

# Lesson

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



## benefit

- v. To help or be helpful to; to be useful to.
- v. That preschool program **benefits** young children.
- n. 1. Something that is useful or helpful, that does good.
- n. One of the **benefits** of my exercise program is that I sleep better.
- 2. An event held to raise money for a cause.
- The library's **benefit** raised enough money for a new children's room.

## complete

- adj. 1. Having no missing parts; whole.
- She bought a **complete** set of woodworking tools at a yard sale.
- 2. Finished.
- The new wing on the high school is now **complete**.
- v. To finish.
- Schubert did not **complete** his eighth symphony, so it's nicknamed "The Unfinished."

## develop

- v. 1. To go through a process of growth.
- Running regularly **develops** strong leg muscles.
- 2. To bring or come into being.
- The day after I brushed against the poison ivy, a rash **developed** on my leg.
- 3. To apply chemicals to photographic film to bring out the picture.
- I want to learn to **develop** my own pictures.

## dismay

- v. To cause feelings of fear, worry, or surprise.
- A large crack in the ceiling of our newly painted kitchen **dismayed** my parents.
- n. A sudden loss of courage because of fear or worry.
- Just after we began hiking, we were filled with **dismay** when we heard the rumble of a rockslide.

## ease

- n. A state of being comfortable—without worry, pain, or trouble.
- Since I took a course in public speaking, I feel much more at **ease** when I give a speech.
- v. To make less worried, pained, or troubled.
- It **eased** my mind to hear you were safe.

<p><b>recommend</b> ra ke mend'</p>	<p>v. 1. To make a statement of praise. I loved <i>The Secret Garden</i> and I highly <b>recommend</b> it. 2. To give advice; to suggest. Dentists usually <b>recommend</b> that you have a checkup twice a year.</p>
<p><b>project</b> pra'jekt</p>	<p>n. A plan or idea for doing something. My science <b>project</b> is going to show what acid rain does to plants. v. (pra'jekt) 1. To stick out. Nails are still <b>projecting</b> out of the new floor, so be careful where you walk. 2. To cause an image to be shown on a screen. This machine <b>projects</b> color slides but not movies.</p>
<p><b>patriot</b> pa'tre at</p>	<p>n. One who loves, supports, and is loyal to his or her country. Giuseppe Garibaldi was an Italian <b>patriot</b> who fought tirelessly to unite his country. <b>patriotic</b> (pa'tre a tik) <i>adj.</i> Having or showing love of one's country. "America the Beautiful" is a <b>patriotic</b> song that was written by Katherine Lee Bates. <b>patriotism</b> n. Love of one's country. Some people show their <b>patriotism</b> by proudly flying their country's flag.</p>
<p><b>master</b> mas'ter</p>	<p><i>adj.</i> 1. Chief; main. Throw the <b>master</b> switch to turn on the power. 2. Having or showing great skill. Rick is a <b>master</b> carpenter. v. To become skilled at. My mother <b>mastered</b> the new computer program in just a few weeks.</p>
<p><b>lack</b> lak</p>	<p>v. To be without. He never sees the funny side of things because he <b>lacks</b> a sense of humor. n. A shortage. A <b>lack</b> of money to pay the staff forced our library to close on weekends.</p>
<p><b>hail</b> hal</p>	<p>n. Small lumps of frozen rain. The <b>hail</b> bouncing off the metal roof of the garage made a terrible racket. v. 1. To fall as frozen rain. My father's corn plants suffered a lot of damage when it <b>hailed</b> yesterday. 2. To greet or welcome, usually with admiration. The band played "<b>Hail</b> to the Chief" as the president came in.</p>

**remark** *ri mark*  
v. To say; to make a comment.  
My grandmother **remarked** on how well I looked.  
n. Something said; a comment.  
When no one else could think of anything to say, I made a **remark** about how badly we needed rain.  
**remarkable** *adj.* Deserving of being noticed; unusual.  
For such a young child, he had **remarkable** strength.

**represent** *re pri zent*  
v. 1. To stand for or in place of.  
Three dots **represent** the letter "S" in the Morse code.  
2. To act in place of.  
Each state in the U.S. elects two senators to **represent** it in Congress.

**sufficient** *sa fish' ent*  
*adj.* Enough to fill a need.  
Ten lessons on the oboe were **sufficient** to earn me a place in the school band.

**utter** *u' ter*  
v. To make sounds with the voice; to speak.  
Please don't **utter** another word.

