

## LESSONS 11 AND 12

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# The Other Senses

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## LESSON 11

*Ad astra per aspera.*

To the stars through difficulties.

Key Words		
ad hoc	evoke	redolent
admonish	olfactory	resonate
advocate	provocative	sonic
assimilate		vociferous

### AD <L. "to," "toward"

**NOTA BENE:** When *ad* comes before roots beginning with certain letters, it changes, as the following examples illustrate:

before *c*    *ac*    *accustom*  
before *f*    *af*    *affix*  
before *g*    *ag*    *aggression*  
before *l*    *al*    *allure*

before *n*    *an*    *annex*  
before *q*    *ac*    *acquaintance*  
before *r*    *ar*    *arrest*  
before *s*    *as*    *associate*

Knowing this rule can help improve your spelling!

**Familiar Words**

access  
accord  
account  
accrue  
addict  
adhere  
adjective  
adjoin  
admit  
adverb  
aggravate  
allure  
annex  
arrest  
assail  
assist

**Challenge Words**

accredit  
acquiesce  
ad lib  
ad nauseam  
adverse  
advocate  
aggression  
alleviate  
alliterate  
annul  
array

1. **ad hoc** (ăd hŏk') [L. "toward this"]  
*adj.* For a specific purpose or situation.

The **ad hoc** campaign committee will disband after the election.

2. **admonish** (ăd mŏn'ish)  
[*monere* <L. "to advise"]  
*tr. v.* 1. To scold gently but firmly.

Our camp counselor **admonished** us to quit talking and go to sleep.



2. To caution; to warn.

Although **admonished** by the ranger to keep to the trail, the hikers set off cross-country and were soon lost.

**admonition**, *n.*; **admonitory**, *adj.*

3. **assimilate** (ə sĭm'ə lāt) [*simulare* <L. "to stimulate"]  
*v.* 1. To take in and make a part of the body; to digest.

The body **assimilates** sugars and carbohydrates rapidly, but proteins and fats require longer digestion.

2. To cause to become similar or part of a whole.

America's "melting pot" society has **assimilated** cultures from every part of the globe.

**assimilation**, *n.*; **assimilative**, *adj.*; **assimilator**, *n.*

**NOTA BENE:** Although *ad* usually appears in English as a prefix, several phrases retain *ad* as a separate word. Like *ad hoc*, many of these phrases are related to time and money:

- *ad infinitum*—"to the point of infinity" or "endlessly."
- *ad libitum* or its abbreviation *ad lib*—"done freely and without planning" or "off the cuff."
- *ad nauseam*—"to the point of disgust" or "excessively."
- *ad valorem*—"in proportion to the value of something."

Other *ad* phrases relate to rhetoric, the art of public speaking, a skill the Romans considered essential to every educated person. In particular these phrases with *ad* describe certain kinds of good and bad arguments:

- *ad hominem*—"appealing to personal interests such as a person's prejudices or individual advantage, rather than to reason."
- *ad rem*—"to the point."

In most cases these *ad* phrases have been carried over from Latin into English because the Latin phrase is more concise than its English translation.

**OLEO, OLERE, OLUI <L. "to smell"**

4. **olfactory** (ōl fāk'tər ē, ōl fāk'trē) [*facere* <L. "to make"]  
*adj.* Pertaining to the sense of smell.

Expert perfumers have such a developed **olfactory** sense that they can identify the various scents in a complex fragrance.

**olfaction**, *n.*

5. **redolent** (rĕd'ə lənt)  
*adj.* 1. Smelling strongly.

After we made lasagna, the kitchen was **redolent** of garlic.

2. Full of memories.

My grandparents' attic is **redolent** of my childhood afternoons spent reading there.

**redolence**, *n.*; **redolently**, *adv.*

**Familiar Words**  
 consonant  
 resound  
 sonnet  
 sound  
 unison

**SONO, SONARE, SONUI, SONITUM <L. "to sound"**

6. **resonate** (rĕz'ə nāt) [*re* <L. "back," "again"]  
*intr. v.* To produce or show sound vibrations; to echo or resound.

Rubbing the rim of a crystal glass causes it to **resonate**.

**resonance**, *n.*; **resonant**, *adj.*

**Challenge Words**  
 assonance  
 dissonance

7. **sonic** (sŏn'ĭk)  
*adj.* Pertaining to sound waves or audible sounds.

Jets create a **sonic** boom when they break the so-called sound barrier.

**Familiar Words**  
 revoke  
 vocal  
 vocation  
 voice  
 vouch  
 vowel

**VOCO, VOCARE, VOCAVI, VOCATUM <L. "to call"**

8. **advocate** (ăd'və kāt) [*ad* <L. "to," "toward"]  
*tr. v.* To speak in favor of something; to recommend.



The Mexican rebel Emiliano Zapata **advocated** the rights of peasant farmers against powerful landlords.

*n.* A person who argues, supports, or defends a cause.

The Grimke sisters, Sarah and Angelina, were nineteenth-century **advocates** of political equality for women.

**Challenge Words**

avocation  
convocation  
equivocal  
evocative  
invoke

9. **evoke** (ĭ vōk') [*e* = *ex* <L. "from," "out of"]  
*tr. v.* 1. To summon or call forth; to inspire.

The taste of a madeleine, a buttery cookie, **evoked** memories of childhood for the novelist Marcel Proust.

2. To produce a reaction or response.

The shout of "Fire!" **evoked** panic in the audience.

**evocation**, *n.*; **evocative**, *adj.*

10. **provocative** (prə vōk'ə tiv) [*pro* <L. "before," "for"]  
*adj.* Exciting; stimulating.

Alice Walker's **provocative** novel about African-American life, *The Color Purple*, was made into an award-winning film.

**provocation**, *n.*; **provocative**, *adj.*; **provocatively**, *adv.*

11. **vociferous** (vō sif'ər əs) [*ferre* <L. "to bear"]  
*adj.* Making an outcry; characterized by loudness, especially in protest.

The batter made a **vociferous** protest when the umpire called, "Out!"

**vociferate**, *v.*; **vociferously**, *adv.*; **vociferousness**, *n.*

**EXERCISE 11A**

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

- the **redolent** hayloft a. aromatic b. musty c. eerie d. dark  
e. exhilarating
- loss of **olfactory** capacity a. hearing b. manufacturing  
c. retrospective d. employment e. smelling
- the **sonic** wave a. electronic b. extraterrestrial c. sound  
d. huge e. jet

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

- to **assimilate** information a. refuse to take in b. speculate on  
c. conjugate d. analyze e. abhor
- a(n) **provocative** commercial a. tasteful b. dull c. vulgar  
d. ostentatious e. irritating
- the **vociferous** candidate a. lazy b. outspoken c. losing  
d. dishonest e. mild-mannered
- a strong **advocate** a. lawyer b. extrovert c. opponent  
d. dislike e. sense of foreboding

**EXERCISE 11B**

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

1. a. The **resonance** of a seashell causes one to hear the “sound of the sea” when holding it to the ear.  
b. The **resonance** of Isak Dinesen’s writing spread beyond her native Denmark.  
c. The **resonance** of her contralto voice can be heard at the far end of the opera house.  
d. Every hour the **resonant** voice of Big Ben, the clock outside the Houses of Parliament, seems to descend over London like leaden circles.
2. a. Are people who **advocate** violence responsible for the violence evoked by their words?  
b. Many doctors **advocate** cutting down on consumption of salt, sugar, and fat.  
c. Henry Ward Beecher, an ardent **advocate** of the abolition of slavery, was the brother of Harriet Beecher Stowe, author of *Uncle Tom’s Cabin*.  
d. If I have your **advocate** for the job, I’m sure to get it.
3. a. The English language has **assimilated** many words such as *maize*, *tepee* and *squash* from Native American languages.  
b. The set designer cleverly **assimilated** snowfall by projecting a video of snow on a scrim, or transparent screen.  
c. The body **assimilates** chemicals through the lungs and skin as well as through the digestive tract.  
d. Friendly and industrious, the new family was quickly **assimilated** into the community.
4. a. **Evoke** me in time for breakfast.  
b. Cultural differences can sometimes **evoke** severe reactions.  
c. Although olfactory memory is subtle, odors can **evoke** powerful emotions.  
d. For many people the sound of an ice cream truck serves as a pleasant **evocation** of childhood summers.
5. a. The lifeguard **admonished** us never to swim alone.  
b. Despite our parents’ repeated **admonitions**, we left our bikes unlocked.  
c. I **admonish** you to lend me your homework.  
d. As soon as she set out for her grandmother’s house, Little Red Riding Hood forgot her parents’ **admonitory** words about not speaking to strangers.

**EXERCISE 11C**

Fill in each blank with the most appropriate word from Lesson 11. Use a word or any of its forms only once.

1. We need a special \_\_\_\_\_ commission to investigate these charges against the school board.
2. Hearing their national anthem often \_\_\_\_\_s tears from Olympic winners as they stand on the victor's block.
3. Although her teacher \_\_\_\_\_ed her that her grades were slipping, she did not take the warning seriously.
4. Because a piano's wooden frame \_\_\_\_\_s when it is played, the instrument's tone is intensified.
5. The summer garden was \_\_\_\_\_ with the odors of roses and lavender.
6. Despite the \_\_\_\_\_ protests of the crowd, the referee declared the runner out at home base.
7. When whales "sing," they produce \_\_\_\_\_ patterns that can be heard for many miles underwater.
8. The guest speaker was so \_\_\_\_\_ that many upset students remained after class to ask questions.

**LESSON 12**

*Noli me tangere.*

Touch me not.—John 20:17

**Key Words**

assent  
contiguous  
dissent

presentiment  
sensuous  
sentinel

tactile  
tangent  
tangible

**SENTIO, SENTIRE, SENSI, SENSUM**

<L. "to feel with the senses"

1. **assent** (ə sɛnt') [as = ad <L. "to"]  
*intr. v.* To consent; to express agreement (used with *to*).

Recognizing the need to build new schools, the community **assented** to the higher property tax.