Lesson 1

| Word | Sentence | Prediction | Official Definition |
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| Camaraderie | The coach attributed the team’s success to the **camaraderie** among the players. |  |  |
| Frangible | Mom seldom used the **frangible**, antique dishes in the china cabinet. |  |  |
| Litany | The dissatisfied customer read a **litany** of complaints to the company representative. |  |  |
| Moratorium | The warring factions declared a **moratorium** on combat during the peace talks. |  |  |
| Zealous | The **zealous** gardener planted so many flowers that they overtook the garden. |  |  |
| Desiccate | Janet **desiccates** flowers and then uses them to make wreaths. |  |  |
| Wrenching | The **wrenching** photographs of the starving children upset the viewers. |  |  |
| Replete | The anglers were happy to find their stream **replete** with trout. |  |  |
| Interminable | The last hours of school before the holidays seemed **interminable**. |  |  |
| Arable | Death Valley and the Badlands are both characterized by their lack of **arable** soil. |  |  |
| Lugubrious | The **lugubrious** funeral scene temporarily interrupted the comic tone of the play. |  |  |
| Truncate | The candidate **truncated** his campaign because of a family illness. |  |  |
| Ubiquitous | The camping trip was horrible; the mosquitos were **ubiquitous**. |  |  |
| Vernacular | Using slang or **vernacular** in a formal term paper is usually inappropriate. |  |  |
| Equanimity | Oddly enough, the plaintiff recounted the story of her attack with perfect **equanimity**. |  |  |

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| Efficacious | The shot of adrenaline was **efficacious** in restarting the victim’s heart. |  |  |
| Catharsis | The movie lacked a **catharsis** because the villain received no punishment. |  |  |
| Inundate | Callers **inundated** the radio station with requests for the popular new song. |  |  |
| Revere | Alexander the Great’s soldiers **revered** their leader because he led the troops into every battle. |  |  |
| Internecine | The **internecine** battle resulted in thousands of casualties. |  |  |
| Risible | The **risible** statement made by the bystander was ridiculous, but it was amusing. |  |  |
| Sybaritic | Ice sculptures, massive chandeliers, and live entertainment were commonplace at Loren’s **sybaritic** parties. |  |  |
| Crepuscular | That species of trout has **crepuscular** feeding habits, so you’ll catch the most at daybreak or sunset. |  |  |
| Kudos | The director of the successful new musical won **kudos** from most critics. |  |  |
| Estrange | Jill’s overbearing mother-in-law **estranged** Jill from her husband. |  |  |
| Intrinsic | Humans have an **intrinsic** desire to be loved. |  |  |
| Maxim | The coach frequently spoke the **maxim**, “A chain is only as strong as its weakest link.” |  |  |
| Putrid | We rolled up the car windows to escape the **putrid** smell of a dead skunk on the road. |  |  |
| Servile | The **servile** dog cowered before its intimidating master. |  |  |
| Apocryphal | Modern historians dismiss the **apocryphal** story that George Washington chopped down a cherry tree. |  |  |

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| Consternation | The announcement of a pop quiz caused **consternation** among the students. |  |  |
| Anomaly | The sailor immediately notified the captain when he saw an **anomaly** on the sonar screen. |  |  |
| Vitriolic | The critic’s vitriolic review of the film prompted thousands of **contradictory** letters. |  |  |
| Preamble | After a long-winded **preamble**, the lawyer finally presented relevant facts. |  |  |
| Coterie | Virginia Woolf was a member of the Bloomsbury Group, a **coterie** of English authors respected for its talent but ridiculed for its arrogance. |  |  |
| Expiate | Johnny mowed the neighbors’ lawn to **expiate** his breaking their front window with a baseball. |  |  |
| Compendium | John perused a **compendium** of antique toys to find the value of an old doll. |  |  |
| Comprise | Canada **comprises** ten provinces and three territories. |  |  |
| Eidetic | The author attempted to describe the **eidetic** scenes in his head. |  |  |
| Innocuous | The assassin wore a disguise and a smile to make himself look like an **innocuous** man. |  |  |
| Foist | The con man attempted to **foist** a counterfeit $20 bill off on the FBI agent. |  |  |
| Plethora | The library has a **plethora** of information about most any subject imaginable. |  |  |
| Flippancy | His **flippancy** in class often got him sent to the principal’s office. |  |  |
| Incongruous | Ed’s **incongruous** joke about policemen ensured he would get a speeding ticket. |  |  |
| Disconcert | The lengthy calculus problem on the quiz **disconcerted** Nancy. |  |  |

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| Provocative | The daughter considered her mother’s short skirt too **provocative**. |  |  |
| Bumpkin | Pickpockets often prey on **bumpkins** who forget to protect their wallets while visiting the city. |  |  |
| Toady | The **toady** followed the queen around, agreeing with everything she uttered. |  |  |
| Culpable | The prosecutor said that the crime boss was **culpable** for the murders even though he himself did not kill the victims. |  |  |
| Hortatory | The troops cheered during the general’s **hortatory** speech. |  |  |
| Penultimate | The **penultimate** step before graduation will be passing my final examinations. |  |  |
| Orotund | The narrator of the movie advertisement spoke in a deep, **orotund** voice. |  |  |
| Blithe | The sight of his childhood home caused Jerry to reminisce about his **blithe** days of picking blueberries and fishing in the creek behind the house. |  |  |
| Soporific | I stopped reading the **soporific** novel and found a more exciting one. |  |  |
| Pervasive | In two days, everyone in the small town had heard the **pervasive** rumor. |  |  |
| Benign | She let down her guard when she saw his **benign** expression. |  |  |
| Frenetic | The neighbors heard the **frenetic** barks of the dog that fell into the well. |  |  |
| Recrimination | The burglar had the nerve to express **recriminations** against the homeowner for hitting him with a shovel. |  |  |
| Indecorous | The heckler made **indecorous** comments during the candidate’s speech. |  |  |
| Corroborate | The doctor’s note **corroborated** Bill’s excuse for missing a week of work. |  |  |

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| Propensity | Sheila nurtured her **propensity** for hiking by relocating to the mountains. |  |  |
| Condescending | The young employee never grew accustomed to his bosses’ **condescending** remarks. |  |  |
| Compunction | Matt felt no **compunction** about stealing office supplies from work. |  |  |
| Sepulcher | The deceased baron was placed in a foreboding **sepulcher** at the edge of the cemetery. |  |  |
| Bellicose | Many of the crewmen were **bellicose** fellows looking for trouble. |  |  |
| Pulchritude | Milton was so taken by Lauren’s **pulchritude** that he couldn’t respond when she greeted him. |  |  |
| Wizened | The **wizened** old captain had a craggy, wrinkled face. |  |  |
| Rhapsodize | She couldn’t wait to go to work and **rhapsodize** about her engagement. |  |  |
| Physiognomy | His **physiognomy** revealed that he was a person who had laughed a lot throughout his life. |  |  |
| Voluble | The **voluble** woman was obviously comfortable speaking in front of people. |  |  |
| Revel | The home team **reveled** in the glory of winning the championship. |  |  |
| Umbrage | Widespread **umbrage** at the new law prompted legislators to re-evaluate it. |  |  |
| Epiphany | During an **epiphany**, John realized what he had been doing wrong throughout most of his adult life. |  |  |
| Assiduous | The **assiduous** builder finally completed his home after six years of construction. |  |  |
| Panacea | Some mothers believe that chicken soup is a **panacea** for almost any ailment. |  |  |

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| Poignant | The movie would be simply mediocre if it didn’t contain an especially **poignant** scene. |  |  |
| Venial | A **venial** offense such as usually jaywalking usually bears little or no fine. |  |  |
| Satiate | No amount of riches could **satiate** the greedy king. |  |  |
| Vituperative | The **vituperative** drill instructor screamed at the new recruit for not having shiny boots and a pressed uniform. |  |  |
| Cumulative | Her **cumulative** grade point average for high school is 3.7 |  |  |
| Exhilaration | A sense of **exhilaration** overwhelmed me as I reached the summit. |  |  |
| Pundit | The political **pundit** commented on government actions each morning on a radio show. |  |  |
| Propriety | The man carried himself with such **propriety** that few guessed he was homeless. |  |  |
| Goad | The kids in the schoolyard **goaded** the boy into sticking his tongue on the frozen flagpole. |  |  |
| Impunity | No one can speak against the king with **impunity**. |  |  |
| Surfeit | A **surfeit** of oranges this year drove the price down. |  |  |
| Trite | I could tell by my agent’s **trite** reply that she hadn’t actually read my manuscript. |  |  |
| Extricate | The escape artist **extricated** himself from the chains in less than one minute. |  |  |
| Superfluous | The new luxury SUV had many **superfluous** options, including two televisions. |  |  |
| Lithe | The **lithe** gymnast’s movements were graceful and seemingly effortless. |  |  |