



Lesson 18

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Word List

Study the definitions of the words. Then do the exercises that follow.

acclaim
ə klām'

v. To praise strongly or applaud loudly.

Car magazines have **acclaimed** the Z202's performance.

As, graduation, birthdays, Christmas, holidays

Celebrate

n. Strong praise or loud applause; approval.

The musicians from China won the critic's **acclaim** last night at Symphony Hall.

bigot
big'ət

n. One who is not tolerant of those people who are different in some way; a prejudiced person.

Only a **bigot** would claim that one race is superior to another.

bigotry n. The intolerant attitude or behavior of such a person.

In one of their songs, the Beatles asked listeners to imagine a world free of

bigotry.

(negative, bad)

friends' politics hobbies

covet
kuv'ət

v. To have a strong and envious desire for, especially for something belonging to another.

The cattle ranchers **coveted** the lush pastures where the shepherds grazed their flocks.

coveted adj. Greatly prized; highly desired.

Former President Jimmy Carter won the **coveted** Nobel Peace Prize in 2002.

jealous trophies, car, medal console (tech)

deceased
də sēs't

adj. Dead.

The man's thoughts often turned to his **deceased** wife.

n. (with the) One who has died recently.

The funeral director asked if I was a relative of the **deceased**.

formidable
fôr'mə də bəl

adj. 1. Causing fear or apprehension.

A team with a fourteen-game winning streak is a **formidable** opponent.

2. Difficult.

Crossing the Rocky Mountains was a **formidable** task for settlers heading west.

Stress, concern, worry.

Bees, end of school, the world, snakes, spiders

ghetto
get'ō

n. A section of a city occupied by a minority group of people, usually because of poverty or social pressure.

The Warsaw **ghetto** in Poland was the location of the largest uprising during World War II.

lived in Jews in WW2, projects in Chicago.

momentous
mō men'təs

adj. Very important

The day of high school graduation is a **momentous** one for students.

grades animals/pets
family cars
friends ♥ anniversary
first date

oppress *v.* 1. To weigh down with worry. ^{really stressed.} death, war, heartache.
 Fears of job layoffs **oppressed** workers in the auto industry.
 2. To keep down by severe and unjust use of force. ^{literal not fair} slavery, George Floyd, murder, wrong accusations (lies).
 According to the Bible story, the Egyptian pharaoh **oppressed** the Israelite slaves until Moses led them to freedom.
oppression *n.* (ə presh' ən) The act or state of being oppressed. ^{wrong}
 The **oppression** of African Americans led to the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and '60s.
oppressive *adj.* Very harsh or burdensome. ^{Rules in civil war}
 This **oppressive** heat makes one very lethargic.

overwhelm *v.* 1. To defeat utterly and completely. ^{no hope}
 Sioux and Cheyenne warriors **overwhelmed** General Custer's army at the Battle of Little Big Horn in 1876.
 2. To deeply affect the mind or emotions of. ^{homework, tests, parent pressure, oppression}
 We were **overwhelmed** by the welcome we received.
 3. To upset; to turn over. ^{Standardized testing.}
 A huge wave **overwhelmed** the small boat.
overwhelming *adj.* Great in strength or effect.
 The union vote was an **overwhelming** 98 to 17 in favor of ending the strike.

perceive *v.* 1. To become aware of through the senses, especially the sense of sight. ^{see clearly "understand"}
 I **perceived** a figure in the distance but could not make out who it was.
 2. To take in information through the mind. ^{synonym - realize, figure out.}
 I **perceived** a subtle shift in their attitude.
perception *n.* (pə sep' shən) The act of perceiving or the thing perceived.
 Because I am farsighted, my **perception** of close objects is slightly fuzzy.

premiere *n.* The first showing of a play, film, etc. ^{movies, games, shows, albums/cds, books}
 The play, a big success in London, has its North American **premiere** this Saturday.
 1st. 1st time seeing something

prospective *adj.* Expected or likely to happen or become. ^{in the future.} seniors in H.S. husband - business owner
 The **prospective** bride wants to have a June wedding. ^{say no}

spurn *v.* To refuse in a scornful way. ^{rude}
 I **spurned** their offer of help because there were too many conditions attached to it.
 "Burn" Rude, mean, nasty, salty.

staunch *adj.* Faithful, true; strong. ^{derout committed}
 Mr. Fielding, a **staunch** supporter of Little League baseball, donated the uniforms for our team.
 celebrities - careers - education
 religion - goals - family values
 opinions - ethics - relationships