

## Lesson Three

1. **amity** (am' it ē) *n.* friendship  
In public, the siblings appeared to live in perfect *amity*, but behind closed doors, they fought incessantly.  
*syn: peacefulness; harmony* *ant: disagreement; hostility*
2. **cater** (kāt' ə) *v.* to supply what is needed or desired, especially support or food  
The restaurant *caters* to families by offering discounted children's meals.  
*syn: provide; contribute* *ant: neglect; reject*
3. **guise** (gīz) *n.* a false appearance  
The waiter maintains a *guise* of friendliness with his customers in order to get a big tip.  
*syn: semblance*
4. **inconsequential** (in kon sə kwən' shəl) *adj.* of little or no importance; irrelevant; without consequence  
The decision has been made, so any advice now will be *inconsequential*.  
*syn: unnecessary; unrelated* *ant: appropriate; important*
5. **jubilant** (jōō' bə lənt) *adj.* joyous, especially because of success  
The *jubilant* student smiled all day after getting a perfect score on her lengthy term paper.  
*syn: elated; happy* *ant: depressed; disappointed*
6. **placate** (plā' kāt) *v.* to calm; to pacify  
The manager tried to *placate* the angry customer by reducing the bill.  
*syn: appease; satisfy* *ant: enrage; anger*
7. **preclude** (pri klōōd') *v.* to prevent  
Having a criminal record *precludes* a teaching career.  
*syn: prohibit; forbid* *ant: allow; permit*
8. **repress** (ri pres') *v.* to hold back or put down with force; to suppress  
The dictator *represses* dissenters with threats of imprisonment.  
*syn: restrain; stifle* *ant: release; permit*
9. **saturate** (sach' ə rāt) *v.* to fill or soak to capacity  
The heavy rains *saturated* the soil.  
*syn: drench; permeate; infuse* *ant: desiccate; scar; parch*
10. **slake** (slāk) *v.* 1. to satisfy; to quench 2. to make less intense  
(1) The exhausted worker *slaked* his thirst by downing two glasses of lemonade.  
(2) Seeing someone else make the same mistake *slaked* his embarrassment.  
(1) *syn: fulfill; please* *ant: intensify; amplify*  
(2) *syn: abate; mitigate; diminish*
11. **sortie** (sôr' tē) *n.* 1. a flight of a combat aircraft on a mission 2. an armed attack, especially against surrounding enemy forces  
(1) The fighter jet was riddled with bullet holes after the *sortie*.  
(2) The colonel ordered an immediate *sortie* to stall the enemy's offensive.  
(2) *syn: maneuver; assault*
12. **succumb** (sə kum') *v.* to submit reluctantly; to yield  
After weeks of constant bombing, the enemy finally *succumbed* to our overwhelming force.  
*syn: give in; surrender* *ant: withstand; resist*
13. **tranquil** (trang' kwəl) *adj.* calm; peaceful  
Lonnie looked forward to a *tranquil* day of gardening in the back yard.  
*syn: placid; serene* *ant: bustling; busy*
14. **venomous** (ven' ə məs) *adj.* 1. poisonous 2. intentionally harmful; malevolent  
(1) Go to the hospital if that *venomous* spider bites you.  
(2) His *venomous* remarks shocked everyone in the room.  
(1) *syn: toxic; noxious; lethal* *ant: harmless; innocuous; safe*  
(2) *syn: malicious; spiteful; cruel* *ant: benevolent; benign; kind*
15. **wrest** (rest') *v.* to obtain through force, usually by twisting and turning violently  
Citizens *wrested* the dagger from the madman on the subway.  
*syn: wring; wrench*