

Lesson 15

aspire uh•SPIRE VERB

to have an ambition for something; to desire earnestly or strive for a goal [I *aspire* to be a lawyer.]

coordinated koh•OR•duh•nay•tud ADJECTIVE

1. arranged in proper order; working well together, as of parts [We'll succeed in getting this done only if our efforts are *coordinated*.]
2. smoothly adjusted, as of muscles in producing difficult movements; not clumsy [A good dancer moves in a *coordinated* way.]

ignoramus ig•nuh•RAY•mus NOUN

one who knows nothing; an ignorant person [I'm a math whiz but a poetry *ignoramus*.]

melodious mel•OH•dee•us ADJECTIVE

sweet-sounding; pleasing to the ear; musical [That *melodious* sound is the song of a wren.]

merge MURJ VERB

to swallow up, absorb or combine, or to become absorbed in something else [Drivers need to be careful when they *merge* into the traffic on a highway.]

motive MOH•tuv NOUN

a thought, need, or feeling that makes a person act [Chuck's main *motive* for joining the team was to make new friends, not to play baseball.]

necessitate nuh•SES•uh•tate VERB

to make necessary [Breaking your leg will *necessitate* the use of crutches.]

passionate PASH•un•ut ADJECTIVE

1. having very strong feelings; enthusiastic [The people in that family are certainly a very *passionate* group.]
2. very strong; intense [He has a *passionate* desire to succeed.]

piteous PIT•ee•us ADJECTIVE

causing a feeling of pity; pitiful [The hungry kids in the news photos were a *piteous* sight.]

quibble KWIB•bul VERB

to argue over an unimportant matter [Ron and Don constantly *quibble* about things like who should turn off the light.]

random RAN•dum ADJECTIVE

with no particular order or pattern; made or done without a careful choice or plan [Each child will select a gift in a *random* fashion by reaching into the grab bag.]

rapture RAP•chur NOUN

very great joy [The beautiful music filled me with *rapture*.]

repentance ruh•PEN•tuns NOUN

sorrow for doing wrong [After Mona hurt my feelings, she tried to show her *repentance* by being really nice.]

sever SEV•ur VERB

to cut apart or separate [We used a knife to *sever* the rope.]

ultimate UL•tuh•mit ADJECTIVE

1. last or final, especially describing that which comes at the end [We worked too quickly and used poor materials, and the *ultimate* result was that our clubhouse fell down.]
2. greatest or highest possible [What is the *ultimate* speed at which this plane can fly?]

"This is Mary Sue Moss at Ultimate Shopping Center in beautiful Foggybottom. Today we're talking to random



folks here at the mall. We want to hear what local shoppers feel truly passionate about. But first we have a few words from our sponsors. So stay tuned!"

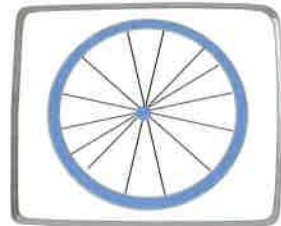
Exercise A: Yes or No

Circle YES or NO for each statement.

1. Are you asking about a **motive** if you say, "Why did you do that?" YES NO
2. Have humans traveled to the **ultimate** limits of outer space? YES NO
3. Does going to school **necessitate** getting out of bed? YES NO
4. Would something **piteous** make you giggle? YES NO
5. Do **passionate** fans cheer a lot? YES NO



"Don't look piteous! Be your prettiest! At Moe's Beauty Barn!"



"If you aspire to acquire a tire, go to Ike's Bikes, where the air is free!"



"These Super Scissors can sever whatever!"

Exercise B: Synonyms

Write the **Word** that is a synonym for each set of words.

6. disagree; fuss; squabble _____
7. intention; purpose; reason _____
8. upsetting; heartbreaking; sad _____
9. fool; idiot; blockhead; moron _____
10. blend; join; mingle; mix; unite _____
11. by chance; unplanned; disorganized _____
12. attempt; hope; try; hope; wish _____
13. cause; demand; force; require _____
14. regret; guilt; remorse; shame _____
15. disconnect; split; slash _____

Exercise C: Analogies

Write the letter of the word that completes the analogy.

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| _____ 16. passionate : cold :: tall : | _____ 18. apology : repentance :: laugh : |
| A. big | A. giggle |
| B. short | B. sorrow |
| C. heavy | C. boredom |
| D. straight | D. amusement |
| _____ 17. gymnast : coordinated :: judge : | _____ 19. happiness : rapture :: pain : |
| A. fair | A. comfort |
| B. old | B. torture |
| C. charming | C. discomfort |
| D. talkative | D. irritability |

both

Exercise D: If...

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

20. If your pants and shirt look good together, your socks match, and you're wearing shoes that go with your clothes, your outfit is _____
21. If you think that a certain bike is the fanciest, fastest, safest, and best looking; if it's just "the tops," you'd say that bike was the _____
22. If you saw a harmless animal caught in a trap and having no success in trying to get free, you would probably think its struggles were _____
23. If your team has too few players and joins with another small team to make a bigger one, what the two teams do is to _____
24. If you disagree with someone about everything and can't ignore it when he or she is wrong about some detail, you two tend to _____

Exercise E: Other Forms of Words

Use what you know about the **Words** to choose the correct answers.

- _____ 25. An employee might get **severance** pay when he or she
A. is fired. B. starts a job. C. works overtime.
- _____ 26. One thing that makes noise **melodiously** is a
A. siren. B. jet. C. songbird.
- _____ 27. A person with an **aspiration** is often said to have
A. a dream. B. a problem. C. an assignment.
- _____ 28. What is something that people often select **randomly**?
A. a spouse B. a pet C. a sack of potatoes
- _____ 29. Someone who feels **rapturous** might make the sound
A. "Ouch!" B. "Ugh!" C. "Ahhhh!"

Exercise F: Antonyms

Write the **Word** that is an antonym for each underlined word.

This exercise continues on the next page.

30. When my best friend moved away, I cried with misery; when I heard she was moving back, I sighed with ____.
31. The saleswoman made a beginning offer of a price for the new car; after an hour of bargaining, she gave her ____ offer.
32. I might look at a book of stories and make a deliberate choice, or I might read whatever story the book opens to, which is ____.

And now *these* words from our

Quick LIST

- aspire** V.
- coordinated** ADJ.
- ignoramus** N.
- melodious** ADJ.
- merge** V.
- motive** N.
- necessitate** V.
- passionate** ADJ.
- piteous** ADJ.
- quibble** V.
- random** ADJ.
- rapture** N.
- repentance** N.
- sever** V.
- ultimate** ADJ.

Let's

33. Some people's voices are harsh and screeching and unpleasant; others' voices are quite ____.
34. When I got 100 on the history quiz, I felt like a genius; when I spelled *brain* wrong, I felt like a total ____.
35. Some people show little emotion and seem unfeeling; others have fierce loves and hates and seem quite ____.

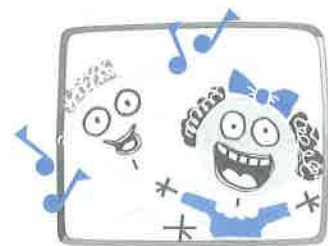
Exercise G: Fill-in

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

36. Mom said if she heard my sister and me _____ about whose turn it was to sit in the front seat, she'd let the dog sit there.
37. A _____ desire for independence from England led some colonists to form a group called the Sons of Liberty.
38. We mustn't forget those soldiers who made the _____ sacrifice in fighting for America—those who paid with their lives.
39. The _____ I felt when the rocket I had built shot 200 feet straight up was one of the happiest times I had growing up.
40. Having twenty guests for Thanksgiving will _____ using card tables to seat some of the people.
41. I felt like a real _____ when I realized that I'd shrunk all my sweaters by washing them in hot water.
42. Sherry's movements were so perfectly _____ that she was able to dodge the other player, turn, dribble, and score.
43. Your shovel might _____ the roots if you are not very careful while digging up that plant.
44. Detectives try to learn what someone's _____ might have been for committing a crime.
45. Because I _____ to be a veterinarian, I want to take a lot of biology courses in high school.
46. It's hard to forgive someone who shows no _____ for what he or she has done.
47. The _____ cries of the frightened child made me hurry to his side to find out what was wrong.
48. My choice of which socks to wear is _____; I just grab the first pair I can lay my hands on.
49. Two classes will _____ into one group for the trip.
50. I think that chirping crickets make a _____ sound.



"Need a better trap? For me, **Rat Capture** means cat rapture!"



"Even if you're famous, You're just an ignoramus If you don't shop! shop! shop! at **Amos!**"

"And now back to Mary Sue Moss . . ."

with

Word Fun 3!

Puzzling

Identify the **Word** from Unit 3 that fits the clue in each box.
The word's first letter is shown in the answer blank.

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6. gg _____

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2. d _____



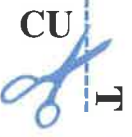
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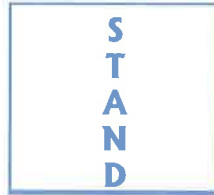
3. c _____



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4. s _____



9. e _____

MISTAKE

5. b _____



10. f _____

Searching

Circle all the words you can find that go from left to right or from top to bottom in the puzzle. Among them, you should find the answers to all of these clues.

1. A *robust* person is this.
2. This is one kind of *caress*.
3. This describes an *impartial* person.
4. You do this when you *devour* something.
5. *Illiteracy* involves the inability to do this.
6. Rolling around in this makes you *grimy*.
7. This is a synonym for *rapture*.
8. This would *mar* a car.

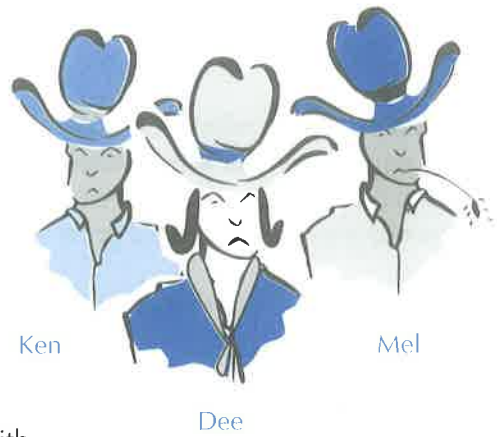
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Naming

Match each person's name to the description it goes best with.

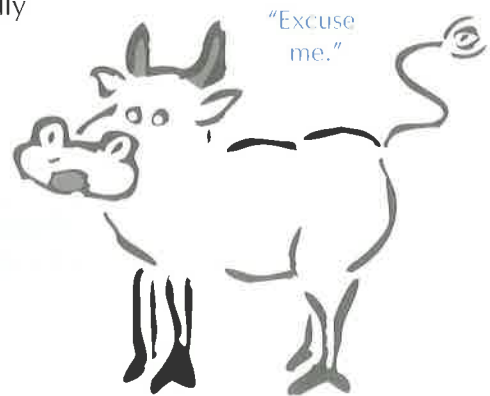
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| ___ 1. Ken Tankerus | A. She casts a spell. |
| ___ 2. Mel O. Dias | B. She blocks the light. |
| ___ 3. Dee Vower | C. She eats like a horse. |
| ___ 4. Cal Amitty | D. He gets people going. |
| ___ 5. Moe Tuvv | E. He can sing like a bird. |
| ___ 6. Tex Churr | F. He is really big trouble. |
| ___ 7. N. Chant | G. She's truly a confused mess. |
| ___ 8. Kay Oss | H. He's grumpy and hard to deal with. |
| ___ 9. O. Pake | I. He's judged by his surface qualities. |



Defining

Match the invented word with its meaning.

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| ___ 1. nagony | A. what you call something when there's enough of it but it's awful |
| ___ 2. audibull | B. what you call a chicken that's been hypnotized |
| ___ 3. furocious | C. the pain an old, broken-down horse feels |
| ___ 4. excarsion | D. what is written on a torn bit of paper |
| ___ 5. badequate | E. a calf's dad when he sneezes loudly |
| ___ 6. inscraption | F. an uneducated, deer-like animal |
| ___ 7. venomouse | G. a fun trip in an automobile |
| ___ 8. henchanted | H. a mean, dangerous mink |
| ___ 9. ignoramoose | I. a poisonous rodent |



Rhyming

These poems would be better if they rhymed. Substitute a **Word** from Unit 3 for each underlined word or phrase to make the line rhyme with the one above it.

- "I'm so sorry I did that" is quite a good sentence
To use when you're trying to show your regret.
- To get to my house, take a plane, and then you'll need a boat;
Then ride a mule for eighteen miles. My house is quite far away!

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