

Lesson 6

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Word List

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

applaud
ə plôd'

v. To show approval, especially by clapping hands.

The audience **applauded** until the actors came back on stage to take another bow.

applause *n.* The showing of approval or enjoyment by cheering or clapping.

The theater lights came on after the **applause** had died down.

crafty
kraf' tē

adj. Skilled at tricking others.

Templeton, the **crafty** and mean-spirited rat in *Charlotte's Web*, adds humor to the book.

disclose
dis klôz'

v. To make known.

The judge told the reporter she must **disclose** the names of those who attended the meeting.

drab
drab

adj. Dull and without color; not cheerful or colorful.

A sparrow is a **drab** little bird compared to a male cardinal.

entire
en tir'

adj. Having nothing left out; whole; complete.

I recited the **entire** Robert Frost poem from memory.

exclaim
eks klām'

v. To speak suddenly and with strong feeling.

"Today was the worst day of my life!" she exclaimed.

exclamation (eks klāmā' shən) *n.* A sharp cry of strong feeling.

Grandpa's **exclamation** of pain sent me rushing to his side.

exquisite
ek skwiz' it

adj. Finely done or made; very beautiful.

The **exquisite** wood carvings on the museum door came from the island of Bali.

intend
in tend'

v. To plan; to have in mind.

I **intend** to give a piano recital on Monday.

intention *n.* An aim, plan, or purpose.

It was Thea's **intention** to open a bookstore, but she decided to go to engineering school instead.

jeer
jir
v. To speak or cry out in scorn; to mock.
My brother told me to ignore the older boys if they **jeered** when I sang.
n. Something said that is meant to hurt or insult.
An umpire soon learns to ignore the **jeers** of the crowd.

peer
pir
v. To look closely; to stare, especially at something that is hard to see or to understand.
Ahmed **peered** at the sign, trying to read what it said.

progress
prə' grəs
n. 1. Moving toward a goal.
The stormy sea slowed the small boat's **progress**.
2. An improvement.
I am finally making some **progress** mastering the new computer program.
v. (prə gres') 1. To move forward.
Work on the new bridge **progressed** at a faster pace when the weather improved.
2. To advance to a higher stage; to improve.
Manuel **progressed** so fast on the tuba that he got into the school band.

refine
ri fin'
v. To make pure by removing all unwanted matter.
We take oil from deep inside the earth and **refine** it into gasoline.
refined adj. 1. In a pure state.
Refined flour has a lot of the wheat germ removed.
2. Having good manners and good taste.
He was a noisy and rude boy, but as a young man he is gentle and **refined**.

scoundrel
skoun' drəl
n. A mean or wicked person.
Thank heavens the police caught the **scoundrel** who stole my wallet.

uneasy
un ē' zē
adj. Not comfortable; worried or nervous.
I felt **uneasy** walking down the dark street until I observed a police officer on the corner.

vain
vān
adj. 1. Having too high an opinion of one's looks or achievements.
Charlie is so **vain** he has a full-length mirror in every room.
2. Without success.
The firefighters made a **vain** attempt to keep the fire from spreading.
in vain adv. Without success or result; useless.
All my hand-waving was **in vain**—the teacher never called on me.