

LESSON 10

Vigilate et orate.

Watch and pray.—Matthew 26:41

Key Words

auspicious
introspection
retrospect

specimen
specter
spectrum
speculate

surveillance
vigil
vigilant

Familiar Words

aspect
conspicuous
despise
expect
inspect
perspective
prospect
species
specific
spectacle
respect

Challenge Word
prospectus

SPECTO, SPECTARE, SPECTAVI, SPECTATUM

<L. "to look at"



1. **auspicious** (ô spîsh'əs) [*auspicium* <L. "foretelling the future by bird signs"]

adj. Showing signs that promise success.

The sunny morning was an **auspicious** beginning for our class picnic.

auspiciously, *adv.*

2. **introspection** (in'trə spēk'shən) [*intro* <L. "within," "inward"]

n. Examination of one's own thoughts and feelings.

Experience may help us to understand others, but without **introspection** we will never understand our own motives.

introspective, *adj.*; **introspectively**, *adv.*

3. **retrospect** (rēt'rə spēkt') [*retro* <L. "backward"]

n. A survey of past times or events.

In **retrospect** I wish I had chosen an instrument like the flute when I joined the band rather than this heavy, awkward tuba.

retrospection, *n.*; **retrospective**, *n.*; **retrospective**, *adj.*

4. **specimen** (spēs'ə mən)

n. A single thing that is taken as an example of a whole category.

The *Apollo* astronauts gathered **specimens** of rock to determine the chemical composition of the moon.

5. **specter** (spĕk'tər)

n. 1. A ghost.

Local legend claims that the **specter** of a jilted lover haunts the chapel.

2. A haunting fear of future trouble.

After hail destroyed the corn crop, the **specter** of famine loomed over the village.

spectral, *adj.*

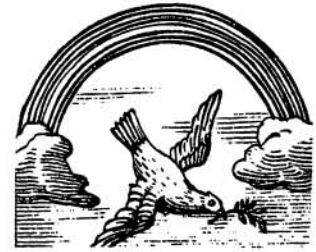
6. **spectrum** (spĕk'trəm); (plural **spectra**, **spectrums**)

n. 1. The distribution of characteristics of a physical system, especially bands of colors seen as a rainbow or bands of differing sound waves.

Light refracted through a crystal shows all the colors of the **spectrum**.

2. A wide range of related qualities or ideas.

Congress represents a wide **spectrum** of opinion.

7. **speculate** (spĕk'yə lāt)

intr. v. 1. To form opinions without definite knowledge or evidence.

Human beings have long **speculated** about life on other planets.

2. To buy or sell something to make a profit but with risk of loss.

She made and then lost a fortune **speculating** on the stock market.

speculation, *n.*; **speculative**, *adj.*; **speculator**, *n.*

Familiar Word
vigilante

VIGILO, VIGILARE, VIGILAVI, VIGILATUM <L. "to watch"8. **surveillance** (sər vā'ləns)

[*sur* <French "over" from *super* <L. "over"]

n. Supervision or close observation, especially of a suspected person.

As soon as a candidate for President of the United States is nominated, he or she is immediately placed under Secret Service **surveillance**.

surveillant, *adj.*

9. **vigil** (vij'əl)

n. A period of staying awake to keep watch or to pray.

Challenge Word
veille

Because of her nightly **vigils** at the bedsides of dying soldiers during the Crimean War, the nursing pioneer Florence Nightingale became known as "The Lady with the Lamp."

10. **vigilant** (vĭj'ə lənt)
adj. Watchful; on the lookout for danger.

The **vigilant** red-tailed hawks attacked any intruders that approached their nest.

vigilance, *n.*; **vigilantly**, *adv.*



EXERCISE 10A

Circle the letter of the best SYNONYM (the word or phrase most nearly the same as the word in bold-faced type).

- an all-night **vigil** a. party b. punishment period c. wakeful period d. danger period e. contention
- to **speculate on** the election results a. deny b. argue about c. infringe on d. explain away e. meditate on
- to keep under **surveillance** a. lock and key b. infraction c. suspicion d. an illusion e. close watch
- his **introspective** mood a. shy b. meditative c. cheerful d. irritable e. visionary

Circle the letter of the best ANTONYM (the word or phrase most nearly opposite the word in bold-faced type).

- a(n) **auspicious** sign a. foreboding b. incautious c. terrifying d. illegible e. introspective
- the **vigilant** sentry a. cautious b. alert c. unwatchful d. introverted e. ghostly
- her **retrospective** point of view a. forward-looking b. modest c. fearful d. inward-looking e. delightful

EXERCISE 10B

Circle the letter of the sentence in which the word in bold-faced type is used incorrectly.

- Light passing through a prism breaks into the **spectrum** of colors.
 - In Willa Cather's novel *My Ántonia* we find the whole social **spectrum** of American frontier life from wealthy farmers to poor immigrants.
 - The human ear can register only a narrow **spectrum** sounds.
 - A **spectrum** helps those with weak eyes to see more clearly.

2.
 - a. People like to **speculate** on traveling through time.
 - b. The safest **speculation** is to bury your money in the garden.
 - c. Columbus thought his **speculations** about how to reach India were proven correct when he discovered the New World.
 - d. Madame C.J. Walker amassed a fortune by **speculating** in cosmetic products and beauty salons.
3.
 - a. You can't **specter** me with your threats.
 - b. The **specter** of poverty made the family careful about every penny they spent.
 - c. Hamlet encounters the **specter** of his dead father, who urges him to avenge his "murder most foul."
 - d. Our December vacation was darkened by the **specter** of January exams.
4.
 - a. The **retrospective** exhibit of Imogen Cunningham's photographs showed her works from the last fifty years.
 - b. In **retrospect** for your grandparents, don't argue during their visit.
 - c. Seeing your errors is far easier in **retrospect**.
 - d. The school yearbook makes a **retrospective** summary of the year's events.
5.
 - a. The doctors tested **specimens** of blood and urine from all contestants for evidence of drugs.
 - b. The dog show champion should be a perfect **specimen** of its breed.
 - c. By examining the **specimens** of animal tracks around the water hole, the hunters could tell which direction the wounded lion had taken.
 - d. **Specimens** of basketry from the Pomo people of California show this craft to have been highly developed.

EXERCISE 10C

Fill in each blank with the most appropriate word from Lesson 10. Use a word or any of its forms only once.

1. Many religions encourage self-knowledge through meditation and _____.
2. Although police had the house under constant _____, the suspect managed to escape disguised as a Saint Bernard.
3. Every year at the anniversary of their guru's death, disciples kept a day-long _____ at the tomb.
4. Because they wish to harm no living things, Buddhist monks walk _____ly to avoid stepping on insects.

5. Steffi Graf's talent, training, and record made her a(n) _____ contender for the world tennis championship.
6. The botanical garden is trying to obtain at least one _____ of every native American tree.
7. The _____ of nuclear war threatened the late twentieth century.

REVIEW EXERCISES FOR LESSONS 9 AND 10

1 Fill in the blanks or circle the letter of the best answer.

1. *videre* : *ostendere* : :
 - a. to look at : to watch
 - b. to see : to exhibit
 - c. revise : revoke
 - d. *spectare* : *vigilare*
 - e. to look at : to exhibit
2. improvise : rehearse : :
 - a. auspicious : promising
 - b. vigilant : watchful
 - c. ostentatious : modest
 - d. ostensible : obvious
 - e. refute : repartee
3. introspection : retrospection : :
 - a. impose : repose
 - b. inspect : expect
 - c. specter : ghost
 - d. within : backward
 - e. look : see
4. Three familiar words that derive from the root *spectare* are _____, _____, and _____.
5. *Re* can mean both _____ and _____.
6. *Advise*, *invisible*, *preview*, and *supervise* all derive from the root _____, which means _____.

2 Matching: Seated next to you at a party is someone who could be described by the phrase in the left-hand column. On the line at the left, write the letter of the adjective that expresses the same qualities.

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| _____ 1. Someone who doesn't reveal a lot about himself or herself | A. improvisatory |
| _____ 2. Someone wearing many jewels who talks to you about owning yachts and airplanes | B. auspicious |
| _____ 3. Someone who speaks more often about the past than the future | C. vigilant |
| _____ 4. Someone lost in deep personal thoughts | D. retrospective |
| _____ 5. Someone who keeps a constantly watchful eye on a very active child | E. spectral |
| _____ 6. Someone who is as pale as a ghost | F. introspective |
| _____ 7. Someone who tells you about her dreams for the future | G. reticent |
| | H. visionary |
| | I. ostentatious |

3 Writing or Discussion Activities

- Write a short dialogue that illustrates *repartee*. Your characters may be real or imaginary.
- Write sentences using any *two* words from each group.
 - specter, reticent, ostensible, vigil
 - repertoire, refute, ostentatious, reticent
- Describe in a sentence a situation in which you have had to *improvise*. Use *improvise* or one of its related forms in your sentence.
- Describe in a brief paragraph the clothing, room, or behavior of an *ostentatious* person. Use *ostentatious* or one of its related forms in your paragraph.
- Describe in a few sentences a setting that would invite *repose* and *introspection*. Use either word in your description.