Lesson B-13

Key Word List

assuage	to soothe; to make less severe; to satisfy.
festoon	(v) to decorate with hanging ornaments. (n) a decorative chain of flowers, leaves, or ribbons hung in
	a curve.
fête	(n) a party or festival, especially one held out of doors. (v) to give a party in someone's honor.
jeopardy	danger; peril.
jocular	joking; avoiding seriousness.
procrastinate	to put off doing something; to delay needlessly.
prodigal	recklessly wasteful; extravagant.
prodigy	a person with exceptional talent or powers.
profane	1. showing disrespect toward god or sacred things. 2. nonreligious in subject, form, or use.
profuse	plentiful, prodigal, overflowing; giving abundantly (usually used with in).
suave	smooth in social manner.

Challenge Word List

procreate	(of people or animals) to produce young; reproduce.
profess	to claim openly but often falsely that one has (a quality or feeling).
progenitor	a person or thing from which a person, animal, or plant is descended or originates; an ancestor or
	parent.
progeny	a descendant or the descendants of a person, animal, or plant; offspring.
prognosis	the likely course of a disease or ailment.
promontory	a point of high land that pokes out into a large body of water; a headland.
propensity	an inclination or natural tendency to behave in a particular way.
pro rata	proportional.
prorogue	to discontinue a session of (a parliament or other legislative assembly) without dissolving it
prostrate	lying stretched out on the ground with one's face downward.
protract	to prolong.
jocose	playful or humorous.
jocund	cheerful and lighthearted.