

Lesson 6**Human Behavior**

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

cautious ADJ. very careful, wary (Maria was *cautious* as she skated slowly on the roller blades for the first time.)

ecstatic ADJ. extremely happy; delighted (The players were *ecstatic* when their team won the championship.)

fiendish ADJ. wicked; devilish (The wizard cast a *fiendish* spell that turned the princess into a toad.)

flirt V. to show romantic interest in a light or playful way (Wanda thinks it is fun to *flirt* with boys, but Erica thinks it is a waste of time.)

furtive ADJ. sneaky or sly (Kurt opened his sister's diary with a *furtive* look.)

gallant ADJ. dramatically courteous (It was *gallant* of Dion to offer Nancy his seat.)

grouse V. to complain; grumble (Zach will always *grouse* about his homework.)

heroic ADJ. very brave and courageous (The firemen made a *heroic* effort to rescue everyone from the burning building.)

honorable ADJ. honest and fair in one's beliefs and actions (Returning the lost wallet would be the *honorable* thing for Fred to do.)

impetuous ADJ. acting without thinking about the consequences (She regretted her *impetuous* decision to cut her hair.)

impress V. to have a strong effect on one's thoughts or feelings (Carlos will *impress* you with his skill on the violin.)

indifferent ADJ. not caring; having no preference (Because Jeff was not interested in sports, he was *indifferent* about going to the football game.)

mope V. to sulk or brood (If he does not get his way, he will *mope* in his room until someone cheers him up.)

reckless ADJ. careless; wild (Bart hurt his arm by being *reckless* on his skateboard.)

relent V. to become less harsh; to soften (I hope Mother will *relent* and let me go to the sleep over after all.)

seethe V. to boil inwardly; to be agitated (It made Abbie *seethe* with anger when Amy copied her Halloween costume.)

selfless ADJ. unselfish (A *selfless* person always has time to do things for others.)

spiteful ADJ. being mean for petty reasons; revengeful (It was *spiteful* of Lavonne not to invite Rene to her party.)

stingy ADJ. not wanting to give or spend; not generous (Since my music teacher is *stingy* with her praise, she does not compliment me often.)

worthy ADJ. having value or excellence (The class made a *worthy* effort to clean up the trash on the playground.)

Exercise 1

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

- Even though we were disappointed, we did not sit and _____ when the game was rained out.
A. flirt B. mope C. impress D. relent
- Molly thought of a(n) _____ trick to play on her brother on April Fool's Day.
A. fiendish B. stingy C. ecstatic D. indifferent
- The teacher was sure that a tour of the nuclear reactor would _____ the class.
A. flirt B. mope C. impress D. relent
- The soldier won a medal for his _____ action in battle.
A. stingy B. heroic C. furtive D. spiteful

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5. I hope the gym teacher will _____ and not make us do fifty push-ups.
A. impress B. mope C. seethe D. relent
6. David likes to _____ with Lin-ye by sending her silly little notes.
A. seethe B. relent C. flirt D. grouse
7. The committee felt Andy's essay was _____ of second prize.
A. indifferent B. worthy C. fiendish D. stingy
8. Even though Marty likes to _____ about the school lunch, he always finishes everything on his plate.
A. grouse B. impress C. relent D. flirt
9. Because he was feeling _____, Marcus held the door open for the whole class.
A. stingy B. fiendish C. indifferent D. gallant
10. The yearly talent show made the class _____ with excitement.
A. flirt B. impress C. seethe D. mope

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>spiteful</i> | A. nervous | B. kind | C. silly | D. moody | _____ |
| 12. <i>Indifferent</i> | A. difficult | B. wild | C. angry | D. eager | _____ |
| 13. <i>ecstatic</i> | A. sad | B. crafty | C. nice | D. dazed | _____ |
| 14. <i>cautious</i> | A. loud | B. careless | C. lazy | D. smart | _____ |
| 15. <i>honorable</i> | A. hungry | B. awake | C. dishonest | D. poor | _____ |
| 16. <i>stingy</i> | A. unselfish | B. stupid | C. quick | D. excellent | _____ |
| 17. <i>Impetuous</i> | A. different | B. loyal | C. boastful | D. planned | _____ |
| 18. <i>selfless</i> | A. sudden | B. fair | C. greedy | D. friendly | _____ |
| 19. <i>reckless</i> | A. snobbish | B. careful | C. private | D. mean | _____ |
| 20. <i>furtive</i> | A. handy | B. successful | C. joking | D. open | _____ |