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LESSON 3

Lesson Preview

Some of the words that you will encounter on pages 20-21 and 24-25 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.

First, you need to establish your goals.
 Then, to achieve them, you must **persist**.
 Though there may be some who **scoff** at you,
 Feeling discouraged you must resist.
Devise a plan, and try your hardest.
 Don't be **timid** about what you do.
 A **feasible** plan may bring success,
 And your lifelong dreams may come true.

What is the main idea of this poem? Do you agree with the poet's advice? Why or why not?



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

abate (v.) ~~diminish in force or intensity; let up; moderate;~~
ə-'bāt **subside**

1. We took shelter (after, until) _____ the storm *abated*.

cower (v.) crouch in fear from something that threatens; **cringe**;
'kau(-ə)r **quail**

2. A (bully, clown) _____ enjoys making others *cower*.

crest (n.) highest part; **top**; **summit**
'krest

3. Heavy trucks (lose, gain) _____ speed approaching the *crest* of a road

devise (v.) make up; **concoct**; **formulate**; **design**

di-'vīz

4. (Troops, Commanders) _____ generally do not *devise* battle plans.

din (n.) steady loud noise; **uproar**; **racket**; **tumult**

'din

5. A rumbling *din* accompanied the (fashion, fireworks) _____ display.

entreat (v.) ask earnestly; plead with; **beg**; **beseech**; **implore**;

in-'trēt **importune**

6. We wanted to leave, but they *entreated* us to (go, stay) _____.

feasible (adj.) capable of being done; **doable**; **possible**;

'fē-zə-bəl **practicable**; **viable**

7. Before (1776, 1492) _____, a transatlantic voyage was not deemed *feasible*.

groundless (adj.) without foundation; uncalled for; **baseless**;

'graund-ləs **gratuitous**

8. Joe is (fine, ill) _____; your fears about his health are *groundless*.

horde (n.) large, moving crowd; **multitude**; **throng**; **mob**

'hórd

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9. Merchants are (happy, unhappy) _____ when *hordes* of tourists arrive.

loom (v.) come into view indistinctly; take shape; **appear**;

'lüm **emerge**

10. A battle *looms* whenever old (friends, foes) _____ cross paths.



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

patron (n.) regular customer; **client**; **supporter**

'pā-trən

11. A business may (fail, prosper) _____ if it displeases its *patrons*.

persist (v.) go on despite difficulty; refuse to give up; **persevere**;

pər-'sist **continue**

12. Some (heed, ignore) _____ all warnings and *persist* in smoking.

prone (adj.) having a natural bent or tendency; **inclined**;

'prōn **disposed**; **apt**

13. A person who is (seldom, often) _____ wrong may be *prone* to error.

prudent (adj.) showing sound judgment; **sensible**; **wise**;

'prū-d'nt **judicious**; **discreet**

14. It is *prudent* to (close, lock) _____ all doors before leaving home.

rouse (v.) bring out of a state of inactivity; **wake**; **stir**; **excite**;

'raūz **provoke**

15. The (stillness, doorbell) _____ *roused* me from my daydream.

scoff (v.) show scornful disapproval; **sneer**; **jeer**; **gibe**

'skōf

16. People *scoff* at those who claim to know (everything, little) _____.

sham (n.) something not what it is supposed to be; **hoax**; **fake**

'sham

17. If he was (able, forbidden) _____ to testify, his trial was a *sham*.

spurn (v.) reject disdainfully; turn down; **decline**; **refuse**; **scorn**
'spɜrn

18. Workers *spurn* contracts that (reduce, raise) _____ their earnings.

timid (adj.) easily frightened; **afraid**; **timorous**; **shy**
'ti-məd

19. *Timid* individuals are (disinclined, prone) _____ to complain.

unkempt (adj.) not neat or orderly; **uncombed**; **disheveled**;
,ən-'kem(p)t **untidy**; **slovenly**

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2. Though the people in town _____ **ed** at the idea of a flying machine, the Wright brothers _____ **ed** until their airplane worked.
3. Since my brother believed Rita was _____ to accidents, he graciously offered to do some or all of the driving, but she _____ **ed** the offer.
4. Kenny is usually _____, but he realizes it is _____ to comb his hair before going to be interviewed for a job.
5. A store whose so-called "sales" are a(n) _____ cannot count on me as one of its _____ **s**.

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VOCABULARY IN CONTEXT 11–20: Read the paragraph, and on a separate sheet of paper, answer the questions that follow. Do not repeat any of the underlined words in your answers; use synonyms instead.

Some people insist that they are prone to accidents. These are the people who always seem to be tripping over objects or smashing their fingers with hammers. However, others scoff at the idea that anyone has a natural tendency to get hurt. They argue that such accidents are simply the result of carelessness. Watch where you are walking, they say, and be prudent when using a hammer, and you won't injure yourself.

1. What two viewpoints are described in this paragraph?
2. Which point of view do you agree with? Why?



SYNONYMS: To avoid repetition, replace the boldfaced word or expression with a synonym from the vocabulary list below.

multitude **viable** **judicious** **subside** **concoct**
baseless **quail** **decline** **implore** **disheveled**

1. Even when you comb unruly hair, it may look **uncombed**. 1. _____
2. The rain has not let up; we can't leave until it **lets up**. 2. _____s
3. If your plan is **practicable**, we will put it into practice. 3. _____
4. They **pleaded with** us to wait, but we ignored their plea. 4. _____d
5. Are there grounds for worry, or are your fears **groundless**? 5. _____
6. I am sure you have the sense to make a **sensible** choice. 6. _____
7. Their refusal surprises me; they have never **refused** our help. 7. _____d