

Lesson Eight

- fop** (fɒp) *noun* an excessively fashion-conscious man
When he came in wearing a bow tie, sporting a diamond pinky ring, and carrying a pearl-handled cane, we knew he was a *fop*.
syn: dandy
- fortuitous** (fɔr tōō'ītəs) *adj.* lucky; by chance
My father said meeting my mother was *fortuitous*; my mother said it was fate.
syn: accidental, unexpected *ant: premeditated, intentional*
- gambol** (gām'bəl) *verb* to frolic; to romp about playfully
The pre-schoolers liked to *gambol* about on the playground.
syn: play, caper, rollick
- garish** (gar'ish) *adj.* tastelessly gaudy
The gypsy costumes were too *garish* for my taste.
syn: showy; glaring, flashy *ant: sedate, conservative*
- garner** (gär'nər) *verb* to gather, to acquire
During the fall harvest, it was the job of all the family to *garner* the crops.
- garrulous** (gär'ələs) *adj.* talkative
The little girl was so *garrulous* that we thought she would never stop talking.
syn: loquacious, verbose *ant: taciturn*
- germane** (jər mǎn') *adj.* relevant; fitting
Make sure that all of your answers are *germane* to the questions.
syn: appropriate, pertinent, suitable *ant: irrelevant*
- gibe** (jīb) *verb* to scoff, to ridicule
His favorite pastime was to *gibe* at everything his wife said.
syn: jeer, taunt, sneer *ant: compliment, praise*
- gloat** (glōt) *verb* to look at or think about with great satisfaction
The track team *gloated* over their latest victory.
syn: to revel in, to crow over *ant: belittle*
- glower** (glou'ər) *verb* to stare angrily
The boy *glowered* at his mother when she corrected his manners.
syn: to frown, scowl *ant: grin*
- grandiose** (grǎn'dēōs) *adj.* impressive, showy, magnificent
The young married couple wanted to buy the house, but their parents felt it was too *grandiose* for their life style.

12. **gratuitous** (grə tōō' ī təs) *adj.* unnecessary or uncalled for
He was always giving *gratuitous* advice whether someone wanted it or not.
13. **grotesque** (grō tesk') *adj.* absurd; distorted
The boy made a *grotesque* face behind the teacher's back.
14. **gumption** (gūmp' shən) *noun* courage and initiative; common sense
It takes a lot of *gumption* to succeed in this fast-paced society.
syn: enterprise, aggressiveness
15. **hackneyed** (hak' nēd) *adj.* commonplace; overused
"Good as gold" is a *hackneyed* expression.
syn: trite, banal *ant:* fresh, imaginative

Exercise I - Words in Context ////////////////////////////////////

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

gumption **germane** **glower**
gratuitous **hackneyed** **gloating**

- A. My father always gave _____ advice to me. He was always going on about _____ and initiative being important to success. He used all of the _____ expressions such as "do unto others" while I used to _____ at him in my anger. I never felt that what he said to me was going to be _____ to my life! How old fashioned he was! Now, twenty years later, I hear myself saying to my son, "Neither a borrower or a lender be," and I can see in my mind my father _____.

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garnering **grotesque** **garish** **gamboling** **garrulous**

- B. One Halloween, Joanne dressed up in a very _____ gypsy costume, convinced that she was the prettiest five-year-old in the world. She had always been _____ so knew that she would have no trouble _____ her share of treats. Out she went, _____ about with her friends while waiting for her mother to chaperone the group of pixies, ghosts, and the one little boy in his _____ monster costume.

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grandiose **fortuitous** **gibes** **foppish**

- C. The _____ -looking gentleman strode gaily down the street, unaware that the gang of street urchins followed his movements. When the _____ started, he was completely