

## Lesson Twelve

1. **heresy** (hěŕ' ĭ sē) *noun* a religious belief opposed to the established doctrine  
During the Inquisition those found guilty of *heresy* were burned at the stake.  
*syn:* heterodoxy, nonconformity      *ant:* conformity, orthodoxy
  
2. **hoax** (hōks) *noun* a practical joke  
The footprints which they thought to be those of Bigfoot turned out to be a *hoax*.  
*syn:* deception, fraud
  
3. **hue** (hyōō) *noun* that quality which makes one color differ from other colors; a particular shade or tint of a given color  
We were going to paint the house forest green, but my mother cannot stand that particular *hue*.
  
4. **humility** (hyōō mĭl' ĭ tē) *noun* absence of vanity  
There was a lot of *humility* in his voice as he begged the girl to stay.  
*syn:* modesty, humbleness      *ant:* haughtiness, arrogance
  
5. **hurtle** (hŭr' tl) *verb* to dash; to move swiftly and with great force  
The big fullback *hurtled* his way through the defensive line and scored the winning touchdown.  
*syn:* to plow into
  
6. **hyperbole** (hī pŭr' bə lē) *noun* extreme exaggeration for effect and not meant to be taken literally  
While his stories are very enjoyable, you cannot believe every word because he does engage in *hyperbole*.
  
7. **hypercritical** (hī pər krĭt' ĭ kəl) *adj.* overly critical; too severe in judgment  
In his inspection of the barracks, the sergeant was *hypercritical*.  
*syn:* faultfinding
  
8. **ignominy** (ĭg' nə mĭn ē) *noun* public shame, disgrace, or dishonor  
One simple act of greed made the mayor fall from fame to *ignominy* in one week.  
*syn:* disgrace, infamy      *ant:* renown, eminence, repute
  
9. **impeccable** (ĭm pĕk' ə bəl) *adj.* faultless; without sin or blemish  
Because her house was always *impeccable*, she won an award.  
*syn:* immaculate, faultless, irreproachable      *ant:* fallible, blameworthy
  
10. **implacable** (ĭm plā' kə bəl) *adj.* cannot be appeased or pacified  
His hatred toward those who had killed his wife and child was *implacable*.  
*syn:* inflexible, relentless, uncompromising      *ant:* pacified, assuaged
  
11. **inane** (ĭn ān') *adj.* without sense or meaning; silly; empty  
That was an *inane* comment she made about the minister's white teeth.  
*syn:* foolish, insipid      *ant:* significant, meaningful

12. **incarcerate** (ĩn kār' sə rāt) *verb* to put into prison; to confine  
He was *incarcerated* for stealing hubcaps.  
*syn:* imprison, constrain *ant:* liberate, emancipate, free
13. **incisive** (ĩn sī' sīv) *adj.* sharp; keen; penetrating  
Tom's *incisive* answer so impressed the teacher that she nominated him for the award.  
*syn:* piercing, acute *ant:* superficial, dull
14. **incognito** (ĩn kŏg' nĩ tō) *adv., adj.* hiding one's name, rank, position; disguised  
To avoid capture, the escaped prisoner-of-war threw off his uniform so he could *incognito*.  
*syn:* masquerading *ant:* divulged, known, revealed
15. **indiscreet** (ĩn dĩ skrēt') *adj.* not wise or judicious; imprudent, as in speech or action  
Because of his *indiscreet* behavior at the party, the boss fired him.  
*syn:* rash, capricious, unwise *ant:* circumspect, cautious, prudent

### EXERCISE I – Words in Context

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

heresy	impeccable	incarcerated
incisive	hue	indiscreet

- A. The man, although usually a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ dresser, wore a gaudy shirt that contained about every \_\_\_\_\_ in the rainbow. His wife said that he had been behaving in an utterly irrational fashion for several weeks now. His comments about other people, which once \_\_\_\_\_ and helpful she said, now bordered on the \_\_\_\_\_ as he frequently made observations of a very personal nature.
- B. Whenever the faithful in the congregation disagreed with the leader, they were accused \_\_\_\_\_. For this offense they were lucky if they were only \_\_\_\_\_ and not, as happened, something much worse.

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hoax	ignominy	humility	inane hypercritical

- C. For years he had felt that the population had heaped \_\_\_\_\_ on his good name, and as a result he developed a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ hatred toward everyone in the town. When someone played a cruel \_\_\_\_\_ on him and the woman he loved, he responded by injuring several of them. To say that the townspeople wished to boil him in oil is not to speak in \_\_\_\_\_.
- D. To say Dave was \_\_\_\_\_ is an understatement, for he could find fault with anyone and even accuse our wonderful, humble Pope of lacking \_\_\_\_\_.