

Lesson 5

abode uh•BODE NOUN

the place where one lives [Ben's *abode* is a cabin by a lake.]

agitate Aj•uh•tate VERB

to excite or disturb [She didn't want to *agitate* her grandmother with bad news.]

ample AM•pul ADJECTIVE

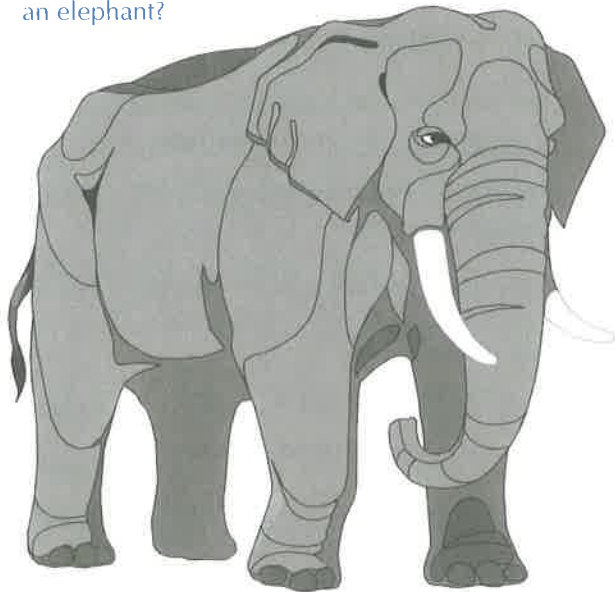
enough or more than enough [We packed *ample* clothing for the trip.]

belittle bih•LIT•tul VERB

to make someone or something seem small or unimportant [Joan tried to *belittle* the house by calling it a shack.]

Question:

How could you belittle an elephant?



Answer: You couldn't. An elephant is just too big to be little!

clamor KLAM•ur

NOUN a loud and continuing noise [The parade's *clamor* could be heard blocks away.]

VERB to cry out loudly; to make a loud and continuing noise [The crowd began to *clamor* for the candidate to make an appearance.]

compassion kum•PASH•un NOUN

a feeling of sorrow or pity for another [They showed their *compassion* for the homeless.]

fugitive FYOO•juh•tiv NOUN

a person who is running away, usually one trying to escape capture by the law [The detectives followed the trail of the *fugitive*.]

linger LING•gur VERB

to continue to stay, usually because of being unwilling to leave [It's nice to *linger* by the fire on a cold night.]

listless LIST•lus ADJECTIVE

showing no interest in what is going on; having no desire to do anything active [She sighed in a *listless* way and went to bed.]

melancholy MEL•un•kol•ee ADJECTIVE

sad or gloomy [Joe sang a *melancholy* tune.]

perceive pur•SEEV VERB

to see, hear, taste, smell, or feel; to be aware of [Do you *perceive* the odor of something burning?]

perish PAIR•ish VERB

to be destroyed, ruined, or wiped out; to die [If it doesn't rain soon, the crop will *perish*.]

relish REL•ish

NOUN enjoyment; anything that adds pleasure or interest [He ate with great *relish*.]

VERB to like very much; to enjoy greatly [I always *relish* a good science fiction story.]

reminisce rem•uh•NIS VERB

to think, talk, or write about one's experiences in the past [My grandparents used the visit to *reminisce* about the old days.]

timidity tih•MID•uh•tee NOUN

a lack of courage or confidence; shyness [Her *timidity* in a crowd was plain to see.]

Exercise A: Synonyms

Write the **Word** that could be used in place of each underlined word or phrase.



1. A police dog tracked the runaway. _____
2. A wolf's howl sounds so sorrowful! _____
3. We heard the racket of angry voices. _____
4. The news will upset the neighborhood. _____
5. This will surely be plenty of food for us. _____
6. We stayed at my aunt's home in Arizona. _____
7. People would die if they couldn't get food. _____
8. Let's look at these old photos and remember. _____
9. We'd better not remain here, or we'll be late. _____
10. Do you notice the smell of something burning? _____

Question:

What's green and makes a clamor?

Answer:
A froghorn

Exercise B: True or False

Circle TRUE or FALSE for each statement.

11. On a hot day, you would **relish** a cool swim. TRUE FALSE
12. Your ears can **perceive** the sound of an ant walking. TRUE FALSE
13. People feel proud and happy when you **belittle** them. TRUE FALSE
14. Adults **reminisce** when they tell stories about their childhoods. TRUE FALSE
15. A cotton shirt provides **ample** warmth for a freezing day. TRUE FALSE
16. You would be likely to **linger** at a place you enjoy. TRUE FALSE
17. If a bee scares you, you should try to **agitate** it. TRUE FALSE
18. One animal that often shows **timidity** is a lion. TRUE FALSE
19. Most people have mail sent to their **abodes**. TRUE FALSE
20. A **listless** person just can't calm down. TRUE FALSE



Question:

If you like your hot dog with everything, how do you eat it?

(eating a blue one!)

Answer: With relish (But you may feel listless about relish)

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Exercise C: Analogies

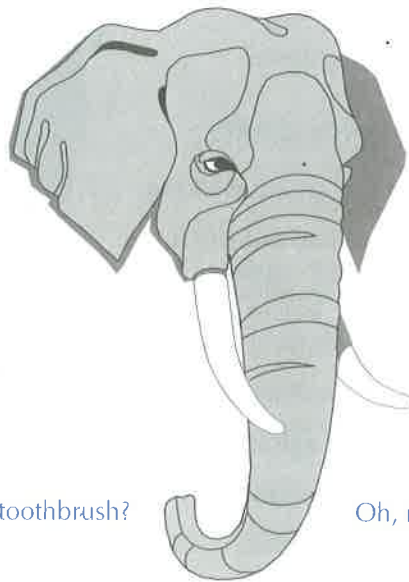
Write the letter of the word pair that completes the analogy.

21. **clamor** : ears ::
A. bird : song
B. taste : food
C. odor : nose
D. weight : height
22. **ample** : scarce ::
A. plain : fancy
B. tiny : small
C. rare : expensive
D. warm : hot
23. **whimper** : **melancholy** ::
A. shout : nervous
B. sob : angry
C. growl : scary
D. laugh : amused
24. **fugitive** : posse ::
A. horse : saddle
B. rabbit : hawk
C. car : brakes
D. nightmare : dream
25. **mansion** : **abode** ::
A. tree : flower
B. nest : bird
C. cabin : logs
D. elephant : animal

Exercise D: Antonyms

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

26. overlook; fail to notice _____
27. bravery; confidence _____
28. soothe; calm down _____
29. survive; last _____
30. cruelty; meanness _____
31. cheerful; happy _____
32. energetic; enthusiastic _____
33. leave; depart _____
34. flatter; honor; exaggerate _____
35. dislike; not care for _____



"Gosh, did I pack my toothbrush?"

Oh, now where did I put my trunk?"

Exercise E: Writing

Some people say that elephants never forget anything. How is *your* memory? On your own paper, write a short paragraph about a memorable experience that you have had. As you **reminisce**, use **THREE Words** in your paragraph.

Quick LIST

abode N.	belittle V.	fugitive N.	melancholy ADJ.	relish N., V.
agitate V.	clamor N., V.	linger V.	perceive V.	reminisce V.
ample ADJ.	compassion N.	listless ADJ.	perish V.	timidity N.

Exercise F: Fill-in

Choose the word from the set of words. Use each word only once.

Most people would show _____ for a frightened, lost child by trying to help.

My mom and her sisters often _____ about having grown up on a farm.

When strangers walk past my house, they _____ my dog, and he runs around barking wildly.

The _____ from the house next door suggests that our neighbors are having a party.

If a boy is seven, you would _____ him by calling him a baby.

Sounds and smells are invisible, but you can _____ them with your ears and nose.

To be sure that we would have _____ firewood, we chopped logs for two days.

The police are searching for a _____ who is hiding in the swamp.

Sally wasn't sad or sick, but she felt too _____ to do anything except sit on the couch and read.

It is perfectly normal to feel a bit _____ if your best friend moves away.

The last of the blue whales may _____ if people don't help to save these great mammals.

I have such a great time with my cousin that I _____ every moment we can be together.

When Mel first moved to New York City, his _____ was a small apartment on a busy street.

Sometimes, after dinner is over, we _____ at the table and tell stories about what we've done that day.

My brother's _____ is obvious from the way he hides behind me whenever someone comes to visit.



Question: What's another name for a wren house?

Answer: A bird abode

Exercise E: Writing

People say that elephants forget anything. How do you remember? On your own, write a short paragraph about a memorable experience you have had. As you write, use THREE Words from the list.

Paragraph.



Question: What's another name for an egg?

Answer: A baby bird abode

relish N., V.
reminisce V.
timidity N.

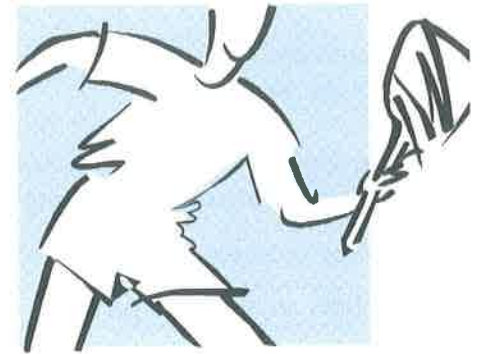
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Matching

Match each phrase on the left to the phrase on the right that means the same, or nearly the same, thing.

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ___ 1. jolly folly | A. sadness on the streetcar |
| ___ 2. hoard boards | B. survive the sightseeing |
| ___ 3. abhor a chore | C. deeply dislike a duty |
| ___ 4. adorn the horn | D. a risk with a racket |
| ___ 5. endure the tour | E. a big, big, barricade |
| ___ 6. an immense fence | F. beautify the bugle |
| ___ 7. commend a friend | G. worry the worms |
| ___ 8. intimidate the bait | H. fun foolishness |
| ___ 9. a menace at tennis | I. pile up planks |
| ___ 10. melancholy on the trolley | J. praise a pal |

Question:
Why is tennis such a clamorous game?



Answer:
Because one player or another is always raising a racket!

Boxing

Fill in each set of blanks with a word you know that matches the clue. The boxed letters will spell out the answer to the question on the right.

- one who must do laborious drudgery without pay
- to cry in a way that demonstrates acute melancholy
- to make a jubilant clamor
- one who shows timidity and insufficient valor
- one who menaces and intimidates others
- a shoulder movement that implies a listless attitude
- a word that etiquette requires with even a trivial request
- an immense and ample abode
- a luscious course that people relish at meal's end
- what one might comprehend if one ponders the clues

_____	□	_____
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Question: What do you increase by learning about words and how to use them?

Question: *izzling*

Why is tennis a clamorous sport? Identify the **Word** from Unit 1 that fits the clue in each box. (The **Word**'s first letter is shown in the answer blank.) In the example, last three letters change *suddenly*, so the **Word** is . . .



SUDDEN

Ex. abrupt _____

THANGERE

4. e _____
or
p _____



CER

1. c _____

NOT
ENOUGH

5. i _____

KEEP
MIND

2. p _____

not important

6. t _____



3. i _____

REEEEALLY
BIG

7. i _____

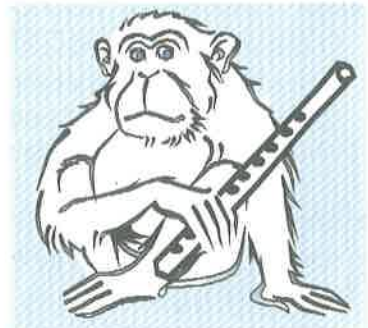
rhyming

This poem is pretty bad. It'd be better if it rhymed. Substitute **Word** from Unit 1 for each underlined word. The word you choose should make the line rhyme with the one above it.

When I attempt to play the flute,
My need for earplugs is intense. 1. _____

Just listen to me! Every toot'll
Early prove my effort's hopeless! 2. _____

Another way to raise a racket



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