

CHAPTER
12^H

exhort	masochist
flamboyant	meticulous
foible	rancor
innocuous	recrimination
magnanimous	repugnant

Name: _____
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Ten Words in Context

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- 1 **exhort**
(ĕg-zôrt')
-verb
___ *Exhort* means
- The school counselor gave an impassioned speech to the parents, in which she **exhorted** them to make every effort to keep their children off drugs.
 - On the eve of the invasion, the general **exhorted** the troops to fight bravely for their homeland.
- a. to accuse. b. to praise. c. to urge.
- 2 **flamboyant**
(flām-boi'ənt)
-adjective
___ *Flamboyant* means
- Lily can't resist **flamboyant** clothes. She'd wear a hot-pink dress with gold satin trim to a funeral.
 - With his sequined suits, glittering jewelry, and silver piano, Liberace was probably the world's most **flamboyant** pianist.
- a. flashy. b. self-centered. c. concerned with details.
- 3 **foible**
(foi'bəl)
-noun
___ *Foible* means
- Serious character flaws—such as abusiveness—are hard to overlook, but **foibles**—such as drinking soup through a straw—can often be easily tolerated.
 - "I accept my husband's **foible** of leaving clothes lying around," Barb remarked, "because it lets me be messy without feeling guilty."
- a. a serious problem. b. a minor failing. c. a complaint.
- 4 **innocuous**
(ĭn-nōk'yōō-əs)
-adjective
___ *Innocuous* means
- Although most children engage in **innocuous** pranks on Halloween, some get out of hand and do serious damage.
 - Experts at the Poison Information Center can tell you if a household substance is harmful or **innocuous**.
- a. without bad effects. b. expensive. c. satisfying.
- 5 **magnanimous**
(māg-nān'ə-məs)
-adjective
___ *Magnanimous* means
- At age 5, Jonathan is already learning to be **magnanimous**. He forgives and hugs his baby sister even when she hits him on the head with a wooden block.
 - Last Thanksgiving, someone at work drew a funny picture of our boss as an enormous turkey. When the boss saw it, he was **magnanimous**—he laughed, said it was terrific, and even hung it up over his desk.
- a. big-hearted. b. consistent. c. resentful.
- 6 **masochist**
(mās'ə-kĭst)
-noun
___ *Masochist* means
- Psychologists are trying to understand why **masochists** obtain satisfaction from suffering.
 - "A **masochist's** idea of a good time," said the comedian, "is getting hit by a truck on the way home from having all his teeth pulled."
- a. someone filled with hatred. b. someone who enjoys being hurt. c. someone who enjoys hurting others.

- 7 **meticulous**
(mə-tīk'yōō-ləs)
-adjective
__ *Meticulous* means
- When you proofread your own writing, be **meticulous**—check every detail.
 - Ken is **meticulous** about his appearance. He never has a wrinkle in his clothing or a hair out of place.
- a. precise. b. bold. c. unconcerned.
- 8 **rancor**
(rān'kər)
-noun
__ *Rancor* means
- The **rancor** between my uncles has lasted for twenty years, ever since Uncle Dmitri married the woman to whom Uncle Sergei had proposed.
 - When there is long-lasting **rancor** between divorced parents, their children may also start to share this bitterness.
- a. a minor fault. b. deep hostility. c. secrecy.
- 9 **recrimination**
(rī-krīm'ə-nā'shən)
-noun
__ *Recrimination* means
- The couple's session with the marriage counselor failed miserably; it began with the husband and wife hurling accusations at each other, and it never progressed beyond these **recriminations**.
 - When Lainie's father and her teacher met to discuss Lainie's poor grades, they exchanged **recriminations**—each accused the other of not helping her do better.
- a. an urgent plea. b. a detailed suggestion. c. an accusation in reply.
- 10 **repugnant**
(rī-pūg'nənt)
-adjective
__ *Repugnant* means
- My parents find some of my eating habits **repugnant**, but I see nothing offensive about mixing peas and ketchup into mashed potatoes.
 - A snake is **repugnant** to many people—"Slimy!" they say, shivering with distaste. However, snakes are not at all slimy, and most are harmless.
- a. disgusting. b. amusing. c. remarkable.

Matching Words with Definitions

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1. _____ Intense hatred or ill will; long-lasting resentment
2. _____ Harmless; inoffensive
3. _____ Offensive; distasteful; repulsive
4. _____ A person who gains satisfaction from suffering physical or psychological pain
5. _____ Very showy; strikingly bold
6. _____ A minor weakness or character flaw; a minor fault in behavior
7. _____ An accusation made in response to an accuser; countercharge
8. _____ To urge with argument or strong advice; plead earnestly
9. _____ Noble in mind and spirit; especially generous in forgiving
10. _____ Extremely careful and exact; showing great attention to details

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➤ Sentence Check 1

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a. exhort	b. flamboyant	c. foible	d. innocuous	e. magnanimous
f. masochist	g. meticulous	h. rancor	i. recrimination	j. repugnant

- _____ 1. Why is it that bats seem so ____? Do we think a flying mouselike creature is distasteful, or do we associate bats with vampires?
- _____ 2. It was ____ of the Greens to forgive the driver who ran over their dog.
- _____ 3. Battered women who stay with their abusive partners aren't necessarily ____; they don't enjoy being hurt, but often they can't see any way to escape.
- _____ 4. Although nail-biting is only a ____, it can become maddening to a companion who observes it day after day.
- _____ 5. Before the football game, the coach gave a fiery pep talk. He ____ (e)d the players to fight for the honor of the team and the school.
- _____ 6. To an allergic person, foods that are normally ____, such as milk or wheat, can cause discomfort and even serious illness.
- _____ 7. The long-standing ____ between the two women finally came to an end when one of them fell and the other rushed over to help her.
- _____ 8. The angry neighbors traded ____: "Your wild kids trampled all over my flower bed!" "Well, your crazy dog dug up my lawn!"
- _____ 9. Some jobs needn't be done in a(n) ____ way. For instance, why sweep every speck of dust off a floor that's only going to get dirty again in an hour?
- _____ 10. On New Year's Day in Philadelphia, string bands called "Mummers" strut their stuff in ____ costumes designed to outshine all other bands in the parade.

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➤ Sentence Check 2

Using the answer lines provided, complete each item below with **two** words from the box. Use each word once.

- _____ 1-2. My second-grade teacher had stringent^o standards. For one thing, she ____ (e)d us to be ____ about our handwriting. "Dot every *i*," she would say, "and cross every *t*."
- _____ 3-4. In a small business, it's important never to instigate^o quarrels or let ____ develop. People must learn to be ____ and forgive each other's errors.
- _____ 5-6. Many find the thought of a ____ seeking out and enjoying suffering to be as ____ as the idea of causing someone else to suffer.

- _____ 7-8. Walter is certainly odd. Still, most of his _____s—like wearing bedroom slippers to work and leaving bags of pretzels all over the office—are so _____ that nobody really minds them.
- _____ 9-10. When Martha put on a bright red beaded dress with huge rhinestone earrings, _____s flew back and forth between her and her sister. “You look ridiculous in that outfit,” her sister said. “It’s much too _____.” Martha replied, “Well, *your* clothes are the most boring I’ve ever seen.”

➤ **Final Check: How Neat Is Neat Enough?**

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Experts say that the most ordinary matters sometimes create the biggest problems in a marriage. If one spouse is a slob and the other is (1) _____, there is bound to be trouble.

At first, newlyweds tend to be (2) _____, readily forgiving each other’s (3) _____s. The wife says it’s “sweet” that her husband made the bed while she was still in it and “cute” that he grabbed her plate to wash it when she picked up her sandwich to take a bite. “You’re so helpful,” she coos. And he manages a smile when she dumps her too-expensive, too-(4) _____ gold sequined dress in the middle of the bedroom floor. “We’ve sure got a high-priced, flashy rug,” he jokes.

But the honeymoon ends, and the little things that once seemed (5) _____ start to be seriously annoying. He begins to think, “Since my housekeeping is so impeccable°, why isn’t she picking up my good habits? Why must I wade through dirty pantyhose to reach the closet? Why is there spaghetti sauce on the kitchen ceiling fan again?” He (6) _____s her to have some self-respect and stop living like a pig.

And she begins to wonder about him: Why does he insist on dusting the tops of the door frames when no one can see them? So what if she squeezes the toothpaste from the middle of the tube—why should he find that harmless habit so (7) _____? Maybe he’s a (8) _____—why else would he be so happy down on his knees, scrubbing the bathroom floor with a toothbrush (one of the “old” ones that he replaced after using it for a week)?

Soon the accusations and (9) _____s start. She yells, “You’re a zealot° for neatness—that’s all you care about. You spend more time holding that vacuum cleaner than you spend holding me!” He responds, “If you weren’t so sloppy, I’d hold you more often. As it is, I have to climb over a mountain of junk just to get near you!”

Eventually, as the two of them continue arguing with each other and berating° each other, their feelings of (10) _____ become too great to overcome. It won’t be long before another relationship, so to speak, bites the dust.

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CHAPTER
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conversely	quest
extrovert	traumatic

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- 1 **charisma**
(kə-rīz'mə)
-noun
- *Charisma* means
- Kamal has such **charisma** that when he ran for class president, almost every person in the tenth grade voted for him. Such magnetism will benefit him throughout his life.
 - Great Britain's Princess Diana obviously had great **charisma**. Despite her personal problems, she had numerous loyal fans—even after her death.
- a. feelings. b. personal appeal. c. luck.
- 2 **contemporary**
(kən-tē'm'pə-rēr'ē)
-adjective
- *Contemporary* means
- Beth likes **contemporary** furniture, but her husband prefers antiques.
 - My grandfather says that compared to kids in his day, **contemporary** youngsters are soft and lazy.
- a. common. b. old-fashioned. c. current.
- 3 **contend**
(kən-tēnd')
-verb
- *Contend* means
- The defense attorney **contended** that his client was insane and therefore could not be held responsible for the murder.
 - Scientists **contend** that no two snowflakes are identical, but how could they possibly prove it?
- a. to wish. b. to deny. c. to declare.
- 4 **conversely**
(kən-vûrs'lē)
-adverb
- *Conversely* means
- Ron, who is basically bored by food, eats in order to live. **Conversely**, Nate loves food so much that he seems to live in order to eat.
 - Mary drives her children to school whenever it rains. **Conversely**, Fran makes her kids walk because she thinks a little rain never hurt anyone.
- a. in contrast. b. in a modern way. c. similarly.
- 5 **extrovert**
(ĕk'strə-vûrt')
-noun
- *Extrovert* means
- Surprisingly, not all performers are **extroverts**. Offstage, many are quiet and shy.
 - Ms. Stein hired Robert to greet and chat with her clients because he's such an **extrovert**.
- a. a supporter of causes. b. a timid person. c. a sociable person.
- 6 **poignant**
(poin'yənt)
-adjective
- *Poignant* means
- The service honoring American soldiers missing in action was touching. A speech by a friend of one of the soldiers was particularly **poignant**.
 - I cried when I read a **poignant** story about a dying girl who gave away all of her dolls to "poor children."
- a. affecting the emotions. b. correct. c. lively.

- 7 **prevalent**
(prĕv'ə-lənt)
-adjective
- ___ *Prevalent* means
- Unemployment was **prevalent** during America's Great Depression. By 1932, over twelve million people were out of work.
 - Television sets are more **prevalent** in the United States than bathtubs. Over half of American homes have two or more TVs. Far fewer homes have more than one bathtub.
- a. favorable. b. found frequently. c. unlikely.
- 8 **proponent**
(prō-pō'nənt)
-noun
- ___ *Proponent* means
- I voted for Senator Williams, a **proponent** of improved services for the elderly, because I feel that many older people need greater assistance.
 - Although Elaine quit work to take care of her children, she is a **proponent** of employer-supported day care.
- a. a recipient. b. an opponent. c. a supporter.
- 9 **quest**
(kwĕst)
-noun
- ___ *Quest* means
- During Carlo's **quest** for the perfect pizza, he sampled the cheese pizza at twenty-seven different restaurants.
 - Ponce de Leon's **quest** was for the Fountain of Youth; what he found instead was Florida.
- a. a hunt. b. a question. c. a design.
- 10 **traumatic**
(trō-măt'ĭk)
-adjective
- ___ *Traumatic* means
- Divorce can be less **traumatic** for children if their fears and feelings are taken into account as the divorce takes place.
 - My cousin has had nightmares ever since his **traumatic** experience of being trapped in a coal mine.
- a. familiar. b. reasonable. c. upsetting.

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1. _____ In an opposite manner; in an altogether different way
2. _____ The quality of a leader which captures great popular devotion; personal magnetism; charm
3. _____ A search; pursuit
4. _____ Widespread; common
5. _____ To state to be so; claim; affirm
6. _____ Modern; up-to-date
7. _____ Someone who supports a cause
8. _____ Emotionally moving; touching
9. _____ Causing painful emotions, with possible long-lasting psychological effects
10. _____ An outgoing, sociable person

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- _____ 1. I study best in the morning. ____, my sister concentrates better at night.
- _____ 2. Nancy is a(n) ____ by nature, but since she's become depressed, she has avoided other people.
- _____ 3. At the airport, I was very moved by the ____ reunion of family members who had been separated for years.
- _____ 4. Underage drinking was so ____ in the fraternity house that college officials ordered the house closed for a year.
- _____ 5. "This woman ____s that she was here before you," said the supermarket checkout clerk. "Is it her turn now?"
- _____ 6. Felipe is a(n) ____ of exercising for good health. He even encourages his young children to swim or cycle every day.
- _____ 7. Certain movie stars may not be great actors, but they have a(n) ____ that makes people want to see their films.
- _____ 8. Abby didn't like the apartment with the old-fashioned tub and radiators. She preferred a more ____ place.
- _____ 9. Repeating third grade was ____ for my brother. It still pains him to think about it, even though he's a successful businessman now.
- _____ 10. Over the past three hundred years, several people have gone on a(n) ____ for Noah's ark. Some have looked for it in northeastern Turkey, on Mount Ararat, sixteen thousand feet above sea level.

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- _____ 1-2. Many people are surprised to learn how ____ poverty is in ____ America. Today, millions live below the poverty line, and the number seems to escalate^o daily.
- _____ 3-4. Judy and Martin Reed exemplify^o the old saying "Opposites attract." A(n) ____, Judy chooses work that brings her into constant contact with others. ____, Marty prefers jobs in which he mainly works alone.

- _____ 5-6. Ever since the ____ experience of finding her twelve-year-old son dead from a drug overdose, Sophie has been a strong ____ of mandatory° drug education in the public schools. If drug education isn't required, she says, schools may cut corners and omit it.
- _____ 7-8. My mother ____s that *Romeo and Juliet* is the most ____ story ever written, but my sister claims *Love Story* is more moving.
- _____ 9-10. Mahatma Gandhi's ____ and vision inspired millions of fellow Indians to join him enthusiastically in the ____ for peaceful solutions to national problems. Gandhi incorporated° nonviolence and political activism into a highly effective method for social change: passive resistance.

► Final Check: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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(1) _____ young people may be able to list the many accomplishments of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. They may know that he was a civil rights leader who aspired° to achieve racial harmony and was a(n) (2) _____ of peaceful but direct action. They may know that he fought the discrimination against blacks that was so (3) _____ in our country in the 1950s and 1960s. They may also know that he received a great deal of acclaim° for his work. For example, in 1964 he won the Nobel Peace Prize. They may even (4) _____ that he is the most important social reformer in the history of our nation.

But can the young really know the (5) _____, the powerful personal magnetism of this man? He was a perfect blend of quiet, considerate thinker and bold, outspoken (6) _____. When Dr. King spoke, people listened. He had such a forceful yet (7) _____ way of speaking that those who heard him felt his message deep within. For most, this meant a stronger belief in and respect for the man and his ideals. (8) _____, for bigots, it meant hatred and fear of what he stood for.

Dr. King's (9) _____ for equal rights for all was clear when he said, "I have a dream that this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created equal.'" He gave his time, his leadership, and, in the end, his life. His murder was a (10) _____ event in the lives of many Americans, who never fully recovered from that awful day. But because of Martin Luther King, Americans live with greater dignity. And many have taken up his fight for the betterment of all.

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