

Lesson 13

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

appall
ə pōl'

v. To cause horror, shock, or dismay.

The inspectors were **appalled** by the conditions in the prison factories.

appalling *adj.* Causing shock and horror.

The television report exposed the **appalling** treatment of the farm workers.

dejected
di jək' təd

adj. Discouraged; low in spirits.

Jesse felt **dejected** when he couldn't find an apartment with low rent.

depend
di pend'

v. 1. To rely on for support.

Many blind persons **depend** on guide dogs.

2. To be based on.

Whether or not I go to the concert **depends** on what my parents say.

dependable *adj.* Reliable.

If you do a lot of driving, you need a **dependable** car.

dreary
drir' ē

adj. Sad and gloomy.

I pulled up the shades to let more light into Olga's dark and **dreary** apartment.

fanatic
'fə nat' ik

n. A person whose enthusiasm for a belief is extreme.

Uncle Roger ran the restaurant for years, and he was a **fanatic** about cleanliness in the kitchen.

fanatical *adj.* Carrying an interest or enthusiasm to extremes.

Mr. Gradgrind was a **fanatical** believer in the importance of facts.

impact
im' pakt

n. 1. The striking of one object by another.

The **impact** of the ball bruised the catcher's arm.

2. Forceful impression.

Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech had a great **impact** on millions of Americans.

invade
in vād'

v. 1. To enter by force in order to take over.

The German army **invaded** Russia in June, 1941.

2. To intrude; to enter in great numbers.

I am putting a lock on my drawer so my little sister won't be able to **invade** my privacy any more.

invasion *n.* The act of invading.

The gypsy moth **invasion** caused the destruction of many Cape Cod pine trees.

isolate
i' səlāt

v. To cut off from others.

As soon as my brother broke out in spots the doctor **isolated** him for a week.

isolation (i səlā' shən) *n.* The condition of being isolated.

The cottage's **isolation** makes it appealing to someone seeking a quiet vacation.

isolated *adj.* Cut off from others.

The lighthouse keeper actually enjoyed her **isolated** life.

occupy
ä' kyōō pī

v. 1. To live in; to take up.

My aunt Bianca's family **occupied** the apartment next to us when I was little.

2. To take over by force.

Protesting students **occupied** the school president's office.

occupation (ä' kyōō pā' shən) *n.* 1. A person's job or profession.

Nursing is a perfect **occupation** for my brother since he loves helping people.

2. A filling up of time or space.

The sign in the elevator said that **occupation** by more than twelve people was against the law.

reveal
ri vèl'

v. 1. To make known.

If you **reveal** the wish you made, it might not come true.

2. To bring into view; to show.

The curtain rose to **reveal** three men sitting on top of a stone wall.

rout
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n. A disorganized retreat from an attack; a total defeat.

The battle ended in a **rout** as the enemy soldiers dropped their weapons and ran.

v. To defeat completely.

The U.S. basketball players **routed** their opponents in the 1992 Olympic Games.

suspect *v.* 1. To think of as probably guilty.
sə 'spekt' The police **suspect** the man who used to live upstairs of breaking into our apartment.

2. To suppose that something is true.
I **suspect** that she knows more algebra than she thinks she does.

n. (sus'pekt) A person believed to be guilty.
The **suspect** asked to see a lawyer before being questioned.

temporary *adj.* Lasting or made to last for a short time.
tem'pə'rerē The town hall provided a **temporary** place for people to stay.

terror *n.* Great fear.
ter'ər Thunder and lightning always fill my grandmother with **terror**.

terrify *v.* To fill with terror or great fear.
The reports of the crime in the neighborhood **terrified** the residents.

tragic *adj.* Causing great sadness; terrible or dreadful.
tra'jik The entire nation grieved over the **tragic** death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

tragedy (tra'jə'dē) *n.* 1. An event that causes great pain, suffering, or loss of life.
The closing of the shipyard would be a **tragedy** for Charlestown.

2. A play that ends sadly as the hero or heroine loses at the end of a great struggle.
Shakespeare wrote some of the world's greatest **tragedies**.

