

Lesson 2

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Word List

Study the definitions of the words. Then do the exercises that follow.

affect
ə fekt'

- v. 1. To bring about a change in.
Do you think changing schools will **affect** my grades?
2. To pretend to be or to have.
The reporter **affected** an interest in buying a used car in order to get the salesperson to talk to her.

calculate
kal'kyōō lāt

- v. 1. To find the answer by using arithmetic.
I gave my sister the check so she could **calculate** her share of the bill.
2. To figure out by reasoning.
You'd better **calculate** the risks carefully before going on a long trip with that old car.

climate
kli' māt

- n. The average weather conditions of an area.
Florida's warm **climate** is perfect for growing oranges.

column
kā' ləm

- n. 1. A row of figures or words running down a printed page; anything arranged like that.
Do all the problems in the first **column** on page 30.
2. A tall, usually stone support that holds up something.
Forty-six marble **columns** support the roof of the Parthenon in Athens.
3. A regular newspaper or magazine article usually written by the same person.
My mother writes a weekly sports **column** for the *News-Tribune*.

decay
dē kā'

- v. To rot.
Leaves left on the ground will **decay** over the winter.
- n. A breaking down or rotting.
Dentists say tooth **decay** can be prevented by regular brushing and flossing.

exceed ek sēd'	<p>v. 1. To be more than. The final score of Monday's game exceeded our best hopes.</p> <p>2. To go beyond what is allowed. The officer who stopped me told me never to exceed the speed limit again.</p> <p>excess (ek ses') <i>n.</i> More than enough; an extra amount. Use what you need, and save the excess.</p> <p>excessive <i>adj.</i> Too much or too great. Last winter my parents paid an excessive amount for heating oil.</p>
forbid fər bid'	<p>v. To order not to do something. A state law forbids smoking in hospitals.</p> <p>forbidden <i>adj.</i> Not allowed. Eating in class is forbidden.</p>
grove grōv	<p><i>n.</i> A group of trees growing together with open space between them. The children walked hand in hand through the grove of lemon trees.</p>
limb lim	<p><i>n.</i> 1. An arm, leg, or wing. Bats use their webbed front and back limbs to fly.</p> <p>2. A large tree branch. The owl was perched on the top limb of the tree.</p>
mammoth ma' mæθ	<p><i>adj.</i> Very large; huge. The mammoth Seattle Skydome holds over fifty thousand people.</p>
mature me chōr'	<p>v. To become fully grown or developed. Rabbits mature in about six months and are then able to bear young.</p> <p><i>adj.</i> Fully grown or developed; adult. My brother looks very mature for only eleven.</p>
permit pər mit'	<p>v. To allow. Some towns permit overnight parking downtown.</p> <p><i>n.</i> (pər' mit) A written notice that allows a person to do something. You need a permit to go fishing in that lake.</p>
resist ri zist'	<p>v. 1. To refuse to give in to; to withstand. Some kinds of corn resist disease better than others.</p> <p>2. To work or fight against. The armies of Genghis Khan were so powerful, it was useless to resist them.</p>

scorch

skôrçh

v. To burn slightly.

If you press a shirt with an iron that is too hot, you might **scorch** the cloth.**scorching** *adj.* Very hot.On such a **scorching** July day, the only thing I wanted after work was a swim in the ocean.**tower**

tou'ər

v. To stand above or higher than what is around it.

The Statue of Liberty **towers** above New York Harbor.**towering** *adj.* Very high; tall.Looking up at the **towering** skyscrapers gave me a stiff neck.