

Lesson B-8

Key Word List

absolve	to relieve of blame or obligation; to pardon a sin.
analyze	to look at something carefully by attention to its parts.
catalyst	a force or person causing action, especially without being involved or changed by the consequences.
concise	saying or writing much in few words.
herbicide	a substance for killing plants, especially weeds.
precise	clearly expressed; exact; accurate in every detail.
resolute	determined; unshakable.
resolve	1. to make a firm decision about; 2. to find a solution.
superfluous	beyond what is required; extra.
superlative	the highest; above the rest.

Challenge Word List

superannuate	retire (someone) with a pension.
supercilious	behaving or looking as though one thinks one is superior to others.
superimpose	to place or lay (one thing) over another, typically so that both are still evident.
supersonic	involving or denoting a speed greater than that of sound.
supernal	relating to the sky or the heavens; celestial.
supernova	a star that suddenly increases greatly in brightness because of a catastrophic explosion that ejects most of its mass.
superscript	(of a letter, figure, or symbol) written or printed above the line.
caesura	(in verse) a break between words within a metrical foot.
excise	to cut out surgically.
genocide	the deliberate killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular ethnic group or nation.
homicide	the deliberate and unlawful killing of one person by another; murder.
incisive	(of a person or mental process) intelligently analytical and clear-thinking.
dialysis	the separation of particles in a liquid on the basis of differences in their ability to pass through a membrane.
proselytize	to convert or attempt to convert (someone) from one religion, belief, or opinion to another.

Note: you may choose only one of the following

fratricide	the killing of one's brother or sister.
matricide	the killing of one's mother.
patricide	the killing of one's father.
regicide	the killing of a king.