

Lesson 17

abominable uh•BOM•uh•nuh•bul ADJECTIVE
nasty and disgusting; very disagreeable or unpleasant [Her manners are *abominable*; I've never seen anyone act so rudely.]

authorization aw•thur•uh•ZAY•shun NOUN
official permission or approval; legal power or right [Your parents must give *authorization* for you to go on the field trip.]

crucial KROO•shul ADJECTIVE
extremely important [The *crucial* play was the 37-yard field goal that finally gave us the lead.]

evaluate ih•VAL•yoo•ate VERB
to figure out the value, quality, meaning, or importance of a person or thing [A jury is supposed to *evaluate* all of the evidence.]

fiery FY•ree ADJECTIVE
1. made of fire or having to do with fire [The building was destroyed in a *fiery* explosion.]
2. like fire in color or temperature [Her *fiery* red hair was long and curly.]
3. having or showing strong emotion; spirited [The *fiery* speech brought us to our feet.]
4. easily stirred up; excitable [My cousin's *fiery* personality often gets him into trouble.]

implication im•pli•KAY•shun NOUN
something that is hinted at or suggested but not directly expressed [When you say "Bill has left," the *implication* is that he was here earlier.]

knead NEED VERB
1. to prepare material, such as clay, by repeatedly pressing and folding it [If you *knead* the dough, it will become smooth and easy to shape into loaves.]
2. to press, rub, or squeeze with the hands; to massage [The team trainer had to *knead* the runner's foot to relieve the soreness.]

picturesque pik•chur•ESK ADJECTIVE
like a picture; fit for a picture; beautiful or interesting to look at [The *picturesque* view from our hotel made us want to go exploring.]

predator PRED•uh•tur NOUN
1. an animal that kills and eats other animals [The early *predator* gets the worm.]
2. a person, such as a pirate, who lives by taking advantage of others [The police chief described the suspects as dangerous *predators*.]

provoke pruh•VOKE VERB
1. to anger, irritate, or annoy [When I can't sleep, a little noise can *provoke* me.]
2. to stir up action or feeling; to cause to happen [A good poster *provokes* interest.]

reiterate ree•IT•uh•rate VERB
to say more than once, often for emphasis ["Let me *reiterate*," the reporter said, "that a storm watch is in effect until 8:30 P.M."]

BRING YOUR PARENTS TO SCHOOL DAY
was kind of fun this year. Parents were treated like students all day. Here are some snapshots and notes I used for a school newspaper article.

saturate SACH•uh•rate VERB
1. to soak completely [A heavy rainstorm can *saturate* your clothing within minutes, but it takes hours for them to dry out.]
2. to cause to be so filled or supplied that no more can be taken in or held [After you *saturate* the sponge, squeeze it over the sink.]

sediment SED•uh•munt NOUN
matter that settles to the bottom of a liquid [Some of the sugar formed *sediment* in the bottom of the lemonade pitcher.]

thunderstruck THUN•dur•struk ADJECTIVE
shocked or amazed [Larkin was *thunderstruck* when she heard that her painting had won first prize at the art fair.]

ulterior ul•TEER•ee•ur ADJECTIVE
deliberately concealed or kept hidden [The workman had an *ulterior* reason for going up on the roof; he intended to loosen some tiles so that they would need to be replaced.]

Exercise A: What Is It?

Write the **Word** that each clue describes.

1. Sand won't dissolve, so this is what it forms in a swimming pool. _____
2. Knocking over a carton of juice will do this to a tablecloth. _____
3. You do this when you give the same advice over and over. _____
4. Not having this could prevent you from doing something. _____
5. This may be understood even though it hasn't been said. _____
6. This describes something that matters a great deal. _____
7. You might do this to an aching arm to soothe it. _____
8. This is what a cat turns into (if it gets the chance) when it sees a bird. _____

The day started at an assembly with the principal saying, "Let me reiterate: It is crucial that you . . ." Since he repeated this several times, the implication was that students don't really pay attention to, well, whatever it is he keeps saying.



Mom had gym class first. Her clothes were soon saturated with sweat, and she moaned that every muscle needed to be kneaded. Meanwhile, the history teacher sent Dad to my locker for the textbook.

Exercise B: Rhyme Time

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

9. A truly awesome piece of luck
May leave one feeling _____. _____
10. I shouldn't have a window by my desk,
The view outside is just too _____. _____
11. If no one hears the answer when you state it,
Try speaking up when you ____ it. _____
12. Don't let her know you peeked inside her diary!
She told you not to, and her temper's ____! _____
13. He isn't strong, but, Coach, before you rate him,
Consider speed when you ____ him. _____
14. Here is the recipe. Carefully read it.
Before baking bread, you must thoroughly ____ it. _____
15. She did not say right out that she was dying of starvation,
But given how she wolfed her food, that was the ____! _____
16. Stay away from the hives. Do not bump them or poke them.
The bees will not hurt you unless you ____ them. _____

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Exercise C: Synonyms

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

17. horrible; terrible; dreadful

18. secret; unexpressed; sly

19. essential; necessary; urgent

20. inspire; spur; arouse

21. scenic; lovely; appealing

22. astonished; stunned; shocked

23. examine; judge; grade

24. blazing; flaming; burning

Dad got provoked at not being able to open my locker (which has been broken all year). So when a teacher asked if he had authorization to be in the hall, Dad got more provoked. And he was thunderstruck when he was sent to see the principal.



I couldn't see anything, but I heard Dad's fiery voice saying, "No, sir, let me reiterate . . ."

Exercise D: Antonyms

Write the **Word** that means the opposite of each underlined word or phrase.

25. You'll need to dry your shoes if you ___ them by walking through puddles.

26. Rosa's evident purpose for using the gym was to work out, but her ___ purpose was to run into Rick.

27. I need cold, soothing milk to go along with Mom's ___ tamales.

28. My grades this year are wonderful; last semester, they were ___.

29. I thought my comment would please my sister, not ___ her.

30. Watch the prey run away from the ___.

Exercise E: Other Forms of Words

Use what you know about the **Words** to choose the correct answers. This exercise continues on the next page.

___ 31. Who would **authorize** sending army troops to a foreign country?
A. a writer B. a soldier C. the president

___ 32. Which of the following is based on an **evaluation**?
A. a comic strip B. a report card C. a birthday cake

___ 33. Which of the following is a **predatory** animal?
A. a shark B. a canary C. an antelope



Is this a picturesque group of (a) fine educators or (b) horrible predators whose ulterior purpose is to hatch nasty plots against kids?

34. Which of the following is created by **sedimentary** material?
 A. a cloud B. a delta C. an explosion

35. Which song is almost entirely **reiteration**?
 A. "Happy Birthday to You"
 B. "The Star-Spangled Banner"
 C. "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer"

If I had room, I'd show Dad taking a pop quiz on grammar and Mom when the math teacher called on her.

Exercise F: Fill-in

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

36. It's _____ that children learn to look both ways before crossing a street.
37. There's _____ in my cup because I didn't stir the powdered cocoa mix thoroughly.
38. We took a _____ ferry ride past forested, green islands that stood out against the blue of the sky.
39. Billy the Kid was a _____ who robbed banks and caused harm to his victims.
40. The discussion was a _____ exchange of ideas, and some of us didn't control our tempers.
41. A driver's license is a type of _____ that one needs in order to legally operate a car.
42. For these rolls, you don't have to _____ the dough, so they're very easy to make.
43. I know I have told you, but I want to _____ how important it is for you to wear your seat belt.
44. It seemed that Ricardo wanted to _____ a fight with Harold by the way he teased him.
45. All of this melting snow will _____ the ground, but a few days of sunshine should dry it out.
46. Dad asked an expert to _____ his car and tell him what it was actually worth.
47. Ann understood the _____ of Jan's remark—the real meaning behind her words.
48. The weather was _____ all weekend, and everyone was stuck inside the house.
49. We were _____ when Uncle Moe, who we had thought was dead, showed up at our front door.
50. My _____ reason for asking Marsha to come over to my house was that I was having a surprise party for her.

Quick LIST

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At three o'clock, over refreshments, the principal asked parents for evaluation forms. On hers, Mom said the tea was abominable; Dad said the cookies tasted like sediment. They went to bed early that night and didn't even ask about homework.