

Lesson 25

administer *ad•MIN•us•tur* VERB

1. to manage; to direct the affairs of [Who will *administer* the baseball league at the park?]
2. to carry out; to give; to supply [Emergency rooms can *administer* medical help quickly.]

barbaric *bar•BAIR•ik* ADJECTIVE

uncivilized; crude and cruel [Whipping someone as a punishment seems very *barbaric* to me.]

chipper *CHIP•ur* ADJECTIVE

cheerful and energetic [You look *chipper*!]

cluster *KLUS•tur*

NOUN a number of things growing, collected, or lying together [A *cluster* of tulips grew beside the front door.]

VERB to grow or gather in a cluster [Children often *cluster* in the park after school.]

consecutive *kun•SEK•yoo•tiv* ADJECTIVE

following in regular order without a break [The temperature was below zero for eight *consecutive* days.]

culprit *KUL•prit* NOUN

one guilty of a crime or wrongdoing [The *culprit* was captured after a police chase.]

dispute *dis•PYOOT*

NOUN an argument; a debate [There was a *dispute* over the umpire's call.]

VERB to question or deny the truth or rightness of [Do you *dispute* my statement?]

ember *EM•bur* NOUN

a glowing piece of coal or wood in the ashes from a fire [A single *ember* can start a huge forest fire.]

jest *JEST*

NOUN a joke, amusing remark, or playful act [He made a *jest* about my appearance.]

VERB to say something funny; to joke [People are more likely to *jest* when they're in a good mood.]

materialize *muh•TEER•ee•ul•ize* VERB

1. to become actual or real [I fear my dream won't *materialize*.]
2. to give something a physical form or to take on a physical form [With her knitting needles, my aunt rapidly made a scarf *materialize* from a ball of yarn.]

omen *OH•mun* NOUN

anything that is supposed to be a sign of a future event, whether good or bad [Are you one of the people who think that breaking a mirror is a bad *omen*?]

spendthrift *SPEND•thrift*

NOUN a person who *spends* his or her money carelessly [The *spendthrift* went bankrupt.]

ADJECTIVE wasteful with one's money [She'll regret her *spendthrift* ways.]

tier *TEER* NOUN

one of a series of layers or rows, arranged one above another [We sat in the second *tier* of seats.]

vegetation *veh•juh•TAY•shun* NOUN

things growing from the soil; plant life [The yard is covered in thick *vegetation*.]

writhe *RITHE* VERB

to twist and turn; to twist about [Watching the dancers *writhe*, I thought they looked as if they were in great pain.]

THE PATH IN THE WOODS PART 2



Three travelers follow the path. One speaks in a chipper voice. ("Why is it night? Are we almost home? There's a toad! Are toads vegetation?") A tired voice replies. ("No, Teddy.")

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alien AY•lee•un

ADJECTIVE 1. belonging to another country or people; foreign [Foods that were once *alien* to Americans are now commonly served.]

ADJECTIVE 2. entirely different from one's own; strange [It can be hard to adjust to *alien* customs while traveling in a foreign country.]

NOUN a person who is not a citizen of the country in which he or she lives; a foreigner [Many *aliens* live in the United States.]

aroma uh•ROH•muh NOUN

a smell, usually a pleasant one; a fragrance [A pine tree has a delightful *aroma*.]

boundless BOWND•lus ADJECTIVE

having no borders or boundaries; unlimited [A good education makes job choices *boundless*.]

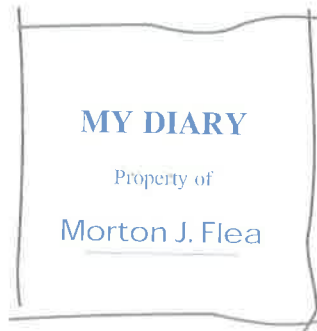
din DIN NOUN

a continuing loud noise [The *din* in the factory was deafening.]

gale GALE NOUN

1. a strong wind [The *gale* made us stumble backwards.]

2. an outburst, as of laughter [My joke was met with a *gale* of laughter.]



hamper HAM•pur VERB

to keep from moving or acting freely; to get in the way of [Snow can *hamper* a mail carrier's ability to make deliveries.]

intercept in•tur•SEPT VERB

to take, seize, or stop on the way; to cut off [Did enemy soldiers *intercept* our messenger?]

liable LY•uh•bul ADJECTIVE

1. bound by law or what is right; responsible [Since it was our fault, we are *liable*.]

2. likely to do or cause something [If you keep spinning, you're *liable* to make yourself dizzy.]

maneuver muh•NOO•vur

NOUN 1. a carefully planned move, as of troops in battle [George Washington's clever *maneuver* surprised the British troops.]

NOUN 2. any skillful change of movement or direction [Mom made a quick *maneuver* to avoid the car that was heading toward us.]

VERB to move or to carry out a maneuver [It can be tiring to *maneuver* a loaded shopping cart around.]

minute my•NOOT ADJECTIVE

1. tiny; very small [There was a *minute* speck of dust on the table.]

2. going into small details; exact [I gave Sandy *minute* directions to my house.]

proposition prop•uh•ZIH•shun NOUN

something proposed; a plan [Let's take a vote on Jeffrey's *proposition*.]

scowl SKOWL

VERB to look angry or mean by lowering the eyebrows and frowning [The angry old woman *scowled* at us.]

NOUN an angry look [The man's *scowl* revealed his anger.]

spontaneous spon•TAY•nee•us ADJECTIVE

1. done in a free and natural way, without much thought or planning [We broke into *spontaneous* cheers when we heard the news.]

2. occurring naturally, without an outside cause or force [No one can control a volcano's eruption; it is entirely *spontaneous*.]

submerge sub•MURJ VERB

to put or go into water; to stay underwater [A submarine is designed to *submerge*.]

wiry WY•ree ADJECTIVE

1. of or like wire; stiff [I can't make my *wiry* hair lie flat.]

2. thin and strong [I'm not big and muscular, but I'm *wiry*.]

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ascend uh•SEND VERB

to go up; to move upward [Let's *ascend* the mountain and picnic at the top.]

climax KLY•max NOUN

the time or part of anything that is of highest interest, importance, or excitement [The *climax* of the story involves the capture of the criminal.]

contrary KON•trair•ee

ADJECTIVE 1. exactly opposite; completely different [We have *contrary* opinions on cats.]

ADJECTIVE 2. opposed; being or acting against [Illegal actions are *contrary* to the law.]

ADJECTIVE 3. hard to get along with; stubborn [He is a *contrary* child who must always have his own way.]

NOUN the opposite [The sun is not closer to Earth than the moon; the *contrary* is true.]

curb KURB VERB

to hold back, restrain, or control [Try to *curb* your anger by counting to ten.]

fatigue fuh•TEEG

NOUN weariness; exhaustion [I collapsed with *fatigue* after the race.]

VERB to make weary or exhausted [A ten-mile hike will *fatigue* us.]

gait GATE NOUN

a way of walking or running [With my sore ankle, I have a slow *gait*.]

horizontal hor•uh•ZON•tul ADJECTIVE

parallel to the horizon; level [Table tops are *horizontal*.]

intimate IN•tih•mut ADJECTIVE

1. very private or personal [I tell my best friend my *intimate* thoughts.]

2. close; very friendly [We get along well, but I wouldn't say that we're *intimate* friends.]

mutilate MYOO•tih•late VERB

to cut, tear, or break off a part; to badly damage or injure by cutting, tearing, or breaking off a part of [A lawn mower could *mutilate* a person's foot.]

precise pree•SICE ADJECTIVE

1. exact; accurate [Provide a *precise* answer, or you will get no credit.]

2. clear and definite [I gave *precise* instructions, so you should not have been confused.]

3. very careful in the way something is done; fussy [Mitch is always very *precise* in arranging his room.]

replica REP•lih•kuh NOUN

a copy or model, often smaller than the original [I have a coin bank that is a *replica* of the Liberty Bell.]

righteous RY•chus ADJECTIVE

1. decent; good; moral [Parents should raise their children to be *righteous* people.]

2. justified; with good reason; proper [When Leo saw any form of cruelty, he was filled with *righteous* anger.]

rile RILE VERB

to make angry; to irritate [Don't *rile* her by being so sassy.]

skeletal SKEL•uh•tul

ADJECTIVE of or like a skeleton [We found an animal's *skeletal* remains.]



A skeletal image

weather WETH•ur VERB

1. to survive; to pass safely through a danger or hardship [Can our friendship *weather* this argument?]

2. to become worn or affected by being exposed to the weather [Some types of wood *weather* over time to a pale, silvery color.]

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arrogant AIR•uh•gunt ADJECTIVE
overly proud; conceited; full of feelings of importance [“I’ll win, of course,” said Hank in an *arrogant* voice.]

callous KAL•us ADJECTIVE
feeling no emotion, especially sympathy [I don’t understand how you can be so *callous* about my suffering.]

crafty KRAF•tee ADJECTIVE
skillful in fooling or tricking others; sly; sneaky [Don’t trust a *crafty* person.]

dejected dih•JEK•tud ADJECTIVE
sad; discouraged [Cyrus felt *dejected* when he didn’t make the team.]

domestic duh•MES•tik ADJECTIVE

1. having to do with the home or family [Everyone should have *domestic* skills such as cooking.]
2. having to do with, or made in, one’s own country; native [Hal bought a *domestic* car, but Cal bought an import.]
3. not wild; having to do with animals that are used to living with or near people [Both cows and chickens are *domestic* animals.]

Although most kinds of mice are *not* domestic animals, the ones that we call “house mice” are certainly used to living with people.



entice en•TICE VERB
to attract or tempt by offering something that is wanted [I tried to *entice* the shy puppy to come to me by holding out a bone.]

err UR or AIR VERB
to make a mistake; to do something wrong [If you *err*, do your best to correct what you have done.]

hardy HAR•dee ADJECTIVE
able to survive great hardship; physically tough [Are you *hardy* enough to do a ten-mile hike today?]

lavish LAV•ish

ADJECTIVE 1. very generous or too generous [Her *lavish* gifts embarrassed him.]

ADJECTIVE 2. more than enough; very great [I can’t eat such a *lavish* helping.]

VERB to give or spend freely or too freely [My next-door neighbors *lavish* attention on all their cats.]

modify MOD•uh•fy VERB

1. to make a small or partial change [I’ll *modify* my report to include more details.]
2. to tone down; to make less harsh or strong [I wish the teacher would *modify* the requirements for this paper.]

orator OR•uh•tur NOUN
a skillful, public speaker; someone who gives a formal speech [The *orator* grabbed our attention with her opening sentence.]

paramount PAIR•uh•mownt ADJECTIVE
most important; supreme; ranking higher than any other [Our *paramount* concern is safety.]

prosperity pros•PAIR•uh•tee NOUN
good fortune, wealth, and success [We have been blessed with great *prosperity*.]

Some people think of mice as cute little critters; others see them as crafty rogues.

rogue ROAG NOUN

1. a dishonest or tricky person [That *rogue* has managed to fool us all.]
2. someone who is playful in a mischievous way [That little *rogue* cut the toes out of my socks!]

threadbare THRED•bair ADJECTIVE
worn out, shabby [I need a new coat; this one is *threadbare*.]

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amiable AY•mee•uh•bul ADJECTIVE
good-natured and friendly [My neighbor always greets me with an *amiable* smile.]

dismantle dis•MAN•tul VERB
to take apart, temporarily or permanently [If we *dismantle* the bed, we can get it upstairs.]

emphasis EM•fuh•sis NOUN
1. stress; importance [At our school, the *emphasis* is on reading.]
2. a special force or stress put on particular words or syllables [Put *emphasis* on the first syllable in *desert* or you will mispronounce it.]

excessive ek•SES•iv ADJECTIVE
being too much or too great; going beyond what is usual or proper [Four hours of homework a night seems *excessive* to me.]

flaw FLAW
NOUN a fault or imperfection in a thing or person [The only *flaw* in the plate was a small crack.]
VERB to make or become imperfect (most often used with *-ed*) [The play was *flawed* by one actor's poor performance.]



heed HEED VERB
to give close attention to; to take notice of [I will *heed* your advice.]

intensify in•TEN•suh•fy VERB
to make stronger or more serious; to increase [We must *intensify* our efforts.]

lofty LOF•tee ADJECTIVE
very high [The eagle looked down from its *lofty* nest above the valley.]

modesty MOD•us•tee NOUN
1. the quality of not thinking too highly of oneself [Spencer's *modesty* about his accomplishments kept him from bragging.]
2. the quality of not calling attention to one's body [In earlier days, *modesty* in women's clothing was very important.]

momentary MOH•mun•tair•ee ADJECTIVE
lasting only a moment; short-lived [There was a *momentary* pause.]

solitary SOL•uh•tair•ee ADJECTIVE
1. all alone; apart from others [A *solitary* child watched the others playing.]
2. single; only [The *solitary* tree in my yard provides little shade.]
3. seldom visited; lonely [The *solitary* house was set in the woods.]

subtle SUT•tul ADJECTIVE
1. not open; not very noticeable [Laura gave me a *subtle* wink that no one else spotted.]
2. delicate; faint [That perfume has a pleasant, *subtle* smell.]

turmoil TUR•moil NOUN
a very excited or confused condition; commotion [During a riot, there is *turmoil*.]

twinge TWINJ NOUN
1. a sudden, brief pain [If I put even a little weight on my twisted ankle, I feel a *twinge*.]
2. a sudden, brief feeling of regret, shame, guilt or other negative feeling [Sue felt a *twinge* of jealousy when Mara won the contest.]

visualize VIZH•oo•uh•lize VERB
to form a mental image or picture of something [Can you *visualize* how the room would look with bunk beds?]

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affix uh•FIX VERB

to fasten, stick, or attach [Affix the stamp to the envelope.]

aftermath AF•tur•math NOUN

1. a result, especially an unpleasant one [War's *aftermath* is misery.]
2. the period following an event of some importance [In the *aftermath* of the election, protestors crowded the streets.]

deceitful duh•SEET•ful ADJECTIVE

lying; misleading; untruthful; false [The salesman was accused of *deceitful* claims.]

deplete duh•PLEET VERB

to make less by using up gradually; to partly or completely empty [I don't want to *deplete* my savings by buying things I don't need.]

discontent dis•kun•TENT NOUN

a feeling of not being satisfied; a desire for something more or different [Her *discontent* made her restless.]

indelible in•DEL•uh•bul ADJECTIVE

unable to be erased, removed, or blotted out [This stain won't wash out; it must have been made by *indelible* ink.]

insufferable in•SUF•ur•uh•bul ADJECTIVE

hard to put up with; unbearable [His constant complaining was *insufferable*.]

inventory IN•vun•tor•ee

NOUN 1. a complete list of goods, valuables, or property [Let's do an *inventory* of supplies.]

NOUN 2. the stock of goods on hand [The school's *inventory* of athletic equipment is small.]

VERB to count or make a list of inventory [The store will *inventory* everything it has in the warehouse.]

meditate MED•uh•tate VERB

to think quietly and deeply [I like to look up at the sky and *meditate* about my future.]



"This is Mary Sue Moss. Today we're asking folks on the street about 'Rules for Life' that could make the world a better place. Later we'll ask for your ideas. Stay tuned!"

revert ruh•VERT VERB

to go back to a former condition, subject, or way of acting; to return [After working hard for a few weeks, he began to *revert* to his old, lazy ways.]

sheepish SHEE•pish ADJECTIVE

embarrassed, especially over having a mistake or fault revealed [The woman apologized with a *sheepish* smile.]

sulky SUL•kee ADJECTIVE

silent and gloomy because of being angry or upset [He always gets *sulky* when he doesn't get his own way.]

teem TEEM VERB

to be full of; to swarm [In another month, this quiet camp will *teem* with activity and happy kids.]

tolerant TOL•ur•unt ADJECTIVE

showing acceptance of others' opinions, beliefs, or customs, even though they are not like one's own [To get along with others, one must be *tolerant*.]

waylay WAY•lay VERB

1. to lie in wait for; to wait for and attack [There are dangerous robbers who *waylay* travelers along that trail.]

2. to wait for and stop a person on his or her way [I will try to *waylay* a player and get her autograph as she arrives for the game.]