

Lesson Sixteen

1. **rebuke** (rĭ byōōk´) *verb* to scold; to blame
The professor *rebuked* his students for doing so poorly on the exam.
syn: admonish, reprimand *ant: praise, laud*

2. **recant** (rĭ kănt´) *verb* to withdraw or disavow a statement or opinion
The suspect *recanted* his confession, so the police had to release him.

3. **recapitulate** (rē kə pĭch´ ə lāt) *verb* to summarize; to repeat briefly
Television newsmen always *recapitulate* Presidential news conferences, as if the audience were incapable of understanding what had been said.

4. **recoil** (rĭ koil´) *verb* to retreat; to draw back
At the harsh words, the girl *recoiled* as if she had been struck.

5. **recondite** (rĕk´ ən dīt) *adj.* difficult to understand; profound
His argument was so *recondite*, that only a few of the students could follow it.

6. **recreant** (rĕk´ rē ənt) *noun* a coward, a traitor
He was a *recreant* and history treated Arnold just as he deserved.

7. **rectify** (rĕk´ tə fī) *verb* to correct; to make right
Sometimes it's too late to *rectify* our mistakes.

8. **redolent** (rĕd´ ə lənt) *adj.* having a pleasant odor; suggestive or evocative
The new fabric softener is advertised as being *redolent* of a spring day.

9. **redundant** (rĭ dŭn´ dănt) *adj.* repetitious; using more words than needed
Saying that a person is a rich millionaire is *redundant*.
syn: wordy, excessive, superfluous, unnecessary *ant: essential*

10. **regale** (rĭ gāl´) *verb* to delight with something pleasing or amusing
John *regaled* the crowd for hours with his stories of Scotland.

11. **regress** (rĭ grĕs´) *verb* to move in a backward direction
If he took the job they offered, Tim felt that he might *regress* rather than move forward

12. **sacrosanct** (săk´ rō sāngkt) *adj.* extremely holy
The detective's orders were to investigate everyone; no person was so *sacrosanct* that he or she was above suspicion.

13. **sadistic** (sə dīs´ tĭk) *adj.* deriving pleasure from inflicting pain on others
Donna took *sadistic* pleasure in tormenting her little sister.

