

# Lesson 13

## Word List

Study the definitions of the words. Then do the exercises that follow.

**ardent** *adj.* Intensely eager; passionate.

In spite of Miriam's **ardent** praise of Dontrell, I was not convinced of his ability.

**ardor** *n.* Passionate intensity of feeling.

Romeo's **ardor** led him to take great risks to see his beloved Juliet.

**assail** *v.* 1. To attack violently or verbally.

Critics **assailed** the book when it first appeared, but the reading public loved it.

2. To trouble in the mind.

During the **test**, feelings of guilt **assailed** Miranda as she peeked at the answers she had written on her hand.

Talk to your partner about a time when worries **assailed** you.

**asset** *n.* Anything owned that is of value and can be sold or otherwise disposed of.

The late Mr. Kim's **assets** include a valuable coin collection.

2. A quality that can be used to advantage.

Height can be a great **asset** in a basketball player.

Tell your partner what you think is your strongest **asset**.

**barter** *v.* To exchange goods or services without the use of money.

Instead of taking cash for fixing the Walkers' garage window, DeRay **bartered**

for a batch of their famous gumbo.

*n.* The exchange of goods or services without the use of money.

Commerce is conducted by **barter** in some rural areas, where many people have more fruits and vegetables than they can use themselves.

**bonanza** *n.* A source of great wealth; something that brings great riches.

The discovery of gold in 1848 was a **bonanza** for the newly acquired territory that would become the state of California.

**contagious** *adj.* Able to be passed easily from one person to another.

They say that laughter is **contagious**.

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**deter** *v.* To discourage or prevent from taking action.

Yesterday's rough seas **deterred** the divers from exploring the sunken ship.

**deterrent** *n.* Anything that prevents or discourages.

A "Keep Off" sign acts as a **deterrent** against trespassers.

Tell your partner one **deterrent** to dropping out of school before graduating.

**flair** *n.* A natural gift or ability; a talent.

The comedian's **flair** for bantering with audience members has made him a popular entertainer.

**forfeit** *v.* To be forced to give up or lose.

If you leave the stadium before the end of the concert, you **forfeit** the right to return.

*n.* Something lost or given up as a result of an error or failing.

You have to pay a **forfeit** if you can't answer the question.

**innovation** *n.* Something new; a new way of doing something.

Adding apps to cell phones was an **innovation** that transformed cell-phone technology.

**innovative** (*in'nevātiv*) *adj.* Marked by freshness or originality; willing to try new things.

Companies succeed by being **innovative** and keeping up with the latest technology.

Tell your partner to come up with an **innovative** idea for your school.

Work with your partner to come up with an **innovative** idea for your school.

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**mania** *n.* An intense or extreme enthusiasm or excitement.

The trendy new video-game system caused a **mania** in toy stores.

Tell your partner about something you have a **mania** for.

**stymie** *v.* To thwart; to make difficulties for or find problems with.

Rosa's efforts to start her own lawn-mowing business were **stymied** when the mower kept breaking down.

**synonymous** *adj.* alike or close in meaning; closely related.  
si'nom'ēəs

The company boasts that its name is synonymous with quality.

Say a word to your partner that is synonymous with the word sweet.

**wrangle** *v.* To quarrel in a noisy or angry way.  
rāg'el

Sue and Mario wrangled over whose turn it was to cut the grass.

## 13A

### Finding Meanings

Choose two phrases to form a sentence that correctly uses a word from Word List 13. Then write the sentence.

1. (a) is to recover it.  
(b) is to consider it.  
  
2. (a) a new method or improvement.  
(b) An innovation is  
  
3. (a) To be stymied  
(b) To be contagious  
  
4. (a) anything that discourages or prevents.  
(b) A deterrent is  
  
5. (a) Ardor is  
(b) Barter is  
  
6. (a) is to receive it.  
(b) To assail something  
  
7. (a) A bonanza is  
(b) A flair is  
  
8. (a) is to use it up or exhaust it.  
(b) To forfeit something  
  
9. (a) To be contagious is to be  
(b) To be synonymous is to be  
  
10. (a) To barter is to  
(b) quarrel or argue.  
  
11. (a) is to have to give it up.  
(b) To barter something  
  
12. (a) of unknown authorship.  
(b) passed easily to others.  
  
13. (a) To wrangle is to  
(b) help or encourage.

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## 13B Just the Right Word

Replace each phrase in bold with a single word (or form of the word) from the wordlist.

1. To Sid's mom, motorcycles and danger are **closely related in her mind**.
2. Maisie is **thinking about** what job she wants this summer.
3. "I don't understand this **intense excitement** for shopping," Jamie said crossly.
4. Don't let a minor setback **keep** you from doing what is best for you.
5. The twins began to **quarrel in a noisy manner** over whose turn it was.
6. The ability to identify with voters' concerns is a great quality that can be **used to advantage** when running for public office.
7. The society had no need of money as it survived economically by **exchanging goods and services with others**.
8. The poet's admirers are all **full of passionate intensity** in their support.
9. If the defendant does not show up, the money he paid to the court is **kept by those who were holding it**.
10. When it comes to making friends, Li-Mei has a real **ability that seems to come naturally to her**.

## 13C Applying Meanings

Circle the letter of letters next to each correct answer. There may be more than one correct answer.

1. Which of the following were at one time considered an **innovation**?  
(a) parents      (c) computers  
(b) waterfalls    (d) radio
2. Which of the following might be a **deterrent** to someone?  
(a) threats of punishment      (c) offers of friendship  
(b) hope of reward              (d) fear of failure
3. Which of the following might exhibit **ardor**?  
(a) an advocate      (c) a fanatic  
(b) a painting              (d) a connoisseur
4. Which of the following can **stymie** someone?  
(a) a problem      (c) a riddle  
(b) a bonanza       (d) an equation
5. For which of the following might one have a **flair**?  
(a) languishing in prison      (c) taking out the trash  
(b) impersonating celebrities    (d) hot-air ballooning
6. Which of the following could **assail** someone?  
(a) doubts      (c) fears  
(b) blows
7. Which of the following can be an **asset**?  
(a) money      (c) a gold watch  
(b) good health
8. Which of the following could be **bartered**?  
(a) food      (c) cash  
(b) labor       (d) a table

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## More Than Just a Pretty Flower

Vocabulary in Context

13E

Read the passage.

The Winkele family lived in the town of Alkmaar in Holland. There were Mr. Winkele himself, his wife, Elsabéth, and their seven children. Winkele had a flat for business, and the family was well provided for. He kept a very large shop to care for.

Elisabeth died, leaving her husband a widower with three boys and four young in Holland. Sadly, someone between 1631 and 1635 (the date is uncertain), in Alkmaar and also raised tulips, which were just then becoming fashionable in Holland. Sadly, some time between 1631 and 1635 (the date is uncertain),

More misfortune was to follow; in 1636, Mr. Winkele died. In those days, it was not uncommon for children to lose both parents, and in fact, the tulip bulb plants planted several years earlier. In the spring of 1636, just before he died, records show that he owned about seventy bulbs, priced for their rarity and beauty, as well as a number of lesser varieties. Several years earlier, the tulip bulb plants had been the trend, worth every little, and his patch of tulips to care for.

Winkele's assets had been the reverse, worth very little, and his patch of tulip bulb plants had been the trend, as more people saw a rare opportunity to get rich. Prices could double in a week. It was important to act quickly. Soon, single bulbs were selling for hundreds, then thousands of guilders. This was at a time when a carpenter's annual earnings were about 250 guilders. Then it was just a matter of waiting for the price to double; when pay the balance at a later date, a person could buy a bulb worth a thousand guilders. That happened, the bulb could be sold for a profit of a thousand guilders. A carpenter could make as much in a week as he could by working for four years! Regretfully, this is a few times and he could now contemplate a life of ease. To raise the hundred guilders, of course, he had to sell his tools.

enhance / improve	that Millie hardly ever leaves the house these days.
13D	immediately.
discern / detect	it pattered.
8. I _____ my sister from coming in my room by locking the door.	all but
9. The high admission standards are designed to _____ the most gifted applicants.	a
10. After staring at the puzzle for a while, I began to _____ a pattern.	pattern.
11. If there's carbon monoxide present, this gadget will _____ it immediately.	detect
12. I _____ that Millie hardly ever leaves the house these days.	enhance / improve
13. They decided to _____ the journey by going first-class.	enhance / improve
14. A course in etiquette would _____ her manners.	enhance / improve
15. A new kitchen will certainly _____ the value of your home.	enhance / improve



1. Trade meant wealth for Holland. Give some examples of what wealth brought.
2. Explain how the rise in price of tulips gave workers a new future to contemplate.
3. Greeted is contagious! The number of buyers increased rapidly even as the tulip craze now became evident. Those who had been indifferent to the supply of tulips remained unchanged. Those who had been buying of business, or of tulips for that matter, but that did not deter buyers.
4. Did Willemel have good business sense?
5. What does contagious mean as it is used in the passage?
6. What should have deterred bidders at the bulb auctions?
7. When did the mania for tulip sales reach its height?
8. What happened to the order of bidders after this date?
9. If bulb traders were assailed by doubts, how did that affect the business?
10. The word **styrene** originated in golf. It means "an object that obstructs a ball". What **stylized** bulb trade?
11. What did many **forefet**?

wrangle
synonymous
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- ◀ Answer each of the following questions with a sentence. If a question does not contain a vocabulary word from the lesson's word list, use one in your answer. Use each word only once.
1. Before 1630, what were the Willemel family's assets?

The Willemel children were not involved in any of this **wrangle**. The **tronically**, Holland never lost its love for tulips. In fact, Holland and tulips are synonymous to this day, as any visitor to that country will tell you. But thousands of bewildered traders in the bulb business were ruined. Three boys and four little girls were rich, and their bonanza was secure. Almost immediately, those involved in the tulip trade were assailed by doubts. Surely, prices couldn't possibly go any higher. All at once everyone refused to take delivery and forefet their deposits. Those who had bartered in their efforts to settle accounts, **relinquished** their tulip bundles. **That night**, the tulip market to sell, and no one wanted to buy. Buyers and sellers were **stymied** in their efforts to settle accounts. Those who had previously agreed to buy wanted to take delivery and forefet their deposits. Those who had bartered in their homes for a tulip bulb were now homeless.

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## 12. How did some become homeless?

13. Before the trade collapsed, who enjoyed a bonanza?

14. What do you think the ruined traders were wrangling about?

15. If Holland is synonymous with tulips, what might Hawaii be synonymous with?

## Fun & Fascinating FACTS

- Don't confuse **flare** with its homophone **flare**, "a bright light used as a signal!"
  - As well as being a complete word by itself, **mania** attaches to a number of roots to form other words related to mental illness. These include **pyromania**, an uncontrollable desire to start fires; **kleptomania**, an uncontrollable desire to steal; and **trichotillomania**, an uncontrollable desire to pull out one's own hair.
  - **Wrangle** has an additional meaning to the one you learned from the word list, one that comes from the days of the Old West. To cowboy, **wrangling** meant "herding cattle." In fact, **wrangler** is another name for cowboy. If a dispute arose while doing their job, a pair of cowboys could **wrangle** cattle and **wrangle** with one another, even on horseback.