



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

onus (*n.*) **burden; obligation; responsibility;** disagreeable
'ō-nəs necessity

11. When charges are brought, the *onus* of proving them is on the (defendant, accuser) _____.

pare (*v.*) cut back an outside, excess, or irregular part; **peel; trim;**
'per **reduce**

12. The company *pared* its staff by (firing, hiring) _____ seven workers.

pecuniary (*adj.*) pertaining to or consisting of money; **monetary;**
pi-'kyū-nē-,er-ē **financial**

13. (Spendthrifts, Accountants) _____ lack expertise in *pecuniary* matters.

petition (*n.*) formal request to a person or group in authority;
pə-'ti-shən **suit; complaint**

14. My signature on the *petition* shows that I (support, oppose) _____ it.

presentable (*adj.*) proper or suitable in attire or appearance for
pri-'zen-tə-bəl being seen by others; **respectable; decent**

15. Before participating in a (telephone, face-to-face) _____ conversation with a job interviewer, make sure you look *presentable*.

proclivity (*n.*) natural or habitual inclination or tendency, espe-
prō-'kli-və-tē cially toward something objectionable; **bent;**
leaning; disposition

16. Fiery-tempered people have a *proclivity* for being (quick, slow) _____ to take offense.