

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.

Familiar Words

consent
resent
scent
sensation
sensitive
sensor
sentence
sentry

Challenge Words

sententious
sensate

n. Agreement; consent.

Don't plan our summer vacation until you have the **assent** of the whole family.

Antonym: **dissent**

2. **dissent** (dĭ sĕnt') [*dis* <L. "apart"]
intr. v. To have or express a different opinion.

Because they **dissented** from the established Church of England, the Puritans experienced persecution.

n. Disagreement.

A dictatorship seldom allows **dissent** from its policies to appear in the press.

dissension, *n.*; **dissenter**, *n.*; **dissenting**, *adj.*

Antonym: **assent**

3. **presentiment** (prĭ zĕn'tə mĕnt)
[*pre = prae* <L. "before," "in front of"]
n. A sense of something about to happen.

Because I had a **presentiment** that you would call tonight, I knew it was you when the phone rang.

4. **sensuous** (sĕn'shōō əs)
adj. Appealing to the senses, especially aesthetically.

The garden offered much **sensuous** variety of sights, sounds, and smells.

sensuousness, *n.*

5. **sentinel** (sĕnt'ən əl)
n. A sentry; one who keeps watch.

A **sentinel** was posted at every gate of the besieged city.

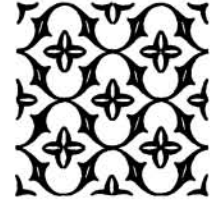


TANGO, TANGERE, TETIGI, TACTUM <L. "to touch"

6. **contiguous** (kən tɪg'yōō əs) [*con* <L. "with"]
adj. Adjoining; sharing a boundary.

The southern border of Virginia is **contiguous** to North Carolina's northern border.

contiguity, *n.*; **contiguously**, *adv.*



7. **tangible** (tæn'jə bəl)
adj. 1. Perceptible by sense of touch.

Louis Braille developed a system of **tangible** letters by which the blind can read.

2. Clear and definite; real; concrete.

Because only a verbal contract had been made, the firm had no **tangible** evidence that they had been cheated.

tangibleness, *n.*; **tangibility**, *n.*; **tangibly**, *adv.*

8. **tactile** (tăk'təl, tăk'til)
adj. Pertaining to or using the sense of touch; tangible.

The skin is the largest **tactile** organ of the body.

tactility, *n.*

9. **tangent** (tăn'jənt)
adj. 1. Touching.

One wall of the house was **tangent** with the house next door.

2. Irrelevant; off the subject.

Although your comment is interesting, I'm afraid it is **tangent** to the topic of our discussion.



n. 1. A straight line that touches the outside of a curve but does not cross it.

For a short distance the highway runs at a **tangent** to the edge of the lake.

2. A sudden change of direction: "to go off on a tangent."

She went off on a surprising **tangent**, leaving business school to become a Buddhist nun.

tangency, *n.*; **tangential**, *adj.*; **tangentially**, *adv.*

Familiar Words

contact
contagious
intact
tact
tactic
taste

Challenge Word

contingent

EXERCISE 12A

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

1. to make no **tangible** difference a. offensive b. perceptible
c. dangerous d. auspicious e. expensive
2. a **presentiment** of danger a. scorning b. specter c. hint
d. foreboding e. liking
3. to **assent** to a suggestion a. agree b. object c. rise d. cling
e. refer
4. a **tactile** art form a. tangible b. tactful c. moving d. redolent
e. provocative

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

5. Justice Sandra Day O'Connor's **dissenting** opinion a. belittling
b. assenting c. disagreeing d. resigning e. reiterating
6. a(n) **tangent** comment a. touching b. emotional c. relevant
d. sensitive e. clear
7. request **contiguous** parking spaces a. similar b. separated
c. ostentatious d. convenient e. spacious

EXERCISE 12B

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

1. a. We often met because our families' front steps were **contiguous**.
b. Since our dorm rooms were **contiguous**, I overheard their quarrel.
c. The lawyer's **contiguous** interrogation broke down the witness's alibi.
d. The artist's studio was **contiguous** to the family's living quarters.
2. a. *Hamlet* opens with the **sentinel's** cry, "Halt, who goes there?"
b. The peak stands guard over the valley like a **sentinel**.
c. **Sentinels** at the city gates required the password of everyone who tried to enter.
d. Even Antigone's tears evoked no **sentinel** of pity from her angry uncle, Creon.
3. a. I recall the **sensuous** experience of going barefoot in the grass.
b. Young children find **sensuous** pleasure in playing in mud and water.
c. Some people feel that an opera, because it appeals to both the eye and the ear, is much more **sensuous** than a symphony.
d. Under hypnosis the volunteer lost all **sensuous** awareness.

4. a. The **assent** of Annapurna, which had never been climbed before, took six days.
- b. Unless you **assent**, no one may enter your home without a warrant.
- c. Congress must **assent** before a president can declare war.
- d. Your promotion has received the board's unanimous **assent**.
5. a. On crashing the Capulets' party, Romeo experiences a strong **presentiment** of disaster.
- b. Before he arrived, the suitor sent his lady **presentiments** of his affection.
- c. Ignoring his **presentiments** of danger, Sir Patrick Spens directed the crew to set sail.
- d. In 1916 Czarina Alexandra had a **presentiment** that if her husband went to the front, the Romanov dynasty would fall.
6. a. Stick to your own project and don't go off on a **tangent** whenever you hear about other interesting ideas.
- b. Although this report is fascinating, I'm afraid it is **tangential** to our investigation.
- c. Because the walls of the prisoners' cells were **tangent**, they could communicate by tapping in code.
- d. A touch of curry added a **tangent** flavor to the stew.

EXERCISE 12C

Fill in each blank with the most appropriate word from Lesson 12. Use a word or any of its forms only once.

1. The blind develop very acute _____ sensitivity, their sense of touch somewhat replacing their sense of sight.
2. Though many claim to have sighted UFOs, almost no _____ evidence has been offered to prove these occurrences.
3. To demonstrate their _____ from the union's decision, a group of workers went on an unauthorized "wild cat" strike.
4. Since their property was _____, the neighbors agreed to share the expense of a new fence.
5. At every gate the commander of the fort posted a(n) _____ to watch for an attack.

REVIEW EXERCISES FOR LESSONS 11 AND 12

- 1** Fill in the blanks or circle the letter of the best answer. Do not use a word or root twice.
- Account, aggression, arrest, and assist* all derive from the prefix _____, which means _____ or _____.
 - tangere* : finger : : *olere* : _____
 - A submarine's *sonar* system determines depth by sending out sound waves and measuring the time taken for them to return. The word *sonar* clearly derives from the root _____, which means _____.
 - Vocation, vocal, and revoke* all derive from the root _____, which means _____.
 - sentinel : vigilant : :
 - cook : redolent
 - musician : resonate
 - advocate : supportive
 - specter : speculative
 - visionary : visible
 - olfactory : redolent : :
 - taste : vociferous
 - touch : ticklish
 - sound : evocative
 - sight : presentiment
 - touch : ad hoc
 - Although his parents _____ his participation in football, they _____ him for not studying hard enough.
 - resonated . . . evoked
 - dissented to . . . assimilated
 - improvised . . . provoked
 - resented . . . reiterated
 - assented to . . . admonished
 - She had a(n) _____ before the race that she was going to win.
 - dissenting evocation
 - tactile refutation
 - visionary provocation
 - auspicious presentiment
 - tactile admonition

2 Matching: On the line at the left, write the letter of the word that best describes the person(s) or thing in the left-hand column.

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| _____ 1. A cat who just fought with a skunk | A. tactile |
| _____ 2. An affectionate couple holding hands | B. olfactory |
| _____ 3. A newcomer made to feel like
"one of the family" | C. sentinel |
| _____ 4. A watchful chaperon | D. vociferous |
| _____ 5. A fan who cries, "Kill the umpire!" | E. redolent |
| | F. tangent |
| | G. assimilated |

3 Writing or Discussion Activities

1. Write a sentence describing a situation for which an *ad hoc* group might be formed in your school or community. Use *ad hoc* in your sentence.
2. Write sentences using any *two* words from each group.
 - a. admonish, provocative, sentinel, vociferous
 - b. evoke, assent, dissent, assiduous
3. Describe in a brief paragraph a situation in which you or someone you know has had a *presentiment* that later proved true. If you cannot think of a real-life situation, make one up. Use *presentiment* in your sentence.