

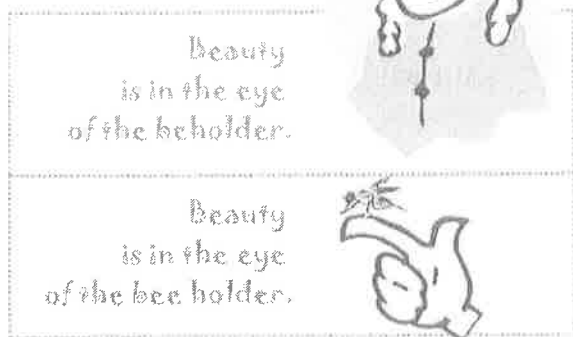
Lesson 14

abundant uh•BUN•dunt ADJECTIVE

more than enough; very plentiful [The lake has *abundant* fish.]

behold bee•HOLD VERB

to hold in view; to look at
[Watch that actor if
you want to *behold*
a future star.]



colossal kuh•LOSS•ul ADJECTIVE

huge; astonishingly large [The Pentagon is a truly *colossal* building.]

destiny DESS•tuh•nee NOUN

something that is certain to happen; fate
[Willis believes it is his *destiny* to become a Major League superstar.]

judicious joo•DISH•us ADJECTIVE

having or using good judgment; wise and careful [The committee has produced a *judicious* plan.]

locale loh•KAL NOUN

a place; a specific environment [I received a post card from every *locale* Aunt Jillian visited on her trip.]

lull LUL

NOUN a short period of quiet or lessened activity; a calm [After a *lull* in May, business picked up in June.]

VERB to make or become calm; to soothe [Humming softly, the grandmother was able to *lull* the children to sleep.]

medley MED•lee NOUN

1. a mixture of things not usually found together [The stew was a *medley* of flavors.]
2. a piece of music made up of parts of other music selections [Joanna sang a *medley* of tunes from Broadway shows.]

obsolete OB•suh•leet ADJECTIVE

no longer in use or in fashion; out-of-date [In the age of computers, typewriters have become almost *obsolete*.]

onset ON•set NOUN

a beginning [Gary took the lead at the *onset* of the race but couldn't hold onto it.]

ramshackle RAM•shak•ul ADJECTIVE

loose and shaky; likely to fall to pieces [Only a daredevil would cross that *ramshackle* bridge.]

reside ri•ZIDE VERB

1. to dwell for a long time; to make one's home [Molly *resides* with her mother.]
2. to exist or be present [In a democracy, power *resides* in the people.]

taboo tuh•BOO

NOUN a custom, tradition, or rule that prohibits something, or the thing that is prohibited [In most societies, eating human beings is a *taboo*.]

ADJECTIVE prohibited or forbidden by social custom or tradition [Some behaviors that seem normal to us are *taboo* in other lands.]

tantalize TAN•ti•lize VERB

to tempt by keeping something desirable just out of reach or by making it unavailable or impossible to obtain; to tease [The birds outside our window *tantalize* my cat, who watches them hungrily from inside.]

utilize YOO•tuh•lize VERB

to make use of; to put to practical use [The manager tried to find ways to *utilize* each employee's skills and talents.]

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Exercise A: Put It Briefly

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

1. Pictures of pretty European villages and landscapes make me ache to travel; they positively torment me with a desire to see the world. Briefly, they ___ me.
2. Everything seemed to push Shari toward a stage career, almost as if that result had already been decided and there was no escaping it. Briefly, acting was her ___.
3. The speaker wanted to reassure the people, to comfort them, to change their worried and angry feelings into peaceful acceptance. Briefly, he wanted to ___ them.
4. We need a record player for the school play, but record players have been replaced by tape and CD players and are almost never used. Briefly, record players are ___.
5. Electric power can light homes, run machines, make refrigerators and radios work, provide heat and air-conditioning, and much more. Briefly, there are many ways to ___ it.

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Question: What is the most colossal punctuation mark?

Answer: The 100-meter dash

Exercise B: Synonyms

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

6. No one can really tell your fortune by looking into a crystal ball.
7. It's sensible to go to bed early if you have to awaken at 6:30 A.M.
8. The band played a collection of lively pieces to stir up the crowd.
9. That movie was awful in every way, and it became a gigantic flop.
10. It looks as if a good breeze could blow down that rickety old shed.
11. If we serve ribs, we'll need a really plentiful supply of napkins.
12. The setting of the play is a tiny fishing village in Nova Scotia.
13. Is that big blue house the one where your grandparents live?
14. We will need to prepare our house for the start of winter.
15. The Grand Canyon is truly a wonderful sight to see.

Exercise C: Completion

Choose the correct answer to complete each sentence.

- ____ 16. One example of a **colossal** animal is a
A. wasp. B. fox. C. whale.
- ____ 17. Little kids might be told that something is **taboo** by calling it a
A. "no-no." B. "boo-boo." C. "yum-yum."
- ____ 18. Something that **resides** in Congress is
A. America. B. an election. C. the power to make laws.
- ____ 19. One **obsolete** form of transportation is the
A. subway. B. stagecoach. C. motorcycle.
- ____ 20. A **lull** at a childcare center would occur during
A. nap time. B. snack time. C. playtime.

Exercise D: Antonyms

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

21. sturdy; firm; strong _____
22. conclusion; end; close _____
23. commotion; action; uproar _____
24. allowable; acceptable; suitable _____
25. foolish; reckless; impractical _____
26. current; modern; popular _____
27. scarce; rare; limited _____

Exercise E: Mini-Rhyme Time

Write the **Word** that best completes each rhyme. This exercise continues on the next page.

28. If you see a first-place Olympic medal, you ____ the gold. _____
29. Keeping an open pot of honey behind a screen would ____ flies. _____
30. Cowboys should watch where they step in the ____ of the corral. _____
31. Robins and wrens live outdoors; canaries and parakeets ____ inside. _____
32. A recently established social rule not to do something is a new _____. _____

Did you hear about the guy who sat up all night trying to figure out where sunshine comes from?

At the onset of morning, it finally dawned on him.

Quick LIST

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behold V.
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destiny N.
judicious ADJ.
locale N.
lull N., V.
medley N.
obsolete ADJ.
onset N.
ramshackle ADJ.
reside V.
taboo N., ADJ.
tantalize V.
utilize V.

33. The invention of airplanes allowed people to ____ the skies. _____
34. A collection of poisons would be a deadly _____. _____
35. A brontosaurus skeleton is a ____ fossil. _____

Exercise F: Fill-in

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

36. Frank chose to _____ his spare time by fixing his bike.
37. A _____ tree towers over the houses in the neighborhood.
38. Dad wants to travel to Alaska; Mom prefers a warmer _____.
39. There will be _____ food at the picnic, so everyone is welcome.
40. While Uncle Yoshi works in France, his whole family will _____ there.
41. It would be _____ to save some money for a time when you may need it.
42. It would take a lot of work to make that _____ house into a decent home.
43. Since I run into Joe everywhere I go, I think it is our _____ to be together.
44. If you gaze upward on a cloudless night, you can _____ a sky full of stars.
45. It used to be _____ for a man to remain seated on a bus if a woman passenger was standing.
46. Shoes that fasten with buttons are _____ now, but they were once very common.
47. The cherries _____ me by growing about four inches higher than I can jump.
48. At the _____ of the disease, patients get a rash, which is then followed by a fever.
49. A small drawer held a _____ of tools, stamps, coins, keys, and sewing supplies.
50. Greg was able to _____ his baby sister by rocking her and patting her gently.

Question:

What do you call the diet-food aisle in a grocery store?

local

The low-cal

Answer:

Exercise G: Writing

"Beauty is in the eye of the beholder." This famous saying means that people often disagree about what is beautiful. Is there something you find beautiful that others seem to **behold** with less admiration? On your own paper, write a paragraph about it, using at least **THREE Words**. Explain why it pleases you and why you think others may disagree with you.



Beauty and the Bees