

## Lesson B-1

### Key Word List

percussion	1. the sharp striking of one thing against another. 2. instruments that make a sound when struck.
perennial	1. lasting for an indefinitely long time. 2. continuing regularly.
permeate	to penetrate through spaces; to spread throughout.
persevere	to hold fast to a task or purpose despite handicaps or obstacles.
defer	to postpone; to delay; to yield respectfully to the opinion or will of another.
dilatory	tending to delay or to postpone.
elation	excited feelings of pride, triumph, or happiness.
infer	1. to use available evidence to form a conclusion. 2. to guess.
contend	1. to engage in a quarrel, a struggle, or rivalry. 2. to assert; to put forward in argument.
intent	n. purpose; adj. concentrating on or dedicated to an idea or action.

### Challenge Word List

imperturbable	unable to be upset or excited; calm
perambulate	to walk or travel through or around a place or area, especially for pleasure and in a leisurely way
perigee	the point in the orbit of the moon or a satellite at which it is nearest to the earth.
perpetuity	the state or quality of lasting forever (used with in)
perspicacious	having a ready insight into and understanding of things.
pertinacious	holding firmly to an opinion or a course of action.
perturb	to make (someone) anxious or unsettled.
pervade	(especially of a smell) to spread through and be perceived in every part of.
repercussion	an unintended consequence occurring some time after an event or action, especially an unwelcome one.
collate	to collect and combine (texts, information, or sets of figures) in proper order.
oblate	(of a spheroid) flattened at the poles.
prelate	a bishop or other high ecclesiastical dignitary.
proffer	to hold out (something) to someone for acceptance; offer.
superlative	of the highest quality or degree.
vociferous	(especially of a person or speech) forceful or loud.
détente	the easing of hostility or strained relations, especially between countries.
entente	a friendly understanding or informal alliance between states or factions.
portend	to be a sign or warning that (something, especially something momentous or calamitous) is likely to happen.
tendentious	expressing or intending to promote a particular cause or point of view, especially a controversial one.