

## Step 12 Concepts

### Advanced

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**12.1** Split vowels: exception to vowel team syllable (**create, violin**)

**12.2** Silent letters: **rh, gh, mb, mn, kn, gn, wr** (**rhyme, ghost, lamb, column, knife, gnat, wrist**)

**12.3** **w** effecting vowels (**water, worship**)

**12.4** **ch, que /k/** (**chorus, clique**)

**12.5** **ti, ci, tu, ture** (**patient, official, actual, torture**)

**12.6** chameleon prefixes (**correct, accent**)



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poem

trial

poetry

create

lion

fluid

quiet

violet

diary

video

pioneer

iodine

violin

ruin

Iowa

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geography

meteor

stereo

fuel

geometry

oasis

hyena

rodeo

linoleum

leotard

cameo

museum

diet

violate

evacuate

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genuine

boa

bias

fluent

aorta

duet

insinuate

triumph

truant

nucleus

client

permeate

reinforce

linear

cruel

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piety

dialect

delineate

coincide

mosaic

priority

innuendo

reality

vial

extenuate

neon

hiatus

diagnose

coerce

annual

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- 1 Doesn't Audrey play the violin?
  - 2 I plan to visit my sister in Iowa.
  - 3 Maria writes wonderful poetry.
  - 4 Let's play the video games with Leon until lunchtime.
  - 5 The rain and cold might ruin the picnic.
  - 6 The violets in the vase are for Diana.
  - 7 Try to write in your diary everyday.
  - 8 The nurse suggested that we put iodine on Leo's deep cut.
  - 9 It's not very quiet in this classroom!
  - 10 The pioneers had many hardships when they settled a new territory.

- 1 Joshua had quite an allergic reaction to the medication.
- 2 Hopefully I can reorganize the cabinets to fit the new equipment.
- 3 The biannual conference takes extensive planning.
- 4 The group reacted positively to my suggestions.
- 5 We must reorder office supplies soon.
- 6 The army plans to reoccupy that territory.
- 7 I think Diana's mind is preoccupied with her big decision.
- 8 If you are proactive, you may be able to prevent any further disputes.
- 9 Leo hopes to reacquire the land that he sold last year.
- 10 Have you ever memorized the preamble to the constitution?

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- 1 Amanda studied geology during her first semester.
  - 2 I'm hoping to add fuel to the gas tank soon.
  - 3 That helps to reinforce my opinion.
  - 4 Steve has been worrying about the evacuation plans.
  - 5 That man intentionally violated the law.
  - 6 Dwayne diagnosed the cataracts.
  - 7 The stereo system in that car is optional.
  - 8 I've never seen a boa constrictor but I am positive that it's a large snake.
  - 9 Jenna had a cameo pin from her great grandmother.
  - 10 Jon and James will sing a duet.

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rh | gh

rhythm

rhetoric

rhinestone

rhapsody

rhubarb

rhyme

rhinoceros

ghost

spaghetti

gherkin

aghast

ghetto

ghastly

ghostly

ghoul

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mb | mn

lamb

numb

limb

crumb

dumb

bomb

thumb

succumb

jamb

plumber

column

autumn

hymn

solemn

condemn





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*kn*

knot	known	know
knock	knives	knew
knight	knife	knee
knuckle	knack	knit
knapsack	kneel	know-it-all

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*kn*

knockout	knickers	knob
knack	knead	knurl
Fort Knox	knighthood	knickknack
knee-deep	knell	knock-kneed
know-how	kneecap	Knickerbockers

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wreck

write

wreak

wrestle

wriggle

wrap

wrench

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wrath

wrist

wrong

wrangler

wrinkle

wry

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gh | gn | kn | mb | mn | rh | wr

wreath

spaghetti

assignment

known

limb

wrecker

ghostly

written

rhythm

dumb

design

knitting

autumn

rhinestone

wristband

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gnat

gnash

Gnostic

gnome

gnaw

gnarl

gnosis

gnathic

gnawing

gnomic

gnu

gnomon

cologne

champagne

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sign

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resign

design

align

malign

benign

consign

alignment

condign

arraign

campaign

reign

feign

deign

## Nonsense Words

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wribe	flimb	knaup
knoast	rhonting	gnelp
stumb	wraup	altign
blisten	scint	flaught
wrupe	knoving	tilemn
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wrept	slemb	knepple
rhimp	clisten	strign
molign	wrelp	rhaift
strellemn	ghelt	stebt
kneve	rhoke	straught

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- 1 Rhonda, please clean up that spaghetti sauce immediately!
  - 2 The rhubarb pie was very tart.
  - 3 The science fair project explained rhinestones.
  - 4 My favorite meal is spaghetti and meatballs.
  - 5 Can you think of words that rhyme with cat?
  - 6 I think rhinoceros are the funniest looking animals.
  - 7 Beverly looked ghostly after she fainted.
  - 8 Kyle is adding up that entire column of digits.
  - 9 The limb of that tree split during the wild wind storm.
  - 10 Kids were bombing the fort with snow balls.

wrecked his knee while sliding in those  
tickers.

to save

rangler had a knapsack packed with  
ing gear.

orknob?

couldn't decide whether to write her  
1 Thurmond or knit a scarf for Ralph.

n go

uperintendent knocked on the faucet with  
nch.

a l day.

ully could knock out the wimp with a flick  
wrist.

k efore

nave wrestled the knife from the black  
t.

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s wrists are sore from kneading bread all  
ing long.

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nanager will resign under protest today.

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lunging sales are a sign that our product  
s updating.

us in

lie designed bombs in the Navy.

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- 1 Twenty-thousand gnats and twelve rhinoceros inhabit the island!
  - 2 That cologne is much too sweet.
  - 3 Her arraignment will be held on Friday.
  - 4 That extensive collection of glass gnomes is quite impressive.
  - 5 Her wrath will make you wish you were alone.
  - 6 Extremists will wreak havoc throughout the Isle of Prudence.
  - 7 Wringing excess water from garments leaves them wrinkled beyond belief.
  - 8 I often expose my wry wit at parties.
  - 9 Cindy has the know-how needed to become a good leader.
  - 10 Who wrote that very solemn poem?



## Knee Transplant

Scientific and medical advancements have been truly amazing. Man has learned an incredible amount about the body and how it can be repaired. Transplants have now included organs, such as lungs, and parts of limbs, such as the knee. There was a time when many doubted that this could ever happen.

Susan Lazarchick was the first person to replace her entire knee. This took a great deal of courage since she had no way of knowing whether or not this would be successful. The knee joint connects the thigh bone (femur) to the lower leg bones (tibia and fibula). Ligaments help to fasten these bones together by supporting the joints. This prevents the knee from bending in the wrong direction. The knee is obviously a complex part of the limb. It is truly amazing that doctors have now found a way to transplant this part of the body.

The bravery of Susan and other pioneers has helped develop the possibilities for man and medicine.

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wash

swat

wallow

swab

wabble

swami

wad

swath

wampum

swaddle

watt

swashbuckler

wanton

kilowatt

washtub

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*wa*

wander

wallet

swallow

waddle

want

walrus

swap

Walter

wash

swamp

walnut

Washington

watch

swan

waltz

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*war*

swarm

award

war

warm

wart

warmth

thwart

wardroom

warden

Warsaw

warranty

warp

warrant

warlord

warble

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*wor*

worthy

wormy

work

worm

worthwhile

worst

world

worth

worker

word

workbench

worldly

worldwide

workbook

baseword

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*qua*

squabble

quarry

squadron

quarrel

squall

aquatic

squash

quarantine

squalid

qualm

kumquat

quandary

squalor

quantitative

quality

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waffle

squab

water

warning

qualify

wardrobe

wander

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swat

worship

megawatt

worthless

squander

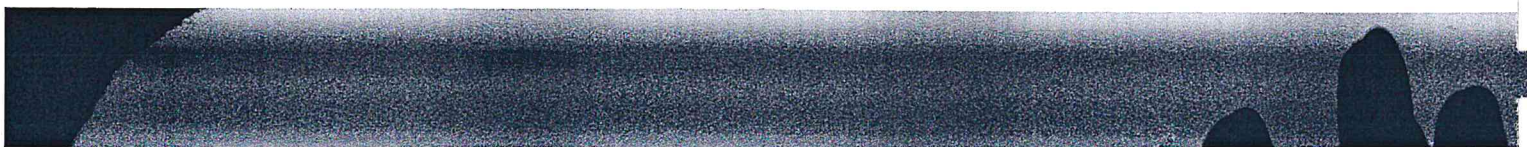
waddle

squad





- 1 Charlie wandered past the old mill to the empty field.
- 2 Walter faithfully wrote in his diary every day.
- 3 Jason emptied the water in the buckets.
- 4 If we meet them at the park, they will swap baseball cards.
- 5 Be careful of the walnuts if you are allergic to them.
- 6 Chew and swallow your food before you speak.
- 7 My niece is as graceful as a swan.
- 8 We hurried to watch the shuttle launch on TV.
- 9 Walt Disney did many things for children.
- 10 Ben genuinely tried to help when he ran to get the cotton swab.





- 1 Swat the pesky flies with this newspaper.
- 2 Walter fixed waffles for breakfast every Sunday.
- 3 The penguin waddles with a definite purpose to its wandering.
- 4 Be careful not to scrape the wart on your arm.
- 5 Be careful of that swarm of bees.
- 6 The state park warden identified many of the trees.
- 7 The warmth of the sun feels great.
- 8 It's warm enough to rollerblade this afternoon.
- 9 I'll finish the pages in the last workbook soon.
- 10 I'm glad to know this system for reading and spelling words.

- 1 Students must identify every baseword in the workbook.
- 2 The instructor said to squat to do the exercise.
- 3 The quality of your work is very important.
- 4 The squash crop in Florida has been hurt by this cold weather.
- 5 Our goalie squawked about the lack of defense.
- 6 The lame little bird wobbled and fell over backwards.
- 7 Wanda's wardrobe is worthy of an empress.
- 8 The worm wriggled under the moistened rocks to escape the warmth of the midday sun.
- 9 I want to swap this world globe for that rubber frog.
- 10 This is the worst story I ever read.

- 1 A career in Washington is still quite worthwhile.
- 2 That world leader is worthy of the award she received in Warsaw.
- 3 Each worker took a personal interest in repairs made under warranty.
- 4 Those who are worldly-wise understand the great opportunity America provides.
- 5 A wallet is worth a lot to its owner, whether it is empty or full of cash.
- 6 It is not worth quarreling about the choice of games.
- 7 Have you ever seen a quick snow squall?
- 8 We've got to run that race in order to qualify for the marathon.
- 9 The squadron should return to base camp.
- 10 The chief warned the tribe not to work during a storm.

- 1 Paul worked hard not to wallow in self-pity.
- 2 Bert clamped the molding to the workbench to offset the warp in the oak trim.
- 3 The granite quarry in New Hampshire is massive.
- 4 Do you know the quantity of berries collected yesterday?
- 5 That style of dress is the worst I've ever seen.
- 6 When the papers were copied and stacked, the work was done at last.
- 7 We must move forward to achieve worldwide equality.
- 8 The shipment of fruit from the dock was wormy and obviously worthless.
- 9 The forsaken partner uttered the worst words she could muster.
- 10 Some people have a concept of the world beyond a myopic view.



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- 1 Paula is in charge of the band's wardrobe when they travel to different cities.
  - 2 Ed's plan is to thwart the enemy in the game of Risk.
  - 3 The obsessed warlord pushed the soldiers onward with fear and intimidation.
  - 4 A war can begin in that hostile region without warning.
  - 5 The warden was determined to personally serve the outstanding warrant to the criminal.
  - 6 The old recluse suddenly began to waltz in a wanton fashion.
  - 7 Everyone is washing cars and watering lawns despite the shortages and bans in effect.
  - 8 The minstrel sang inaudibly as she wandered away.
  - 9 We mustn't sit back and just watch our government without being actively involved.
  - 10 The moonshine was distilled in an old washtub.

## Nuclear Energy: Backward or Forward?

The worst nuclear accident in world history occurred on April 20, 1986. An explosion in one of four reactors at Chernobyl released a radioactive cloud worldwide. Word of the disaster was slow to reach the people in Europe. Thirty individuals died and 500,000 were relocated. Crops were ruined, and thousands of cancer deaths were expected as a result.

Men, unworthy of their responsibilities, conducted unauthorized tests with warning systems turned off. Water in cooling pipes turned to steam and the reactor overheated. On account of the bravery of firefighters, the situation didn't worsen.

The Soviet Union has now moved forward to improve safety and retrain its operators. The demand for clean, safe energy is always increasing. Man must develop sources of power that don't destroy the earth in order to meet its energy needs. Many people consider nuclear power worthwhile and feel its wanton nature can be controlled.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has stated that the chances are fifty-fifty that a major melt-down could occur in the next twenty years if precautions are not met. Some people consider nuclear power unsafe and would like to see it abandoned. Ultimately, man must choose a direction for safe, responsible energy for the twenty-first century.

**A***ch = /k/*

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Chris	chorus	mechanical
school	schooner	ache
anchor	Chrysler	character
schedule	echo	orchid
stomach	chemical	orchestra

**B***ch = /k/*

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technical	scheme	archival
chemistry	anchored	chrome
chord	chaos	melancholy
scheme	synchronize	scholastic
chronology	monarch	chronic

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ch = /k/

bronchitis

epoch

architect

chronicle

monarch

chronological

choral

schematic

choreography

mechanism

scheduled

chloroform

chromosome

cholera

technical

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ch = /k/

archives

monarchy

trachea

chlorophyll

mechanic

orchestra

eunuch

cholesterol

choreograph

schedule

chaotic

charisma

chemist

chronometer

chrysanthemum



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*que* = /k/

burlesque	grotesque	plaque
oblique	bisque	critique
technique	unique	antique
mosque	opaque	physique
Basque	clique	humoresque

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*ch, que* = /k/

orchestra	schematic	oblique
technical	antique	scheme
mechanism	mosque	chronology
monarch	bronchitis	technique
chronic	charisma	plaque

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- 1 The schooner will anchor in the Chesapeake Bay in late August.
- 2 The flashy blue Chrysler drove into the lot and honked its horn.
- 3 Shawn is a character who makes people laugh.
- 4 Chris collected purple and pink orchids and skillfully displayed them in a vase.
- 5 We will receive our class schedule on Tuesday.
- 6 That new chemical has an awful smell.
- 7 I know I ate quickly and now my stomach aches.
- 8 When I recite a sound, echo it.
- 9 The kids are in the cellar pretending to play instruments in an orchestra.
- 10 Rosa plays the violin and Maria sings in the chorus.

- 1 Chris became melancholy whenever she couldn't visit her family for an extended time.
- 2 Carolyn is a star athlete and scholar at her school.
- 3 You should chronicle your entire trip.
- 4 The scheduled meeting has been postponed due to the supervisor's emergency.
- 5 Toby suffered from chronic back pain.
- 6 Elaine's bronchitis kept her away from school for a whole week.
- 7 The Chronicle reported the latest findings on the archeological dig.
- 8 Lichen is a fungus that forms on rocks and tree trunks.
- 9 Lesson scheduling is one of the most difficult tasks at the center.
- 10 Sophie admired Tyrone's mechanical ability and he respected her many talents.



- 1 Charlie developed a scheme to overcome his opponent in the upcoming election.
- 2 Jay is the extremely competent architect who designed our house's renovation.
- 3 The chemicals were unlawfully dumped into the pond late in the evening.
- 4 The chorus has practiced for several months and will warrant an audience.
- 5 Phyllis almost flunked chemistry at Veil High School.
- 6 The technical difficulties interfered with the broadcast of the sporting event.
- 7 This test shows that his cholesterol level is too high.
- 8 We were relieved when the architect finished the plans.
- 9 Keith believes he would like to become a chemist.
- 10 The design of this mechanism is very confusing.

- 1 Fernando's physique is strong and muscular.
- 2 The grotesque costume is sure to be a hit at the horror party.
- 3 Ellen did her student teaching in the Basque region of Spain.
- 4 Mickey and his wife seek for antiques at yard sales throughout the state.
- 5 The Gosselins have worked hard to develop their unique business.
- 6 Chris did not enjoy associating with that clique of girls at her school.
- 7 Gina has developed her typing technique so that we now consider her a pro!
- 8 Mom served a wonderful lobster bisque at the most recent family gathering.
- 9 Rick, the dentist, warned Martha about the buildup of plaque.
- 10 The critique written in The Chronicle wasn't very favorable.

## A Choral Performance

Chris went to singing practice almost every evening in May. She is a member of the city chorus. The group was to perform in a big springtime production to be held on May 22 at the city's Performing Arts Center. Chris had never participated in such an event, but she was charismatic and liked to perform.

Perfection takes time and practice. The chorus would be accompanying a large orchestra. They had not yet rehearsed with the band, but they would do that during the final week of preparation. Chris was glad that her schedule allowed her to devote the necessary time to this endeavor. She was an architect, and May was a relatively slow month for her.

On May 18, Chris's daughter came home from school with cold symptoms. It was bronchitis! Chris hoped that her daughter would recover in time for the concert and that she wouldn't catch bronchitis herself.

The day of the show arrived at last. There was to be an audience of at least 800 people! Chris was very excited. The chorus performed magnificently. Chris truly enjoyed being part of the uplifting choral event.





## Collecting Antiques

Bob was a plumber and his wife, Maureen, was a store manager. They liked to collect antique toys. They often travelled to distant parts of the state, stopping at roadside shops. Sometimes they would be lucky and other times they would return home empty-handed. They particularly enjoyed finding toys with unique characteristics.

One of their best finds happened unexpectedly. Once, on the side of a highway, they saw a little shack with a sign that said "ANTIQUES". When they stopped, they found no one in sight. An old-fashioned tandem bicycle was leaning against the shack. They were excited and knocked on the nearby home for someone to help them.

After several minutes had passed, Maureen spotted a man in a field across the street. She got his attention and he came over to them. They discussed the bicycle and finally agreed on a reasonable price. Bob and Maureen left feeling pleased and quite proud of that newest item. To their delight, they added this unique toy to their extensive collection.



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adventure

creature

capture

pasture

signature

posture

moisture

nature

picture

furniture

future

puncture

mixture

structure

temperature

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ture

departure

torture

manufacture

future

sculpture

agriculture

fracture

gesture

sculpture

feature

vulture

lecture

texture

culture

mature

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**A***tu*

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Portugal	natural	sanctuary
tarantula	fortune	actual
spatula	congratulate	situate
factual	statue	intellectual
fortunate	eventually	punctuate

**B***ture*

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expenditure	horticulture	nurture
rapture	venture	puncture
conjunction	conjecture	scripture
stature	fixture	overture
suture	tincture	legislature

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*ti*

flirtatious	ostentatious	fictitious
cautious	pretentious	licentious
repetitious	scrumptious	compunctious
expeditious	facetious	vexatious
nutritious	ambitious	infectious

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*ti*

credential	martial	spatial
partial	sequential	differential
initial	torrential	confidential
essential	potential	presidential
consequential	preferential	substantial

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ti

impatient	quotient	patience
patient	Venetian	Martian
militia	excruciating	negotiate
inertia	initiate	sentient
Scotia	dementia	orthodontia

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ci

delicious	precocious	malicious
judicious	atrocious	spacious
<u>suspicious</u>	tenacious	gracious
audacious	vivacious	voracious
precious	vicious	ferocious

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ci

glacial	commercial	racial
crucial	official	financial
social	provincial	special
superficial	judicial	facial
sacrificial	artificial	beneficial

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appreciate	politician	proficient
statistician	mathematician	optician
musician	magician	logician
efficient	physician	Grecian
electrician	technician	sufficient

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## Nonsense Words

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bertia	glocious	strentious
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glotural	bentural	precocia
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peenture	gocial	pacious
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- 1 The temperature outside is below freezing.
- 2 The nature around this place is incredible.
- 3 You must think of the future and try to succeed.
- 4 I always liked the game called "Capture the Flag."
- 5 You should put your signature on this painting.
- 6 Eventually Maria received the long-awaited package.
- 7 That is a natural sanctuary for birds.
- 8 Congratulations are in order since Chris and Mark announced the birth of their third child.
- 9 The flowering pasture became the focus of the photography club.
- 10 Do not jump on the furniture!

- 1 Tom gestured with a “thumbs-up” toward the crowd as he triumphantly ran the bases.
- 2 The plane’s departure has been delayed due to a heavy snowstorm.
- 3 The king captured the throne with overwhelming support.
- 4 The agricultural society has not made the substantial gains originally desired.
- 5 Jason carefully read the scripture to the congregation.
- 6 The artist meticulously sculptured a wild creature.
- 7 A tarantula in the movie was ridiculously overtaking the city.
- 8 The picturesque landscape stretched before me in splendor.
- 9 The trip to Portugal is an adventure of a lifetime.
- 10 Jack grabbed the spatula and flipped the pancakes with grace.



tu | ture

- 1 Chris had a ruptured disc and was in severe pain.
- 2 We hope to attend the lecture on the agricultural conditions in the nation.
- 3 The superstructure will be initiated soon.
- 4 His infatuation with her ended as quickly as it began.
- 5 The mutual fund fluctuated wildly all week.
- 6 Jed's lack of maturity interfered with his ability to make progress in school.
- 7 It is a cultural disadvantage to the foreigners to present the test in English.
- 8 The futuristic plans for this nation are indeed grand.
- 9 The sculptured statue will be unveiled at the annual banquet.
- 10 The members of the horticultural society are concerned about the loss of the natural setting.



- 1 Unfortunately, that manufacturing company is going out of business.
- 2 Nancy must strive to improve her posture.
- 3 Too many people have been tortured throughout the history of mankind.
- 4 David's stature in this organization is on a shaky foundation.
- 5 It is essential to be punctual for the award ceremony.
- 6 The facial will be quite beneficial to your pores.
- 7 It will be exciting to visit the Grecian islands.
- 8 The militia fired a round of bullets at the Fourth of July parade.
- 9 The material is slightly repetitious but needed for mastery.
- 10 Hopefully, my attorney will successfully renegotiate the contract.

- 1 Sam was quite a politician in this town.
- 2 The spacious work center will allow the staff to complete the job.
- 3 I hope that this amount is sufficient!
- 4 The shed is partially hidden in the woods.
- 5 The Smith family plans to develop more nutritious eating habits.
- 6 Patricia intends to pass the electrician's examination.
- 7 Joann will initiate a conversation with Kevin in hopes of attracting his attention.
- 8 It is difficult to select a physician in a new, large city.
- 9 The class has been very beneficial to me.
- 10 The torrential downpour ended the soccer match.

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- 1 Mom efficiently cleaned the entire cottage single-handedly.
- 2 The deficiency report was not well-received at home.
- 3 This toothache has been giving me excruciating pain!
- 4 The gracious hostess led Patricia and Keith into the guest bedroom.
- 5 That weird person seems like a Martian from outer space.
- 6 The judicial system allows a client and his attorney's conversations to be confidential.
- 7 The detective has gathered sufficient evidence to guarantee victory in the upcoming case.
- 8 The family had to declare bankruptcy due to financial difficulties.
- 9 The fictitious novel became an overnight success.
- 10 It is crucial that you sequentially complete this task.



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## The Last Frontier

In the past, brave men and women looking for an adventure went searching for gold in California. Today, America's last frontier is Alaska. Its natural land features are incredibly gorgeous! Its way of life is considerably different from mainland America.

Recently, Grace, a young woman, ventured from her home state to live in Fairbanks. This was a bold move! Grace likes challenges and spacious land. She has a deep appreciation for the beauty of nature. She also finds delight in the season of winter.

Approximately 25,000 people are spread out in the area of Fairbanks. The inhabitants have a life-style that corresponds to the land. The pace of life is much slower than Grace's former place. Eventually things get done, but Grace has learned patience and adjusted herself to a more relaxed nature. Grace has now settled into a new way of life.

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## The Last Frontier (continued)

Grace has not been disappointed by the land features of the state. Her love of natural beauty is quite satisfied. The terrain creates incredible scenery with Mt. McKinley watching over the city. There are many species of animals with the magnificent wilderness still intact. The northern lights fill the sky, and the stars appear so close it seems as though they can be plucked from the darkness.

The weather has also lived up to Grace's expectations. The environment in the winter provides a sizable challenge to humans. It can be very hostile. Temperatures can remain at 40 below zero for some time. For cars to start in the morning, they must be plugged into a heater so that liquids will not freeze. Many people still cross the land with dogs and sleds.

Alaska has been a state in America since 1959. Yet, today only 1% of the massive land area is settled. Fewer than 500,000 people make this state their home. Grace has now joined those braving the challenges of the nation's last frontier.

## **“Checks and Balances” System**

At the foundation of the American system of government is a very cautious organization of rule. This is comprised of the three branches of our federal government. The Constitution of the United States outlines the duties of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Branches.

The Legislative Branch, or Congress, consists of the House of Representatives and the Senate. Every bill must pass both the House and the Senate before it is presented to the President to sign into law.

The Executive Branch includes the President and Vice-President. Bills passed by the Legislative Branch are submitted to the President for approval. If he rejects the bill, he must send it back to the Congress with the recommended modifications. The bill repeats the original process with negotiated changes until it is signed by the President into an official law. (continued)

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## **“Checks and Balances” System** (continued)

The third branch of government in the United States is the Judicial Branch. The Supreme Court has the power to determine whether or not laws abide by the Constitution. It is also their jurisdiction to interpret the laws for cases in question.

U.S. citizens should appreciate the meaning of this detailed method of government. This system of “checks and balances” eliminates the potential of too much power resting in one place. Although great patience is required to pass a bill into law, its beneficial aspects make it well worth the wait.



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announce	accord	assign
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appear	assert	account
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attach	aggression	arrive
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appointment	attend	affix
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collect	connect	corrode
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commit	collide	commend
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commute	connive	corrupt
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connote	correct	commune
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collate	commence	command
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dissent

diffuse

diffract

dissolve

disservice

dissemble

dissatisfy

dissect

differ

suppose

support

supply

suffix

suffuse

suffice

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immaterial

inmate

immature

illegal

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innumerable

irregular

illicit

irredeemable

offend

oppose

oppress

occur

occult

opposite

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- 1 The physician appeared concerned when he explained the diagnosis to his patient.
  - 2 The partial shipment has arrived.
  - 3 The budget announcement will be made in Washington.
  - 4 Extra time in the gymnasium was allotted by the warden.
  - 5 He will resign, since he is dissatisfied with the company's lack of growth.
  - 6 The geometry assignment must be completed by Thursday.
  - 7 The column should be placed opposite this one.
  - 8 I suppose the trip to the east coast will be worthwhile.
  - 9 Patricia circled all the suffixes in the sentence.
  - 10 We supplied the electrician with the necessary equipment.

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- 1 The negotiations to settle the quarrel will commence.
  - 2 Walter attended the march for worldwide peace.
  - 3 Eventually the corruption was uncovered.
  - 4 The surveillance camera had to be attached to the ceiling.
  - 5 My niece, Maria, collected shells from the expansive beach.
  - 6 Chris patiently committed herself to her work and her family.
  - 7 The summer heat in the southern states can be oppressive.
  - 8 Keith's actions were immature and sufficient cause for dismissal.
  - 9 Pauline helped with the project by collating the papers.
  - 10 We deeply oppose that army's aggression.



## Best Wishes!

An individual can accomplish so much in a single lifetime. Persistence is the key. Willingness to fight for important beliefs is essential. This begins with belief in one's self. This must be fostered and developed.

Man has great potential. The burning desire within must be fanned into a brilliant flame. Each accomplishment is a momentous stride forward. Each achievement is a stepping stone to greater things.

With the completion of Step 12, you can read most anything! Continue to develop your comprehension and understanding of language. You must read- read- read to meet your future challenges!

Spelling may continue to cause difficulty, but the more you write, the more you will be able to express yourself with writing. Use your notebook as a resource. Don't be afraid to risk!

I congratulate you on this huge accomplishment. You should be proud. Take time to pat yourself on the back in a very big way. Then ask yourself, "What can I do to use my new skills?", "What is my next goal?" and "How can I make life better for myself and those that I love?"



## Posttest Step 12

A

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knit	adventure	pioneer
waffle	violin	patience
character	write	fortune
appreciate	furniture	thumb
nature	worthwhile	schedule

B

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knead	structural	warranty
immaturity	innuendo	quantitative
mosque	gestured	tenacious
alignment	wrath	consequential
connote	chronology	neophyte

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## Posttest Step 12

### Nonsense Words

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rhaift	worf	altign
knaj	straught	blisten
scinture	blacial	tosque
stumb	stathward	flatian
wrinted	wortual	swapture

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- 1 Cross out any silent consonants.
- 2 Circle any letters with the /**k**/ sound.
- 3 Mark a /**sh**/ above any letters with the /**sh**/ sound.
- 4 Mark a /**ch**/ above any letters with the /**ch**/ sound.
- 5 Divide the words with split vowels.
- 6 Underline vowels following **w** and **qu** and indicate the sound.
- 7 B only: Find the words with the chameleon prefixes.

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