **THREE Words** in a paragraph describing what you find intolerable.

Quick LIST

abide V.
access N.
chaos N.

erect ADJ., V.
excursion N.
gorge N., V.

grimy ADJ.
inscription N.
intolerable ADJ.

pulverize V.
qualm N.
robust ADJ.

taut ADJ.
throng N., V.
tranquil ADJ.

Exercise F: Other Forms of Words

Using what you know about the **Words**, circle TRUE or FALSE for each statement.

If eight is your lucky number, you can't *toler-eight* it. . . .

TRUE FALSE

- 30. At their weddings, couples promise **abiding** love. TRUE FALSE
- 31. If the lions' cages were left open, a zoo would become **chaotic**. TRUE FALSE
- 32. After it snows, people shovel their walks to make their houses **accessible**. TRUE FALSE
- 33. A Fourth of July celebration is usually a scene of great **tranquillity**. TRUE FALSE
- 34. An identification bracelet has the owner's name **inscribed** on it. TRUE FALSE
- 35. Good housekeepers like to see **grime** in their homes. TRUE FALSE

Exercise G: Fill-in

Write the **Word** that best completes each sentence. Use each word only once.

If you hate a certain hive, you can't

_____ that bees' abode.

- 36. I know I did the right thing, so I don't have a single _____ about my actions.
- 37. Excuse the _____; my six cousins are visiting, and the dog just had puppies!
- 38. The house was _____ while the children were napping, but not afterwards!
- 39. Our parents can't _____ fighting in the car, so Janie and I try to get along.
- 40. The conditions in the prison camp were _____, and many prisoners died.
- 41. At the bottom of the _____, there is a river where people take raft trips.
- 42. The _____ on the memorial honors the soldiers who fought in the war.
- 43. Put screens on your windows, or flies will have _____ to your house.
- 44. We went on a short _____ since we didn't have time for a long trip.
- 45. My jeans were _____ after I'd spent the day working in the garden.
- 46. On New Year's Eve, a _____ gathers in Times Square to celebrate.
- 47. My old dog is _____ enough to keep up with dogs half her age.
- 48. An elephant's ears hang down, but a horse's ears are _____.
- 49. My dog's leash was _____ as he pulled me down the street.
- 50. If a car runs over a pair of glasses, it will _____ them.

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