



Lesson 29 Using Multiple-Meaning Words

Who are you—a son, a student, a sister, a customer, an athlete, a friend? Your identity depends not only on the behavioral and personal characteristics that define your individuality but also on the times in which you live and the people whom you meet. The words in this lesson will help you to identify, understand, and express the parts of your life that affect who you are.

Word List

disillusion	esteem	manipulate	temperate
dynamic	impressionable	naive	virtuoso
eccentric	invincible		

EXERCISE A Multiple-Meaning Words

Some words have several related definitions listed within a single dictionary entry. Read the sentences below; then, circle the letter of the correct definition of the boldfaced vocabulary word.

- After climbing the face of Mt. Coria and rappelling down the back side, Gretchen felt **invincible**.
 - intensely excited
 - incapable of being overcome or defeated
 - worthy of imitation
 - liable to change
- William Randolph Hearst was once considered **eccentric** because of his collection of wild animals.
 - concerned with the ordinary and practical
 - being the only one of its kind
 - departing from an established norm
 - having great stature or enormous strength
- The book about Pacific cultures will **disillusion** Mary, who had hoped to find unsophisticated groups untouched by the West.
 - deprive of a false or erroneous belief
 - establish exact limits for
 - make cross or discontented
 - cause to have a prejudiced view
- In order to be a successful entertainer, a person should have a **dynamic** personality.
 - nervous and impatient
 - marked by intensity and vigor
 - difficult to understand
 - lacking in discipline
- Historian Barbara Tuchman is **esteemed** for both her scholarship and her writing style.
 - called attention to boastfully
 - accused with evil intent
 - regarded with respect
 - set forth for consideration
- The tourists were **naive**, believing that there were bargains still to be found in London flea markets.
 - showing resourcefulness in difficult situations
 - lacking experience or judgment
 - lacking social grace
 - recklessly wasteful



Vocabulary Power *continued*

7. Despite his addiction to video games, Steve maintained a **temperate** diet and a regular exercise schedule.
- a. involving moderation and self-restraint c. marked by eagerness
b. designed to shock or thrill d. without exception or qualification
8. She was considered a violin **virtuoso** at a very young age.
- a. eccentric player c. hesitant performer
b. convincing performer d. excellent performer
9. Craig tried his best to **manipulate** the system so that he would be pitted against the weakest golfers, but his attempts were soon discovered.
- a. seize by force or authority c. tamper with for personal gain
b. subject to uniformity d. substitute for another
10. Wendy was such an **impressionable** young woman that she tended to believe anything she was told.
- a. modest and reserved in manner and behavior c. moodily introspective
b. easily influenced or convinced d. having no imperfections

EXERCISE B Synonyms and Antonyms

Circle the letter of the word that has the meaning that is the same as (a synonym) or opposite to (an antonym) that of the vocabulary word.

1. **manipulate:** (synonym)
a. handle b. expose c. withdraw d. grieve for
2. **disillusion:** (antonym)
a. arrange b. satisfy c. enchant d. pierce
3. **temperate:** (synonym)
a. exaggerated b. moderate c. unfamiliar d. qualified
4. **naive:** (antonym)
a. sophisticated b. biased c. open d. inferior
5. **impressionable:** (synonym)
a. broad-minded b. gullible c. immature d. proper
6. **eccentric:** (antonym)
a. calm b. appropriate c. unashamed d. ordinary
7. **dynamic:** (synonym)
a. sneaky b. active c. merciless d. impatient
8. **invincible:** (antonym)
a. vulnerable b. wise c. useful d. anguished