

Lesson A-10

Base Words

accrue	to come as a natural increase or advantage
beneficence	doing good or causing good to be done; kindly action
context	1. the parts before or after a word or statement that influence its meaning. 2. the circumstances surrounding an event or situation.
crescendo	a gradual increase in sound, often referring to music
efficacious	effective as a means or remedy
excrescence	an abnormal growth or outgrowth
facile	acting, working, or proceeding with ease; fluent
facsimile	a n exact copy of a book, painting, document, etc.
faction	1. a group or clique within a larger group, party, or government. 2. conflict within an organization or nation
mollify	to calm; to make gender or softer in feeling
pretext	a false reason put forward to conceal the true one.

Familiar Words

adolescence	the period following the onset of puberty during which a young person develops from a child into an adult
amplify	increase the volume of (sound)
concrete	existing in a material or physical form; not abstract
confection	a dish or delicacy made with sweet ingredients
defect	a shortcoming, imperfection, or lack
efficient	(especially of a system or machine) achieving maximum productivity with minimum wasted effort or expense
feat	an achievement that requires great courage, skill, or strength
forfeit	to lose or be deprived of (property or a right or privilege) as a penalty for wrongdoing
magnificent	the quality of being impressively beautiful, elaborate, or extravagant; striking
modify	make partial or minor changes to (something), typically so as to improve it or to make it less extreme

Challenge Words

beatific	blissfully happy
convalescent	(of a person) recovering from an illness or operation
deficit	the amount by which something, especially a sum of money, is too small
feasible	possible to do easily or conveniently
factotum	an employee who does all kinds of work
feckless	lacking initiative or strength of character; irresponsible
luminescence	the giving off of light by a substance that has not been heated
malefactor	a person who commits a crime or some other wrong
malfeasance	wrongdoing, especially by a public official
petrify	1. to change (organic matter) into a stony, solid mass. 2. to make (someone) so frightened that they are unable to move
proficient	competent or skilled in doing or using something
rectify	put right; correct
refectory	a room used for communal meals in an educational or religious institution
senescence	the condition or process of deterioration with age
suffice	be enough or adequate