



Lesson 6

applaud
ə plôd'

v. To show approval, especially by clapping hands.
The audience **applauded** until the actors came back on stage to take another bow.

applause *n.* The showing of approval or enjoyment by cheering or clapping.
The theater lights came on after the **applause** had died down.

crafty
kraf' tē

adj. Skilled at tricking others.
Templeton, the **crafty** and mean-spirited rat in *Charlotte's Web*, adds humor to the book.

disclose
dis klôz'

v. To make known.
The judge told the reporter she must **disclose** the names of those who attended the meeting.

drab
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adj. Dull and without color; not cheerful or colorful.
A sparrow is a **drab** little bird compared to a male cardinal.

entire
en tîr'

adj. Having nothing left out; whole; complete.
I recited the **entire** Robert Frost poem from memory.

exclaim
eks klām'

v. To speak suddenly and with strong feeling.
"Today was the worst day of my life!" she exclaimed.
exclamation (eks klēmā' shən) *n.* A sharp cry of strong feeling.
Grandpa's **exclamation** of pain sent me rushing to his side.

exquisite
ek skwîz' it

adj. Finely done or made; very beautiful.
The **exquisite** wood carvings on the museum door came from the island of Bali.

intend
in tend'

v. To plan; to have in mind.
I **intend** to give a piano recital on Monday.
intention *n.* An aim, plan, or purpose.
It was Thea's **intention** to open a bookstore, but she decided to go to engineering school instead.



jeer jir	<p><i>v.</i> To speak or cry out in scorn; to mock. My brother told me to ignore the older boys if they jeered when I sang.</p> <p><i>n.</i> Something said that is meant to hurt or insult. An umpire soon learns to ignore the jeers of the crowd.</p>
peer pir	<p><i>v.</i> To look closely; to stare, especially at something that is hard to see or to understand. Ahmed peered at the sign, trying to read what it said.</p>
progress pră' grəs	<p><i>n.</i> 1. Moving toward a goal. The stormy sea slowed the small boat's progress.</p> <p>2. An improvement. I am finally making some progress mastering the new computer program.</p> <p><i>v.</i> (prə gres') 1. To move forward. Work on the new bridge progressed at a faster pace when the weather improved.</p> <p>2. To advance to a higher stage; to improve. Manuel progressed so fast on the tuba that he got into the school band.</p>
refine ri fin'	<p><i>v.</i> To make pure by removing all unwanted matter. We take oil from deep inside the earth and refine it into gasoline.</p> <p>refined <i>adj.</i> 1. In a pure state. Refined flour has a lot of the wheat germ removed.</p> <p>2. Having good manners and good taste. He was a noisy and rude boy, but as a young man he is gentle and refined.</p>
scoundrel skoun' drəl	<p><i>n.</i> A mean or wicked person. Thank heavens the police caught the scoundrel who stole my wallet.</p>
uneasy un ē' zē	<p><i>adj.</i> Not comfortable; worried or nervous. I felt uneasy walking down the dark street until I observed a police officer on the corner.</p>
vain vān	<p><i>adj.</i> 1. Having too high an opinion of one's looks or achievements. Charlie is so vain he has a full-length mirror in every room.</p> <p>2. Without success. The firefighters made a vain attempt to keep the fire from spreading.</p> <p>in vain <i>adv.</i> Without success or result; useless. All my hand-waving was in vain—the teacher never called on me.</p>