

Lesson 6

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Word List

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

addict *ad'ikt*
n. 1. A person with a very strong desire for something that is habit-forming and sometimes harmful.
Junk food **addicts** need to change their eating habits.
2. A person who is a very enthusiastic fan.
A true crossword puzzle **addict** should complete this puzzle in twenty minutes.
v. (ə dikt') To cause someone to have a very strong desire for something.
Pushers try to **addict** people to illegal drugs.
addiction *n.* (ə dɪk'ʃən) The condition of being addicted.
We need more treatment centers for drug **addiction**.
addictive *adj.* (ə dɪk'tɪv) Likely to cause addiction.
Cocaine is an **addictive** substance.

aspire *ə spɪr'*
v. To have a strong desire to get or do something; to seek.
Every NFL team **aspires** to win the Super Bowl.
aspiration *n.* (as pər ā'ʃən) A strong desire to achieve something; an ambition.
Jian Xiao sings in local clubs but has **aspirations** to be an opera singer.

bias *bɪ'æs*
n. A preference that prevents one from being impartial; prejudice.
The lawyers in town insist that Judge Lewis shows **bias** in favor of women.
v. To cause someone to have prejudice; to influence.
Don't let a single bad experience with one French restaurant **bias** you against all others.

blatant *blāt'nt*
adj. Very obvious in an offensive or shameless way.
The governor's promise to cut taxes if re-elected was a **blatant** attempt to win votes.

candid *kan'dɪd*
adj. Expressed honestly and without holding back unpleasant truths.
Tony asked the teacher for her **candid** opinion about his poem.

stint *stɪnt*
n. 1. A period of time devoted to a job or some task.
After finishing college, Marsha had a two-year **stint** in the Peace Corps in Kenya.
2. A limit or restriction.
Local benefactors gave without **stint** to help make the youth center a reality.
v. To limit or restrict.
Many parents **stint** on luxuries to pay for their children's education.

confront
kən frunt'

v. 1. To stand up to; to face boldly.

Do you intend to **confront** the people who have been spreading rumors about you?

2. To put or bring face to face.

When the police **confronted** the pair with the evidence, they confessed to the robbery.

confrontation *n.* (kən frən tā' shən) A hostile meeting between people who hold opposite views.

Rosie avoided a **confrontation** with her mother by staying in her room.

debut
dā' byōō

n. A first public appearance.

Radio broadcasting made its **debut** in 1920.

v. To make a first public appearance.

The new television shows **debut** in September.

enroll
en rōl'

v. To sign up to become a member of some group or activity; to register.

A small inheritance made it possible for me to **enroll** in art school.

enrollment *n.* The number of people enrolled.

The karate class has an **enrollment** of six students.

fluster
flus' tər

v. To make nervous, embarrassed, or confused.

The personal question **flustered** me, so I was unable to think of an answer quickly.

impunity
im pyōō' nə tē

n. Freedom from being harmed or punished.

Those who think they can smoke cigarettes with **impunity** are sadly mistaken.

intensify
in ten' sə fi

v. To increase; to strengthen or deepen.

Volunteers will **intensify** their efforts to find the missing children.

intimidate
in tim' ə dāt

v. To frighten, especially by threatening someone.

The pitcher's scowl was intended to **intimidate** the batter.

intimidation *n.* (in tim ə dā' shən) The act of intimidating.

Jones claimed that **intimidation** had been used to make him confess to the crime.

obnoxious
əb nək' shəs

adj. Very unpleasant; disgusting.

An **obnoxious** diner at the next table ruined our meal by complaining in a very loud voice.

retort
rē tōrt'

v. To answer, especially in a quick or clever way.

"You have much to be modest about," I **retorted** when the speaker claimed to be a modest person.

n. A quick or clever reply.

Unable to think of a suitable **retort**, I remained silent.