



Lesson 3

approach
ə prōch'

v. To go closer to.
The vet **approached** the wounded deer carefully.
n. 1. A coming closer.
My grandparents dread the **approach** of winter.
2. A road or way that leads to a place.
The **approach** to the beach was blocked by a fallen tree.

burrow
būr' ō

v. 1. To dig a hole or tunnel into or under something.
Turtles **burrow** into soft sand to lay their eggs.
2. To dig deeply into; to search.
The clerk **burrowed** through the pile of papers on his desk.
n. A hole or tunnel dug by an animal as a home or for protection.
A mole spends most of its time in its **burrow**.

cease
sēs

v. To stop; to come or bring to an end.
After several hours of thunder and lightning, the storm finally **ceased**.

destructive
di struk' tiv

adj. Causing harm or damage.
Cutworms are very **destructive** garden insects.
destruction *n.* Harm or damage.
When Hurricane Katrina hit the Louisiana coast, it caused great **destruction**.

drowsy
drou' zē

adj. Tired or sleepy.
Lying in the sun always makes my cat, Inky, **drowsy**.

famished
fa' misht

adj. Very hungry.
Sometimes I work through my lunch hour, so by suppertime I am **famished**!

forecast
fôr' kast

v. To figure out and say what will happen before it takes place.
Our fishing guide **forecast** a good catch.
n. A telling of what will happen.
As soon as Carlos gets up, he turns on the weather **forecast**.

hibernate hī bər nāt	<p>v. To spend the winter in a resting state. Groundhogs hibernate because they can't find enough food in the winter.</p>
migrate mī' grāt	<p>v. To move from one country or region to another. Hundreds of thousands of people have migrated to the United States in search of freedom.</p> <p>migration <i>n.</i> The act of migrating. My friend Sandhya is studying Indian migration to the United States.</p> <p>migratory (mī' grātôr ē) <i>adj.</i> Moving from one place or country to another, usually regularly. Canada geese are migratory birds.</p>
nestle ne' səl	<p>v. 1. To settle down comfortably, as if in a nest. "The children were nestled all snug in their beds" is a famous line from <i>'Twas the Night before Christmas</i>.</p> <p>2. To lie in a sheltered, partly hidden place. The little Swiss town nestled at the foot of the Alps.</p>
observe əb zər'v	<p>v. 1. To see; to notice. I looked up at the sky and observed a hawk circling slowly, far above us.</p> <p>2. To comment; to remark. Sleepily, I observed that it was time we left.</p> <p>3. To mark an event or day. We observed Martin Luther King Day by closing the store.</p> <p>4. To obey. I try to observe the speed limit when I drive.</p>
prepare pri par'	<p>v. To make or get ready. The scouts prepared for their camping trip by getting lots of freeze-dried food.</p> <p>preparation (pre pə rā' shən) <i>n.</i> Something done to get ready. Antonio and Ruth did most of the preparation for the cookout the night before.</p>
reduce ri dōōs'	<p>v. To make or become smaller or less. This winter, Vermont reduced the amount of salt it put on its roads.</p> <p>reduction (ri duk' shən) <i>n.</i> The act of reducing or the amount by which something is reduced. The store sold out of swimsuits after its huge price reduction.</p>

severe
sə vir'

adj. 1. Very strict or harsh.

That's a very **severe** punishment for turning a paper in late.

2. Hard to bear or deal with.

A **severe** frost caused a lot of damage to central Florida's orange crop.

venture
ven' chər

v. To dare to do, to go, or to say.

Maria **ventured** onto the dance floor even though she didn't know how to dance.

n. Something that involves the risk of a loss.

Grandpa's most successful **venture** was a carpet cleaning service.