

Lesson Six

1. **condone** (kən dɒnˈ) *verb* to forgive or overlook an offense by treating the wrongdoer as if he had done nothing wrong.
After they had heard about the man's starving family, many people found it easy to *condone* his stealing the food.
syn: pardon, excuse, acquit *ant:* condemn, indict, avenge

2. **connive** (kə nɪvˈ) *verb* to cooperate secretly in a wrongdoing
Although the judge claimed to have fought against corruption, many people believe that he *connived* with crooked politicians in order to make himself rich.
syn: collaborate, conspire

3. **connoisseur** (kɒnˈ ə sʊrˈ) *noun* an expert; a critical judge in matters of culture, food, or wine
The chef watched nervously as the *connoisseur* tasted the soup.
syn: expert, virtuoso, critic *ant:* novice, beginner, amateur

4. **contrite** (kən trɪtˈ) *adj.* showing a deep regret and sorrow, usually for having committed some wrongdoing.
"A broken, *contrite* heart, O God, thou wilt not despise."
syn: repentant, remorseful, penitent *ant:* obdurate, shameless, unrepentant

5. **copious** (kəˈ piː əs) *adj.* abundant; large in number or quantity
At the city council meeting complaints were *copious*, but suggestions were few.
syn: profuse, bountiful, plentiful *ant:* meager, sparse, scanty

6. **crass** (kræs) *adj.* coarse, stupid, tasteless
The comment you made about the size of her teeth was *crass* and uncalled for.
syn: crude, obtuse, graceless *ant:* suave, polished, refined

7. **credence** (krɛdˈ ns) *noun* belief or trust
The father gave *credence* to the boy's story about the fight.
syn: credit, faith *ant:* distrust, skepticism, doubt

8. **culinary** (kʊlˈ ə nəˈ ē) *adj.* having to do with the kitchen or cooking
All famous chefs are graduates of great schools of *culinary* arts.

9. **culmination** (kʊlˈ mə nəˈ shən) *noun* attainment by anything of its highest point or degree
Graduation marks the *culmination* of formal schooling.
syn: end, finale, climax *ant:* beginning, root

10. **cult** (kʊlt) *noun* a fad-like devotion to a person, thing, or idea; a group of people with such a devotion
In order to join the *cult*, the recruits had to shave their heads and walk over broken glass.
syn: sect