



Lesson 11

annual
an' yōō əl

adj. Happening every year.
Somerville's **annual** town meeting is in March.

n. 1. A plant that lives for one year.
Impatiens is my favorite **annual**.

2. A book that comes out once a year.
I save all my NFL football **annuals**.

artificial
är tə fish' əl

adj. Made by human beings and not by nature.
My aunt Rosa says she can taste the difference between **artificial** sweeteners and real sugar.

blend
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v. 1. To come or mix together into one.
Make sure you **blend** the butter and sugar before you add the flour.

2. To go together.
The painter chose colors that **blend** well.

n. A mixture.
Mocha is a **blend** of chocolate and coffee.

bore
bôr

v. 1. To make a round hole in by drilling.
If you **bore** a hole in the wood first, you won't split it when you put in the screw.

2. To tire by being dull and uninteresting.
The yawns of my listeners told me I was beginning to **bore** them.

n. A dull and uninteresting person.
He tells that same joke so often that he is becoming a terrible **bore**.

boring *adj.* Dull and uninteresting.
She sometimes stretches the facts a little, but her stories are never **boring**.

boredom *n.* A state of being bored.
When heads began to nod and eyes to close, you could tell **boredom** had set in.

considerable
kən sid' ə r ə bəl

adj. Great; large.
Although my grandmother's house is a **considerable** distance from town, she walks to the post office there every day.



crude krōōd	<p><i>adj.</i> 1. Raw; in an unrefined state. Refineries turn crude oil into gasoline.</p> <p>2. Roughly made. Andrea drew me a crude map with a crayon on a scrap of paper.</p> <p>3. Ill-mannered. As we walked back from school, we tried to ignore their crude remarks.</p>
evaporate i va' pə rāt	<p><i>v.</i> 1. To change from water into steam or vapor. The water in the kettle boiled so long that it all evaporated.</p> <p>2. To disappear. By the third day on the mountain, our hopes of being rescued began to evaporate.</p>
foliage fō' lē ij	<p><i>n.</i> The leaves of trees and other plants. The house at the end of the road was completely hidden by foliage.</p>
gash gash	<p><i>n.</i> A long, deep cut. When Liza slipped on the rocks, she had to go to the hospital to have the gash in her leg stitched up.</p>
hue hyōō	<p><i>n.</i> A color; especially a shade of color. The poppies in Monet's paintings stand out because of their vivid reddish-orange hue.</p>
increase in krēs'	<p><i>v.</i> To make or become larger; to add to. I'm going to ask my mother to increase my allowance on my next birthday.</p> <p><i>n.</i> (in' krēs) The amount by which something gets larger. A wet spring usually means an increase in the number of mosquitoes.</p>
nourish nūr' ish	<p><i>v.</i> To feed; to support or make grow. We nourish our bodies best by eating a diet of fruits, vegetables, and grains.</p> <p>nourishment <i>n.</i> Anything that feeds or helps to make grow. When I had the flu, the only nourishment I could take was clear chicken broth.</p>
vary ver' ē	<p><i>v.</i> To make or have a change in. The length of a calendar month varies between twenty-eight and thirty-one days.</p> <p>variation (ver ē ā' shən) <i>n.</i> A change in form, position, or condition. There isn't much variation between the summer and the winter temperatures where my grandfather lives.</p>

vision
vi'zhən

n. 1. Eyesight.

If you are lucky enough to have 20/20 **vision**, you'll be able to see well.

2. Something seen in the mind, especially of the future.

The founders of the United Nations had a **vision** of a world without hunger or war.

visual *adj.* Of or used in seeing.

As a **visual** aid, the speaker projected pictures onto a large screen.

yield
yēld

v. 1. To give up someone or something; to surrender.

Congress finally **yielded** to the president's demands and passed the budget.

2. To produce.

Twenty gallons of milk will **yield** about one pound of butter.

n. The amount produced.

The farmer told us that you can expect a **yield** of about fifty pounds of fruit from each apple tree.