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Level 4 • Word List

Lesson 5

abrupt
ə brupt'

adj. Happening suddenly, without warning.
When the bus made an **abrupt** stop, several people were thrown off balance.

achieve
ə chēv'

v. To do what one sets out to do.
Even though she was blind and deaf, Helen Keller **achieved** her goal of graduating from college.

achievement *n.* Something done that takes skill or effort.
Landing astronauts on the moon was a great **achievement**.

attempt
ə tempt'

v. To try; to make an effort.
When I **attempted** to leave class early, the teacher asked me to wait until the period was over.

n. A try.
The athlete cleared the bar in the high jump on her third **attempt**.

contempt
kən tempt'

n. A feeling that someone or something is bad or unworthy.
Their classmates felt nothing but **contempt** for those who refused to help the new student.

entertain
en tər tain'

v. 1. To interest and amuse.
My little brother Ramon **entertained** himself for hours with his new paints.

2. To have guests.
We **entertained** some old friends on Thanksgiving weekend.

3. To have in mind.
Lin is **entertaining** the idea of going to soccer camp next summer.

glimpse
glimps

v. To get a quick look at.
I **glimpsed** a black bear near our campground.

n. A quick or hasty look.
I was thrilled to get a **glimpse** of Pavarotti leaving the opera house.



mock mək	<p>v. To make fun of. Cinderella's stepsisters mocked her for thinking she could go to the ball.</p> <p><i>adj.</i> Not real; pretended. Mock turtle soup is really made of veal broth, not turtle meat.</p>
persist pər sist'	<p>v. 1. To keep on doing or trying. In spite of many falls on the ice, I persisted and finally did a figure-eight.</p> <p>2. To go on and on. If this rain persists, we'll have to cut our vacation short.</p> <p>persistence <i>n.</i> Sticking to something; not giving up. Emil's persistence was rewarded when the tenth law school he applied to accepted him.</p> <p>persistent <i>adj.</i> Refusing to give up. The persistent reporter kept asking questions until she had found out all there was to know about the case.</p>
persuade pər swād'	<p>v. To win someone over by arguing or asking. Frank finally persuaded me to read <i>The Adventures of Tom Sawyer</i>.</p> <p>persuasive <i>adj.</i> Having the power to persuade. Mary was so persuasive that we agreed to help her paint her room.</p>
phase fāz	<p><i>n.</i> A stage in a series of changes. The full moon is one of the phases of the moon.</p>
quaint kwānt	<p><i>adj.</i> Odd or unusual in a pleasing or old-fashioned way. Wooden shoes seem quaint to Americans, but not to the people of Holland.</p>
recall ri kôl'	<p>v. 1. To remember. Do you recall what time we left for the soccer game?</p> <p>2. To call or take back. The manufacturer recalled the cars because of a problem in the steering.</p>
reject ri jekt'	<p>v. To refuse to accept or use. The school board rejected the plan for the new gym because its cost was excessive.</p> <p><i>n.</i> (rē' jekt) Something that falls short of what is acceptable. Peter buys factory rejects at the pottery store for much less than the price of perfect pieces.</p>

revise
ri vīz'

- v. 1. To go over carefully in order to correct or improve.
I don't like to **revise** my stories, but I have to admit they get better when I do.
2. To change in order to bring up to date.
The publishers of that dictionary **revise** it every eight or ten years.

sensitive
sen' sə tiv

- adj.* 1. Quick to notice or feel.
My doctor is very **sensitive** to my feelings.
2. Easily affected by even slight change.
Film used in cameras is very **sensitive** to light.