

# Lesson 3

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## Word List

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

**approach**  
ə prōch'

- v.* To go closer to.  
The vet **approached** the wounded deer carefully.
- n.* 1. A coming closer.  
My grandparents dread the **approach** of winter.
2. A road or way that leads to a place.  
The **approach** to the beach was blocked by a fallen tree.

**burrow**  
bur' ō

- v.* 1. To dig a hole or tunnel into or under something.  
Turtles **burrow** into soft sand to lay their eggs.
2. To dig deeply into; to search.  
The clerk **burrowed** through the pile of papers on his desk.
- n.* A hole or tunnel dug by an animal as a home or for protection.  
A mole spends most of its time in its **burrow**.

**cease**  
sēs

- v.* To stop; to come or bring to an end.  
After several hours of thunder and lightning, the storm finally **ceased**.

**destructive**  
dī struk' tiv

- adj.* Causing harm or damage.  
Cutworms are very **destructive** garden insects.
- destruction** *n.* Harm or damage.  
When Hurricane Katrina hit the Louisiana coast, it caused great **destruction**.

**drowsy**  
drou' zē

- adj.* Tired or sleepy.  
Lying in the sun always makes my cat, Inky, **drowsy**.

**famished**  
fa' misht

- adj.* Very hungry.  
Sometimes I work through my lunch hour, so by suppertime I am **famished!**

**forecast**  
fōr' kast

- v.* To figure out and say what will happen before it takes place.  
Our fishing guide **forecast** a good catch.
- n.* A telling of what will happen.  
As soon as Carlos gets up, he turns on the weather **forecast**.

**hibernate**  
hī bər nāt

- v.* To spend the winter in a resting state.  
Groundhogs **hibernate** because they can't find enough food in the winter.

**migrate**  
mī' grāt

v. To move from one country or region to another.  
Hundreds of thousands of people have **migrated** to the United States in search of freedom.

**migration** n. The act of migrating.

My friend Sandhya is studying Indian **migration** to the United States.

**migratory** (mī' grātôr ê) *adj.* Moving from one place or country to another, usually regularly.

Canada geese are **migratory** birds.

**nestle**  
ne' səl

v. 1. To settle down comfortably, as if in a nest.

"The children were **nestled** all snug in their beds" is a famous line from *'Twas the Night before Christmas*.

2. To lie in a sheltered, partly hidden place.

The little Swiss town **nestled** at the foot of the Alps.

**observe**  
əb zurv'

v. 1. To see; to notice.

I looked up at the sky and **observed** a hawk circling slowly, far above us.

2. To comment; to remark.

Sleepily, I **observed** that it was time we left.

3. To mark an event or day.

We **observed** Martin Luther King Day by closing the store.

4. To obey.

I try to **observe** the speed limit when I drive.

**prepare**  
pri par'

v. To make or get ready.

The scouts **prepared** for their camping trip by getting lots of freeze-dried food.

**preparation** (pre pə rā' shən) *n.* Something done to get ready.

Antonio and Ruth did most of the **preparation** for the cookout the night before.

**reduce**  
ri dōs'

v. To make or become smaller or less.

This winter, Vermont **reduced** the amount of salt it put on its roads.

**reduction** (ri duk' shən) *n.* The act of reducing or the amount by which something is reduced.

The store sold out of swimsuits after its huge price **reduction**.

**severe**  
sə vir'

*adj.* 1. Very strict or harsh.

That's a very **severe** punishment for turning a paper in late.

2. Hard to bear or deal with.

A **severe** frost caused a lot of damage to central Florida's orange crop.

**venture** ven' cher  
v. To dare to do, to go, or to say.  
Maria **ventured** onto the dance floor even though she didn't know how to dance.

*n.* Something that involves the risk of a loss.

Grandpa's most successful **venture** was a concert business.