

Lesson 13

"He can compress the most words into the smallest ideas of any man I ever met."

Abraham Lincoln, of a fellow lawyer

Words To Learn This Week

journalist
famine
revive
commence
observant
identify
migrate
vessel
persist
hazy
gleam
editor

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1. **journalist** (jēr' nəl ist) one who writes for, edits, manages, or produces a newspaper or magazine
 - a. There were four **journalists** covering the murder story.
 - b. Barbara's experience working at a book store wasn't adequate* preparation for becoming a **journalist**.
 - c. A **journalist** must have a comprehensive* knowledge* of the city where he or she works.
2. **famine** (fam' ən) starvation; great shortage
 - a. **Famine** in India caused the death of one-tenth of the population.*
 - b. There has been a **famine** of good writing in the last decade.*
 - c. The rumor of a **famine** in Europe was purely fiction.*
3. **revive** (ri vīv') bring back or come back to life or consciousness
 - a. There is a movement to **revive** old plays for modern audiences.
 - b. The nurses tried to **revive** the heart attack victim.
 - c. Committees are trying to **revive** interest in population* control.
4. **commence** (kə mens') begin; start
 - a. Graduation will **commence** at ten o'clock.
 - b. Bella hesitated* before **commencing** her speech.
 - c. The discussion **commenced** with a report on urban* affairs.
5. **observant** (ab zer' vənt) quick to notice; watchful
 - a. We were **observant** of the conflict* between the husband and his wife.
 - b. Because Cato was **observant**, he was able to reveal* the thief's name.
 - c. Milt used his excellent vision* to be **observant** of everything in his vicinity.*
6. **identify** (ī den' tə fī) recognize as being, or show to be, a certain person or thing; prove to be the same
 - a. Numerous* witnesses **identified** the butcher as the killer.
 - b. Mrs. Shaw was able to **identify** the painting as being hers.
 - c. With only a quick glimpse,* Reggie was able to **identify** his girlfriend in the crowd.
7. **migrate** (mī' grāt) move from one place to another
 - a. The fruit pickers **migrated** to wherever they could find work.
 - b. Much of our population* is constantly **migrating** to other areas of the country.
 - c. My grandfather **migrated** to New York from Italy in 1919.
8. **vessel** (ves' əl) a ship; a hollow container; tube containing body fluid
 - a. The Girl Scouts were permitted a glimpse* of the **vessel** being built when they toured the Navy Yard.
 - b. My father burst a blood **vessel** when he got the bill from the garage.
 - c. Congress voted to decrease* the amount of money being spent on space **vessels**.
9. **persist** (pər sist') continue firmly; refuse to stop or be changed
 - a. The humid* weather **persisted** all summer.
 - b. Would Lorraine's weird* behavior **persist**, we all wondered?
 - c. Lloyd **persisted** in exaggerating* everything he said.
10. **hazy** (hā' zē) misty; smoky; unclear
 - a. The vicinity* of London is known to be **hazy**.
 - b. Factories that pollute* the air create **hazy** weather conditions.
 - c. Although Cora had a great memory, she was unusually **hazy** about the details of our meeting on January 16th.

11. **gleam** (glēm) a flash or beam of light
 - a. A **gleam** of light shone through the prison window.
 - b. The only source* of light in the cellar came in the form of a **gleam** through a hole in the wall.
 - c. My grandmother gets a **gleam** in her eyes when she sees the twins.
12. **editor** (ed' ə tər) person who prepares a publication; one who corrects a manuscript and helps to improve it
 - a. The student was proud to be the **editor** of the school newspaper.
 - b. Meredith's journalistic knowledge* came in handy when he was unexpectedly given the job of **editor** of The Bulletin.
 - c. It is undeniable* that the magazine has gotten better since Ellis became **editor**.

Read the following story to see how the new words are used in it.

Flying Saucers Again

Whenever **journalists** face a news **famine** they **revive** the undeniably* interesting question: How can we explain UFO's—unidentified flying objects? The story usually **commences** with a description of the object by some **observant** night watchman who doesn't hesitate* to **identify** the object as having **migrated** from outer space.

The **vessel**, he **persists**, appeared over the **hazy** lake at about 30 feet. A greenish **gleam** prohibited* him from seeing its exact shape, he admits. Newspaper **editors** love these stories because they keep the population* interested in knowledge about UFO's and keep them buying newspapers.

Place one of the new words in each of the blanks below.

1. The wedding will _____ at eight o'clock.
2. When Abe lost his job, he had to _____ to a place where he could find work.
3. We could tell Ira was happy by the bright _____ in his eyes.
4. Because of the _____, people were dying in the streets.
5. Many people claim to have seen a ghostly _____ sailing through the fog.
6. Can you _____ the flags of all the states in the United States?
7. He was _____ of all the rules of his religion.
8. The _____ sent five reporters to cover the big story.
9. They were trying to _____ interest in old movies.
10. The travelers were stupid to _____ in eating the food after they were told it was spoiled.
11. _____ weather kept the pilot from seeing the airfield clearly.
12. The young _____ applied for his first job at a small newspaper.

Exercise

Now make up your own sentences, one for each of the new words you have just been taught.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Lesson 14

"Words, like fine flowers, have their colors, too."

Ernest Rhys, *Words*

Words To Learn This Week

unruly
rival
violent
brutal
opponent
brawl
duplicate
vicious
whirling
underdog
thrust
bewildered

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1. **unruly** (un rōō' lē) hard to rule or control; lawless
 - a. **Unruly** behavior is prohibited* at the pool.
 - b. When he persisted* in acting **unruly**, Ralph was fired from his job.
 - c. His **unruly** actions were a menace* to those who were trying to work.
2. **rival** (rī' vəl) person who wants and tries to get the same thing as another; one who tries to equal or do better than another
 - a. The boxer devised* an attack which would help him to be victorious* over his young **rival**.
 - b. Sherry didn't like to compete* because she always thought her **rival** would win.
 - c. Seidman and Son decided to migrate* to an area where they would have fewer **rivals**.
3. **violent** (vī' ə lənt) acting or done with strong, rough force
 - a. Carefully, very carefully, we approached* the **violent** man.
 - b. **Violent** behavior is prohibited* on school grounds.
 - c. Vernon had a tendency* to be **violent** when someone angered him.
4. **brutal** (brōō' təl) coarse and savage; like a brute; cruel
 - a. Dozens of employees* quit the job because the boss was **brutal** to them.
 - b. The **brutal** track coach persisted* in making the team work out all morning under the hot sun.
 - c. Swearing to catch the murderer, the detectives revealed* that it had been an unusually **brutal**, violent* crime.
5. **opponent** (ə pō' nənt) person who is on the other side of a fight, game, or discussion; person fighting, struggling or speaking against another
 - a. The Russian chess player underestimated* his **opponent** and lost.
 - b. He was a bitter **opponent** of costly urban* reform.
 - c. Seeing his flabby* **opponent**, Slugger was sure he would be victorious.*
6. **brawl** (brôl) a noisy quarrel or fight
 - a. The journalist* covered all the details of the **brawl** in the park.
 - b. Larry dreaded* a **brawl** with his father over finding a job.
 - c. What started out as a polite discussion soon became a violent* **brawl**.
7. **duplicate** (dōō' plə kāt) an exact copy; make an exact copy of; repeat exactly
 - a. Elliott tried to deceive* Mrs. Held by making a **duplicate** of my paper.
 - b. We **duplicated** the document* so that everyone had a copy to study.
 - c. The so-called expert did a mediocre* job of **duplicating** the Van Gogh painting.
8. **vicious** (vish' əs) evil; wicked; savage
 - a. Liza was unpopular* because she was **vicious** to people she had just met.
 - b. The **vicious** editor* published false stories about people he disliked.
 - c. Mr. Voss was reluctant* to talk about his **vicious** St. Bernard dog.
9. **whirling** (hwər' ling) turning or swinging round and round; spinning
 - a. The space vessel* was **whirling** around before it landed on earth.
 - b. As they tried to lift the bulky* piano, the movers went **whirling** across the living room.
 - c. Because Angelo drank too much, he commenced* to feel that everything was **whirling** around the bar.
10. **underdog** (un' dər dôg) person having the worst of any struggle; one who is expected to lose
 - a. Minority* groups complain about being the **underdogs** in this century.*

- b. I always feel sorry for the **underdog** in a street fight.
 - c. The Jets were identified* as **underdogs** even though they had beaten the Los Angeles Rams earlier in the season.
11. **thrust** (thrust) push with force
- a. Once the jet engine was ignited,* it **thrust** the rocket from the ground.
 - b. He had adequate* strength to **thrust** himself through the locked door.
 - c. Eva was in a terrible rage* when she **thrust** herself into the room.
12. **bewildered** (bi wil' dêrd) confused completely; puzzled
- a. The lawyer was **bewildered** by his client's* lack* of interest in the case.
 - b. His partner's weird* actions left Jack **bewildered**.
 - c. **Bewildered** by the sudden hazy* weather, he decided not to go to the beach.

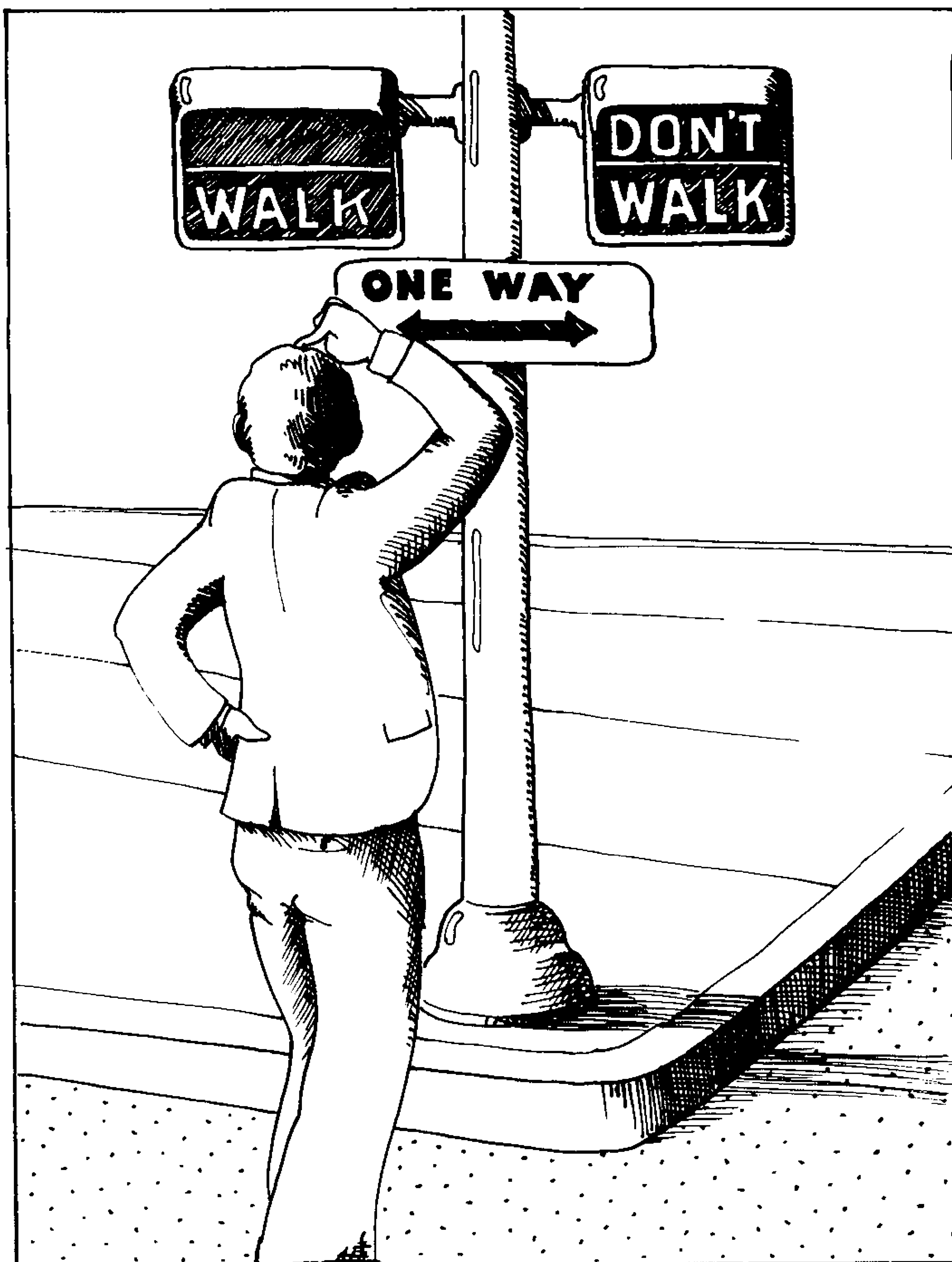
Read the following story to see how the new words are used in it.

Roller Derby

The most **unruly** game known to man or woman is the Roller Derby. Revived* every so often on television, it has no **rival** for **violent, brutal** action. The game commences* with two teams on roller skates circling a banked, oval track. Then one or two skaters try to break out of the pack and "lap" the **opponents**. When the skater leaves the pack, the **brawl** begins. No sport can

duplicate the **vicious** shrieking,* pushing, elbowing, and fighting all at high speed while the skaters are **whirling** around the track. And women are just as much of a menace* as the men. Often considered the **underdog**, the female skater can **thrust** a pointed fingernail into the face of a **bewildered** enemy.

Which of the words studied in this lesson is suggested by the picture?



Lesson 15

"Speak clearly, if you speak at all;
Carve every word before you let it fall."

Oliver Wendell Holmes, *A Rhymed Lesson*

Words To Learn

This Week

expand

alter

mature

sacred

revise

pledge

casual

pursue

unanimous

fortunate

pioneer

innovative

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1. **expand** (ik spand') increase in size; enlarge; swell
 - a. We will **expand** our business as soon as we locate a new building.
 - b. Present laws against people who pollute* the air must be **expanded**.
 - c. **Expanding** the comic strips, the editor* hoped that more people would buy his paper.
2. **alter** (ôl' tər) make different; change; vary
 - a. I **altered** my typical* lunch and had a steak instead.
 - b. Dorothy agreed to **alter** my dress if I would reveal* its cost to her.
 - c. It's absurd* to spend money to **alter** that old candy store.
3. **mature** (mə chōōr' or mətur') ripe; fully grown or developed
 - a. I could tell that Mitch was **mature** from the way he persisted* in his work.
 - b. Only through **mature** study habits can a person hope to gain knowledge.*
 - c. It is essential* that you behave in a **mature** way in the business world.
4. **sacred** (sā' krid) worthy of respect; holy
 - a. Her **sacred** medal had to be sold because the family was in urgent* need of money.
 - b. It was revealed* by the journalist* that the **sacred** temple had been torn down.
 - c. Kate made a **sacred** promise to her parents never to miss a Sunday church service.
5. **revise** (ri vīz') change; alter*; bring up to date
 - a. My family **revised** its weekend plans when the weather turned hazy.*
 - b. The dictionary was **revised** and then published in a more expensive* edition.
 - c. Under the **revised** rules, Shane was eliminated* from competing.*
6. **pledge** (plej) promise
 - a. Before the grand jury, the sinister* gangster **pledged** to tell the whole truth.
 - b. Monte was reluctant* to **pledge** his loyalty* to his new girlfriend.
 - c. **Pledged** to discovering the facts, the journalist* began to dig up new evidence* for his readers.
7. **casual** (kəzh' ū əl) happening by chance; not planned or expected; not calling attention to itself
 - a. As the villain* stole the money from the blind man, he walked away in a **casual** manner.
 - b. The bartender made a **casual** remark about the brawl* in the backroom.
 - c. Following a **casual** meeting on the street, the bachelor* renewed his friendship with the widow.
8. **pursue** (pər sōō') follow; proceed along
 - a. We **pursued** the bicycle thief until he vanished* from our vision.*
 - b. Ernie rowed up the river, **pursuing** it to its source.*
 - c. The senior wanted to **pursue** urban* affairs as his life's work.
9. **unanimous** (yū nan' ə mēs) in complete agreement
 - a. The class was **unanimous** in wanting to eliminate* study halls.
 - b. There has never been an election in our union which was won by a **unanimous** vote.
 - c. The Senate, by a **unanimous** vote, decided to decrease* taxes.

10. **fortunate** (fôr' chə nit) having good luck; lucky
 - a. Wesley was **fortunate** to have an adequate* sum of money in the bank.
 - b. It is **fortunate** that the famine* did not affect our village.
 - c. The underdog* was **fortunate** enough to come out a winner.
 11. **pioneer** (pī ə nēr') one who goes first or prepares a way for others
 - a. My grandfather was a **pioneer** in selling wholesale* products.
 - b. England was a **pioneer** in building large vessels* for tourists.
 - c. In the fourth grade I assembled* a picture collection of great American **pioneers**.
 12. **innovative** (ine vā' tiv) fresh; clever; having new ideas
 - a. The **innovative** ads for the candy won many new customers.
 - b. Everyone in our office praised the boss for his **innovative** suggestions.
 - c. Nicole decided to alter* her approach and become more **innovative**.
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Read the following story to see how the new words are used in it.

John Dewey High School; Brooklyn, New York

The high school of the future may be New York City's John Dewey High School. Located in Brooklyn, this unique* school offers an **expanded, altered** course of study for **mature** students. The **sacred** 40 minute period has been abolished* and replaced with 20 minute units, so that some classes are 20, 40, 60 or even 80 minutes long. Courses have been **revised** into seven-week units. In honor study halls, students **pledge** themselves to quiet study. Gener-

ally, the teachers' attitude towards students is **casual**. Pupils may utilize* the cafeteria any time they have no class. Pupils **pursue** courses they choose themselves. So far the positive reaction is **unanimous**; everyone senses that the **fortunate** students at John Dewey High School are **pioneers** in the thrust* to find new ways of teaching and learning. We salute this **innovative** school.

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Place one of the new words in each of the blanks below.

1. Dominick was _____ to have such good friends.
 2. Rhonda didn't believe in divorce because she felt that marriage is _____.
 3. The pilot had to _____ his course when he ran into bad weather.
 4. Everyone approved of Dave's _____ proposal.*
 5. David wanted to _____ medicine as a career.
 6. He moved out of the house when he became a _____ young man.
 7. The vote to make Jim president of the camera club was _____.
 8. When his mother died of cancer, the young doctor decided to _____ his life to finding a cure for it.
 9. They had to _____ their plans when a third person decided to join them for lunch.
 10. The young people that went to Woodstock were the _____ of the outdoor rock music festival.
 11. The relaxed friends spoke in a _____ manner as they talked on the street.
 12. I can feel my stomach _____ when I breathe deeply.
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Exercise

Now make up your own sentences, one for each of the new words you have just been taught.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Lesson 16

"A very great part of the mischiefs that vex this world arises from words."

Edmund Burke, *Letters*

Words To Learn This Week

slender

surpass

vast

doubt

capacity

penetrate

pierce

accurate

microscope

grateful

cautious

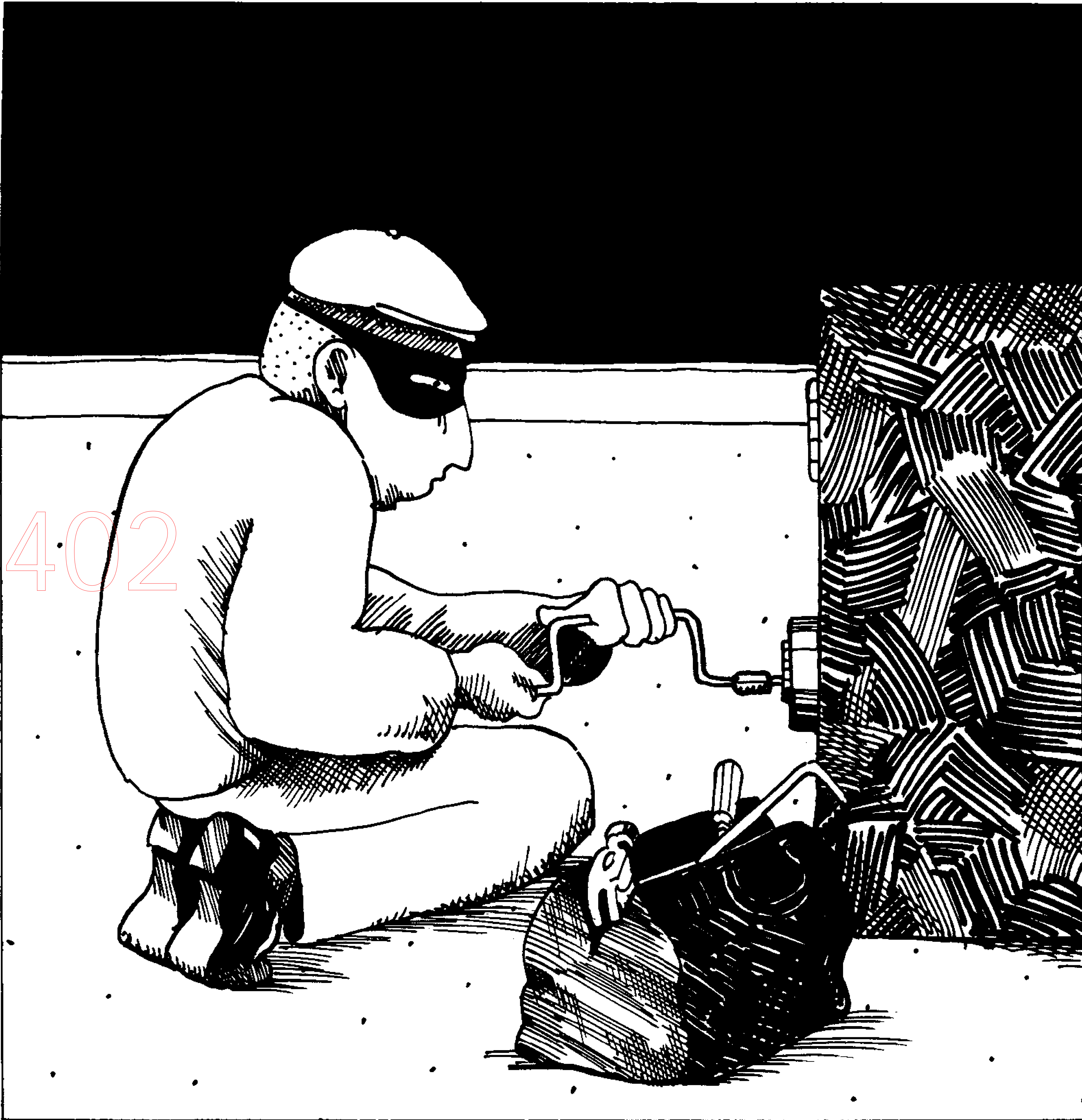
confident

- slender** (slen' der) long and thin; limited; slight
 - Carlotta's **slender** figure made her look very feminine.*
 - There was only a **slender** chance that you could conceal* the truth.
 - The **slender** thief was able to enter the apartment through the narrow window.
- surpass** (sər pas') do better than; be greater than; excel*
 - The machines of the twentieth century* surely **surpass** those of earlier times.
 - Most farmers believe that rural* life far **surpasses** urban* living.
 - It is undeniable* that a cold lemonade in July cannot be **surpassed**.
- vast** (vast) very great; enormous*
 - Daniel Boone explored* **vast** areas that had never been settled.
 - Our campus* always seems **vast** to new students.
 - Vast** differences between the two sides were made clear in the debate.*
- doubt** (dout) not believe; not be sure of; feel uncertain about; lack of certainty
 - Scientists **doubt** that a total cure for cancer will be found soon.
 - The question of whether he could survive* the winter was left in **doubt**.
 - We don't **doubt** that the tradition* of marriage will continue.
- capacity** (kə pas' ə tē) amount of room or space inside; largest amount that can be held by a container
 - A sign in the elevator stated that its **capacity** was 1100 pounds.
 - The gasoline capsule* had a **capacity** of 500 gallons.
 - So well-liked was the prominent* speaker that the auditorium was filled to **capacity** when he began his lecture.
- penetrate** (pen' ə trāt) get into or through
 - We had to **penetrate** the massive* wall in order to hang the mirror.
 - Although Kenny tried to pound the nail into the rock with a hammer, he couldn't **penetrate** the hard surface.
 - The thieves **penetrated** the bank's security* and stole the money.
- pierce** (pērs) go into; go through; penetrate*
 - My sister is debating* whether or not to get her ears **pierced**.
 - I tried to ignore* his bad violin playing, but the sound was **piercing**.
 - Halloran violently* **pierced** the skin of his rival,* causing massive* bleeding.
- accurate** (ak' ū rit) exactly right as the result of care or pains
 - Ushers took an **accurate** count of the people assembled* in the theatre.
 - Emma's vision* was so **accurate** that she didn't need glasses.
 - In writing on the topic,* Vergil used **accurate** information.
- microscope** (mī' krə skōp) instrument with a lens for making objects larger so that one can see things more clearly
 - The students used a **microscope** to see the miniature* insect.
 - Young Jonas Salk wanted to get a glimpse* of things he couldn't see with just his eyes, so his father bought him a **microscope**.
 - Using a **microscope**, the scientist was able to probe* into the habits of germs.
- grateful** (grāt' fəl) feeling gratitude; thankful
 - The majority* of pupils felt **grateful** for Mr. Ash's help.
 - We were **grateful** that the gloomy* weather cleared up on Saturday.
 - In his letter, Waldo told how **grateful** he was for the loan.

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11. **cautious** (kô' shəs) very careful; never taking chances
- Be **cautious** when you choose your opponent.*
 - Good authors are **cautious** not to exaggerate* when they write.
 - If the rain is falling in torrents,* it is best to drive **cautiously**.
12. **confident** (kän' fə dənt) firmly believing; certain; sure
- Judge Emery was **confident** he could solve the conflict.*
 - When he lifted the burden,* Scotty was **confident** he could carry it.
 - Annette was **confident** she would do well as a nurse.

Which of the words studied in this lesson is suggested by the picture?



Read the following story to see how the new words are used in it.

A Valuable New Discovery

The laser is a marvelous new device that sends out a **slender**, concentrated beam of light, a light that **surpasses** the light at the sun's surface. So **vast** is the laser beam's power that it has without a **doubt** the **capacity** to vaporize* any substance located anywhere on earth. The laser can **penetrate** steel, **pierce** a diamond, or make an **accurate** die for wire so thin that it

can be seen only with a **microscope**.

Grateful eye surgeons report that they have used laser beams to repair the retinas in some fortunate* patients by creating tiny scars that joined the retina to the eyeball. Pioneering* medical men are making **cautious** exploration* into cancer cures with the laser, **confident** that they will alter* the course of this brutal* disease.