

Lesson Ten

1. **expound** (ĭk spound') *verb* to explain; to set forth point by point; to interpret
Closing the Bible, the minister *expounded* the passage he had just read.
2. **expunge** (ĭk spŭnj') *verb* to erase
If he can stay out of trouble for one year, his criminal record will be *expunged*.
syn: blot, wipe, or strike out
3. **extol** (ĭk stōl') *verb* to praise highly
He *extolled* the virtues of his personal hero, Abraham Lincoln.
syn: eulogize, glorify, laud *ant:* belittle, denigrate, disparage
4. **extradite** (ĕk' strə dīt) *verb* to turn a prisoner over to the jurisdiction of another country or state where the crime was allegedly committed
After two months of incarceration by the Sacramento sheriff, the suspect was *extradited* to Texas.
5. **extraneous** (ĭk strā' nē əs) *adj.* not belonging; foreign; nonessential
After producing the chemical compound, the industrial plant used to pour all *extraneous* material into the river.
syn: alien, extrinsic, irrelevant *ant:* relevant, intrinsic, essential
6. **extrovert** (ĕk' strə vŭrt) *noun* one who is outgoing, friendly; one who is more interested in what is going on around him or her than in his or her own inner being or thoughts
Because he was an *extrovert*, people found him easy to talk to.
syn: outgoing, affable *ant:* introvert, withdrawn
7. **exult** (ĭg zŭlt') *verb* to rejoice over a success or victory
When the results were *announced*, the town wildly *exulted* in their team's victory
syn: to rejoice, to leap for joy or triumph
8. **fallacy** (fāl' ə sē) *noun* a false or mistaken idea
The idea that plants, if spoken to, would survive in the dead of winter is a *fallacy*.
syn: error, untruth, falsehood *ant:* truism, fact, axiom
9. **feasible** (fē' zə bəl) *adj.* reasonable, likely; capable of being carried out
Given his lack of experience and poor equipment, his plan to compete in the next Olympic games did not seem *feasible*.
syn: possible *ant:* impartial
10. **fiasco** (fē əs' kō) *noun* a complete, ridiculous failure
Because of a breakdown in communications, what should have been a routine maneuver ended in a *fiasco*.
syn: debacle, disaster *ant:* success

11. **fickle** (fĭk' əl) *adj.* likely to change without reason
Because she never kept one boyfriend for long, her friends said she was *fickle*.
syn: vacillating, capricious *ant:* steadfast, determined, loyal
12. **fluctuate** (flŭk' chōō āt) *verb* to move; to vary irregularly
One could never tell what kind of mood he would be in; he *fluctuated* from extremely friendly to acrimonious.
syn: vacillate, waver, sway *ant:* stay, abide, persist
13. **formidable** (fōr' mĭ də bəl) *adj.* hard to overcome or deal with; causing fear or awe
The pile of thick books and pages of notes on his desk made writing this paper seem a *formidable* task.
syn: menacing, appalling, dreadful *ant:* harmless, feeble, insignificant
14. **frowzy** (frou' zē) *adj.* dirty, unkempt
The lady's *frowzy* hair looked like Spanish moss because it was so tangled.
syn: untidy, slovenly *ant:* clean, tidy
15. **frugal** (frōō' gəl) *adj.* not wasteful; thrifty
Because he was a *frugal* man, he always bought day-old bread.
syn: provident, economical *ant:* wasteful

EXERCISE I – Words in Context

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

fluctuated fickle frugal fiasco expounded

- A. For a long time the man saved every penny he earned with the plan to buy investments which would land him on easy street. This _____ lifestyle cost him his wife and family, despite this, he never _____ from his course. He felt that his family would be only happy to return once he had conquered the odds against success. He knew that fortune was _____ and unkind, so he planned carefully just how his money would grow. However, at the urging of a friend who _____ at length about a "hot new stock," the man invested all his money in the "hot tip" that went cold. The man sadly watched as his investment plan ended in an abrupt and complete _____.

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extraneous extolled extrovert feasible fallacy

- B. Though she knew nothing of preserving vegetables, she thought it certainly would be _____ to freeze the tomatoes. The withered, ruined fruits, however, proved there was a _____ in her thinking. Yet her enthusiastic classmates _____ her ingenuity and said that her report was the most interesting science report.