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Lesson 1 & 2

producers

people who supervise a television production

agricultural

relating to farming

aquatic

relating to water

arguably

able to be supported by a reasonable argument

avid

eager or excited

botanist

a scientist who studies plants

botany

the scientific study of plants

crop rotation

yearly switching of which crops are grown on a piece of land

deliberately

on purpose

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deter

discourage

fertile

capable of producing healthy plants

financiers

people who give inventors money to develop and sell their products, in return for a portion of the profits

frequency

the rate at which radio signals are transmitted

greasy spoon

slang for cheap and unsanitary restaurants

humble

not significant; modest

indifference

lack of interest

inventory

a complete list

irk

bother, irritate

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irritation

state of being annoyed

malfunctioning

not working properly

marketing

activities involved in advertising and selling a product

optimistic

expecting a favorable outcome

patent

get a government license giving an inventor the right to be the only one to manufacture and sell their invention for a certain period of time

phonograph

a machine that reproduces sound by means of a needle in contact with a grooved rotating disk

player piano

a piano fitted with an apparatus enabling it to be played automatically

prestigious

highly respected

profit

gain (financial)

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rehabilitation

recovery

self-sufficient

able to take care of oneself

sharecroppers

farmers who had to give part of their crop away as rent

spearhead

lead

synchronized

occurring at the same time

take root

begin

telegraph

a machine that transmitted and received messages across great distances using electrical signals and wires. Messages were transmitted in codes that had to be received and translated by specially trained operators

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Lesson 3

airborne

in flight

charred

burnt

diaphragm

a thin disk or piece of material that vibrates when producing or receiving sound waves

dim

not bright

drawbacks

disadvantages, problems

ecosystems

systems formed by the interaction of communities of organisms with their environments

English Channel

a body of water separating England and France

evaporate

change from a liquid state into a vapor

illumination

brightness

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Lesson 3

inspire

give rise to, lead to

intricate

detailed, complicated

isolated

far away from other places, buildings, or people;
remote

parchment

animal skin prepared for use as a writing surface

pendulum

a weighted, swinging lever that regulates the
speed of a clock

potential

qualities or abilities that may be developed and
lead to future success

sundial

an instrument showing the time with the shadow
of a pointer cast by the sun onto a plate marked
with the hours of the day

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Lesson 3

tinker

to work at something

transmitter

a set of equipment used to generate and transmit electromagnetic waves carrying messages or signals, especially those of radio or television

vaccines

medicines to make people immune to diseases

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Lesson 4

practical

useful

quelle guigne!

French for “what bad luck!”

quelle merveille!

French for how marvelous!”

stylus

a pointed, pen-shaped instrument used to make an imprint on a surface

très magnifique

French for “ really wonderful”

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Lesson 5

baboon

a kind of monkey

bigwigs

important people

cylinder

an object with identical flat ends and a circular or oval section

humble

not significant; modest

manure

a substance made from animal poop that is spread on plants to help them grow

primates

a category of mammals that includes humans, monkeys, and apes

revolutionary

bringing about major change

simians

monkeys

Stone Age

a period in the history of mankind marked by the use of tools and weapons made of stone

upshot

result

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Lesson 6

abscesses

inflammations caused by bacteria

antibiotic

a medicine that kills or stops the growth of diseased cells

antiseptics

substances that prevent the growth of disease-causing microorganisms

bacteriologist

a scientist who studies microscopic organisms that often cause disease

biols

a painful skin condition

contaminated

harmful or unusable due to contact with something unclean

cultures

growths of microorganisms in a nutrient medium

digress

get off the subject

head

pay attention to

petri dishes

shallow, circular, transparent dishes with flat lids, used for the culturing of microorganisms