

# Lesson 22

**alienate** ALE•yuh•nate VERB

to make uninterested or unfriendly; to take away interest or affection [Her terrible behavior is sure to *alienate* her whole family.]

**banish** BAN•ish VERB

1. to send or drive away; to get rid of [The woman's reassuring words helped to *banish* the child's fears.]
2. to force to leave a place by order of some high authority [The new law will *banish* all foreigners from the country.]

**dissension** di•SEN•shun NOUN

disagreement; quarreling; hard feelings caused by a difference of opinion [There was some *dissension* about which team uniforms to get.]

**edible** ED•uh•bul ADJECTIVE

fit to eat; safe to eat [Are those *edible* mushrooms or poisonous ones?]

**implore** im•PLORE VERB

to beg earnestly; to ask urgently [We *implore* you to give us more time.]

**lackadaisical** lak•uh•DAY•zi•kul ADJECTIVE

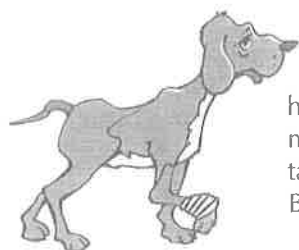
showing a lack of interest or spirit; lifeless and uninterested [Lori was told to scrub the table, but she just gave it a *lackadaisical* swipe with the dishcloth.]

**optional** OP•shuh•nul ADJECTIVE

left to one's choice; not required or automatic [Your name is required, but giving your address is *optional*.]

**painstaking** PAINZ•take•ing ADJECTIVE

requiring or using great effort or care [Making a fine violin is *painstaking* work.]



A dog with a bandaged foot limped into Deadwood one day. The sheriff eyed him suspiciously. "Listen, stranger, I don' mean ta alienate ya, an' I'd sure hate ta have ta banish ya. So let's not have no dissension. But I gotta tell ya, mister, ya look kinda

**plumage** PLOOM•ij NOUN

all of a bird's feathers (plumes) together [The swans settled down to groom their *plumage*.]

**reprimand** REP•ruh•mand

NOUN a sharp scolding or criticism, especially by a person in authority [A *reprimand* from the boss got the staff back to work immediately.]

VERB to scold or criticize sharply [I expected my mother to *reprimand* me for being rude.]

**scanty** SKAN•tee ADJECTIVE

small in quantity or amount; not enough or barely enough; in short supply [Only half a sandwich makes a *scanty* meal.]

**sinister** SIN•us•tur ADJECTIVE

1. suggesting harm, evil, or misfortune; threatening [One look at the *sinister* clouds made us realize a big storm was coming.]
2. evil; wicked [A chill went up the victim's spine as he saw the robber's *sinister* smile.]

**transaction** trans•AK•shun NOUN

the act of carrying on business; an individual piece of business, such as a deal or agreement [The company president handles the important *transactions* herself.]

**unscathed** un•SKATHED ADJECTIVE

in no way harmed or injured; unhurt [The tornado destroyed some parts of the city but left other areas *unscathed*.]

**upstanding** up•STAN•ding ADJECTIVE

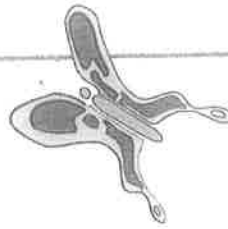
honest and respectable in character and behavior; honorable [The mayor praised the children as *upstanding* citizens for their help in the city's tree-planting program.]

sinister, and this here's a peaceful town full o' fine upstandin' folk. So why doncha tell me what brang ya ta Deadwood t'day."

The dog spat on the ground, glared at the sheriff, and snarled, "I'm lookin' fer the man who shot my paw."

# Exercise A: Rhyme Time

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



Did you hear about the butterfly  
who was banished from the  
big dance? It was a  
moth ball.

1. A buyer who is filled with satisfaction  
Won't often try to cancel the \_\_\_\_.
2. Tired of lies, the voters are demanding  
A candidate who's moral and \_\_\_\_.
3. With all your chatter, I cannot ignore you.  
It's bedtime, so be quiet, I \_\_\_\_ you!
4. Any soldier who ignored a clear command  
Would be lucky to get just a \_\_\_\_.
5. The damage that my dog does is incredible.  
I guess she thinks that people's shoes are \_\_\_\_.
6. The many tiny pieces in the quilt my mom is making  
Demand that she be patient and \_\_\_\_.
7. I didn't mean to start a fight. That wasn't my intention.  
I didn't know that what I said would cause so much \_\_\_\_!



"And don't  
try to sneak  
back in here,  
either, buster!"

# Exercise B: Synonyms

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

8. We began to plead with Mom to let us go to the parade.
9. Everyone must read the book, but watching the movie is voluntary.
10. People expect ministers, priests, and rabbis to lead admirable lives.
11. The king decided to expel from his kingdom any person he thought was disloyal.
12. There was conflict between my brother and me about whose turn it really was.
13. I wondered if the man in the alley had some bad or criminal reason for being there.
14. James keeps all the receipts and complete records of every purchase that he makes.
15. The strawberries tasted sour and needed more than a very slight sprinkling of sugar.
16. Miraculously, all the people who had been in the collapsed building were safe and sound.

### Exercise C: What Is It?

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

17. What is red on a cardinal and yellow on a canary? \_\_\_\_\_
18. What kind of attitude do you have when you don't give a hoot? \_\_\_\_\_
19. What describes the inside of a walnut or almond but not the shell? \_\_\_\_\_
20. What kind of effort is needed to do a difficult thing exactly right? \_\_\_\_\_
21. What kind of activity can you either take part in or not? \_\_\_\_\_
22. What are you likely to do to someone you insult? \_\_\_\_\_

### Exercise D: Antonyms

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

23. welcome; invite; admit \_\_\_\_\_
24. careless; sloppy; reckless \_\_\_\_\_
25. plentiful; adequate; sufficient \_\_\_\_\_
26. favorable; promising; calming \_\_\_\_\_
27. immoral; shameful; disgraceful \_\_\_\_\_
28. injured; damaged; wounded \_\_\_\_\_
29. energetic; lively; peppy \_\_\_\_\_
30. charm; enchant; attract \_\_\_\_\_

### Exercise E: Analogies

Write the letter of the word that completes the analogy.

- \_\_\_\_ 31. reject : accept :: **reprimand** :  
A. praise C. request  
B. notice D. believe
- \_\_\_\_ 32. bird : **plumage** :: sheep :  
A. lamb C. grass  
B. wool D. hoof
- \_\_\_\_ 33. sad : whimper :: **sinister** :  
A. yelp C. snarl  
B. sigh D. whine

- \_\_\_\_ 34. armor : **unscathed** :: umbrella :  
A. dry C. warm  
B. rainy D. opened
- \_\_\_\_ 35. amused : laugh :: **lackadaisical** :  
A. gasp C. giggle  
B. shrug D. applaud

**More than anything else** in the world, Mick wanted to be a circus performer. When Carlotta's Traveling Circus came to town, he implored the owner to watch his act, and she finally agreed.

In the tent, Mick flapped his arms with painstaking effort. Slowly he rose into the air, up and up, until he touched the roof. Then he started to do all kinds of tricks. He did mid-air barrel rolls and loop-the-loops and somersaults and swan dives and long, swooping glides.

After about ten minutes, he made a gentle landing on the tent floor, unscathed.

"So," Carlotta said, sighing lackadaisically, "what do you do besides bird imitations?"

"And can you do anything about your scanty plumage?"

## Exercise F: Fill-in

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

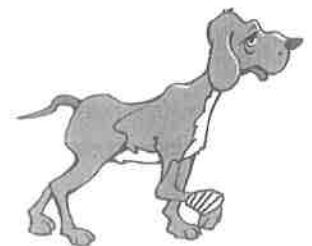
36. For such a chilly day, shorts and a tank top seem like awfully \_\_\_\_\_ clothing.
37. The bread was covered with mold, so it was no longer \_\_\_\_\_.
38. Peacocks are known for having truly spectacular \_\_\_\_\_.
39. Every dim shape in the dark alley looked \_\_\_\_\_ to the lost, frightened child.
40. Drew packed the dishes in such a \_\_\_\_\_ way that not a single one broke during the move.
41. Barry's selfishness and whining \_\_\_\_\_ everyone who has to deal with him.
42. A steering wheel is not \_\_\_\_\_ equipment on a car, but an air conditioner is.
43. Maybe if I \_\_\_\_\_ the coach to let me try playing third base, he'll give me a chance.
44. I was \_\_\_\_\_ in the car accident, mainly because I was wearing my seatbelt.
45. The only \_\_\_\_\_ that Ruby took care of at the bank was a deposit into her savings account.
46. Mom said she would \_\_\_\_\_ the puppy from the living room if he chewed on the couch.
47. The officer gave Diane a \_\_\_\_\_ for the illegal turn she made, but he didn't ticket her.
48. A new school is needed, but \_\_\_\_\_ about where it should be located has delayed getting it built.
49. Stewart did his homework in a \_\_\_\_\_ manner without putting any effort or thought into it.
50. My uncle has a reputation for being \_\_\_\_\_, and everyone considers him trustworthy.

## Quick LIST

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reprimand N., V.  
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sinister ADJ.  
transaction N.  
unscathed ADJ.  
upstanding ADJ.

## Exercise G: Writing

Write a paragraph that uses any **FOUR** of the **Words** in alphabetical order. For an example, look again at the first joke in this lesson. The sheriff uses *alienate*, *banish*, *dissension*, *sinister*, and *upstanding*—five words, in order. You need to use only four words in your paragraph, and you may write about anything you like.



"Soon as I find that feller,  
I am gonna give him  
such a reprimand!"