Lesson Seven

1. **bedraggled** (bĭ **drăg**´əld) *adj.* wet, limp, messy
After getting caught in a rain storm, Jack arrived at work *bedraggled* .
syn: unkempt *ant: neat, dapper*

2. **behoove** (bĭ **hōōv**´) *v.* to be necessary, right or proper for
It *behooved* Jack to carry an umbrella regularly when going to work.
syn: advisable *ant: unnecessary*

3. **euphemism** (yōō fə **mĭz**´ĕm) *n.* an inoffensive term substituted for one that is offensive
Use some *euphemism* if you have to express your anger; language like that is not permitted in my house.

4. **evanescent** (ĕv´ ə **nĕs**´ənt) *adj.* lasting only a short time; vanishing
Fortunately his melancholy mood was *evanescent,* and within a short time he was his old self.
syn: transient, ephemeral *ant: long lasting, permanent*

5. **exacerbate** (ĭg **zăs**´ər bāt´) *v.* to increase the severity of; to aggravate
He *exacerbated* the situation by lying to the police.
syn: intensify *ant: lessen, alleviate*

6. **exemplary** (ĭg **zĕm**´plə rē) *adj.* worthy of imitation; commendable
Her grades last semester were *exemplary.*
syn: admirable

7. **opaque** (ō **pāk**´) *adj.* not letting light pass through; not transparent; not reflecting light
An *opaque* window was installed in the room to provide privacy for the workers.
ant: transparent, clear

8. **opulent** (**ŏp**´yōō lənt) *adj.* having or showing great wealth; very wealthy or rich
He was living an *opulent* lifestyle until the strike hurt his business.
syn: affluent *ant: squalid, scarce*

9. **ornate** (ôr **nāt**´) *adj.* made with elaborate or lavish decorations
Sue, who likes simple things, thought the room was too *ornate.*
syn: sumptuous *ant: simple, plain*

10. **sequester** (sĭ **kwĕs**´tər) *v.* to set off or apart, separate; segregate (as a jury); to go off by oneself
If he were ever to finish the novel, he knew he had to remove all distractions by *sequestering* himself in the mountain cabin.

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