

LESSON 1

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Lesson Preview

Some of the words that you will encounter on pages 1–2 and 4–5 of this lesson appear in bold type in the following poem. Read the poem, and on a separate sheet of paper, answer the questions that follow.

"I can't **condone** your conduct,"
My words came out in a shout.
"Just one more **infraction**,
And I'm going to throw you out!"

"You're not the slightest bit **remorseful**
For all the mischief that you do.
Rectify your ways, you must—
Oh please, dog, I'm begging you!"

Who is the speaker in this poem? Whom is the speaker addressing?
What is this poem about?



LESSON WORDS 1–10: Pronounce the word, spell it, study its meanings, and finish the sentence that follows it. See 1, below.

acquit (v.) free from an accusation; declare innocent; **absolve**;
ə-'kwit **exonerate**

1. In closing, the attorney for the (defense, prosecution) prosecution urged the jury not to *acquit* the accused.

alternate (adj.) offering a choice; **substitute**; **alternative**
'òl-tər-nət

2. If her plan (fails, succeeds) _____, we will need an *alternate* one.

condone (v.) treat as trivial, harmless, or unimportant; **overlook**;
kən-'dōn **excuse**

3. Our city should not *condone* (littering, shopping)
_____.

congested (adj.) filled to excess; **clogged**; **overcrowded**
kən-'jes-təd

4. The trip took (more, less) _____ time than
expected; the streets were not *congested*.

crucial (adj.) of the highest importance; **decisive**; **critical**
'krü-shəl

5. The absence of one of our *crucial* players (hurt, helped)
_____ our team.

drowsy (adj.) half asleep; **sleepy**; **lethargic**
'draü-zē

6. You should not (nap, study) _____ when you are
drowsy.

encumber (v.) weigh down; **burden**; **tax**
in-'kəm-bər

7. Experienced climbers take along (nothing, everything)
_____ that might *encumber* them.

impair (v.) make worse; **weaken**; **diminish**; **damage**; **mar**
im-'per

8. A (clean, dirty) _____ windshield *impairs* vision.

inane (adj.) lacking in sense; **empty-headed**; **silly**; **foolish**;
i-'nān **asinine**

9. An *inane* suggestion usually provokes (laughter, admiration)
_____.

infraction (n.) breaking of a law; **violation**; **breach**;
in-'frak-shən **infringement**

10. Nonenforcement of the law (encourages, deters)
_____ *infractions*.



LESSON WORDS 11-20: Pronounce the word, spell it, study its meanings, and finish the sentence that follows it.

nominal (*adj.*) very small; **trifling**; **insignificant**
'nä-mə-nəl

11. (Photocopies, Voyages) _____ can be made at *nominal* expense.

objective (*n.*) something toward which efforts are directed; **aim**;
äb-'jek-tiv **goal**; **purpose**

12. A teacher's *objective* is to combat (ignorance, learning)
_____.

offend (*v.*) hurt the feelings of; **insult**; **affront**; **provoke**
ə-'fend

13. If they *offended* us unintentionally, we (should, shouldn't)
_____ forgive them.

rectify (*v.*) set right; **correct**; **remedy**; **amend**
'rek-tə-,fī

14. (Troublemakers, Troubleshooters) _____ cannot
rectify bad repair jobs.

remorseful (*adj.*) full of *remorse* (a sense of deep and painful re-
ri-'mōrs-fəl gret for past misdeeds); **contrite**; **penitent**

15. *Remorseful* culprits are not (proud, ashamed)
_____ of their misdeeds.

restive (*adj.*) impatient of control or restraint; **restless**; **uneasy**;
'res-tiv **edgy**

16. *Restive* animals make a zookeeper's job (less, more)
_____ risky.

sanctuary (*n.*) place of refuge and protection; **asylum**; **shelter**
'sən(k)-chə-,wer-ē

17. In a wildlife *sanctuary*, animals are not (protected, hunted)
_____.

scope (*n.*) range; breadth; extent

'skōp

18. Colleges seek applicants with a (broad, narrow) _____ *scope* of interests.

sever (*v.*) put apart as if by cutting; break off; **cut**; **dissolve**;

'se-vər **separate**

19. It is inane to *sever* ties with a (false, true) _____ friend.

tepid (*adj.*) moderately warm; **lukewarm**; **unenthusiastic**

'te-pəd

20. In (two, twenty) _____ minutes, the hot food we were just served will be *tepid*.



SENTENCE COMPLETION 11–20: Enter the required lesson words from D, above.

1. The principal _____ of the refugees was to reach a country that, hopefully, would grant them _____.
2. Mary is certainly not _____ about having _____ **ed** her connections with the club; she definitely has no intention of rejoining.
3. If the buttons of a garment you are buying are not sewn on securely, a tailor can _____ the defect at _____ cost.
4. Children may become _____ if the _____ of the activities they are allowed to participate in is too narrow.
5. Instead of being _____ **ed**, the waiter thanked me when I told him the soup was _____, and he soon returned with a steaming new bowl of soup.