

## Lesson Four

1. **bigot** (bĭg'ət) *noun* one who is intolerant of another's beliefs, opinions, or values  
The *bigot* is the worst enemy of democracy and free speech.  
*syn:* intolerant, prejudiced, narrow-minded *ant:* tolerant, liberal, open-minded
  
2. **cajole** (kə'jōl') *verb* to persuade with false promises and flattery  
Despite his best efforts, the mayor could not *cajole* Colonel Harris into donating the land to the city.  
*syn:* coax, wheedle, talk into *ant:* dissuade, deter
  
3. **candid** (kă'n'dĭd) *adj.* 1. outspoken, blunt 2. informal, unposed  
1. He gave a *candid* speech about the time he had spent in prison.  
2. The photographer was best at *candid* shots of famous people.  
*syn:* straightforward, truthful, sincere *ant:* evasive, equivocal
  
4. **canine** (kā'nĭn') *adj.* having to do with dogs; *noun* a dog  
Many police departments have *canine* units with dogs trained to sniff out drugs and bombs.
  
5. **capricious** (kə'prĭsh'əs) *adj.* guided by whim rather than reason; changing one's mind suddenly  
After planning his camping trip to the mountains for months, he made a *capricious* decision to go to the seashore.  
*syn:* fickle, erratic, inconstant *ant:* steadfast, undeviating
  
6. **castigate** (kă's'tĭgāt) *verb* to criticize or punish for the purpose of correction  
The parson *castigated* the young boy for sleeping in church.  
*syn:* chastise, discipline, reprimand *ant:* commend, laud, praise
  
7. **caustic** (kô'stĭk) *adj.* biting, burning, severe; sharp or sarcastic  
Because of his *caustic* comments, his wife finally left him.  
*syn:* tart, corrosive, harsh *ant:* mild, saccharine, gentle, easy-going
  
8. **chaos** (kā'ōs) *noun* complete disorder  
The new teacher was given the job of ending the *chaos* and restoring order in the classroom.  
*syn:* confusion, shambles *ant:* order, harmony
  
9. **charlatan** (shăr'lə'ten) *noun* one who pretends to have more knowledge or skill than he or she really has, especially in the field of medicine.  
Many of the supposed medical men of the Old West with their miracle drugs were really no more than *charlatans*.  
*syn:* quack, impostor, fraud, fake
  
10. **chastise** (chă'stĭz') *verb* to punish severely  
In the Middle Ages people would *chastise* themselves for their sins by dressing in sackcloth and ashes and whipping themselves.  
*syn:* punish, reprove, discipline *ant:* reward, comfort