

Lesson 24

anticipation an•tiss•uh•PAY•shun NOUN
an expectation or a looking forward to [They waited with *anticipation* for the announcement.]

assent uh•SENT
VERB to agree with a plan, opinion, or proposal [We can move the date of the bake sale if the other club members *assent*.]
NOUN an agreement or consent [Please indicate your *assent* by raising your hand.]

beseech bee•SEECH VERB
to ask (someone) earnestly for something; to beg [How can you just walk away from someone who *beseeches* you for help?]

candid KAN•did ADJECTIVE
1. honest and open [I asked my doctor to be *candid* with me about my condition.]
2. informal; not posed [Marie liked the *candid* photographs of her wedding the best.]

despicable dess•PIK•uh•bul ADJECTIVE
worthy of scorn; completely unworthy of respect [I think it was *despicable* of Lauren to cheat someone who trusted her.]

dowdy DOW•dee ADJECTIVE
unattractive in appearance, due to being boring, overly plain, and unfashionable or being untidy and shabby [Wearing several sweaters and a shawl made the old lady look warm but *dowdy*.]

ebb EB VERB
1. to flow back toward the sea; said of the tide [When the tide *ebbs*, we may find new shells.]
2. to become less; to weaken [He waited for the cheers to *ebb* before continuing his speech.]

egotist EE•go•tist NOUN
someone who has too high an opinion of himself or herself, is overly concerned with his or her own interests, and tends to think and talk too much about himself or herself [Sylvester is such an *egotist* that he assumed we were talking about him.]

empower em•POW•ur VERB
to give power to; to make able to act [The Constitution *empowers* Congress to make laws.]

fanatic fuh•NAT•ik NOUN
one who is overly and unreasonably enthusiastic about a belief; one who is carried away by devotion to something [Animal rights *fanatics* broke into the lab and freed the monkeys being used in the experiments.]

ingenuity in•juh•NOO•uh•tee NOUN
cleverness and originality [Cooper's *ingenuity* makes him able to solve problems in ways the rest of us have never considered trying.]

insubordinate in•suh•BOR•duh•nit ADJECTIVE
refusing to follow the orders of a person in authority [Darnell was fired for *insubordinate* behavior; he wouldn't do what the boss said.]

pertain pur•TAIN VERB
to have a necessary relationship to; to have to do with what is being discussed or considered [If your question *pertains* to the topic we are discussing, you may ask it.]

rebuff ri•BUFF
NOUN a clear refusal to accept assistance or advice that has been offered [My offer to help the woman with her boxes got a cold *rebuff*.]
VERB to refuse without making an effort to be polite; to turn down coldly and bluntly [When salespeople call at mealtime, I *rebuff* them.]

suave SWAHV ADJECTIVE
smooth and charming in manner; skillfully gracious [Nadia, who is quite *suave*, knows exactly how to react to a compliment.]

Candid Photo,
Candid Conversation!
WOMAN: You are an egotist!
MAN: Why, thanks, but as I was just saying about my moustache, I believe...



Exercise A: What Is It?

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

USE A **WORD** ONLY ONE
TIME IN EACH EXERCISE.

1. His manners are polished; he knows what to do.
I'd say this describes him quite well, wouldn't you?
2. This person thinks that every look's a look of admiration.
And he or she is often found "me-deep" in conversation.
3. This word describes those people, young or old,
Who should, but will not, do as they are told.
4. In her support for her beliefs, no matter what they are,
This person is extreme, and so she often goes too far.
5. If this word describes you, and no one's impressed,
Your name won't be found on the list of "Best Dressed."
6. A woman who does this might say, "Oh, please!"
And clasp her hands and drop down to her knees.
7. This can be a sense of either eagerness or dread
That fills your mind when you consider things that lie ahead.

Exercise B: Antonyms

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

8. The waters will rise but then begin to ____.
9. Some will protest the change, but most people will ____ to it.
10. They used to be crude, clumsy, and ignorant, but now they're ____.
11. I don't know if my suggestion will get a warm welcome or a ____.
12. Liz responded with admirable calm to the ____ attack on her.
13. I wanted to look stylish and classy, not ____.

Exercise C: Analogies

Write the letter of the word that completes the analogy.

WOMAN:

You're also
the biggest
idiot I know!

MAN: ... a
really superb
moustache
like mine is
empowering.
When I ...

14. *inventor : ingenuity :: sprinter :*
A. track C. stopwatch
B. speed D. competition
15. *brat : misbehavior :: egotist :*
A. hope C. conceit
B. ability D. dishonesty

16. *request : beseech :: promise :*
A. vow C. remind
B. answer D. suggest
17. *tiredness : yawn :: assent :*
A. nod C. frown
B. wave D. shudder

Exercise D: If . . .

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

18. If someone has burning feelings for or against a thing and will go to extreme lengths to act on those feelings, that person is a
19. If someone buys a winter jacket in early fall or sets up a crib before the baby is born or studies for a test, that person's actions are based on
20. If someone wants pictures of people behaving naturally, without preparing themselves or saying "Cheese," those photos will be
21. If someone expects to be the center of attention and starts most sentences with "I" and lacks interest in other people, that person is a real
22. If someone wears dull colors, pays no attention to what looks good on him or her, and even looks sort of sloppy, that person's appearance is

Candid 2

BEGGAR:

I beseech you, ma'am, for a dime, a nickel, perhaps a quarter.

LADY:

Wouldn't you prefer a dollar?

Exercise E: Yes or No

Circle YES or NO for each statement.

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| 23. Should the details in an essay pertain to the main idea? | YES | NO |
| 24. Do commercials try to make the demand for a product ebb ? | YES | NO |
| 25. Does a nation empower people by giving them the right to vote? | YES | NO |
| 26. Are suave people likely to make fools of themselves in public? | YES | NO |
| 27. Does a candid remark reveal what the speaker really thinks? | YES | NO |
| 28. Are kind or generous actions despicable things to do? | YES | NO |



BEGGAR:

No, ma'am, the change will do me good.

Exercise F: Synonyms

Write the **Word** that could be used in place of each underlined word or phrase. This exercise continues on the next page.

29. Please give me your frank and sincere opinion. _____
30. The patient's strength began to fade as he got sicker. _____
31. The architect was praised for her skillful imagination. _____
32. How does that witness's testimony connect to the case? _____

33. Education can help to give strength and control to people.
34. Clark fears that Lana will coldly reject him if he asks her out.
35. The coach kicked three members off the team for being rebellious.

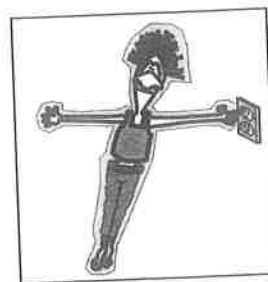
Exercise G: Fill-in

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

36. Stealing from children seems a particularly _____ thing to do.
37. The army will not put up with _____ conduct, so soldiers must obey commands.
38. Martin is likely to _____ my guidance; he's always determined to do things his own way.
39. Renaldo is so _____ that he knows what fork to use, what comment to make, and how to impress people.
40. Ads that _____ to available jobs are found in the newspaper's "Help Wanted" section.
41. Lucia's _____ showed in her use of inexpensive materials to create wonderful and original products.
42. Please be _____ about my performance; I want to know the truth.
43. Mrs. Roberts is a _____ about cleanliness and won't allow anyone to wear shoes in the house.
44. Jess used to be sort of _____, but lately she's been wearing some lovely outfits.
45. Conner is quite an obvious _____; all the pictures in his apartment are of himself.
46. I hope my folks will give their _____ to the arrangements I made for the party.
47. Enthusiasm for the team began to _____ as people realized how bad it was.
48. Kyeesha looked in the mailbox daily in _____ of a birthday check from her grandparents.
49. To me, it was an emergency, but I had to _____ my sister to let me use her bike.
50. I figure that learning to use a computer will _____ me to handle many jobs.

Candid 3

MOM: Can you fix the electrical outlet there in the den? You have such ingenuity.



TRUDY (in the den, a few moments later):
NNNAAHHH!

MOM: Well, just say no. You don't need to rebuff me so!

Quick LIST

anticipation N.
assent V., N.
beseech V.
candid ADJ.
despicable ADJ.
dowdy ADJ.
ebb V.
egotist N.
empower V.
fanatic N.
ingenuity N.
insubordinate ADJ.
pertain V.
rebuff N., V.
suave ADJ.