Lesson A-6

Base Words

copious plentiful; in large amounts. macrocosm the universe; any great whole.

magnanimous noble and generous, especially in forgiving; not petty. magnate a wealthy, influential person, especially in business.

magnitude greatness of importance or size.

megalomania a form of mental illness in which a person has exaggerated ideas of his or her own importance.

polygamy the system of having more than one spouse at a time.

polygon a flat shape with many straight sides.

Challenge Words

cornucopia a symbol of plenty consisting of a goat's horn overflowing with flowers, fruit, and corn

macrobiotic constituting, relating to, or following a diet of whole pure prepared food

macroscopic visible to the naked eye

macrostructure the large-scale or overall structure of something, e.g. an organism, a mechanical construction, or a

written text

magnascope a large optical instrument used to get a close-up of small objects

magniloquent using high-flown or inflated language

magnum opus a large and important work of art, music, or literature, especially one regarded as the most important

work of an artist or writer

megalith a megalith is a large stone that has been used to construct a prehistoric structure or monument

megalopolis a very large, heavily populated city or urban complex

megaton a measure of the strength of an explosion or a bomb based on how many million tons of TNT would

be needed to produce the same energy

polyglot knowing or using several languages

polygraph a machine designed to detect and record changes in physiological characteristics, such as a person's

pulse and breathing rates, used especially as a lie detector

polynomial in mathematics, a polynomial is an expression consisting of variables and coefficients polyphonic in music, having two or more independent but harmonic melodies; contrapuntal

polysyllabic (of a word) having more than one syllable

polytechnic that teaches applied arts, sciences, technology, engineering and other academic subjects