



### Lesson 6

**apparel**  
ə per' əl

*n.* The things that are worn by a person; clothing.  
Party goers dressed in their finest **apparel** for New Year's Eve.

**appreciate**  
ə prē' shē ət

*v.* 1. To see the worth or quality of.  
I **appreciate** handmade lace edgings on pillowcases.  
2. To increase in value.  
The house we bought for \$300,000 has **appreciated** to \$380,000.

**continuous**  
kən tin' yō əs

*adj.* Going on without stopping.  
The **continuous** flow of traffic makes it impossible to cross the street here.

**dissolve**  
di zälv'

*v.* 1. To make or become liquid.  
Sugar **dissolves** easily in warm water.  
2. To bring or to come to an end.  
The members agreed to **dissolve** the chess club.

**domesticate**  
dō mes' ti kāt

*v.* To tame; to bring plants or animals under human control.  
Some people claim that they can **domesticate** skunks, and that they make good pets.  
**domesticated** *adj.* Brought under human control; tamed or cultivated.  
The carrot is a **domesticated** form of a plant called Queen Anne's lace.

**emerge**  
ē mərj'

*v.* 1. To come into view; to appear.  
A large brown bear **emerged** from the cave.  
2. To become known.  
The truth did not **emerge** until the trial was under way.

**fiber**  
fī' bər

*n.* 1. A thin, threadlike part of animal hair or plant tissue; also, an artificial thread that resembles this.  
Cotton, wool, and rayon **fibers** can all be spun into yarn to make cloth.  
2. An arrangement of body cells that forms muscles and nerves.  
Red meat is made up of muscle **fiber**.  
3. A food substance that provides bulk but is not digested.  
Bran is a good source of **fiber** in one's diet.



**function**  
funk' shən

v. To serve a purpose.  
This couch also **functions** as a bed.

n. 1. The special purpose something is used for.  
One **function** of a dictionary is to define words.

2. An important ceremony or gathering.  
Following tonight's **function** to honor the retiring teachers, there will be a buffet.

**hatch**  
hach

v. 1. To come or to bring forth from an egg.  
A little yellow chick **hatched** last night.

2. To think up.  
The children **hatched** a plot to scare their parents.

n. A small opening with a door or cover.  
The **hatch** on the main deck flew open when the ship hit a reef.

**inhibit**  
in hib' it

v. To prevent from doing something or to prevent from happening.  
Oil **inhibits** the formation of rust on metal.

**inhibited** *adj.* Held back because of shyness.  
**Inhibited** people don't make friends easily.

**minute**  
mī nōōt'

*adj.* Very small; tiny.  
A **minute** speck of dust in one's eye can be very annoying.

**motion**  
mō' shən

n. 1. Movement.  
The **motion** of the train almost put me to sleep.

2. A suggestion on which members at a meeting must vote.  
The **motion** to end further discussion was defeated by a show of hands.

v. To signal.  
The shop owner **motioned** for the tourists to come in.

**motionless** *adj.* Not moving; stationary.  
We eluded capture by remaining **motionless** when we heard the guards approaching.

**sheathe**  
shēth

v. To cover with something that protects.  
Metal workers will **sheathe** the ship's bottom with copper plates.

**shed**  
shed

v. 1. To lose; to give up.

Cats **shed** hair in the summer.

2. To cause to flow.

The parents **shed** tears of joy when they heard their lost child had been found.

3. To throw off water without letting it soak through.

A raincoat should **shed** water.

4. To send out or give off.

The full moon **shed** a bright light.

**transfer**  
trans´fər

v. To move, carry, send, or change from one person or place to another.

**Transfer** your notes to a fresh notebook.

n. 1. The act of transferring.

It is easy to **transfer** money from a savings to a checking account.

2. A ticket used for transferring from one bus or train to another.

A **transfer** from the subway allows riders to continue by bus without paying an additional charge.