

## LESSONS 13 AND 14

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# Emotions

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## LESSON 13

*Non est jocus esse malignum.*

There is no joke in being spiteful.—HORACE

Key Words		
assuage	jocular	prodigy
festoon	procrastinate	profane
fete	prodigal	profuse
jeopardy		suave

### PRO <L. "before," "for"

1. **procrastinate** (prō krās'tə nāt, prə krās'tə nāt)  
[*crastinus* <L. "of tomorrow"]  
*v.* To put off doing something; to delay needlessly.

Because I **procrastinated** so long, I missed the deadline to register to vote.

**procrastinating**, *adj.*; **procrastination**, *n.*; **procrastinator**, *n.*

**Familiar Words**

proceed  
process  
produce  
progress  
project  
prologue  
pronoun  
propel  
propose  
prospect  
protest  
provide

**Challenge Words**

procreate  
profess  
progenitor  
progeny  
prognosis  
promontory  
propend  
propensity  
pro rata  
prorogue  
prostrate  
protract

2. **prodigal** (prŏd'ĩ gəl) [*agere* <L. "to drive"]  
*adj.* 1. Recklessly wasteful; extravagant.

You'll never live within your income unless you give up your **prodigal** spending.

2. Profuse; lavish.

The performance of traditional Hopi dances won **prodigal** praise from the audience.

*n.* A spendthrift.

Although previously thrifty, he became a **prodigal** once he inherited the estate.

**prodigality**, *n.*; **prodigally**, *adv.*

3. **prodigy** (prŏd'ə jē)  
[*prodigum* <L. "prophetic sign," "marvel"]

*n.* A person with exceptional talent or powers.

Wang Yani, a Chinese *prodigy*, won fame for her animal paintings created when she was under ten years of age.

**prodigious**, *adj.*; **prodigiously**, *adv.*



4. **profane** (prŏ fān', prə fān') [*fanum* <L. "temple"]  
*adj.* 1. Showing disrespect toward God or sacred things.

Their **profane** use of the cathedral for a rock concert offended the entire community.

2. Nonreligious in subject, form, or use.

Although the later works of the English writer John Donne are sermons and serious religious verse, his youthful creations are witty and **profane** love poems.

*tr. v.* To treat with irreverence.

You **profane** a mosque by entering it with shoes on.

**profanely**, *adv.*; **profanity**, *n.*

5. **profuse** (prə fyŏōs', prŏ fyŏōs') [*fundere* <L. "to pour fourth"]  
*adj.* Plentiful, prodigal, overflowing; giving abundantly (usually used with *in*).

Theater critics were **profuse** in their praise for Lillian Hellman's play *The Little Foxes*.

**profusely**, *adv.*; **profuseness**, *n.*; **profusion**, *n.*

**Familiar Words**

jewel  
joke  
juggler

**Challenge Words**

jocose  
jocund

**JOCUS** <L. "joke"

6. **jeopardy** (jĕp'ər dĕ) [*pars* <L. "part"]  
*n.* Danger; peril.

His crash diet put his health in **jeopardy**.

**jeopardize**, *v.*

7. **jocular** (jŏk'yə lər)  
*adj.* Joking; avoiding seriousness.

Your **jocular** attitude is out of place in this serious discussion.

**jocularity**, *n.*; **jocularly**, *adv.*

**SUAVIS** <L. "delightful"

8. **assuage** (ə swāj') [*as = ad* <L. "to," "toward," "for"]  
*tr. v.* To soothe; to make less severe; to satisfy.

The teacher **assuaged** the children's fears of the storm by explaining the causes of thunder and lightning.

**assuaged**, *adj.*; **assuagement**, *n.*; **assuasive**, *adj.*

9. **suave** (swāv)  
*adj.* Smooth in social manner.

Accustomed to the social life of an embassy, the ambassador's children were unusually **suave**.

**suavely**, *adv.*; **suaveness**, *n.*; **suavity**, *n.*

**Familiar Words**

feast  
festival  
festive  
festivity  
fiesta

**Challenge Words**

festal  
festschrift  
fete  
gabfest

**FESTUS** <L. "festive"

10. **festoon** (fĕ stŏon')  
*n.* A decorative chain of flowers, leaves, or ribbons hung in a curve.

**Festoons** of oak leaves and gold ribbons were hung around the dining room for Thanksgiving.

*tr. v.* To decorate with hanging ornaments.

Medals and campaign ribbons **festooned** the general's uniform.

**festooned**, *adj.*

11. **fete** (fāt, fĕt)  
*n.* A party or festival, especially one held out of doors.

The city sponsors a Labor Day **fete** at the lake.



*tr. v.* To give a party in someone's honor.

We **feted** our grandparents in honor of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

**feted**, *adj.*

### EXERCISE 13A

Circle the letter of the best SYNONYM (the word or phrase most nearly the same as the word in bold-faced type).

1. his **suave** manner a. insulting b. introspective c. awkward  
d. sensuous e. sophisticated
2. receive a(n) **prodigal** allowance a. profuse b. provocative  
c. reliable d. mean e. ostensible
3. to **assuage** their doubts a. soothe b. mock c. increase  
d. reiterate e. admonish

Circle the letter of the best ANTONYM (the word or phrase most nearly opposite the word in bold-faced type).

4. to **profane** her memory a. curse b. honor c. protect d. disagree  
with e. jeopardize
5. **profuse** bleeding a. steady b. excessive c. slight d. occasional  
e. necessary
6. to **festoon** the gym a. clutter up b. profane c. decorate  
d. compliment e. modify
7. to place **in jeopardy** a. in suspense b. in doubt c. in safekeeping  
d. out of sight e. beyond reach
8. habitual **procrastination** a. depression b. promptness c. lying  
d. exaggeration e. vigilance

### EXERCISE 13B

Circle the letter of the sentence in which the word in bold-faced type is used incorrectly.

1. a. In Jesus' parable of the **Prodigal** Son, a young man wastes his inheritance.  
b. At a potlatch, a ceremonial feast held among Native Americans of the Pacific Northwest, **prodigal** hosts may bestow gifts amounting to an entire fortune.  
c. Struggling to find escape from her dull life as a village doctor's wife, Emma Bovary became a **prodigal**, buying fancy clothes and furnishings on borrowed money.  
d. Don't **prodigal** electricity! Turn off the lights when you leave the room.

2.
  - a. We **festooned** the classroom with crepe paper streamers.
  - b. My cousin, who behaves like a jocular **festoon**, embarrasses me.
  - c. The villagers **festooned** the streets with bunting and flags for the Fourth of July parade.
  - d. **Festoons** of ivy decorated the dining hall for the banquet.
3.
  - a. They relish **profane** gossip about their neighbors.
  - b. However excellent its quality, we are offended to find **profane** art in a temple.
  - c. The general's widow withheld from biographers information that she feared would **profane** his reputation.
  - d. Expressions that use the name of God casually are considered **profanity**.
4.
  - a. A mathematical **prodigy**, she was doing geometry at five and calculus at ten.
  - b. Paul Bunyan was said to have a **prodigious** appetite; he could eat two hundred pancakes for breakfast.
  - c. Her friends and neighbors in the *favelas*, or slums, didn't realize that Carolina Maria de Jesus was a literary **prodigy** whose diary would become Brazil's all-time bestseller.
  - d. How did such a **prodigy**, who never pays his bills, ever get a credit card?
5.
  - a. With his strong, athletic build and fine coordination he is naturally **jocular**.
  - b. Despite her **jocularity**, I knew something was bothering her.
  - c. Bugs Bunny often turns to Elmer Fudd and asks **jocularly**, "Eh, what's up Doc?"
  - d. The director's **jocular** good humor helped dispel our stage fright on opening night.

### EXERCISE 13C

Fill in each blank with the most appropriate word from Lesson 13. Use a word or any of its forms only once.

1. Because of heavy rain, the \_\_\_\_\_ had to be moved into the gym.
2. She \_\_\_\_\_d her reputation by plagiarizing a term paper.
3. Although shy, he adopted a(n) \_\_\_\_\_, sophisticated pose when he went off to college.
4. The princess could \_\_\_\_\_ Rumpelstiltskin only by promising him her baby if she could not guess his name.
5. Although I usually \_\_\_\_\_, this time I've finished my report a week early.

6. After being stranded in the Sierra through the winter, the survivors of the Donner Party greeted their rescuers with \_\_\_\_\_ thanks and relief.
7. Because he was so late in learning to talk, Albert Einstein's parents never suspected he was a mathematical \_\_\_\_\_.

## LESSON 14

*Volens et potens.*  
Willing and able.

### Key Words

condole	irate	volition
doleful	ire	zeal
irascible	malevolent	zealot

**Familiar Word**  
Dolores

**Challenge Words**  
dole  
dolor  
dolorous

### DOLEO, DOLERE, DOLUI, DOLITUM <L. "to grieve"

1. **condole** (kən dōl') [*con = cum* <L. "with"]  
*intr. v.* To express sympathy (used with *with*)

The house was full of neighbors who had come to **condole** with the grieving family.

**condolence**, *n.*; **condolent**, *adj.*

2. **doleful** (dōl'fəl)  
*adj.* Mournful; sad.

I knew by the team's **doleful** expressions that they had lost the championship.

**dolefully**, *adv.*; **dolefulness**, *n.*



### IRA <L. "anger"

3. **irascible** (ī rās'ə bəl, ī rās'ə bəl)  
*adj.* Irritable; hot tempered.