

Lesson 4

abrupt uh•BRUPT ADJECTIVE

happening suddenly or unexpectedly [The car came to an *abrupt* stop.]

acknowledge ak•NOL•ij VERB

1. to admit; to openly accept the truth of a fact [When you are wrong, it may be hard to *acknowledge* it.]

2. to recognize and answer [He sent a note to *acknowledge* my gift.]

adorn uh•DORN VERB

to add beauty to [Our neighbor likes to *adorn* her poodle with little pink bows.]

defiance dih•FY•unce NOUN

bold resistance; refusal to obey; an attitude or behavior that opposes someone or something powerful ["I won't, and you can't make me!" she said in *defiance*.]

dismal DIZ•mul ADJECTIVE

1. unpleasantly dim and gloomy [It was a *dismal*, rainy day.]

2. unhappy; cheerless [He responded to the bad news with a *dismal* sigh.]

folly FOL•ee NOUN

a lack of sense; foolishness; a foolish action or belief [It was *folly* for us to try to remove the beehive from the attic ourselves.]

illuminate ih•LOO•mih•nate VERB

to give light to [Turn on the lamp to *illuminate* the room.]

inevitable in•EV•uh•tuh•bul ADJECTIVE

certain to happen; unavoidable [When my brakes failed, I knew some sort of collision was *inevitable*.]

mere MEER ADJECTIVE

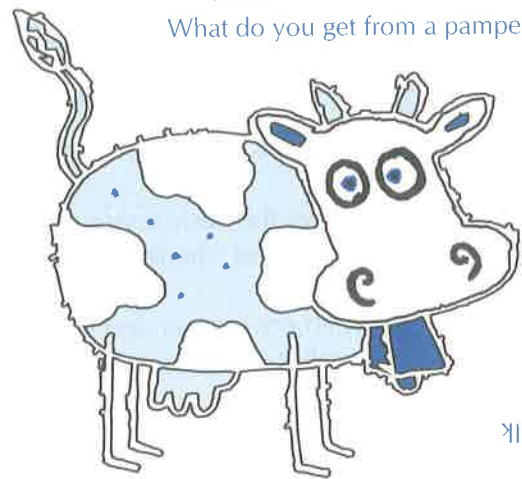
nothing more or other than; only [This wonderful toy cost a *mere* dollar.]

pamper PAM•pur VERB

to treat with too much gentleness; to give special care, privilege, and protection [His parents *pamper* him, so he's never learned to do anything on his own.]

Question:

What do you get from a pampered cow?



Answer:
Spoiled milk

perplex pur•PLEX VERB

to puzzle; to cause uncertainty and confusion [A mystery story may *perplex* a reader until the end.]

reverence REV•ur•unce NOUN

a feeling or attitude of deep respect [Our national anthem expresses a feeling of *reverence* for the flag.]

trounce TROWNCE VERB

to thoroughly beat or defeat [Our better players will *trounce* the other team.]

unique yoo•NEEK ADJECTIVE

1. so unusual as to have no like or equal [The design of each snowflake is *unique*.]

2. highly unusual or extremely rare [Tony's musical ability is *unique* in one so young.]

valor VAL•ur NOUN

great courage or bravery [The soldier received a medal for *valor*.]

Exercise A: Fill-in

Write the correct **Word** to complete each sentence.

Question:

What insect is always involved in folly?

Drop two letters. The answer drops in on another page.

Hint:

1. My parents _____ me, at least a little, on my birthday.
trounce *pamper* *perplex*
2. Identical twins look alike, but they are _____ individuals.
mere *unique* *abrupt*
3. People use earrings, necklaces, and rings to _____ themselves.
adorn *illuminate* *acknowledge*
4. People are often ashamed of behavior that was an act of _____.
folly *valor* *reverence*
5. A professional ball team would probably _____ your school team.
pamper *trounce* *illuminate*
6. If your key suddenly didn't work in your door, that would _____ you.
trounce *perplex* *illuminate*
7. To emphasize how young a boy is, one might call him a _____ child.
mere *dismal* *unique*
8. Sighing and groaning are ways that people show that they feel _____.
dismal *abrupt* *inevitable*
9. You are refusing to _____ someone if you ignore a person who waves and calls to you.
perplex *illuminate* *acknowledge*
10. A brat is likely to show _____ when told to do something he or she doesn't want to do.
valor *defiance* *reverence*

Exercise B: Antonyms

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

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| 11. wisdom _____ | 16. darken _____ |
| 12. common _____ | 17. unlikely _____ |
| 13. gradual _____ | 18. neglect _____ |
| 14. cheerful _____ | 19. disrespect _____ |
| 15. deny _____ | 20. cowardice _____ |

Exercise C: Completion

Choose the correct answer to complete each sentence.

- ___ 21. If you say you have a **mere** five dollars, you are suggesting that your money is
A. not enough. B. plenty. C. exactly the right amount.
- ___ 22. If you expect another team to **trounce** yours, you expect the other team to
A. play hard. B. cheat. C. win by a lot.
- ___ 23. An order would probably **perplex** you if it was given in
A. a rude way. B. a cheerful voice. C. a foreign language.
- ___ 24. Most people would describe as **folly** the effort to
A. get a job. B. win a game. C. turn iron into gold.
- ___ 25. An example of something that is **inevitable** is
A. a sunrise. B. an accident. C. a good test score.
- ___ 26. To **acknowledge** getting a letter, you could
A. save it. B. write back. C. read it carefully.
- ___ 27. The main reason to **adorn** something is to make it
A. safe. B. easy to use. C. more attractive.
- ___ 28. We expect judges to have a feeling of **reverence** toward
A. the law. B. criminals. C. jury members.
- ___ 29. One place that **pampers** people who go there is a
A. jail. B. bus station. C. luxury hotel.
- ___ 30. A person feeling **dismal** might say that he or she was
A. jumpy. B. blue. C. full of pep.

Question:
How do you catch a wild wabbit?

Answer:
Unique up on it.



Question:
How do you catch a tame wabbit?

Answer:
The tame way!
Unique up on it!

Exercise D: Other Forms of Words

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

- ___ 31. A synonym for **adornments** is
A. feelings. B. decorations. C. necessities.
- ___ 32. One source of **illumination** is a
A. bed. B. lamp. C. playground.
- ___ 33. A job that often requires **valorous** behavior is that of
A. an artist. B. a scientist. C. a firefighter.
- ___ 34. A person who **defies** the law is a
A. criminal. B. good citizen. C. police officer.
- ___ 35. Something that happens **abruptly** is likely to occur
A. for no reason. B. over and over. C. with no warning.

Exercise E: Fill-in

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

A fly is always involved in *folly*. (Take away *ol*.)



36. At night, a car needs headlights to _____ the road.
37. Don't expect perfect obedience from Rover; he's still a _____ puppy.
38. My little sister's plan to dig a tunnel to China is _____.
39. Adam demonstrated great _____ when he risked his own life to save me.
40. Jeff's style of painting is _____; I've never seen anything like it.
41. Bad directions and unclear maps _____ those who try to use them.
42. A feeling of _____ overcame me as I gazed at the memorial honoring those who had died to keep this nation free.
43. "You don't have to _____ me; I'm just as tough as anyone," said the old lady.
44. Lily is much faster than I am and is sure to _____ me in the race.
45. Getting older, like the changing of the seasons, is _____.
46. Barrettes and ribbons are often used to _____ hair.
47. The change was _____; one minute it was sunny, the next it was pouring rain.
48. We were punished for our _____ after we deliberately disobeyed the rules.
49. Some people won't _____ the fact that they're wrong, even when it's proven.
50. Our mood became as _____ as the weather when the game was canceled due to rain.

Question:

What would you use to put a stop to folly?



Answer:
A folly-swater

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