

## Lesson A-1

### Base Words

bilateral	having two sides; made between two persons or groups.
bipartisan	involving two political parties.
bisect	to divide into two equal parts.
duplex	a dwelling with two living units.
duplicate	to make an identical copy or double of something; to repeat.
monarch	a person who rules a kingdom or empire; a king or queen, emperor or empress
monogram	a design composed of letters, usually the first letter of a name.
monolith	a large block of stone
monologue	a long speech made by one performer or by one person in a group.
monopoly	exclusive control of the trade in some item or service.
unanimous	being in complete agreement.
unilateral	one-sided; done by or affecting one person, group, or country, etc., and not another

### Familiar Words

bifocals	a pair of eyeglasses having lenses with two parts with different focal lengths.
binocular (adj.)	adapted for or using both eyes
monastery	a building or buildings occupied by a community of monks living under religious vow
monotonous	dull, tedious, and repetitious; lacking in variety and interest.
uniform (adj.)	remaining the same in all cases and at all times; unchanging in form or character
unify	make or become united, uniform, or whole
union	the action or fact of joining or being joined, especially in a political context
unique	being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
unite	come or bring together (as one) for a common purpose or action
universal	of, affecting, or done by all people or things in the world or in a particular group; applicable to all cases

### Challenge Words

biannual	occurring twice a year
bicameral	(of a legislative body) having two branches or chambers
bicentennial	the two-hundredth anniversary of a significant event
bicuspid	having two points or prominences; ending in two points; said of teeth, leaves, fruit, etc.
biennial	taking place every other year
bifurcate	to divide into two branches or forks
binomial	consisting of two terms, or parts
biped	an animal, being or construction that goes about on two feet (or two legs)
bipolar	involving or having both extremes or poles at the same time
bivalve	an aquatic mollusk that has a compressed body enclosed within a hinged shell
doublet	a man's short close-fitting padded jacket, commonly worn from the 14th to the 17th century
duplicity	deceitfulness; double-dealing
monochromatic	containing or using only one color
monocle	a single eyeglass, kept in position by the muscles around the eye
monogamy	the practice or state of being married to one person at a time
monograph	a detailed written study of a single specialized subject or an aspect of it
monolingual	(of a person or society) speaking only one language

monomania	exaggerated or obsessive enthusiasm for or preoccupation with one thing
mononucleosis	a viral infection marked by extreme fatigue, high fever, and swollen lymph nodes
monophonic	(of sound reproduction) using only one channel of transmission
monoplane	an airplane with one pair of wings
monotone	a continuing sound, especially of a person's voice, that is unchanging in pitch and without intonation
unicameral	(of a legislative body) having a single legislative chamber
unicellular	(of protozoans, certain algae, spores, etc.) consisting of a single cell
unisex	suitable for any sex or gender
unison	the state of being in harmony or agreement; harmonious agreement or togetherness, synchronization
unitary	concentrating power in a single body