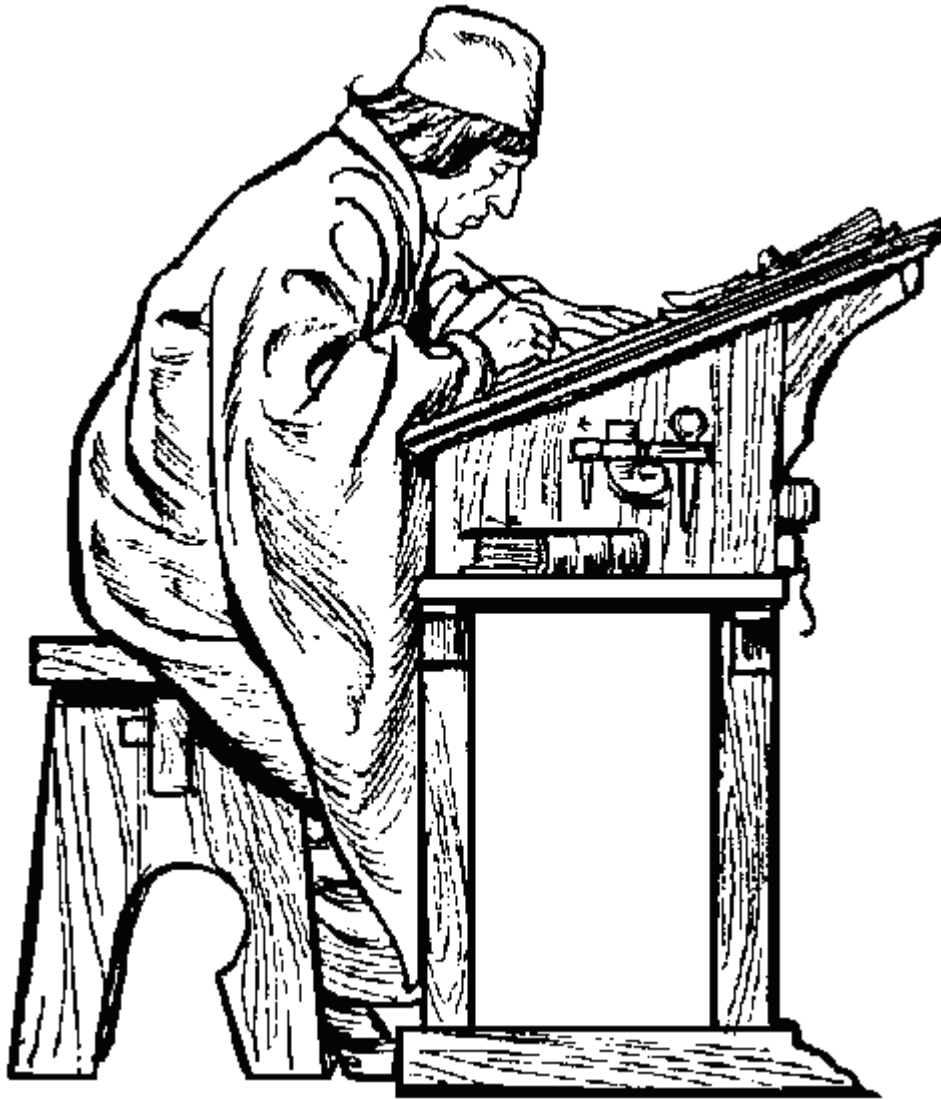


Word Trek\*

UNIT ONE

# Lessons 1-6

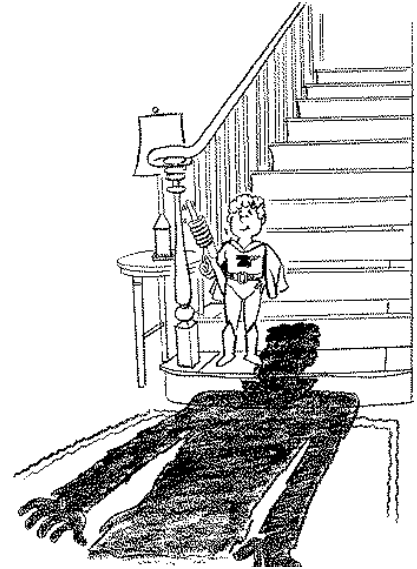


\* *trek* v. 1. to travel slowly or with difficulty. n. 1. a long, slow journey.

*Trek* originated in South Africa where it meant "to travel by ox-wagon," a method guaranteeing a slow journey.  
*And therein lies a tale.*

# Lesson 1

**Lesson Word Parts**  
**--ang--** “bend,” “corner”  
**--ann--**, **--enn--** “year”



*The action-packed movie left Benjamin's imagination running **amuck** for days.*

## Word List

- |            |                 |
|------------|-----------------|
| 1. abolish | 6. amuck (amok) |
| 2. abound  | 7. angular      |
| 3. adapt   | 8. anniversary  |
| 4. adore   | 9. antique      |
| 5. agenda  | 10. appalling   |

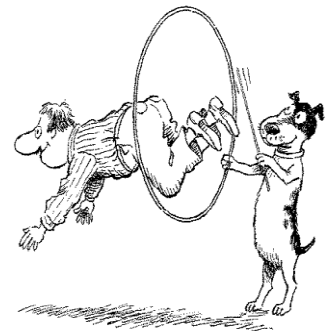
**Part I:** In the blank, write the lesson word that fits the definition.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. to rush about in a mad rage
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. to exist in large numbers or amounts
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. having angles or sharp curves
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. to do away with completely; get rid of
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. very old; of former times; made or used a long time ago
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. causing shock or dismay; causing to be greatly upset
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. to change so as to make fit or usable; to change to fit new conditions
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. to love greatly or honor highly; to like very much
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. the date on which something happened in an earlier year; the celebration of such a date
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. a list of things to be done or talked about

Part II: Write the correct word in the blank in each sentence.

**abolish   abound   adapt   adore   agenda**

11. Studying for a science test is the first thing on my afternoon \_\_\_\_\_.
12. A group of young people convinced the city council to \_\_\_\_\_  
the rule against skateboards in the park.
13. Seashores \_\_\_\_\_ with vacationers during the month  
of July.
14. While my room was being painted, I had to \_\_\_\_\_ to  
several uncomfortable nights on the couch.
15. I \_\_\_\_\_ my new puppy.



*During the process of being  
taught a new trick, Ruffian  
changed the **agenda**.*

**amuck   angular   anniversary   antique   appalling**

16. Mom adores the \_\_\_\_\_ china  
cabinet she inherited from her great-grandmother.
17. Two sets of rabbit tracks marked an \_\_\_\_\_ path  
across the snow-covered meadow.
18. My little brother ran \_\_\_\_\_ when Mom refused to  
allow him to stay up and watch television for another hour.
19. Tomorrow will be my grandparents' fortieth wedding \_\_\_\_\_.
20. The way my sister smears makeup over her face is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Part III: Lesson Word Parts** Some of the words below contain the Latin word part **--ang--**, meaning “bend” or “corner. Others are descendents of **--ann-- (--enn--)**, which means “year.” In the blank, write the word that fits the definition or description. Use a dictionary.

**angle    triangle    quadrangle    annual    perennial**  
**biennial    centennial    anniversary**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 21. This lesson word is made up of **--ann--** and another Latin word **versus**, meaning “to turn.” It is the name of a day that “turns up each year.”
- \_\_\_\_\_ 22. a plant that lives for two years, such as a pansy or foxglove
- \_\_\_\_\_ 23. a figure that “bends” in four places and has four corners
- \_\_\_\_\_ 24. the shape made by two straight lines meeting in a point
- \_\_\_\_\_ 25. plants that live for more than two years, such as trees; anything lasting or going on for a long time
- \_\_\_\_\_ 26. a figure that “bends” in three places and has three corners
- \_\_\_\_\_ 27. happening once in a hundred years; the celebration of a one-hundredth anniversary
- \_\_\_\_\_ 28. something that happens once a year; a plant that lives for only one season, such as a marigold

**Part IV:** From the parentheses, choose the word that is an **antonym** (has an opposite meaning) of the lesson word. Write the answer in the blank.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 29. **abound** (flourish,    dwindle,    flow)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 30. **adore** (despise,    admire,    decide)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 31. **angular** ( twisted,    sharp,    straight)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 32. **antique** (modern,    ancient,    valuable)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 33. **appalling** (disgusting,    shocking,    appealing)

## Lesson 2

Lesson Word Part: **aqua--** "water"

### Word List

- |                |              |
|----------------|--------------|
| 1. approximate | 6. askew     |
| 2. apt         | 7. assume    |
| 3. aquarium    | 8. authentic |
| 4. aquatic     | 9. avalanche |
| 5. arid        | 10. badger   |



**Part I:** Fill in the blank in each sentence with the correct lesson word

**approximate   apt   aquarium   aquatic   arid**

1. Since there is not a cloud in the sky, it is not \_\_\_\_\_ to rain today.
2. Mr. Billings added a starfish to our classroom salt water \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Dad measured the living room to determine the \_\_\_\_\_ cost of installing new carpet.
4. Birds that live near water, such as gulls, pelicans, and herons, are known as \_\_\_\_\_ birds.
5. Death Valley is one of the most \_\_\_\_\_ regions in the world.

*A large blue bow sat **askew** tied around Gwendolyn's topknot of hair.*

**askew   assume   authentic   avalanche   badger**

6. Two experts agreed that the chair is an \_\_\_\_\_ antique and not a clever copy.
7. I worked for two hours on the \_\_\_\_\_ of homework that Mrs. Becker assigned.

8. My sister always tries to \_\_\_\_\_ the role of peacemaker when my brother and I argue, but we ignore her.
9. Mother gets extremely annoyed if we \_\_\_\_\_ her while she is reading one of her romance novels.
- 10 Brian's glasses were knocked \_\_\_\_\_ when he tripped over the chair.

### Part II: Lesson Word Part

11. What is the meaning of the Latin word part **aqua--**? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What things are found in an **aquarium**?
13. Where do **aquatic** plants and animals live?
14. What does an **aquanaut** do?
15. **Aquamarine** is the name of both a gemstone and a color. What color is aquamarine?
16. Add the Latin word part **aqua--** to another Latin word part **duct--**, which means "to lead," and the word **aqueduct** is formed. Write the definition of this word whose original meaning is "to lead water."
17. The zodiac sign for people born between January 21 and February 19 is **Aquarius**. What is the symbol (picture) representing this sign?

**Part III:** From the parentheses, choose the word or phrase that is a **synonym for** or **has the same meaning as** the lesson word. Write the answer in the blank.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. **approximate** (almost exact, accurate, wrong)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. **apt** (complete, satisfying, likely)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. **arid** (bitterly cold, hot, dry)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 21. **askew** (bent, crooked, badly broken)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 22. **authentic** (copied, stolen, genuine)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 23. **badger** (entertain, pester, help)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 24. **assume** (destroy, believe, suppose)



The large robin delighted in **badgering** Mrs. Gordon by splashing the water out of the birdbath.

**Part IV:** In the blank, label each of the following statements as **possible** or **questionable**.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 25. We enjoyed being caught in the **avalanche** at the ski lodge.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 26. A huge shark swam about in the giant **aquarium**.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 27. When the weather forecast predicts a hundred percent chance of snow, motorists can **assume** that driving conditions will become hazardous.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 28. A twenty dollar bill with an ink smudge in one corner is definitely **authentic**.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 29. Students who constantly **badger** their teacher and classmates are **apt** to be well liked.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 30. Because of the roaring jet planes that take off and land at the nearby airport, objects on Mrs. Sherrill's walls always hang **askew**.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 31. The **approximate** distance from one end of the street to the other is a hundred miles.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 32. Camels are **aquatic** animals.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 33. Some people enjoy living in **arid** regions.

## Lesson 3

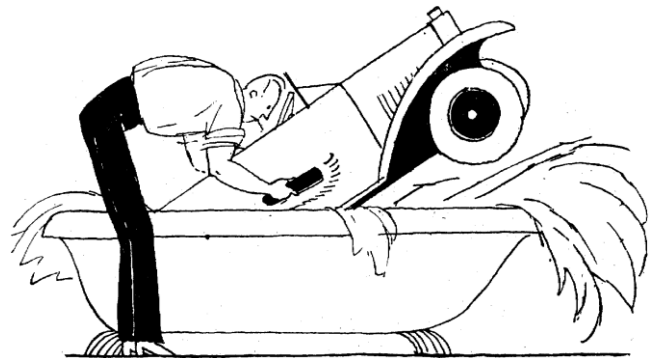
### Lesson Word Parts

**biblio--** "book"

**bi--** "two"

### Word List

- |                 |               |
|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. balk         | 6. binoculars |
| 2. barricade    | 7. bizarre    |
| 3. belated      | 8. boycott    |
| 4. bewilder     | 9. brilliant  |
| 5. bibliography | 10. brisk     |



Uncle Kevin thinks his ideas are **brilliant**. I think they are **bizarre**.

Part I: Match the lesson words with their definitions.

- |                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| _____ 1. balk         | A. to stop and stubbornly refuse to move   |
| _____ 2. barricade    | B. to make confused; puzzle very much  |
| _____ 3. belated      | C. very odd or unusual; fantastic; grotesque   |
| _____ 4. bewilder     | D. quick and full of energy; cool, dry, and refreshing.  |
| _____ 5. bibliography | E. a pile of things built up quickly to block a road or entrance, especially to prevent attack |
| _____ 6. binoculars   | F. very bright; glittering; very intelligent; distinguished                                    |
| _____ 7. bizarre      | G. a pair of small telescopes fastened together for use with both eyes                         |
| _____ 8. boycott      | H. too late; not on time   |
| _____ 9. brilliant    | I. to join together in refusing to buy or sell or have any dealings with                       |
| _____ 10. brisk       | J. a list of writings about a subject or by a certain author.                                  |



**Part II:** From the parentheses, choose the word or phrase that correctly completes the sentence.  
Write the answer in the blank.

11. Aunt Sandra's stories always **bewilder** me because she doesn't finish one before she starts another.

Aunt Sandra's stories are \_\_\_\_\_.  
(**interesting, confusing, boring**)

12. My science report will be finished as soon as I write the **bibliography**.

The bibliography is a list of the \_\_\_\_\_ that I used to write about my topic.  
(**pictures, ideas, books**)

13. It didn't surprise us at all that Brownie began to **balk** when we tried to get him to jump up on the veterinarian's table.

Brownie \_\_\_\_\_.  
(**stubbornly refused to move, tried to run away from us, barked and snapped at the veterinarian**)

14. Having my **binoculars** with me certainly made the hike up the mountain more enjoyable.

Because of the binoculars, I was able to \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(**carry a lighter load, see in the dark, see far away things**)

15. My **belated** birthday card and gift from Aunt Julene came today.

The card and gift came \_\_\_\_\_.  
(**before my birthday, after my birthday, on my birthday**)

16. The sun cast **brilliant** yellow ripples across the surface of the lake.

The ripples were \_\_\_\_\_.  
(**bright and glittery, bouncing around, coming in spurts**)

17. During one of her temper tantrums, my sister tried to **barricade** the door to her room with a pile of boxes and shoes.

My sister thought the boxes and shoes would \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ her room.

(allow her to stay in, make her a prisoner in,  
keep anyone from entering)

18. My neighbor says a **brisk** morning walk starts her day off right.

My neighbor's morning walks are \_\_\_\_\_.  
(slow and relaxing, tiring, quick and energetic)

19. My friends and I have decided to **boycott** the new pizza parlor because the food is too expensive.

My friends and I \_\_\_\_\_ the pizza parlor.  
(refuse to eat at, are going to march in front of, will eat often at)

20. When he is busy sulking because he didn't get his way, Max's behavior is absolutely **bizarre**.

Max's behavior is \_\_\_\_\_.  
(extremely quiet, very odd, no different from the usual)

**Part III: Lesson Word Parts** Write answers to the following questions.

21. What is the meaning of the Greek word part **biblio--**? \_\_\_\_\_

22. It is known by many as "the Good Book." Its name comes from the word part **biblio--**. What is it? \_\_\_\_\_

23. The word *bibliomania* is made up of the two Greek words **biblio--** and **mania**, which means "madness." *Bibliomania* does not mean "mad at books" nor does it mean "books that are mad." What does it mean?

24. What does the Latin word part **bi--** mean? \_\_\_\_\_

25. How does the lesson word *binoculars* illustrate the idea of "two"?

26. How many wheels are on a **bicycle**? \_\_\_\_\_
27. Which of the following words is the name of a tooth that has “two” points on its top surface? Write the answer in the blank.  
**incisor    bicuspid    molar** \_\_\_\_\_
28. Sea animals such as oysters and clams have shells consisting of two parts hinged together at one point. Which of the following words is used to describe such animals? Write the answer in the blank.  
**bitumen    bizarre    bivalve** \_\_\_\_\_

#### Part IV: The History of Two Words (Etymologies)

29. The first ones of these were built of barrels which were filled with dirt and stones, and piled high as protection from enemy attacks. Write the lesson word that comes from the French word for “barrel.”  
\_\_\_\_\_
30. In 1880, an English nobleman named Lord Erne owned a lot of land in County Mayo, Ireland. Because he was a resident of England, Lord Erne hired someone to look after his Irish holdings and collect the rent from the people who actually lived on the land. This type of arrangement was found all over Ireland, and many poor people were losing their homes because they couldn’t pay the rent.  
The farmers who rented Lord Erne’s property politely asked that their rent be lowered to an affordable amount, but the estate manager refused. The tenants could take no more and finally balked. They stopped gathering crops and wouldn’t pay any rent at all. They frightened away the rent collector’s servants. The fences around his property were torn down so that cattle could roam over it. His mail was stolen. People hooted at him when he walked the streets. Nobody would sell groceries to him. His life became a nightmare.  
Other poor people in Ireland were delighted with the turn of events in County Mayo. They began using the same tactics on their own overseers. Within two months, English newspapers were using the surname (last name) of Lord Erne’s employee to describe the abuses being heaped upon estate managers all over Ireland.  
The man’s name, without a capital letter, is one of the lesson words. The French, Germans, Russians, and Dutch have also made it part of their language.  
Complete the full name of Lord Erne’s Irish estate manager.

Captain Charles Cunningham \_\_\_\_\_

Part V: From the parentheses, choose the word that is an **antonym** (opposite in meaning) of the lesson word and write it in the blank.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 31. **bewilder** (explain, draw, baffle)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 32. **bizarre** (unusual, common, punctual)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 33. **brilliant** (glittering, polished, dull)

## Lesson 4

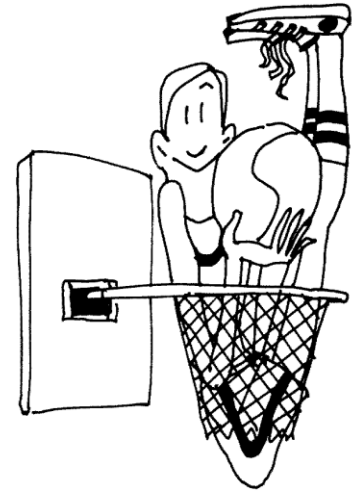
### Lesson Word Parts

**cent--** "one hundred"

**--cert--** "sure"

### Word List

- |              |                 |
|--------------|-----------------|
| 1. browse    | 6. canopy       |
| 2. buoyant   | 7. cantankerous |
| 3. calamity  | 8. ceaseless    |
| 4. candid    | 9. century      |
| 5. candidate | 10. certify     |



Dayton's attempt to score the final two points in the game was a calamity.

**Part I:** Fill in the blank in each sentence with the correct lesson word.

**browse buoyant calamity candid candidate**

1. Because of its salt content, sea water is more \_\_\_\_\_ than fresh water.
2. Dad's attempt to wallpaper the den was a complete \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Ruth has decided to be a \_\_\_\_\_ for class president.
4. Please give me your \_\_\_\_\_ opinion about my drawing.
5. I like to \_\_\_\_\_ through an encyclopedia when I have nothing else to read.

**canopy cantankerous ceaseless century certify**

6. A \_\_\_\_\_ rain pounded on the roof for hours.
7. Mr. Appleton has been \_\_\_\_\_ all day because a flat tire made him late for school this morning.
8. The year 1901 marked the beginning of the twentieth \_\_\_\_\_.

9. Sparks of sunlight filtered through the thick \_\_\_\_\_ of leaves and danced on the forest floor.
10. The detectives refused to \_\_\_\_\_ the information printed in the newspaper.

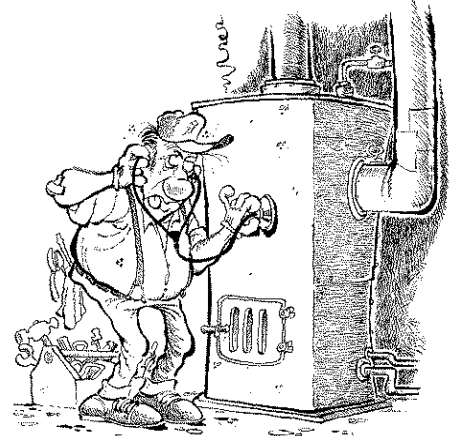
### Part II: Lesson Word Parts

11. What is the meaning of the Latin word part **cent--**? \_\_\_\_\_

12. How many years are in a **century**? \_\_\_\_\_

13. How many **cents** are in a dollar? \_\_\_\_\_

14. How often does a **centennial** celebration take place? \_\_\_\_\_



The repairman couldn't seem to diagnose the problem with the **cantankerous** furnace.

15. In Lesson 3 you learned that the word part **bi-** means "two." In 1976 the United States celebrated its **bicentennial**. How old was our country in that year? \_\_\_\_\_
16. According to its name, how many feet does a **centipede** have? \_\_\_\_\_
17. On the Fahrenheit scale for measuring temperature, water freezes at 32 degrees and boils at 212 degrees. On the **centigrade** scale, water freezes at 0 degrees. At what point does water boil on the **centigrade** scale? \_\_\_\_\_
18. What is the meaning of the Latin word part **--cert--**? \_\_\_\_\_
19. Write the lesson word that contains the word part **--cert--**. \_\_\_\_\_
20. How does the word **certain** illustrate the meaning of the word part **--cert--**?
21. When someone receives a teaching **certificate**, what has been "made sure"?
22. What does it mean "to be **uncertain**"?

### Part III: Word Histories (Etymologies)

23. In ancient Rome, when a man wanted to run for public office, he wore a pure white toga to declare his intent. The name *candidatus*, a Latin word that means “clothed in white,” was given to such a person.

An ordinary white toga for this occasion was not enough. It had to be glistening white, and chalk was rubbed into the fabric of the toga to enhance its brilliance. The purity of the color signified the wearer’s spotless honesty and frankness.

One of the lesson words is a descendant of *candidatus*. Although it no longer means “clothed in white,” it does name a man or woman running for public office. *Candidatus* is also the ancestor of a second lesson word. Its modern meaning is connected to the honesty and frankness once associated with the white toga.

Write the two lesson words. \_\_\_\_\_

24. The ancient Greeks, like us, were bothered by mosquitoes. They copied the Egyptians and hung curtains around their sleeping couches to keep the pesky little bugs from feeding on them while they slept. They called their bug-proof beds *konopeion*, a word meaning “mosquito net.” The Romans didn’t like mosquitoes either, so they also covered their beds with nets. They borrowed the word *konopeion* from the Greeks but changed the spelling to *canopeum*.

What began as a “mosquito net” in Greece and Rome is now an English word that means almost any kind of overhead covering whether it’s a canvas on poles, large tree limbs, or ruffles and lace on top of a four-poster bed.

Write the word. \_\_\_\_\_

**Part IV:** In the blank, write the correct form of the lesson word.

25. A tiny rabbit stumbled into Mr. Crawford’s vegetable garden and **browse** (past tense) \_\_\_\_\_ along a row of radishes.

26. Mother is losing patience with Margot and the creative **calamity** (plural) \_\_\_\_\_ she creates with her paint set.

27. Most children tend to behave **candid** (adverb) \_\_\_\_\_ when they are being photographed.

28. The surf pounded **ceaseless** (adverb) \_\_\_\_\_ against a solitary palm tree clinging to the shore.

29. Some of the most familiar children’s nursery rhymes were written **century** (plural) \_\_\_\_\_ ago.

**Part V:** In the blank, write the lesson word that matches the definition.

\_\_\_\_\_ 30. cheerful and lively

\_\_\_\_\_ 31. ready to quarrel

\_\_\_\_\_ 32. to guarantee

\_\_\_\_\_ 33. a cloth or other covering above a bed

## Lesson 5



Computer addiction is a **chronic** problem.

### Lesson Word Part **co-, con-, com-** “with,” “together”

#### Word List

- |                         |                |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| 1. chaperon (chaperone) | 6. companion   |
| 2. chronic              | 7. concentrate |
| 3. clamor               | 8. concoct     |
| 4. clarity              | 9. concur      |
| 5. coincidence          | 10. congregate |

**Part I:** In the blank, write the lesson word that matches the definition.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. a happening of events that seem to be connected but actually are not
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. to come together; assemble
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. a loud, continued noise or uproar
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. to agree in an opinion or a decision; to act or happen together
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. going on for a long time or coming back again and again
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. a person who goes along with another; comrade
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. an older person who accompanies young, unmarried people to a party, dance, etc.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. to make up, prepare, or invent
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. to gather all one's thoughts or efforts; to make or become stronger or thicker
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. clearness

**Part II:** Write the correct lesson word in the blank in each sentence.

**chaperon   chronic   clamor   clarity   coincidence**

11. The \_\_\_\_\_ from the audience brought the actors and actresses back on stage for a second bow.

12. Mom agreed to help \_\_\_\_\_ our field trip to the caverns.
13. For the sake of \_\_\_\_\_, I am rewriting several paragraphs in my report.
14. Marian's calling me on the phone the minute I was thinking of her was a bizarre \_\_\_\_\_.
15. Mark's tardiness is becoming a \_\_\_\_\_ problem.

**companion   concentrate   concoct   concur   congregate**

16. It's difficult to \_\_\_\_\_ on my homework when my brother is in the room with me.
17. Randy is his Dad's constant \_\_\_\_\_ on weekends.
18. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ a believable story to explain the broken dishes to Mom.
19. A flock of birds began to \_\_\_\_\_ around the feeder soon after we installed it near the fence.
20. I \_\_\_\_\_ with your idea about presenting our report to the class.

### Part III: Lesson Word Part and Etymologies (Word Histories)

21. What is the meaning of the Latin word part **co-, con-, com--?** \_\_\_\_\_
22. Which of the following lesson words means "a person **with** whom one associates or travels"? Write the answer in the blank.  
**concentrate   coincidence   companion** \_\_\_\_\_
23. In the blank, write the lesson word that means "to gather **together** as in a group or herd."  
**concentrate   congregate   concoct** \_\_\_\_\_



24. Which of the following lesson words means “events that seem to happen **together** but actually have no relationship?”

**coincidence    concur    congregate**

\_\_\_\_\_



*Dad is about to **concoct** another surprise dish from his own special cuisine.*

25. By combining the Latin word parts **con-** and **centrum**, meaning “center,” a word is created with the literal meaning “bringing together at the center.” Write the lesson word that still carries the idea of “bringing one’s thoughts together (to a central point).” \_\_\_\_\_

26. The Latin word **concoquere** (**con-** + **conquere**, to “cook,” “boil,” or “mix together”) was used to describe the process of refining or purifying metals by heating. The meaning of the modern English derivative has nothing to do with metals; but the idea of “cooking up something” is still very much a part of the word, whether it involves food or a good story. Write the lesson word being described.

\_\_\_\_\_

27. Add the Latin word part **con--** to the word part **conere**, meaning “to run,” and a lesson word is formed with the literal meaning of “to run together.” Write the lesson word.

\_\_\_\_\_

**Part IV:** From the parentheses, choose the word that is an **antonym** (opposite in meaning) of the lesson word. Write the correct word in the blank.

\_\_\_\_\_ 28. **chronic** (constant, temporary, ill)

\_\_\_\_\_ 29. **clamor** (silence, noise, disagreement)

\_\_\_\_\_ 30. **concur** (agree, disagree, occur)

\_\_\_\_\_ 31. **concoct** (disassemble, create, cook)

**Part V:** From the parentheses, choose the word that is a **synonym** (has the same meaning) for the lesson word and write it in the blank.

\_\_\_\_\_ 32. **companion** (comrade, congregation, candidate)

\_\_\_\_\_ 33. **clarity** (honesty, faithfulness, clearness)

## Lesson 6

### *Review (Lessons 1-5)*

**Part I: Lesson 1** Write the correct lesson word in the blank in each sentence.

**abolish   abound   adapt   adore   agenda   amuck (amok)  
angular   anniversary   antique   appalling**

1. June 12 is my grandparents' wedding \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Two of the baseball players lost their tempers and ran \_\_\_\_\_ after the umpire's call.
3. Thankfully, the principal and teachers have decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the rule that kept us from buying extra food in the cafeteria.
4. I \_\_\_\_\_ the new dress Mother gave me for my birthday.
5. A narrow, \_\_\_\_\_ path, shaded by a canopy of trees, zigzagged through the forest.
6. Each spring, the sluggish creek behind my house seems to \_\_\_\_\_ with thousands of tadpoles.
7. Compared to the amounts my friends get, my weekly allowance is simply \_\_\_\_\_.
8. In my opinion, we need to buy a new couch before the raggedy one we have becomes an \_\_\_\_\_.
9. The first item on my Saturday \_\_\_\_\_ is to sleep late and then I am going to clean my room.
10. Tropical fish are not able to \_\_\_\_\_ and survive in cold water.

**Part II: Lesson 2** In the blank, write the lesson word that fits the definition.

**approximate apt aquarium aquatic arid  
askew assume authentic avalanche badger**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. dry and barren
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. very much like; more or less correct
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. anything that comes suddenly and in large numbers
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. that which is genuine; reliable; believable
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. growing or living in or upon water
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. a glass tank or bowl in which living fishes, water animals, and water plants are kept
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. on or to one side; not straight
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. to annoy or pester; an animal with a broad back, thick fur, and short legs.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. to suppose something to be fact; to take on a certain look or form
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. likely or almost certain; quick to learn

**Part III: Lesson 3** From the parentheses, choose the word or phrase that can be used correctly as a substitute for the lesson word. Write the answer in the blank.

21. I usually **balk** when someone tries to force me to taste food that I know I won't like.  
(try with disgust, give in, stubbornly refuse)  
\_\_\_\_\_
22. We found it impossible to **barricade** a corner of the basement so that the kittens couldn't escape.  
(close, block, rearrange) \_\_\_\_\_
23. Mrs. Jenkins appreciated our birthday gift even though it was **belated**.  
(inexpensive, inappropriate, late) \_\_\_\_\_

24. I knew how he did most of the tricks, but some of the magician's feats of magic really did **bewilder** me.  
(**puzzle, bore, amaze**)\_\_\_\_\_
25. Mrs. Kerry gave us a **bibliography** of all the mystery books in the library.  
(**reading assignment, summary, list of titles**)\_\_\_\_\_
26. Dad agreed to lend me his **binoculars** for our class nature hike.  
(**field glasses, maps, compasses**)\_\_\_\_\_
27. The old man's clothing was mismatched and **bizarre**.  
(**dirty, odd, brand new**)\_\_\_\_\_
28. We decided it would not be a good idea to **boycott** Mrs. Landon's Friday spelling test even though we had not had time to study.  
(**refuse to take, fail, not study for**)\_\_\_\_\_
29. Michelangelo was a **brilliant** painter of the Renaissance period.  
(**shiny, distinguished, little known**)\_\_\_\_\_
30. We are experiencing some unusually **brisk** weather for September.  
(**hot, windy, cool**) \_\_\_\_\_

**Part IV: Lesson 4** From the parentheses, choose the correct definition for the lesson word and write it in the blank.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 31. **browse** (to look casually over, to be lost, to overflow)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 32. **buoyant** (unbreakable, full of mistakes, cheerful and lively)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 33. **calamity** (a type of volcano, deep trouble or misery, a happy event)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 34. **candid** (made with sugar, honest and frank, careful)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 35. **candidate** one who (makes rules, travels a lot, seeks public office)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 36. **canopy** (an overhead covering, a huge opening, a type of clock)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 37. **cantankerous** (made of wood, celebrating, bad tempered)

- \_\_\_\_\_ 38. **ceaseless** ( continuous, on the edge, overcast)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 39. **century** a period of (10 years, 100 years,  
1000 years)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 40 **certify** (verify, change, decide)

**Part V: Lesson 5** Write the correct lesson word in the blank in each sentence.

**chaperon   chronic   clamor   clarity   coincidence**  
**companion   concentrate   concoct   concur   congregate**

41. Mother managed to \_\_\_\_\_ a delicious apple pie even though she couldn't locate her favorite recipe.
42. The cockroach created quite a \_\_\_\_\_ when it ran across Mrs. Kimmelman's foot.
43. A gang of ruffians have begun to \_\_\_\_\_ at the street corner each evening for a few hours.
44. Aunt Clara found the \_\_\_\_\_ to her lone antique vase in a junk shop.
45. The pretty new girl in our class has not made many friends because she is a \_\_\_\_\_ complainer.
46. The \_\_\_\_\_ of this composition is marred by poor punctuation.
47. The children playing outside made it difficult for me to \_\_\_\_\_ on my math test.
48. Dad took a day off from work so he could \_\_\_\_\_ our field trip to the museum.
49. I \_\_\_\_\_ with your ideas for Grandmother's surprise party.
50. The six of us choosing the same book as our favorite adventure story is quite a \_\_\_\_\_.