

6. After being stranded in the Sierra through the winter, the survivors of the Donner Party greeted their rescuers with _____ thanks and relief.
7. Because he was so late in learning to talk, Albert Einstein's parents never suspected he was a mathematical _____.

LESSON 14

Volens et potens.
Willing and able.

Key Words

condole	irate	volition
doleful	ire	zeal
irascible	malevolent	zealot

Familiar Word
Dolores

Challenge Words
dole
dolor
dolorous

DOLEO, DOLERE, DOLUI, DOLITUM <L. "to grieve"

1. **condole** (kən dōl') [*con = cum* <L. "with"]
intr. v. To express sympathy (used with *with*)

The house was full of neighbors who had come to **condole** with the grieving family.

condolence, *n.*; **condolent**, *adj.*

2. **doleful** (dōl'fəl)
adj. Mournful; sad.

I knew by the team's **doleful** expressions that they had lost the championship.

dolefully, *adv.*; **dolefulness**, *n.*



IRA <L. "anger"

3. **irascible** (ī rās'ə bəl, ī rās'ə bəl)
adj. Irritable; hot tempered.

Although a kindly man, Dr. Samuel Johnson grew **irascible** on the subject of how wealthy patrons neglect writers.

irascibility, *n.*; **irascibly**, *adv.*

4. **irate** (ī rāt', ī'rāt)
adj. Angry; enraged.

When we got home at two in the morning, our **irate** parents were waiting at the door.

irately, *adv.*

5. **ire** (īr)
n. Anger; rage.

Unable to control his **ire** at the Israelites' golden calf, Moses smashed the Tablets of the Law.



Familiar Words
voluntary
volunteer

VOLO, VELLE, VOLUI <L. "to wish"

6. **malevolent** (mə lēv'ə lənt)
[*male* <L. "ill"]
adj. Wishing harm to others; malicious.

His **malevolent** gossip created hurt feelings and division in the class.

malevolence, *n.*; **malevolently**, *adv.*



Challenge Word
volitive

7. **volition** (və līsh'ən)
n. A conscious choice; use of one's will to make a decision.

In order to save the life of a friend, Sydney Carton goes to the guillotine of his own **volition**.

volitional, *adj.*

ZELOS <G. "zeal"

8. **zeal** (zēl)
n. Passionate devotion to a cause; ardor.

Despite being deaf and blind, Helen Keller's **zeal** to learn led her to attend Radcliffe College.

zealotry, *n.*; **zealous**, *adj.*; **zealously**, *adv.*

9. **zealot** (zēl'ət)
n. A zealous person; a fanatic.

Zealots for wildlife protection scattered nails in front of logging trucks to protect logging in national forests.

NOTA BENE: Although the connotations of *zeal* are positive, the word **zealot** conveys the negative meaning of a fanatic, a person who carries zeal to extremes.

Historically *Zealot* describes a member of a Jewish sect during the first century A.D. who opposed a Roman authority in Judea, the area of contemporary Israel, and tried to preserve traditional Jewish law and custom. Used this way, *Zealot* has very positive connotations.

EXERCISE 14A

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

1. act with **volition** a. reluctance b. ostentation c. introspection
d. conscious choice e. zeal
2. a(n) **irate** customer a. ostensible b. frequent c. furious
d. vigilant e. provocative
3. a political **zealot** a. activist b. leader c. visionary d. specter
e. fanatic
4. poorly concealed **ire** a. rage b. impatience c. malevolence
d. jealousy e. boredom

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

5. a(n) **doleful** report a. generous b. exclusive c. prodigal
d. brief e. joyful
6. a(n) **irascible** disposition a. good-natured b. introspective
c. irritable d. changeable e. sad
7. **malevolent** intentions a. provocative b. dangerous c. far-reaching
d. irrelevant e. benevolent
8. to participate with **zeal** a. indifference b. skill c. reticence
d. vigilance e. jocular

EXERCISE 14B

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

1. a. He traveled for days to offer his personal **condolences** to his friend's widow.
b. Although I **condole** with your disappointment, I urge you not to give up hope.

- c. Despite the many suitors who urged her to remarry, Penelope waited **condolently** for Odysseus's return.
- d. Hundreds of **condolent** letters and cards poured in to the bereaved parents.
2. a. We never suspected the guide's friendliness came from a **malevolent** intention to rob us.
- b. You can improve your **malevolent** grades if you'll only study.
- c. In Dickens's *A Tale of Two Cities*, Madame Defarge **malevolently** plans her revenge on French aristocrats.
- d. Police suspect the vandalism was an act of **malevolence** toward the school.
3. a. When Prince Edward finally came to the throne after living in the shadow of his mother, Queen Victoria, he hardly knew how to exercise his own **volition**.
- b. You have no **volition** here; you must follow instructions precisely without question.
- c. Did you act on your own **volition** in this decision, or did your friends influence you?
- d. I know you didn't **volition** to attend this school, but try to make the best of the experience.
4. a. In their **zeal** to bring about revolutionary change in Russia, the Bolsheviks overthrew the moderate Duma, the elected assembly.
- b. Gloria Dean Scott worked **zealously** to bring more children from minority groups into scouting when she was president of the Girl Scouts of America.
- c. Don't be so **zealous** of their championship; work hard to improve your own game.
- d. The **zealotry** of groups who opposed the use of alcohol led in 1919 to the Eighteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which banned the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages in the United States.

EXERCISE 14C

Fill in each blank with the most appropriate word from Lesson 14. Use a word or any of its forms only once.

1. The voters expressed their _____ at the mayor's dishonesty by voting her out of office at the next election.
2. At first dismissed as impractical _____s, advocates of women's suffrage proved their political skill when women gained the vote in 1920.
3. Although I rarely lose my temper, their insults made me so _____ that I left without saying goodbye.
4. Her _____ for excellence and her years of work and competition have led to a place on the Olympic gymnastics team.

5. Until his transforming Christmas Eve dream, Ebenezer Scrooge was a(n) _____ miser, feared and disliked by everyone for his irritable personality.
6. Anyone who enjoys a good cry should see this _____ film.
7. After the guilty verdict, many friends gathered to _____ with the prisoner's parents.
8. I loathed dancing school and would never have set foot on a dance floor of my own _____.

REVIEW EXERCISES FOR LESSONS 13 AND 14

1

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

1. *Pro* in the word *project* means _____; *pro* in the word *pronoun* means _____.
2. The root in *feast*, *festive*, and *fiesta* is _____, which means _____.
3. *dolere* : *velle* : : to suffer : _____
4. The root in *joke*, *jocular*, and *jewel* is _____, which means _____.
5. assuage : ire : :
 - a. satisfy : dissatisfaction
 - b. condole : condolence
 - c. procrastinate : prodigal
 - d. soothe : anger
 - e. profane : profusion
6. zeal : zealot : :
 - a. waste : prodigal
 - b. fame : prodigy
 - c. joke : jocular
 - d. jeopardy : joker
 - e. ostensible : ostentatious
7. To decorate for the fete, we _____ the garden _____.
 - a. assuaged . . . jocularly
 - b. jeopardized . . . zealously
 - c. condoled . . . provocatively
 - d. improvised . . . prodigiously
 - e. festooned . . . profusely

8. Despite her _____ manner at dinner, I knew she was still _____ about my prodigality.
- doleful . . . zealous
 - irascible . . . malevolent
 - jocular . . . irate
 - profane . . . suave
 - assuaging . . . procrastinating

2 Matching: On the line at the left, write the letter of the word that best fits the person described in the left-hand column.

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| _____ 1. Money burns a hole in his pocket | A. zealous |
| _____ 2. The life of the party | B. doleful |
| _____ 3. Mad as a wet hen | C. irate |
| _____ 4. A city slicker | D. profane |
| _____ 5. An eager beaver | E. prodigal |
| | F. suave |
| | G. jocular |

3 Writing or Discussion Activities

- Write a sentence giving advice to a friend who tends to *procrastinate*.
- Describe in a sentence a situation that might make you *irascible*. Use *irascible* in your sentence.
- Describe in a few sentences someone you know whom you consider a *prodigy*. Use *prodigy* in one of the sentences.
- Write sentences using any *two* words from each group.
 - ire, assuage, jeopardy, zealous
 - doleful, jocular, coalition, prodigal
- Explain how the prefix and root in *condole* contribute to its meaning.