

LESSONS 11 AND 12

The Other Senses

LESSON 11

Ad astra per aspera.

To the stars through difficulties.

Key Words		
ad hoc	evoke	redolent
admonish	olfactory	resonate
advocate	provocative	sonic
assimilate		vociferous

AD <L. "to," "toward"

NOTA BENE: When *ad* comes before roots beginning with certain letters, it changes, as the following examples illustrate:

before <i>c</i>	<i>ac</i>	<i>accustom</i>	before <i>n</i>	<i>an</i>	<i>annex</i>
before <i>f</i>	<i>af</i>	<i>affix</i>	before <i>q</i>	<i>ac</i>	<i>acquaintance</i>
before <i>g</i>	<i>ag</i>	<i>aggression</i>	before <i>r</i>	<i>ar</i>	<i>arrest</i>
before <i>l</i>	<i>al</i>	<i>allure</i>	before <i>s</i>	<i>as</i>	<i>associate</i>

Knowing this rule can help improve your spelling!

Familiar Words

access
 accord
 account
 accrue
 addict
 adhere
 adjective
 adjoin
 admit
 adverb
 aggravate
 allure
 annex
 arrest
 assail
 assist

Challenge Words

accredit
 acquiesce
 ad lib
 ad nauseam
 adverse
 advocate
 aggression
 alleviate
 alliterate
 annul
 array

1. **ad hoc** (ăd hŏk') [L. "toward this"]
adj. For a specific purpose or situation.

The **ad hoc** campaign committee will disband after the election.

2. **admonish** (ăd mŏn'ish)
 [monere <L. "to advise"]
tr. v. 1. To scold gently but firmly.

Our camp counselor **admonished** us to quit talking and go to sleep.



2. To caution; to warn.

Although **admonished** by the ranger to keep to the trail, the hikers set off cross-country and were soon lost.

admonition, *n.*; **admonitory**, *adj.*

3. **assimilate** (ə sĭm'ə lāt) [*simulare* <L. "to stimulate"]
v. 1. To take in and make a part of the body; to digest.

The body **assimilates** sugars and carbohydrates rapidly, but proteins and fats require longer digestion.

2. To cause to become similar or part of a whole.

America's "melting pot" society has **assimilated** cultures from every part of the globe.

assimilation, *n.*; **assimilative**, *adj.*; **assimilator**, *n.*

NOTA BENE: Although *ad* usually appears in English as a prefix, several phrases retain *ad* as a separate word. Like *ad hoc*, many of these phrases are related to time and money:

- *ad infinitum*—"to the point of infinity" or "endlessly."
- *ad libitum* or its abbreviation *ad lib*—"done freely and without planning" or "off the cuff."
- *ad nauseam*—"to the point of disgust" or "excessively."
- *ad valorem*—"in proportion to the value of something."

Other *ad* phrases relate to rhetoric, the art of public speaking, a skill the Romans considered essential to every educated person. In particular these phrases with *ad* describe certain kinds of good and bad arguments:

- *ad hominem*—"appealing to personal interests such as a person's prejudices or individual advantage, rather than to reason."
- *ad rem*—"to the point."

In most cases these *ad* phrases have been carried over from Latin into English because the Latin phrase is more concise than its English translation.

OLEO, OLERE, OLUI <L. "to smell"

4. **olfactory** (ōl fāk'tər ē, ōl fāk'trē) [*facere* <L. "to make"]
adj. Pertaining to the sense of smell.

Expert perfumers have such a developed **olfactory** sense that they can identify the various scents in a complex fragrance.

olfaction, *n.*

5. **redolent** (rĕd'ə lənt)
adj. 1. Smelling strongly.

After we made lasagna, the kitchen was **redolent** of garlic.

2. Full of memories.

My grandparents' attic is **redolent** of my childhood afternoons spent reading there.

redolence, *n.*; **redolently**, *adv.*

Familiar Words
consonant
resound
sonnet
sound
unison

SONO, SONARE, SONUI, SONITUM <L. "to sound"

6. **resonate** (rĕz'ə nāt) [*re* <L. "back," "again"]
intr. v. To produce or show sound vibrations; to echo or resound.

Rubbing the rim of a crystal glass causes it to **resonate**.

resonance, *n.*; **resonant**, *adj.*

Challenge Words
assonance
dissonance

7. **sonic** (sŏn'ik)
adj. Pertaining to sound waves or audible sounds.

Jets create a **sonic** boom when they break the so-called sound barrier.

Familiar Words
revoke
vocal
vocation
voice
vouch
vowel

VOCO, VOCARE, VOCAVI, VOCATUM
<L. "to call"

8. **advocate** (ăd'və kāt) [*ad* <L. "to," "toward"]
tr. v. To speak in favor of something; to recommend.

The Mexican rebel Emiliano Zapata **advocated** the rights of peasant farmers against powerful landlords.

n. A person who argues, supports, or defends a cause.

The Grimke sisters, Sarah and Angelina, were nineteenth-century **advocates** of political equality for women.



Challenge Words

avocation
convocation
equivocal
evocative
invoke

9. **evoke** (ĭ vōk') [*e* = *ex* <L. "from," "out of"]
tr. v. 1. To summon or call forth; to inspire.

The taste of a madeleine, a buttery cookie, **evoked** memories of childhood for the novelist Marcel Proust.

2. To produce a reaction or response.

The shout of "Fire!" **evoked** panic in the audience.

evocation, *n.*; **evocative**, *adj.*

10. **provocative** (prə vōk'ə tiv) [*pro* <L. "before," "for"]
adj. Exciting; stimulating.

Alice Walker's **provocative** novel about African-American life, *The Color Purple*, was made into an award-winning film.

provocation, *n.*; **provocative**, *adj.*; **provocatively**, *adv.*

11. **vociferous** (vō sif'ər əs) [*ferre* <L. "to bear"]
adj. Making an outcry; characterized by loudness, especially in protest.

The batter made a **vociferous** protest when the umpire called, "Out!"

vociferate, *v.*; **vociferously**, *adv.*; **vociferousness**, *n.*

EXERCISE 11A

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

- the **redolent** hayloft a. aromatic b. musty c. eerie d. dark
e. exhilarating
- loss of **olfactory** capacity a. hearing b. manufacturing
c. retrospective d. employment e. smelling
- the **sonic** wave a. electronic b. extraterrestrial c. sound
d. huge e. jet

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

- to **assimilate** information a. refuse to take in b. speculate on
c. conjugate d. analyze e. abhor
- a(n) **provocative** commercial a. tasteful b. dull c. vulgar
d. ostentatious e. irritating
- the **vociferous** candidate a. lazy b. outspoken c. losing
d. dishonest e. mild-mannered
- a strong **advocate** a. lawyer b. extrovert c. opponent
d. dislike e. sense of foreboding

EXERCISE 11B

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

1. a. The **resonance** of a seashell causes one to hear the “sound of the sea” when holding it to the ear.
b. The **resonance** of Isak Dinesen’s writing spread beyond her native Denmark.
c. The **resonance** of her contralto voice can be heard at the far end of the opera house.
d. Every hour the **resonant** voice of Big Ben, the clock outside the Houses of Parliament, seems to descend over London like leaden circles.
2. a. Are people who **advocate** violence responsible for the violence evoked by their words?
b. Many doctors **advocate** cutting down on consumption of salt, sugar, and fat.
c. Henry Ward Beecher, an ardent **advocate** of the abolition of slavery, was the brother of Harriet Beecher Stowe, author of *Uncle Tom’s Cabin*.
d. If I have your **advocate** for the job, I’m sure to get it.
3. a. The English language has **assimilated** many words such as *maize*, *tepee* and *squash* from Native American languages.
b. The set designer cleverly **assimilated** snowfall by projecting a video of snow on a scrim, or transparent screen.
c. The body **assimilates** chemicals through the lungs and skin as well as through the digestive tract.
d. Friendly and industrious, the new family was quickly **assimilated** into the community.
4. a. **Evoke** me in time for breakfast.
b. Cultural differences can sometimes **evoke** severe reactions.
c. Although olfactory memory is subtle, odors can **evoke** powerful emotions.
d. For many people the sound of an ice cream truck serves as a pleasant **evocation** of childhood summers.
5. a. The lifeguard **admonished** us never to swim alone.
b. Despite our parents’ repeated **admonitions**, we left our bikes unlocked.
c. I **admonish** you to lend me your homework.
d. As soon as she set out for her grandmother’s house, Little Red Riding Hood forgot her parents’ **admonitory** words about not speaking to strangers.

EXERCISE 11C

Fill in each blank with the most appropriate word from Lesson 11. Use a word or any of its forms only once.

1. We need a special _____ commission to investigate these charges against the school board.
2. Hearing their national anthem often _____s tears from Olympic winners as they stand on the victor's block.
3. Although her teacher _____ed her that her grades were slipping, she did not take the warning seriously.
4. Because a piano's wooden frame _____s when it is played, the instrument's tone is intensified.
5. The summer garden was _____ with the odors of roses and lavender.
6. Despite the _____ protests of the crowd, the referee declared the runner out at home base.
7. When whales "sing," they produce _____ patterns that can be heard for many miles underwater.
8. The guest speaker was so _____ that many upset students remained after class to ask questions.

LESSON 12

Noli me tangere.

Touch me not.—John 20:17

Key Words

assent

contiguous

dissent

presentiment

sensuous

sentinel

tactile

tangent

tangible

SENTIO, SENTIRE, SENSI, SENSUM

<L. "to feel with the senses"

1. **assent** (ə sɛnt') [as = ad <L. "to"]
intr. v. To consent; to express agreement (used with *to*).

Recognizing the need to build new schools, the community **assented** to the higher property tax.