

**Chapter 16**

<b>adapt</b> (ə-dăpt')	-to become accustomed; to adjust to a situation After many years of being in Alaska, I found it hard to <b>adapt</b> to Arizona's hot climate.
<b>dismay</b> (dīs-mā')	-discouraged; make fearful or uneasy Alex was <b>dismayed</b> when he realized his zipper had been undone almost all day long.
<b>exile</b> (ĕg' zīl)	-a separation from one's homeland through force or choice Fernando fled his native country 30 years ago and has lived in <b>exile</b> ever since.
<b>gesture</b> (jĕs' chĕr)	-something said or done to show intention or attitude; a sign As a <b>gesture</b> of sympathy, my mother sent flowers to Milly when her husband died.
<b>recede</b> (rī-sĕd')	-to move back or away from a particular point or limit; to pull back The clouds finally began to <b>recede</b> , allowing the sun to warm the crowd at the football game.
<b>reciprocate</b> (rī-ċĭp' rĕ-kāt')	-to pay back; to do in return I've done many favors for Anne, but she never <b>reciprocates</b> by doing favors in return.
<b>refute</b> (rī-fyōōt')	-to show to be wrong; to prove wrong or false Some people were disappointed when photos of Mars <b>refuted</b> the idea that life existed there.
<b>retain</b> (rī-tān')	-to hold on to; to keep Plastic storage containers often <b>retain</b> the odors of food. I have one that still smells like chili.
<b>revert</b> (rī-vŭrt') jail	-to go back; to return to a previous habit or condition After his release from jail, Sam <b>reverted</b> to his old habits of stealing and ended up in jail again.
<b>ritual</b> (rīċh' ōō-əl)	- a ceremony; any actions done regularly in a set manner The <b>ritual</b> of giving May Day baskets in secret started in Europe during Pagan times.

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<b>elaborate</b> (ĭ-lăb' ər-ĭt)	-done with great attention to details; complicated The dinner required <b>elaborate</b> preparation; each course included a complicated dish.
<b>emerge</b> (ĭ-mŭrj')	-to rise up or come forth; to come out Anna <b>emerged</b> from the dressing room, looking beautiful in a blue prom dress.
<b>exotic</b> (ĭg-zōt' ĭk) sold.	-foreign; from a different part of the world; strange or different in an appealing way The kiwi fruit, grown in New Zealand, is one of several <b>exotic</b> fruits now commonly sold.
<b>frugal</b> (frōō' gəl) sale.	-thrifty; avoiding unnecessary expenses You can stretch your dollars by being <b>frugal</b> when you use coupons and buy things on sale.

- impulsive** -tending to act on sudden urges; not in the habit of planning ahead  
(ĩm-pŭl' sĭv) Brad is too **impulsive** to make plans. He always prefers to act on the spur of the moment.
- indifferent** -having no real interest; unconcerned with (something)  
(ĩn-dĭf' ər-ənt) Since her husband was **indifferent** to how the apartment would be decorated, Kathy felt free to do the job any way she wanted.
- indulgent** -giving in to someone's desires, often too much so  
(ĩn-dŭl' jənt) Monica's grandparents are too **indulgent** with her. They don't scold her even when she is being bad.
- liberal** -large in amount of quantity; generous  
(lĭb' ər-əl) Being a chocolate lover, Sally puts **liberal** amounts of chocolate chips in her cookies.
- mediocre** -average; ordinary; neither very bad nor very good  
(mē-dē-ō' kər) The mystery movie was neither terrible nor great; it was **mediocre**.
- notable** -famous; widely known; well-known  
(nō' tə-bəl) Winning the Nobel Prize can make a "little-known" scientist into a **notable** world figure.

## Chapter 18

- affirm** -to indicate to be true; to state with certainty  
(ə-fŭrm') Laura **affirmed** during the wedding ceremony that she would love and honor John.
- alleged** -supposed to be true or real, but not proved; assumed  
(ə-lĕjd') The **alleged** killer was never proven guilty in court, but many people believe he committed the crime.
- allude** -to hint at; to refer indirectly  
(ə-lōd') Regina **alluded** to Tim's weight gain by calling him "Santa."
- coerce** -to force  
(kō-ŭrs') Our gym teacher used to **coerce** us into doing 50 sit-up by refusing to let anyone leave until we all had finished.
- elite** -being or intended for the best or most privileged; superior; best  
(ĭ-lĕt') A high fence with a guard at the gate surrounds the **elite** neighborhood in town.
- essence** -the main part; the most important quality of something; the heart of the matter  
(ĕs' əns) Trust is the **essence** of a good relationship; without it, the relationship won't last.
- immunity** -freedom from something unpleasant or something required of others  
(ĩ-myōō' nĭ-tē) Foreign ambassadors often park in no-parking zones because they have **immunity** from parking fines.
- impair** -to harm; to damage, weaken  
(ĩm-pâr') Listening to loud music **impairs** hearing by damaging the inner ear.
- query** -to ask or question  
(kwēr' ē) Reporters repeatedly **queried** the president about taxes, but his only reply was "No comment."

**sadistic** -cruel; taking pleasure from being cruel  
(sə-dīs' tīk) The **sadistic** dentist enjoyed working on patients without using any form of Novocain to numb the pain.

## Chapter 19

**plausible** -believable; appearing truthful or reasonable  
(plô' zə-bəl) Since the universe is vast, it is quite **plausible** that there is life on other planets.

**provoke** -to anger, to stir up anger or resentment  
(prə-vōk') "Mr. Jackson **provoked** me by saying nasty things about my mother, so I hit him," Terry told the judge.

**recur** -to happen again or repeatedly  
(rī-kūr') Five-year-old Annie's nightmare of ghosts chasing her tends to **recur** at least once a week.

**reprimand** -a harsh scolding; a formal criticism  
(rēp' rə-mānd') As a child, when I misbehaved, my father gave me a verbal **reprimand**, but my mother would not hesitate to give me a slap on the rear end.

**revoke** -to cancel; to take away  
(rī-vōk') To avoid having his driver's license **revoked**, Arthur paid the \$467 he owed for all his speeding tickets.

**ridicule** -to make fun of; to mock  
(rīd' ī-kyōōl') Bob knew his friends would **ridicule** him if he wore an outfit with two different types of plaid.

**shrewd** -clever; tricky  
(shrōōd) Sherry is a **shrewd** chess player; she always surprises her opponent with clever winning moves.

**skeptical** -doubting; questioning  
(skēp' tī-kəl) I am **skeptical** about the articles on movie stars and space aliens in the supermarket tabloid.

**stereotype** -a commonly accepted image that is oversimplified, with no individuality  
(stēr' ē-ə-tīp') taken into account; an over simplified image  
Because not all members of a group are alike, **stereotypes** lead to inaccurate judgments of people.

**tactic** -a means to reach a goal; a method  
(tāk' tīc) The best **tactic** for keeping young children from fighting is to separate them.

## Chapter 20

**consequence** -a result; an effect  
(kōn' sī-kwēns) As a **consequence** of her heavy spending at the mall, Lily was short of cash until her next paycheck.

- destiny** -something bound to happen to someone; fate  
(dēs' tə-nē) Mark believes that he and Debbie were born for each other and that it was their **destiny** to meet.
- detain** -to delay; keep from continuing  
(dī-tān') Paul's history teacher **detained** him after class to speak to him privately about his grade.
- diminish** -to lessen, decrease, to become less  
(dī-mīn' īsh) After mother yelled, "Turn that thing down!" the sound from the stereo **diminished** from a roar to a soft hum.
- procrastinate** -to put off doing something until later  
(prō-krās' tə-nāt) Morgan **procrastinated** so long on her National History Day project that she received an F because she slapped it together two days before the assignment was due.
- simultaneous** -happening or done at the same time  
(sī' məl-tā 'nē-əs) Lightening and thunder don't seem to be **simultaneous** –we see the lightening before we hear the thunder.
- strategy** -a method; overall plan  
(strāt' ə-jē) The best **strategy** for teaching children manners is for adults to use good manners themselves.
- tedious** -boring; uninteresting because of great length, slowness, or repetition  
(tē' dē-əs) **Tedious** chores, like washing dishes, are less boring if you do them while listening to the radio.
- transaction** -a business deal or action; exchange of money, goods, or services  
(trān-sāk' shən) **Transactions** at flea markets often involve bargaining.
- vital** -essential; necessary; extremely important  
(vīt' l) Water is **vital** to the survival of all living things.