

Lesson 3

abhor *ab•HOR* VERB

to hate; to shrink from with disgust [I used to *abhor* spinach, but now I like it.]

acute *uh•KYOOT* ADJECTIVE

1. sharp and severe [I felt an *acute* pain in my side.]
2. keen or sensitive [Hawks have *acute* vision.]
3. very serious [There is an *acute* shortage of water.]

bicker *BIK•ur* VERB

to argue over an unimportant matter [Let's not *bicker* about who's taller.]

etiquette *ET•uh•kit* NOUN

the manners and behavior considered to be acceptable [Dining *etiquette* is different at a picnic than at a formal dinner.]

foolhardy *FOOL•har•dee* ADJECTIVE

foolishly daring [Jumping off the roof was a *foolhardy* act.]

genial *JEEN•yul* ADJECTIVE

pleasantly cheerful and kindly [It's a pleasure to have such *genial* neighbors.]

imply *im•PLY* VERB

to suggest or express without directly saying [I yawned to *imply* that I was bored.]

initiative *ih•NISH•uh•tiv* NOUN

1. the ability to see what needs to be done and take a leading role in getting it done [Her *initiative* makes her a natural leader.]
2. a first step or movement; an act that begins something [I took the *initiative* by introducing myself to the new student.]

menace *MEN•us*

NOUN a serious threat [Wolves can be a *menace* to sheep.]

VERB to threaten [A mother bear will *menace* anyone who gets near her cubs.]

persevere *pur•suh•VEER* VERB

to keep at something even though it is difficult [Success comes to those who *persevere*.]

ponder *PON•dur* VERB

to consider carefully; to think deeply about, often over a period of time [I need to *ponder* this decision.]

quaint *KWAYNT* ADJECTIVE

strange, odd, or old-fashioned in a pleasing way [She had a *quaint* bed that folded up into the wall.]

remorse *rih•MORCE* NOUN

deep regret and a feeling of guilt over one's wrongdoing [The boy showed *remorse* when he realized he'd hurt my feelings.]

vague *VAYG* ADJECTIVE

1. not clear or definite [Not knowing whether I actually wanted to attend the party, I gave a *vague* answer.]
2. fuzzy or blurred [The house was a *vague* shape in the darkness.]

vital *VY•tul* ADJECTIVE

very important; absolutely necessary [Using seatbelts is *vital* for safety.]



Exercise A: Completion

Choose the correct answer to complete each sentence.

- _____ 1. A **vague** answer to your question is most likely to leave you feeling
A. insulted. B. satisfied. C. confused.
- _____ 2. An example of a **quaint** way to travel would be to use a
A. skateboard. B. horse and buggy. C. helicopter.
- _____ 3. A dog might **menace** someone by
A. growling. B. wagging its tail. C. begging for food.
- _____ 4. If you have questions about **etiquette**, you want to know how to
A. behave. B. make money. C. keep house.
- _____ 5. Someone who **perseveres** shows
A. laziness. B. determination. C. kindness.
- _____ 6. Something that most people would describe as **vital** is
A. food. B. perfume. C. jokes.

Exercise B: Synonyms

Write the **Word** that is closest in meaning to each set of words and phrases.

- 7. manners; social rules; politeness _____
- 8. continue; try, try again; last _____
- 9. hint; indicate; mean _____
- 10. drive; hustle; get-up-and-go _____
- 11. friendly; easy-going; nice _____
- 12. danger; peril; risk _____
- 13. sorrow; an attack of conscience _____
- 14. concentrate; study; keep in mind _____
- 15. hazy; dim; uncertain _____
- 16. quarrel; disagree; squabble _____

A menace



Exercise C: True or False

Circle TRUE or FALSE for each statement.

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| 17. In order to imply that something is untrue, you might say, "What a lie!" | TRUE | FALSE |
| 18. If you make a vague request, people know exactly what you want. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 19. You are most likely to bicker with people when you feel grouchy. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 20. If your carelessness hurt a puppy, you'd probably feel remorse . | TRUE | FALSE |
| 21. If you ponder a problem, you make up your mind right away. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 22. People who abhor rock music play it as often as possible. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 23. Shy people usually show initiative in making friends. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 24. If something is vital to you, you can't do without it. | TRUE | FALSE |

Exercise D: Analogies

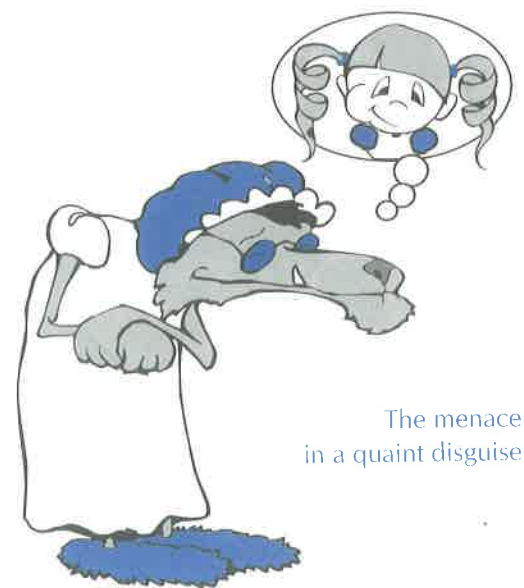
Write the letter of the word that completes each analogy.

- ___ 25. apologize : **remorse** :: laugh :
 A. pride B. sadness C. gratitude D. amusement
- ___ 26. reckless : **foolhardy** :: brave :
 A. careful B. foolish C. powerful D. courageous
- ___ 27. dislike : **abhor** :: like :
 A. love B. hate C. enjoy D. recommend
- ___ 28. **acute** : mild :: quick :
 A. first B. slow C. speedy D. pointed

Exercise E: Antonyms

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

29. unimportant _____
30. quit _____
31. cautious _____
32. adore _____
33. unfriendly _____
34. ordinary _____
35. dull _____



The menace
in a quaint disguise

Exercise F: Fill-in

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

- FALSE
FALSE
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36. Pioneer travelers had to _____ to make it all the way to California from the East.
 37. My uncle greeted me at the door with a _____ smile that made me feel welcome.
 38. Taking time to _____ a situation is the opposite of making a snap decision.
 39. Every child should have the basic lessons in _____ of learning to say "please" and "thank you."
 40. Mom gets angry when my brother and I _____ about who should set the table.
 41. Victims with the most _____ injuries were treated first by the medical team.
 42. A speeding car is a _____ to the safety of its passengers and other travelers.
 43. Barb's _____ seemed sincere, so I forgave her for what she had done.
 44. Eating healthy food is _____ to the development of bones and muscle.
 45. Don't go fishing if you _____ handling worms.
 46. We stayed at a _____ hotel that had feather beds covered with beautiful handmade quilts.
 47. Lee is finally starting to show some _____; he used to do only as he was told.
 48. To _____ that I should turn off the TV, my Dad said, "Why don't you get some exercise?"
 49. Rita's _____ plan was to walk across the newly frozen pond.
 50. Joe has only a _____ memory of Boston

Quick LIST

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The genial girl in acute danger from the menace in a quaint disguise