

## Lesson Nine

1. **emulate** (ěm' yə lāt) *verb* to try to be equal to or better than; to imitate  
He advised his son to *emulate* his hard-working, scholarly brother.  
*syn:* strive
2. **enamored** (ĩ nām' ərd) *verb* to be in love with  
Alan was so *enamored* of the tall, willowy blond that he stuttered when he tried to speak to her.  
*syn:* desired, charmed, captivated      *ant:* disliked
3. **enhance** (ěn hāns') *verb* to increase the value or beauty of something  
The soft, shimmering moonlight did much to *enhance* the beauty of the sparkling lake.  
*syn:* improve, heighten, intensify      *ant:* diminish, decrease
4. **enigma** (ĩ nīg' mə) *noun* a puzzling or seemingly inexplicable situation, person, etc.  
Because no one knows the thoughts behind that strange grin, Mona Lisa's smile is an *enigma*.  
*syn:* riddle, secret, mystery
5. **enraptured** (ěn rap' chərd) *verb* to be delighted beyond measure  
Elaine was *enraptured* by the performance of the visiting ballet troupe.  
*syn:* enchanted, charmed, entranced
6. **enunciate** (ĩ nūn' sē āt') *verb* to pronounce words clearly and distinctly  
The speech teacher constantly reminded her students to *enunciate* their words carefully.  
*syn:* articulate, state      *ant:* mumble, stutter
7. **erudite** (ěr' yə dīt') *adj.* scholarly; having or showing a wide knowledge gained from reading  
People should never act more *erudite* than the company they are in; they would appear to be snobs and bores.  
*syn:* learned, bookish      *ant:* unlettered, illiterate
8. **ethnic** (ěth' nīk) *adj.* of or having to do with races or classes of people and their language, culture, history, etc.  
The true American is not one breed but a mixture of countless *ethnic* groups.  
*syn:* cultural, racial
9. **evince** (ĩ vīns') *verb* to show clearly  
In order to *evince* his claim, the scientist performed several tests.  
*syn:* demonstrate, indicate, prove
10. **evoke** (ĩ vōk') *verb* to call forth; to draw forth  
Pleasant memories of earlier times were *evoked* as we watched the decorated floats parading down Main Street.  
*syn:* summon, conjure up; elicit, extract

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- 11. **exhort** (ɪg zɔrt) *verb* to use words or arguments to incite one to good deeds  
During halftime, the coach *exhorted* his team to "win one for The Gipper."  
*syn:* urge
- 12. **exodus** (ɛk sə dəs) *noun* a departure, especially in a large group  
The defeated tribe made a speedy *exodus* from the war-torn valley.  
*syn:* withdrawal *ant:* entry, a returning
- 13. **expatriate** (ɛk spā trē ət) *noun* one who chooses to leave his or her native country  
The *expatriate* was greeted by friends and supporters as he stepped off the ship.
- 14. **expedient** (ɪk spē dē ənt) *adj.* the best means to do something under a given set of circumstances, especially if it will bring about personal gain  
His action, while not admirable, did prove to be the most *expedient* way to pass the course.  
*syn:* convenient, advantageous *ant:* unfavorable, detrimental
- 15. **explicit** (ɪk splɪs it) *adj.* clearly stated  
His instructions were *explicit*: do not leave the house for any reason.  
*syn:* exact, precise, definite *ant:* ambiguous, vague

### EXERCISE I – Words in Context

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

- erudite**
- explicit**
- expedient**
- ethnic**
- emulate**

- A. Though often the object of bigotry and ridicule, the foreign-speaking young man refused to let his \_\_\_\_\_ background hinder him from achieving his goal. He had an \_\_\_\_\_ plan as to what he intended to do and how he intended to do it. He wished to \_\_\_\_\_ the great ones who had gone before him and made their fortunes in this new world.
- B. He had been to school and was \_\_\_\_\_ in matters of philosophy and science. He now had to think of the most \_\_\_\_\_ way to initiate his plan.

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

- exodus**
- exhorted**
- enamored**
- enraptured**
- enigma**

- C. He was totally and completely \_\_\_\_\_ by her beauty. He spent whole days thinking of only her. Unfortunately, she was obviously not \_\_\_\_\_ of him because she completely ignored him. To his friends, his behavior was something of an \_\_\_\_\_. They \_\_\_\_\_ him to pull his head from the clouds and get back to work; they warned him that he would be part of the freshmen \_\_\_\_\_ at the end of the semester if his grades did not improve.