

## Lesson Six

1. **elixir** (ĭ lĭk' sər) *noun* a supposed remedy for all ailments  
The *elixir* that Mrs. Higgins used for colds was a secret that had been handed down in her family from generation to generation.  
*syn: medicine; panacea*
  
2. **elucidate** (i lōō' sĭ dāt) *verb* to make clear  
To *elucidate* and bolster his argument, he drew a large chart on the board.  
*syn: explain, clarify* *ant: obscure*
  
3. **emanate** (ēm' ə nāt) *verb* to come forth; to send forth  
She tried to control her anger, but harsh words began to *emanate* from her lips.  
*syn: rise, emerge*
  
4. **emendation** (ē'men dā' shən) *noun* a correction  
The last edition of the book contains many *emendations*.
  
5. **empathy** (ēm' pə thē) *noun* an understanding of another's feelings  
As Laurie's face became redder by the minute, I felt a certain *empathy* for her.
  
6. **empirical** (ēm pĭr' ĭ kəl) *adj.* based on practical experience rather than theory  
He was the first to present *empirical* data to support the argument that smoking is harmful.  
*syn: observable* *ant: theoretical*
  
7. **endemic** (ěn dēm' ĭk) *adj.* confined to a particular country or area  
Once it had been *endemic* to Africa, but now it is becoming a world-wide epidemic.
  
8. **enervate** (ěn' ər vāt) *verb* to weaken  
Because the hot, humid weather *enervated* the boys, they were content to sit in the shade.  
*syn: devitalize, exhaust* *ant: energize, strengthen*
  
9. **ennui** (ăn wē') *noun* boredom; a weariness resulting from a lack of interest  
Because the speaker sensed a feeling of *ennui* settling over the audience, he told a joke.  
*ant: excitement, interest*
  
10. **ephemeral** (ĭ fēm' ər əl) *adj.* lasting only a brief time; short-lived  
The celebrity who doesn't realize that fame is *ephemeral* is in for a rude awakening when people no longer know or care who the person is.  
*syn: transient, fleeting* *ant: permanent*
  
11. **epitome** (ĭ pĭt' ə mē) *noun* a typical example; a condensed account  
As he saw to the comfort of his guests, he was the *epitome* of Southern hospitality.  
*syn: representative; summary*

12. **ergo** (ĕr' gō) *conj.* therefore  
I am broke; *ergo*, I can't pay the rent this week.  
*syn:* consequently; hence
13. **erotic** (ĕr'ōt' ĭk) *adj.* pertaining to sexual love  
The statues in the museum were thought to be too *erotic* to allow young children to view them.
14. **eschew** (ĕs chōō') *verb* to keep away from; to avoid; to shun  
Embrace virtue and *eschew* sin was the theme of the minister's sermon.  
*ant:* to embrace, welcome
15. **facetious** (fə sē' shəs) *adj.* comical; jocular; flippant  
Her *facetious* comments were beginning to get tiresome.  
*syn:* joking, witty, jocose *ant:* solemn, serious

**Exercise I—Words in Context.** //////////////////////////////////////

*From the words below, supply the words needed to complete the sentences.*

**enervated**                      **endemic**                      **elixir**  
**empirical**                      **elucidated**                      **empathy**

- A. The \_\_\_\_\_ given to the boys to improve their \_\_\_\_\_ condition that had been caused by the heat and humidity was an age-old secret. No one knew why it worked, nor was there any \_\_\_\_\_ data to explain its miraculous benefits.
- B. I feel great \_\_\_\_\_ for women who are not getting equal pay for equal work. The problem is not \_\_\_\_\_ to one company or industry, for it is found in all areas of employment. The problem will remain with us until all of the issues have been \_\_\_\_\_ and the view toward women in the workplace has been changed.

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- C. The music seemed to \_\_\_\_\_ from the dark woods. It had a soft, \_\_\_\_\_ aura that turned his sense of \_\_\_\_\_ to one of interest. He didn't know if he should mentally embrace or \_\_\_\_\_ this strange, unreal, and somewhat frightening feeling.

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**ergo**                      **epitome**                      **ephemeral**                      **emendations**                      **facetious**

- D. Jim was the \_\_\_\_\_ of the class clown. His \_\_\_\_\_ remarks were a source of great annoyance to the teacher.