

Lesson B-9

Key Word List

improvise	1. to make up something without preparation. 2. to make or provide from materials on hand
ostensible	pretended; given as an excuse, to conceal the real reason.
ostentatious	showy; intended to impress people.
refute	to prove a statement or person to be incorrect; to disprove.
reiterate	to say over again.
repartee	1. a quick, witty reply. 2. conversation characterized by such remarks.
repertoire	1. the stock of plays, stories, songs, or other pieces that a player or company is prepared to perform. the skills or accomplishments of a particular person or group.
repose	a rest; a peaceful state.
reticent	of a silent nature; reserved in manner.
visionary	1. existing only in imagination; fanciful; not practical. 2. characterized by vision or forethought.

Challenge Word List

rebate	a partial refund to someone who has paid too much money for tax, rent, or a utility.
rebuff	to reject (someone or something) in an abrupt or ungracious manner.
rebuke	to express sharp disapproval or criticism of (someone) because of their behavior or actions.
recapitulate	to summarize and state again the main points of.
recriminate	to make counter-accusations.
redress	(v) to remedy or set right (an undesirable or unfair situation). (n) a remedy or compensation for a wrong or grievance.
redundant	not or no longer needed or useful; superfluous.
reincarnation	the rebirth of a soul in a new body.
remit	to send (money) in payment or as a gift.
repast	a meal
replicate	to make an exact copy of; reproduce.
reprisal	an act of retaliation.
reprobate	an unprincipled person (often used humorously or affectionately).
reprove	to reprimand or censure (someone).
repudiate	to refuse to accept or be associated with.
rescind	to revoke, cancel, or repeal (a law, order, or agreement).
belvedere	a summerhouse or open-sided gallery, usually at rooftop level, commanding a fine view.
clairvoyant	a person who claims to have a supernatural ability to perceive events in the future or beyond normal sensory contact.
invidious	(of an action or situation) likely to arouse or incur resentment or anger in others.
visa	an endorsement on a passport indicating that the holder is allowed to enter, leave, or stay for a specified period of time in a country.