

Lesson 9

Word List Study the definitions of the words below; then do the exercises for the lesson.

accumulate ə kyōōm' yōō lāt	<i>v.</i> To increase in number or amount; to pile up, collect, or gather. [An inch of snow <i>accumulated</i> overnight.]
aggravate ag' rə vāt	<i>v.</i> 1. To make worse. [The skater <i>aggravated</i> an old knee injury when she fell.] 2. To anger or annoy. [That loud rock music from the club <i>aggravates</i> the neighbors.] aggravation <i>n.</i> (ag rə vā' shən) 1. Annoyance; exasperation. [My <i>aggravation</i> increased as the noisy construction continued outside my window.] 2. A source of annoyance or exasperation. [Deer and rabbits are a continuous <i>aggravation</i> to rural gardeners.]
conserve kən sər v'	<i>v.</i> To save by using carefully. [Lower speed limits help <i>conserve</i> gasoline.] conservation <i>n.</i> (kən sər vā' shən) The saving or protection of something through careful use. [A plan for the <i>conservation</i> of open space was unveiled at the town meeting.]
contaminate kən tam' i nāt	<i>v.</i> To harm by contact with something undesirable. [Chemicals spilled last year continue to <i>contaminate</i> the lake.] contamination <i>n.</i> (kən tam i nā' shən) The act of or result of contaminating. [Salt used on the roads in winter could lead to the <i>contamination</i> of ground water.]
diminish di min' ish	<i>v.</i> To make or become smaller or less; to reduce. [Constant violations of the housing regulations will <i>diminish</i> the quality of life for all the inhabitants.]
drastic dras' tik	<i>adj.</i> Severe; extreme. [Evil crimes receive <i>drastic</i> punishment in this new novel.]
extravagant ek strə v' ə gənt	<i>adj.</i> Spending, costing, or using more than is required. [Shawn's buying lunch for everyone was an <i>extravagant</i> thing to do.] extravagance <i>n.</i> 1. The quality of being wasteful or spending more than is necessary. [Emma's <i>extravagance</i> in early adulthood led to poverty later.] 2. A thing that costs more than one can afford. [I admit the team jacket was an <i>extravagance</i> , but I couldn't resist buying it.]
frugal frōō' gəl	<i>adj.</i> Careful in spending or using something. [The bill for the splendid wedding ceremony shocked my <i>frugal</i> relatives.]
impurity im pyōōr' ə tē	<i>n.</i> Something that is harmful or dirty. [Filtering removes the <i>impurities</i> from water.]
peril pər' ə l	<i>n.</i> Danger; something that is dangerous. [The sailor understood the <i>peril</i> involved in a solo crossing of the Atlantic Ocean.] imperil <i>v.</i> (im pər' ə l) To place in danger. [A driver's ineptness <i>imperils</i> the passengers.] perilous <i>adj.</i> (pər' ə ləs) Dangerous. [An expedition into enemy territory could be <i>perilous</i> .]

perpetual pəˈpɛtʃəl	<i>adj.</i> Lasting or seeming to last forever or for a long time; continuous. [A <i>perpetual</i> calendar can be used year after year.]
resource rɪˈsɔːrs	<i>n.</i> 1. A supply that can be used when there is a need. [Coal, aluminum, and lumber are natural <i>resources</i> .] 2. Skill in dealing with difficult situations. [The committee's <i>resource</i> in working out the plan for integration is admirable.]
	resourceful <i>adj.</i> (rɪˈsɔːrsˈfʊl) Able to deal with difficult problems. [A <i>resourceful</i> person will triumph over difficulties.]
substitute sʌbˈstɪtjuːt	<i>v.</i> To replace one thing or person for another. [Cooks sometimes <i>substitute</i> lemon for vinegar in salad dressing.] <i>n.</i> Something or someone that replaces another. [A flutist is a <i>substitute</i> for the violinist in tonight's concert.] <i>adj.</i> Acting in place of someone or something else. [The <i>substitute</i> teacher tolerated the class's antics.]
sustain səˈsteɪn	<i>v.</i> 1. To keep up; to support. [Their firm belief that they would be rescued <i>sustained</i> them.] 2. To suffer; to undergo. [The driver of the wrecked car <i>sustained</i> serious injuries.]
vital vɪˈtəl	<i>adj.</i> 1. Necessary for continued life or prosperity. [Oil is <i>vital</i> to the economy of the country.] 2. Full of lively spirit. [Nelson Mandela's <i>vital</i> personality enabled him to survive years of imprisonment without bitterness.] 3. Of the greatest importance. [It is <i>vital</i> that an official attend to the transfer immediately.]

9A Finding Meanings

Choose two phrases to form a sentence that correctly uses a word from Word List 9. Write each sentence on the line provided.

1. (a) a source of annoyance. (c) a source of danger.
(b) An extravagance is (d) An aggravation is

2. (a) that make a bad situation worse. (c) Drastic measures are those
(b) that are extreme in nature. (d) Frugal measures are those

3. (a) a gradual increase over time. (c) Conservation is
(b) Contamination is (d) contact with something harmful.

4. (a) a way of politely saying no. (c) something that is harmful or dirty.
 (b) A substitute is (d) An impurity is
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5. (a) to increase its amount. (c) To conserve wealth is
 (b) to spend it wastefully. (d) To accumulate wealth is
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6. (a) A substitute player is one who (c) A vital player is one who
 (b) suffers an injury. (d) replaces another one.
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7. (a) never seem to end. (c) seem reasonable.
 (b) Diminished demands are those that (d) Perpetual demands are those that
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8. (a) Something that is perilous is (c) quite harmless.
 (b) very dangerous. (d) Someone who is resourceful is
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9. (a) A resource is something (c) An extravagance is something
 (b) that requires attention. (d) that costs more than one can easily afford.

9B Just the Right Word

Improve each of the following sentences by crossing out the italicized phrase and replacing it with a word (or a form of the word) from Word List 9.

1. Many stores in the area *had to suffer through* a loss of business when the shipyard closed.
2. The taxpayers did not approve of the town's *wasteful spending of large amounts of money*.
3. The new medicine was recalled because it contained many *dirty and harmful substances*.
4. A thick layer of dust had *gathered little by little* on top of the piano.
5. A cook who is *careful not to waste anything* can make interesting dishes from leftovers.