

Lesson 11

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Word List

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

annual *adj.* Happening every year.
an' yōō əl Somerville's **annual** town meeting is in March.

n. 1. A plant that lives for one year.
Impatiens is my favorite **annual**.

2. A book that comes out once a year.
I save all my NFL football **annuals**.

artificial *adj.* Made by human beings and not by nature.
är tə fish' əl My aunt Rosa says she can taste the difference between **artificial** sweeteners and real sugar.

blend *v.* 1. To come or mix together into one.
blend Make sure you **blend** the butter and sugar before you add the flour.

2. To go together.
The painter chose colors that **blend** well.

n. A mixture.
Mocha is a **blend** of chocolate and coffee.

bore *v.* 1. To make a round hole in by drilling.
bōr If you **bore** a hole in the wood first, you won't split it when you put in the screw.

2. To tire by being dull and uninteresting.
The yawns of my listeners told me I was beginning to **bore** them.

n. A dull and uninteresting person.
He tells that same joke so often that he is becoming a terrible **bore**.

boring *adj.* Dull and uninteresting.
She sometimes stretches the facts a little, but her stories are never **boring**.

boredom *n.* A state of being bored.
When heads began to nod and eyes to close, you could tell **boredom** had set in.

considerable *adj.* Great; large.
kən sid' ə r ə bəl Although my grandmother's house is a **considerable** distance from town, she walks to the post office there every day.

crude
krōōd *adj.* 1. Raw; in an unrefined state.
Refineries turn **crude** oil into gasoline.
2. Roughly made.
Andrea drew me a **crude** map with a crayon on a scrap of paper.
3. Ill-mannered.
As we walked back from school, we tried to ignore their **crude** remarks.

evaporate
i va' pə rāt *v.* 1. To change from water into steam or vapor.
The water in the kettle boiled so long that it all **evaporated**.
2. To disappear.
By the third day on the mountain, our hopes of being rescued began to **evaporate**.

foliage
fō' lē ij *n.* The leaves of trees and other plants.
The house at the end of the road was completely hidden by **foliage**.

gash
gash *n.* A long, deep cut.
When Liza slipped on the rocks, she had to go to the hospital to have the **gash** in her leg stitched up.

hue
hyōō *n.* A color; especially a shade of color.
The poppies in Monet's paintings stand out because of their vivid reddish-orange **hue**.

increase
in krēs' *v.* To make or become larger; to add to.
I'm going to ask my mother to **increase** my allowance on my next birthday.
n. (in' krēs) The amount by which something gets larger.
A wet spring usually means an **increase** in the number of mosquitoes.

nourish
nur' ish *v.* To feed; to support or make grow.
We **nourish** our bodies best by eating a diet of fruits, vegetables, and grains.
nourishment *n.* Anything that feeds or helps to make grow.
When I had the flu, the only **nourishment** I could take was clear chicken broth.

vary
ver' ē *v.* To make or have a change in.
The length of a calendar month **varies** between twenty-eight and thirty-one days.
variation (ver ē ā' shən) *n.* A change in form, position, or condition.
There isn't much **variation** between the summer and the winter temperatures where my grandfather lives.

vision
vi'zhən

n. 1. Eyesight.

If you are lucky enough to have 20/20 **vision**, you'll be able to see well.

2. Something seen in the mind, especially of the future.

The founders of the United Nations had a **vision** of a world without hunger or war.

visual *adj.* Of or used in seeing.

As a **visual** aid, the speaker projected pictures onto a large screen.

yield
yēld

v. 1. To give up someone or something; to surrender.

Congress finally **yielded** to the president's demands and passed the budget.

2. To produce.

Twenty gallons of milk will **yield** about one pound of butter.

n. The amount produced.

The farmer told us that you can expect a **yield** of about fifty pounds of fruit from each apple tree.