

# Lesson 7

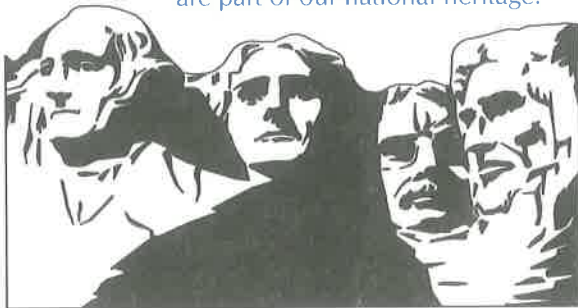
**appropriate** uh•PRO•pree•ut ADJECTIVE  
suitable, proper [A bathing suit is *appropriate* clothing for the beach but not for school.]

**contradict** kon•truh•DIKT VERB  
1. to say that a statement is not true or to say that the opposite is true [When Jane said I started the fight, I had to *contradict* her.]  
2. to go against or disagree with [Measurements *contradict* your claim that you are taller.]

**fraud** FRAWD NOUN  
1. cheating; dishonest dealing; a trick that is meant to deceive [When my “gold” ring turned green, I knew I was a victim of *fraud*.]  
2. a person who is not what he or she pretends to be, or something that is not what it seems to be [That man isn’t a real doctor; he’s a *fraud*.]

**heritage** HAIR•uh•tij NOUN  
something that is passed on from one’s ancestors or handed down from the past, either property (money or goods) or something that is not property, such as a way of life or a set of skills [Freedom is part of the *heritage* of all Americans.]

Places such as Mount Rushmore are part of our national heritage.



**hostile** HOS•tul ADJECTIVE  
1. referring to an enemy [*Hostile* soldiers captured the fort.]  
2. unfriendly; showing hate or dislike [The bully gave him a *hostile* look.]

**intelligible** in•TEL•uh•juh•bul ADJECTIVE  
understandable; clear [When you give directions, make sure they are *intelligible*.]

**intervene** in•tur•VEEN VERB  
1. to happen or come between [Two weeks will *intervene* between matches.]  
2. to come in or between in order to change, stop, or settle [I won’t *intervene* in the quarrel.]

**invalid** IN•vuh•lid  
NOUN a sick, weak person who cannot get around, especially one who has been in poor health for a long time [Grandpa has been an *invalid* since he broke his hip.]  
ADJECTIVE not well; weak and sick [They have an *invalid* child at home.]

**jostle** JOS•ul VERB  
to push aside or crowd against [Trying to get into the stadium, the eager fans began to *jostle* one another.]

**majestic** muh•JES•tik ADJECTIVE  
dignified; noble; grand [The wealthy family lived in a *majestic* home in the country.]

**obliging** uh•BLY•jing ADJECTIVE  
ready to do favors; helpful; friendly [Our *obliging* neighbors helped when Mom was sick.]

**parch** PARCH VERB  
to make or become hot and dry or thirsty [This sunny, dry weather will *parch* the crops.]

**potential** puh•TEN•shul  
ADJECTIVE possible but not yet actual; capable of becoming real [Let’s think of all the *potential* problems involved in moving.]  
NOUN skill or power that may be developed [She has the *potential* to become a champion.]

**scurry** SKUR•ee VERB  
to run quickly; to hurry [I’ll *scurry* down to the store and be right back.]

**shiftless** SHIFT•lus ADJECTIVE  
lazy; careless; good-for-nothing [The *shiftless* man wouldn’t even look for a job.]

**Exercise A: Synonyms**

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

1. deny; oppose \_\_\_\_\_
2. to interfere; to butt in \_\_\_\_\_
3. reasonable; right; fitting \_\_\_\_\_
4. considerate; kind \_\_\_\_\_
5. to rush; to scamper \_\_\_\_\_
6. to scorch; to wither \_\_\_\_\_
7. a phony; a fake; a rip off \_\_\_\_\_
8. clear; understandable \_\_\_\_\_
9. to shove; to elbow \_\_\_\_\_
10. roots; background; culture \_\_\_\_\_

**Exercise B: Antonyms**

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

11. common; shabby; humble \_\_\_\_\_
12. moisten; dampen \_\_\_\_\_
13. stroll; wander \_\_\_\_\_
14. hardworking; energetic \_\_\_\_\_
15. peaceful; friendly; helpful \_\_\_\_\_
16. uncaring; thoughtless \_\_\_\_\_
17. healthy; strong; well \_\_\_\_\_
18. agree; support \_\_\_\_\_

**Exercise C: Completion**

Choose the correct answer to complete each sentence.

19. The people most responsible for your **heritage** are your  
A. family.  
B. friends.  
C. teachers.
20. If there's a fight and you **intervene**, you  
A. shout.  
B. butt in.  
C. walk away.
21. You would expect an **invalid** to spend a great deal of time  
A. resting.  
B. working.  
C. studying.
22. You are most likely to be **jostled** while playing  
A. football.  
B. the piano.  
C. a card game.
23. People might think you are **shiftless** if you  
A. cheat.  
B. show off.  
C. sleep all day.
24. One animal that almost always looks **majestic** is a  
A. fox.  
B. lion.  
C. rabbit.

**THE LIBERTY BELL** is a copy—but not a fraud. The original bell broke soon after arriving from England, where it had been made. In 1753, Philadelphians made a duplicate bell. *That* bell



cracked eighty years later. Now the bell is rung only on very special occasions.

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### Exercise D: If...

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

25. If someone avoids any kind of work, doesn't help to get things done, and takes advantage of other people, that person is ..... \_\_\_\_\_
26. If a child is smart and hard-working and talented, even if he or she hasn't accomplished much yet, that child has a lot of ..... \_\_\_\_\_
27. If a redwood tree rises up to a towering height and is so impressive that it takes your breath away, it could be described as being ..... \_\_\_\_\_
28. If a carpenter working on a roof fell off and broke both of her legs, she would probably spend several months as an ..... \_\_\_\_\_
29. If two neighbors dislike each other, pick fights, argue, and try to make each other's lives miserable, their relationship is ..... \_\_\_\_\_

### Exercise E: Other Forms of Words

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

- \_\_\_\_\_ 30. Which two things are **contradictory**?  
A. hunger and thirst      B. life and death      C. sadness and misery
- \_\_\_\_\_ 31. Someone who usually behaves **appropriately** has  
A. a temper.      B. courage.      C. good manners.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 32. Which of these things is always **fraudulent**?  
A. a contract      B. a report card      C. a forgery
- \_\_\_\_\_ 33. The **intelligibility** of what you say will be increased if you  
A. memorize it.      B. speak slowly.      C. mumble.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 34. Which sound is an expression of **hostility**?  
A. groaning      B. snarling      C. giggling
- \_\_\_\_\_ 35. When a situation is **potentially** dangerous, the danger is  
A. possible.      B. minor.      C. over.



### Exercise F: Writing

What part of America's national **heritage** is very special to you? Is it a right or freedom that you enjoy? Is it a famous landmark, such as Yellowstone Park or Liberty Island? Is it a person, such as Harriet Tubman or George Washington?

On your own paper, describe that person, place, or thing and why it's so special to you. Use at least **TWO Words** in your answer.

**THE STATUE OF LIBERTY**, like the Liberty Bell, started out in Europe. It was paid for by French citizens and built in Paris. The Frenchman who designed it also chose the appropriate spot for it in New York Bay. The statue was dedicated in 1886 following eleven years of construction.

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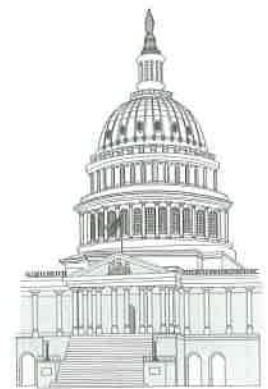
## Exercise G: Fill-in

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

36. I saw a mouse \_\_\_\_\_ between some boxes when I turned on the light.
37. Important parts of my people's \_\_\_\_\_ are dancing, music, and storytelling.
38. Exactly 364 days \_\_\_\_\_ between one birthday and the next; when there's a leap year, it's 365 days.
39. The road sign warned us of \_\_\_\_\_ danger from falling rocks.
40. I'm afraid I must \_\_\_\_\_ you and say that two plus two is not five.
41. In nature, nothing is as \_\_\_\_\_ as the sight of towering, snow-capped mountain peaks.
42. She is so \_\_\_\_\_ that I don't think she has ever said no when asked to help someone.
43. Yelling and whistling are \_\_\_\_\_ while watching a game but not while watching a movie.
44. A long hike on a hot day can \_\_\_\_\_ your throat, so take water with you.
45. My \_\_\_\_\_ aunt is determined to get well enough to take care of herself.
46. My \_\_\_\_\_ brother spent the summer doing nothing while everyone else had jobs.
47. I didn't mean to \_\_\_\_\_ the girl ahead of me in line, but someone bumped me from behind.
48. We discovered that the treasure map was a \_\_\_\_\_ when all we dug up was a rusty can.
49. Those two \_\_\_\_\_ nations have been at war with each other for many years.
50. The doctor's explanation was so \_\_\_\_\_ that I knew exactly what was wrong.

## Quick LIST

- appropriate** ADJ.
- contradict** V.
- fraud** N.
- heritage** N.
- hostile** ADJ.
- intelligible** ADJ.
- intervene** V.
- invalid** N., ADJ.
- jostle** V.
- majestic** ADJ.
- obliging** ADJ.
- parch** V.
- potential** ADJ., N.
- scurry** V.
- shiftless** ADJ.



**THE U. S. CAPITOL** was not even finished when, during the War of 1812, hostile British troops set fire to it. During reconstruction after the war, a dome was added. Then that one was replaced by the present majestic dome in the 1860s when the building was enlarged.

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