

# Lesson 2



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

**affect**  
ə fekt'

v. 1. To bring about a change in.

Do you think changing schools will **affect** my grades?

2. To pretend to be or to have.

The reporter **affected** an interest in buying a used car in order to get the salesperson to talk to her.

**calculate**  
əl kyoo lāt

v. 1. To find the answer by using arithmetic.

I gave my sister the check so she could **calculate** her share of the bill.

2. To figure out by reasoning.

You'd better **calculate** the risk carefully before going on a long trip with that old car.

**climate**  
kli' mat

n. The average weather conditions of an area.

Florida's warm **climate** is perfect for growing oranges.

**column**  
kă' ləm

n. 1. A row of figures or words running down a printed page; anything arranged like that.

Do all the problems in the first **column** on page 30.

2. A tall, usually stone support that holds up something.

Forty-six marble **columns** support the roof of the Parthenon in Athens.

3. A regular newspaper or magazine article usually written by the same person.

My mother writes a weekly sports **column** for the *News-Tribune*.

**decay**  
dē kā'

v. To rot.

Leaves left on the ground will **decay** over the winter.

n. A breaking down or rotting.

Dentists say tooth **decay** can be prevented by regular brushing and flossing.

- exceed**  
ek sēd' v. 1. To be more than.  
The final score of Monday's game **exceeded** our best hopes.  
2. To go beyond what is allowed.  
The officer who stopped me told me never to **exceed** the speed limit again.  
**excess** (ek ses') *n.* More than enough; an extra amount.  
Use what you need, and save the **excess**.  
**excessive** *adj.* Too much or too great.  
Last winter my parents paid an **excessive** amount for heating oil.
- forbid**  
fər bid' v. To order not to do something.  
A state law **forbids** smoking in hospitals.  
**forbidden** *adj.* Not allowed.  
Eating in class is **forbidden**.
- grove**  
grōv *n.* A group of trees growing together with open space between them.  
The children walked hand in hand through the **grove** of lemon trees.
- limb**  
lim *n.* 1. An arm, leg, or wing.  
Bats use their webbed front and back **limbs** to fly.  
2. A large tree branch.  
The owl was perched on the top **limb** of the tree.
- mammoth**  
ma' mæθ *adj.* Very large; huge.  
The **mammoth** Seattle Skydome holds over fifty thousand people.
- mature**  
mə chūr' v. To become fully grown or developed.  
Rabbits **mature** in about six months and are then able to bear young.  
*adj.* Fully grown or developed; adult.  
My brother looks very **mature** for only eleven.
- permit**  
pər mit' v. To allow.  
Some towns **permit** overnight parking downtown.  
*n.* (pər' mit) A written notice that allows a person to do something.  
You need a **permit** to go fishing in that lake.
- resist**  
ri zist' v. 1. To refuse to give in to; to withstand.  
Some kinds of corn **resist** disease better than others.  
2. To work or fight against.  
The armies of Genghis Khan were so powerful, it was useless to **resist** them

**scorch** v. To burn slightly.

skôrçh

If you press a shirt with an iron that is too hot, you might **scorch** the cloth.

**scorching** *adj.* Very hot.

On such a **scorching** July day, the only thing I wanted after work was a swim in the ocean.

**tower**

tou'ər

v. To stand above or higher than what is around it.

The Statue of Liberty **towers** above New York Harbor.

**towering** *adj.* Very high; tall.

Looking up at the **towering** skyscrapers gave me a stiff neck.

