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## Level 4 • Word List

### Lesson 12

**ability**
ə bi´ lə te
*n.* Power or knowledge; skill.
Lani's **ability** to do math problems in her head astounded her teacher.

**amiable**
ā´ mē ə bəl
*adj.* Friendly; good natured and pleasant.
My uncle's **amiable** manner put my friends at ease right away.

**bliss**
blis
*n.* Complete joy or happiness.
My idea of **bliss** is an afternoon on the river with my fishing rod.

**blissful** *adj.* Very happy; joyful.
The proud parents wore **blissful** smiles as they watched their son graduate.

**caress**
kə res´
*v.* To touch in a tender or loving way.
Sean **caressed** the baby's forehead gently as it lay sleeping.

*n.* A tender or loving touch or hug.
The kitten brushing against my cheek felt like a **caress.**

**clutch**
kluch
*v.* To grasp or hold tightly to.
Kabir **clutched** his teddy bear as he climbed into the dentist's chair.

*n.* The part of a machine that connects and disconnects the power from the rest of the machine.
Before changing gears in a standard shift car, first step on the **clutch.**

**coax**
kōks
*v.* To persuade or urge in a gentle way.
I **coaxed** my baby sister into holding my hand as we crossed the street.

**furious**
fyoor´ ē əs
*adj.* 1. Very, very angry.
The emperor was **furious** when he realized how the two "tailors" had tricked him.

2. Very fast, strong, or wild.
I was confused by the **furious** activity going on in the kitchen.

**fury** *n.* 1. Great anger.
Mark's uneasiness turned to **fury** when he learned how completely he had been tricked.

2. Wild and uncontrolled force.
The **fury** of the storm was far greater than had been forecast.


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**gesture**
jes´ chər

*n.* 1. A movement of the arm or hand.
The president waved his arm in a farewell **gesture** before boarding Air Force One.

2. Something done to show one's feelings.
Asking you to the birthday party was Dolores's **gesture** of friendship.

*v.* To make a movement of the arm or hand.
The coach **gestured** to the players on the bench to join her on the field.

**mope**
mōp

*v.* To be sad and gloomy; to lose interest in the things that usually bring pleasure.
As the long, hot summer days went on and I still had no job, I began to **mope.**

**prefer**
pri fər´

*v.* To like better; to choose first.
Which do you **prefer,** chocolate or vanilla?

**preference** (pre´ fər əns) *n.* That which is preferred.
If you don't have a **preference,** I'll choose the movie.

**recover**
ri kuv´ ər

*v.* 1. To get back to a normal state; to get well again.
Patrizia soon **recovered** from the flu.

2. To get back what was lost or stolen.
It cost a hundred dollars to **recover** my car after it was towed.

**recovery** *n.* 1. A return to a normal state.
Dr. Holberg was surprised at the speed of my **recovery.**

2. The act of getting back what was lost or stolen.
The museum is offering a reward for the **recovery** of the missing painting.

**replace**
ri plās´

*v.* 1. To take the place of.
Who will **replace** Mr. Myers when he leaves the school?

2. To put back in place.
When you are through with the encyclopedias, let the librarian **replace** them on the shelves.

**replacement** *n.* A person or thing that takes the place of another.
If the water pump cannot be repaired, the plumber will order a **replacement** for us.

**request**
ri kwest´

*v.* To ask for.
I **requested** a chocolate cake with cherry frosting for my birthday.

*n.* The thing asked for.
The band leader agreed to play our **request.**


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**separate**
se´ pər āt

*v.* To set or keep apart.
Whenever the twins start fighting, my mother **separates** them.

*adj.* (se´ pər ət) Not together; not joined.
The twins asked if they could have **separate** bedrooms.

**shun**
shun

*v.* To take special pains to avoid; to keep away from.
Leon ceased his bullying when his classmates started to **shun** him.


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