



Lesson 10

ail
āɪ
v. To cause sickness, pain, or trouble.
"What **ails** you?" the doctor asked.

ailment *n.* An illness; a disease.
Measles is a common childhood **ailment**.

ailing *adj.* In poor health.
I have been **ailing** all winter.

banish
ba' nish
v. 1. To force someone out of the country.
When the tsars ruled Russia, lawbreakers were **banished** to Siberia.
2. To get rid of completely.
Joe was such a cheerful person, he **banished** gloom wherever he went.

communicate
kə myōō' ni kāt
v. To make known; to give or exchange information.
Since I hate to write letters, we **communicate** mostly by telephone.
communication (kə myōō ni kā' shən) *n.* The exchange of information between people.
The misunderstanding was caused by a lack of **communication** between us.
communicative *adj.* Willing to speak; eager to talk.
When I asked her where she had been, she was not very **communicative**, replying only, "Out."

console
kən sōl'
v. To make less sad; to comfort.
My parents tried to **console** me when my best friend moved away.
consolation (kən sə lā' shən) *n.* Comfort.
I knew I could always turn to my aunt for **consolation** whenever I was upset.

cower
kou' ər
v. To shrink from, as if from fear.
When I saw the poor dog **cower**, I knew its master was cruel.

deliberate
di li' bə rət
adj. Carefully thought out; not hasty.
Although my mother was angry, she spoke in a calm and **deliberate** manner.
v. (di li' bərāt) To think carefully in order to make up one's mind.
We **deliberated** a long time before deciding to move to Arizona.



depth depth	<p><i>n.</i> Distance from top to bottom or front to back; deepness. The floodwaters reached a depth of several feet.</p> <p>depths <i>n. pl.</i> The innermost part or the deepest part. The treasure chest lay buried in the depths of the sea.</p>
desire di zīr'	<p><i>v.</i> To wish for; to want very much. A person who is famished desires just one thing—food!</p> <p><i>n.</i> A strong wish. Pizarro's desire for gold was so great he ordered the Inca king, Atahualpa, to fill three rooms with it.</p> <p>desirable <i>adj.</i> Pleasing, agreeable. My new school is in a very desirable location.</p>
livelihood līv' lē hood	<p><i>n.</i> The means of supporting oneself. The storekeepers in Key West depend on tourists for their livelihood.</p>
misfortune mis fōr' chən	<p><i>n.</i> 1. Bad luck; trouble. He had the misfortune to break his leg right before the big game.</p> <p>2. An unlucky event. The 1992 hurricane was Florida's worst misfortune in many years.</p>
orphan ôr' fən	<p><i>n.</i> A child whose parents are dead. Tom Sawyer lived with his Aunt Polly because he was an orphan.</p>
precipice pre' sə pəs	<p><i>n.</i> A very high and steep cliff. We stood watchfully on the edge of the precipice and looked down.</p> <p>precipitous (pri si' pə təs) <i>adj.</i> 1. Very steep. The Two-Mile Terror ski trail has many precipitous slopes.</p> <p>2. Hasty; abrupt; done without careful thought. Joining the Navy so suddenly was a precipitous act.</p>
regain ri gān'	<p><i>v.</i> To get back. By following the doctor's orders, I slowly regained my health.</p>
slay slā	<p><i>v.</i> To kill violently. (slain, past participle) The scene where Saint George slays the dragon comes right at the end of the play.</p>
symptom simp' təm	<p><i>n.</i> A sign of something. Headaches can be a symptom of eyestrain.</p>