

Lesson 7

Human Behavior

All the words in this lesson may be associated with human behavior.

- affectionate** ADJ. loving, fond (Paul gave his aunt an *affectionate* hug.)
agreeable ADJ. willing; ready to go along with (Our teacher was *agreeable* to postponing the test.)
ambitious ADJ. eager to achieve or excel (The after-school math workshop is for *ambitious* students.)
ardent ADJ. expressing intense feeling; passionate (The Conservation Club wrote an *ardent* letter in support of the recycling program.)
authoritative ADJ. acting as if in command (With an *authoritative* manner, William directed the younger students to their classes on the first day of school.)
barbaric ADJ. uncivilized; rude (I like to tease my brother about his *barbaric* table manners.)
candid ADJ. frank; honest (Don't try to spare my feelings, just give me your *candid* opinion of these poems.)
confident ADJ. sure of oneself (Because she had worked hard, Meghan felt *confident* before the track meet.)
considerate ADJ. concerned about the feelings of others; kind (It is not *considerate* to talk and laugh loudly in the library.)
cooperative ADJ. willing to work together (Because of our *cooperative* attitude, our group had few disagreements during the project.)
courtly ADJ. elegant; very polite (Max gave Latasha a *courtly* bow when he invited her to the prom.)
diplomatic ADJ. avoiding hurting others; tactful (Josh tried to think of a *diplomatic* way to tell his mother he did not like the shirt.)
disagreeable ADJ. unpleasant; unfriendly (My friends tell me to go to bed on time because I am very *disagreeable* when I am tired.)
distracted ADJ. having one's attention drawn away (Ben lost his place in his book when he was *distracted* by sirens in the street.)
enthusiastic ADJ. very eager; wholehearted (The *enthusiastic* applause showed that the audience had enjoyed the concert.)
fretful ADJ. irritable; cranky (Babies often become *fretful* when they are hungry.)
haughty ADJ. overly proud or snobbish (The winner's *haughty* attitude made her unpopular with the other swimmers.)
impeccable ADJ. flawless (There was not a single wrong note in Mike's *impeccable* performance at the concert.)
preoccupied ADJ. not paying attention because one is lost in thought (Wendy is *preoccupied* with worry because her puppy is sick.)
restless ADJ. unable to keep still (Hoping the play would be over soon, the *restless* child squirmed in her seat.)

Exercise 1

Write the letter of the word that best completes the sentence.

- Because he is easily _____, Mark needs a quiet place to do his homework.
 A. impeccable B. fretful C. confident D. distracted
- The cruel prince gave the beggar a(n) _____ look and turned his back.
 A. affectionate B. haughty C. cooperative D. considerate
- My uncle loves softball, and he is a(n) _____ fan of the local team.
 A. ardent B. diplomatic C. fretful D. barbaric

4. The king helped the queen into her velvet cloak with a(n) _____ gesture.
A. candid B. courtly C. ambitious D. fretful _____
5. It is _____ to offer your seat on a bus to an elderly passenger.
A. fretful B. ardent C. considerate D. distracted _____
6. Rob did a(n) _____ job of drawing all the details of the electronics board.
A. disagreeable B. haughty C. preoccupied D. impeccable _____
7. The candidate with the most _____ manner was chosen to lead the party.
A. authoritative B. barbaric C. affectionate D. distracted _____
8. Because his comments are always _____, I trust Bill's opinion.
A. barbaric B. ardent C. candid D. courtly _____
9. Dion is usually so cheerful that it is surprising to see him in such a(n) _____ mood.
A. ambitious B. disagreeable C. courtly D. cooperative _____
10. The children are becoming _____ at having to wait so long for the parade to start.
A. affectionate B. enthusiastic C. agreeable D. restless _____

Exercise 2

Write the letter of the word that most nearly has the *opposite* meaning of the italicized word.

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| 11. <i>diplomatic</i> | A. unkind | B. calm | C. angry | D. foreign | _____ |
| 12. <i>fretful</i> | A. active | B. happy | C. mature | D. moody | _____ |
| 13. <i>preoccupied</i> | A. proud | B. sad | C. talkative | D. alert | _____ |
| 14. <i>barbaric</i> | A. joyful | B. crude | C. polite | D. quiet | _____ |
| 15. <i>cooperative</i> | A. selfish | B. eager | C. helpful | D. scared | _____ |
| 16. <i>ambitious</i> | A. worried | B. annoyed | C. lazy | D. cruel | _____ |
| 17. <i>enthusiastic</i> | A. confused | B. unconcerned | C. excited | D. silly | _____ |
| 18. <i>agreeable</i> | A. willing | B. busy | C. calm | D. opposed | _____ |
| 19. <i>confident</i> | A. odd | B. rude | C. shy | D. loud | _____ |
| 20. <i>affectionate</i> | A. uncaring | B. clumsy | C. sly | D. nervous | _____ |