

Lesson 24

bliss BLIS NOUN

great happiness; perfect joy [I awoke on the first day of vacation with a sense of *bliss*.]

confidential kon•fuh•DEN•shul ADJECTIVE

spoken or written as a secret [What I'm telling you is *confidential*, so keep it between us.]

drawback DRAW•bak NOUN

a disadvantage; anything that makes something less satisfactory [A *drawback* to a Tuesday night party is that no one can stay up late.]

elegant EL•uh•gunt ADJECTIVE

beautiful in a simple and graceful way; classy [The *elegant* dress revealed Nicole's talents as a designer.]

extinguish ek•STING•gwish VERB

to put out, as a fire; to put an end to [If it rains, that will *extinguish* both the fire and my hopes for a warm night.]

finicky FIN•uh•kee ADJECTIVE

very choosy; picky [My cousins are *finicky* about what they will eat.]

haggle HAG•ul VERB

to argue over price [Some people hate shopping for a car because it is common to have to *haggle* over the price.]

jeer JEER VERB

to make sounds or speak in a way that makes fun of someone or something [Did you hear the crowd *jeer* when I missed my sixth free throw in a row?]

lament luh•MENT

NOUN an expression of deep sorrow [I heard the child's *lament* when she realized that her mother had left.]

VERB to express deep sorrow; to mourn; to regret [When she retires, we will *lament* the loss of Ms. Riddle, who is the best teacher in the school.]

notorious no•TOR•ee•us ADJECTIVE

famous for something bad [Mr. Hicks groaned when he saw that the most *notorious* student in school would be in his class.]

peril PAIR•ul NOUN

danger [The climber was in great *peril* as she inched her way along the ledge.]

ploy PLOY NOUN

a trick that is meant to get the better of someone or to fool someone into doing something [His promise to help me later was just a *ploy* to get my help when he needed it.]

rash RASH ADJECTIVE

hasty and not thought out [She made a *rash* statement that she was soon sorry for.]

strenuous STREN•yoo•us ADJECTIVE

requiring much energy and strength [After Gina's operation, the doctor told her not to take part in *strenuous* activity.]

whim WIM NOUN

a sudden wish that is not based in need or deep feeling [I bought the purple baseball cap on a *whim*.]

CHEERS
Some people say bungee-jumping is a sport that brings bliss.



JEERS
Others say it is not a sport at all and that it puts people in peril.

Exercise A: If...

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

1. If you shop and shop for the perfect shirt, eat only a certain cereal, and wear only one kind of socks, you are
2. If you're on a mountaintop and the snow is so deep you can't see the trail and your two-way radio just broke, you are in
3. If your parents set the table with a white tablecloth, the best dishes, and a vase of flowers, they probably want the table to look
4. If you are exhausted and sweaty when a job is done, and your muscles ache and you have blisters, the work was
5. If you're at the mall and see something you're not shopping for but like it and buy it on the spot, your purchase is the result of a
6. If a company offers you a free gift but you have to pay \$5.00 for "mailing costs," that offer of a "free" gift was a
7. If you love going to garage sales and trying to talk the seller into reducing a fifty-cent price to a quarter, you like to
8. If your dad just told you what he got your mom for her birthday and he can't wait to surprise her, what he told you was
9. If you quit the team because you got mad and then you spend the rest of the season regretting it, your decision was
10. If you feel like you're walking on air, and life is wonderful, and there's a smile on your face and another in your heart, you feel ...

Exercise B: True or False

Circle TRUE or FALSE for each statement.

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| 11. Any sale is a ploy to get people into a store to shop. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 12. A baseball cap would be an elegant addition to any outfit. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 13. It is important to extinguish any fire you make in the forest. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 14. Some people are notorious for being kind and doing good works. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 15. Most people are pleased and flattered if others jeer at them. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 16. Getting healthy exercise is a drawback to sports activities. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 17. A fancy restaurant is a good place to haggle over a price. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 18. Mowing a hill with a push mower is strenuous work. | TRUE | FALSE |

Exercise C: Synonyms

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

19. private _____
20. bargain _____
21. reckless _____
22. smother _____
23. fussy _____
24. grieve _____

Exercise D: Analogies

Write the letter of the word pair that completes the analogy.

- ___ 25. **extinguish** : flame ::
A. run : walk C. grow : plant
B. fly : bird D. erase : drawing
- ___ 26. **contentment** : **bliss** ::
A. fear : terror C. sadness : gladness
B. faith : belief D. thirst : hunger
- ___ 27. **jeer** : **scorn** ::
A. drink : liquid C. bandage : wound
B. recall : past D. scold : criticism
- ___ 28. **selective** : **finicky** ::
A. tall : heavy C. large : gigantic
B. plain : pretty D. delicious : sweet

LAMENTS

Diver: "My lament is that the ocean has become so polluted."

Fish: "My lament is that the ocean has become so polluted ... with people."



Exercise E: Rhyme Time

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

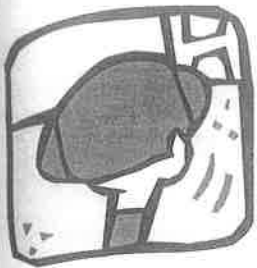
29. I thought the crowd would clap and cheer,
I blushed when all they did was ____.
- _____
30. Your heart is made of pure cement
If it's not touched by my ____.
- _____
31. Don't give a fool a lot of cash,
Or he just might do something ____.
- _____
32. A wolf reached for a porcupine,
but then he yanked his paw back.
He'd planned on having dinner,
but the quills were quite a ____.
- _____
33. I hadn't planned to take a swim
But jumped in on a sudden ____.
- _____
34. Be careful if you go to Gloria's
For her dog is quite ____.
- _____
35. Careful Carl and cautious Carol
Always stay away from ____.
- _____

Exercise F: Writing

On your own paper, write a paragraph describing something that you believe could put you in **peril**. Use at least **TWO Words** in your description.

Exercise G: Fill-In

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



CHEERS and **JEERS**

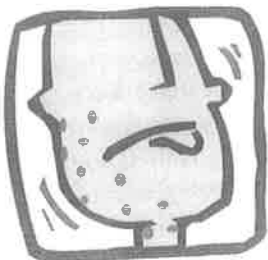
The pass was high and smooth and elegant. I caught it like I would an elephant.



36. Losing your temper may make you do _____ things.
37. It is just plain mean to _____ at those who are trying their best to succeed at something.
38. People often make a wish before they _____ the candles on a birthday cake.
39. I _____ the loss of the locket Grandma gave me.
40. Is wanting a really short haircut just a _____, or have you given it much thought?
41. Jesse James was a _____ bank robber.
42. The moving van was part of a _____ to make the neighbors believe that the burglars were actually movers.
43. There wasn't any real _____ from the storm, even though it was noisy and scary.
44. I refuse to _____ over my babysitting rates.
45. Satin curtains make the room look _____ in the evening light.
46. For me, a _____ to living in southern California is that I don't get to see much snow.
47. Is what you've told me _____, or may I tell Brad?
48. I'm _____ about what I put on the walls because how my room looks is important to me.
49. Carl was filled with _____ as he looked forward to a whole day of nothing but fun and relaxation at the beach.
50. Jack's construction job is _____, but he enjoys it.

TEARS and **JEERS**

Hiking through poison oak could be a rash activity.



Quick LIST

bliss N.
 confidential ADJ.
 drawback N.
 elegant ADJ.
 extinguish V.

finicky ADJ.
 haggle V.
 jeer V.
 lament N., V.
 notorious ADJ.

peril N.
 ploy N.
 rash ADJ.
 strenuous ADJ.
 whim N.