

Lesson Eleven

1. **frustrate** (frūs' trāt) *verb* to bring to nothing; to thwart, to baffle
 He was so *frustrated* in his unsuccessful attempts to pass the test that he gave up.
syn: balk, thwart, hinder *ant:* abet, facilitate, succor

2. **furtive** (fūr' tiv) *adj.* done in a stealthy or secretive manner
 Not wanting to stare and seem rude, she cast a *furtive* glance toward the odd-looking man.
syn: secret, surreptitious, sneaky *ant:* overt, open

3. **gadfly** (găd' flī) *noun* a person who annoys others, esp. by rousing them from complacency
 Do you ask all those questions because you want an answer, or do you just wish to be a *gadfly*?

4. **galvanize** (gāl' və nīz) *verb* to startle into sudden activity
 A slight motion of the guard's rifle *galvanized* the lazy work crew to clean the dining hall thoroughly.
syn: to stimulate

5. **gamut** (gām' ət) *noun* the whole range or extent
 She ran the *gamut* of emotions as she listened to the speaker's bittersweet story.

6. **gargantuan** (gār găn' chōō ən) *adj.* of huge or extraordinary size and power
 Milltown's players were *gargantuan* compared with the small boys on our team.
syn: gigantic, huge *ant:* small, tiny

7. **gauche** (gōsh) *adj.* lacking social grace
 Because I felt so *gauche* on the dance floor, I was afraid to ask anyone to dance.
syn: awkward; tactless *ant:* graceful; polite

8. **genial** (jēn' yəl) *adj.* warm, friendly
 Our new neighbors were so *genial* that we felt we had known them for years.
syn: cordial, pleasant, amiable *ant:* unfriendly, unpleasant

9. **grandiloquent** (grăn dil' ə kwent) *adj.* speaking in a pompous style
 Although the senator was quite *grandiloquent* during his opening remarks, his audience soon became bored.
syn: pretentious, haughty *ant:* humble, unpretentious

10. **gregarious** (grī gâr' ē əs) *adj.* fond of the company of others; belonging to a flock
 Because John was normally a *gregarious* person, his mother became concerned with his exceptionally quiet manner.
syn: sociable, friendly *ant:* unfriendly

11. **grimace** (grĭm' ĭs) *noun* a facial expression of fear, disapproval, or pain;
verb to make such an expression
 The young man *grimaced* when his wife showed him the black birthday cake.
syn: scowl *ant:* smile
12. **harangue** (hə rāŋg') *noun* a long, noisy speech or lecture
verb to make such a speech
 The father's simple father-to-son talk soon became a *harangue* about the son's failing grades and poor conduct in school.
syn: tirade, declamation
13. **harry** (hăř' ē) *verb* to torment another
 The baby's constant crying began to *harry* the other passengers.
syn: harass, pester *ant:* please, delight, enrapture
14. **hearth** (hăřth) *noun* a fireplace
 The rain-soaked travelers huddled near the *hearth* to warm themselves.
15. **heinous** (hā' nəs) *adj.* hatefully or shockingly evil
 The jury was shocked by the *heinous* crimes of which the youth was accused.
syn: abhorrent, anathematic, horrid *ant:* laudatory, commendable, praiseworthy

EXERCISE I — Words in Context

From the list of words below, supply the words needed to complete the sentences.

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| frustrate | furtive | grimace |
| hearth | grandiloquent | harangue |

- A. After checking all windows and doors to make certain no one was watching, the man _____ out the hidden key and unlocked the drawer which held his _____ plans for robbing the bank. As he dressed in his dark clothes, he made a momentary _____ at the thought that he could possibly be caught; but he quickly dismissed that unhappy thought as unlikely. On entering the bank, however, he was surprised to find that the police were indeed there. _____ his plans.
- B. When his wife heard of the stupid thing he had done, she threw the glass of wine she had been drinking against the _____ and promptly launched into a _____, which enunciated all of her husband's shortcomings. While it was not a _____ speech, it left no doubt about her opinion of him.

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| harry | gregarious | gamut |

- C. The boy had a _____ appetite. For lunch he had three large cheeseburgers, two orders of fries, apple pie, and a shake. While he was a _____ lad with a quick smile and a friendly word for everyone, some classmates thought he was _____ because he did not tell the truth, often put his foot in his mouth.