

Lesson 10

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Word List

Study the definitions of the words. Then do the exercises that follow.

- anticipate**
an tis' ə pāt
- v.* 1. To look forward to; to expect.
We **anticipated** having a good time at the party.
2. To be aware of and to provide for beforehand.
The speaker **anticipated** their questions by explaining the plan thoroughly.

- bankrupt**
bank' rʌpt
- adj.* 1. Unable to pay one's debts and freed by law from doing so.
The store owner was **bankrupt** after the business failed.
2. Left without any worth or value.
The opposition party was **bankrupt** of ideas and received few votes.
- v.* To leave without worth or value.
His extravagances **bankrupted** him.

- brief**
brēf
- adj.* Short; not long-lasting.
The guests had time for just a **brief** visit, so they did not linger when it was time to leave.
- v.* To give a short explanation or set of instructions to.
An assistant **briefed** the mayor before the debate.
- n.* A statement giving the main points in a case, for use in a court of law.
The attorney glanced at her **brief** before addressing the judge.

- brisk**
brisk
- adj.* 1. Quick; active.
The runners kept up a **brisk** pace at the start of the race.
2. Stimulating; refreshing.
The **brisk** wind blowing off the ocean felt good.

- budget**
buj' ət
- n.* A plan for spending money during a certain period.
The extravagant dinner caused the tourists to overspend their weekly food **budget**.
- v.* To plan the use of carefully.
A part-time job may affect your schoolwork unless you **budget** your time.

compete *kəm pēt* v. To try to win against others.
Five students **competed** for first prize.

competition *n.* (kəm pə tish' ən) 1. The act of trying to win against others.
Competition to get into a good college is keen.

2. A contest.
The team entered the **competition** even though it had little chance of winning.

competitor *n.* (kəm pet' i tər) One who competes against others.
Six **competitors** entered the race.

complicate *kəm pli kāt* v. To make difficult.
An extra guest may **complicate** the seating for a formal dinner.

complicated *adj.* Not easy or simple; having many different parts.
The instructions are so **complicated** that no one could figure them out.

effect *ə fekt'* v. To make happen.
The new manager will **effect** many changes.

n. A result.
The aspirin I took for my headache had no **effect**.

effective *adj.* (ə fek' tiv) 1. Bringing about the desired result.
Gargling with salt water is an **effective** treatment for a minor sore throat.

2. In operation; active.
A new dress code was **effective** the day school opened.

3. Making a strong and favorable impression.
People are likely to remember what an **effective** speaker says.

err *er* v. To be wrong or to do wrong.
I **erred** when I accused you of lying.

error *n.* (er' ə) A mistake.
Errors in punctuation are easily corrected.

erroneous *adj.* (ər rō' nē əs) Mistaken; wrong.
The facts are correct, but the conclusion is **erroneous**.

factor *fak' tər* *n.* Something that contributes to a result.
Paying attention and studying diligently are two **factors** in getting good grades.

fad *fad* *n.* Something that is very popular for a short time, then forgotten.
Ankle bracelets were the **fad** one summer.

gripe *grīp* v. 1. To complain.
The children always **gripe** about having to get up early.

2. To annoy or irritate.
Crowded airports **gripe** the traveling public.

n. A complaint.
Squalid living conditions and contaminated drinking water were two of the captives' **gripes**.

knack *nak* *n.* A special talent or skill; ability to do something easily.
My mother has a **knack** for making friends wherever she goes.

leisure *lē' zhər* *n.* Free time not taken up with work.
A sixty-hour work week allows little **leisure**.

leisurely *adj.* Slow; relaxed.
The couple strolled at a **leisurely** pace through the park.

unique *yoo nēk'* *adj.* The only one of its kind.
The platypus, a mammal that lays eggs, is **unique** among animals.