

Chapter Nineteen

benign (bĭ-nĭn')	-kindly; gentle Finding a stranger on our doorstep startled me, but the benign expression on his face told me not to worry.
blasé (blă-zā')	-unexcited or bored about something already experienced repeatedly The new staff members were enthusiastic at the weekly meetings, but the old-timers were pretty blasé .
comprise (kôm-prĭz')	-to consist of The United Kingdom comprises of England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland.
condescend (kôn-dĭ-sĕnd')	-to do something one feels is beneath oneself The snobby millionaire wouldn't condescend to associate with anyone who wasn't also rich.
façade (fă-söd')	-the front of something The façade of the hotel –facing Main Street—was marble, but the sides and back were made of plain brick.
glib (glĭb)	-characterized by a smooth, easy manner of speaking that often suggests insincerity or thoughtlessness The man thought his conversation would impress Sandra, but she found it glib and insincere.
haughty (hō' tē)	-proud of one's appearance or accomplishments to the point of looking down on others; arrogant The Smiths acted as though they were better than anybody else. Not surprisingly, their haughty manner made them unpopular with their neighbors.
libel (lĭ' bəl)	-the publishing of false information that harms a person's reputation Many magazine editors double-check the facts they publish about a person. Then, if they are accused of libel , they can prove that they stated the truth.
pseudonym (sōō' də-nĭm')	-a false name used by an author; a pen name The author Stephen King uses a pseudonym on some of his books so readers won't be aware that so many of the horror novels on the market are his.
redundant (rĭ-dŭn' dənt)	-wordy or needlessly repetitive The teacher wrote " redundant " in several spots in the essay where Eric had repeated a point or used extra, unneeded words.

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averse (ə-vŭrs')	-having a feeling of dislike or distaste for something That little boy was once so averse to tomatoes that the very sight of them made him gag.
detract (dĭ-trăkt')	-to lessen what is admirable or worthwhile about something All of the litter in the park certainly detracts from the beauty of the trees and flowers.
disdain (dĭs-dān')	-an attitude or feeling of contempt; scorn The snobby waiter in the French restaurant viewed Tanya with disdain because she couldn't pronounce anything on the menu.
divulge (dĭ-vŭlj')	-to reveal; to make known It's against the law to ask people to divulge their age at a job interview.
elation (ĭ-lā' shən)	-a feeling of great joy or pride The coach shouted with elation when the school team scored the winning touchdown.

endow (ĕn-dou')	-to provide with a talent or quality Nature has endowed hummingbirds with the ability to fly backwards.
expulsion (ĕks-pŭl' shən)	-the act or condition of being forced to leave The manager told us we risked expulsion from the theatre if we continued to talk during the movie.
mortify (môr' tə-fī')	-to humiliate or embarrass It would mortify me if my voice were to crack during my choir solo.
nullify (nŭl' ə-fī')	-to make legally ineffective; cancel A soft drink company decided to nullify its contract with a well-known athlete because he was convicted of drunken driving.
ominous (ŏm' ə-nəs)	-threatening harm or evil; menacing The sore's failure to heal was ominous , a possible sign of cancer.

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credible (krĕd' ə-bəl)	-believable Some jurors doubted the witness's testimony, but most of them found it credible .
cursor (kŭr' sə-rĕ)	-done quickly and without attention to detail Most people do only a cursor job of brushing their teeth. To avoid cavities, however, you must take the time to brush carefully.
designate (dĕz' ĭg-nāt')	-to name to an office or duty; appoint A coworker was designated to present Jackie with the "Employee of the Year" award at the company banquet.
deviate (dĕ' vĕ-āt')	-to turn aside or stray, as from a path, direction, or standard If you deviate even a little from the test's directions, you might hurt your grade.
improvise (ĭm' prə-vĭz')	-to compose, perform, or provide without preparation Nadia is such an accomplished pianist that she can improvise accompaniments on the piano to songs that she's never heard before.
interim (ĭn' tər-ĭm)	-the period of time in between; meantime After the secretary left, it took two weeks for her replacement to arrive at the real-estate office. In the interim , the agents had to do their own typing.
latent (lāt' ənt)	-present but hidden or inactive Certain viruses, such as the one for AIDS, can be latent in the body for years before symptoms appear.
secular (sĕk' yə-lər)	-not directly related to religion; not spiritual; worldly While our government is secular , some governments are directly tied to a religion.
shun (shŭn)	-to keep away from; avoid consistently I used to see a lot of Tracy, but since our argument, she shuns me whenever possible.
simulate (sĭm' yŏō-lāt')	-to act or look like; imitate Equipment that simulates a human heart can keep someone alive only temporarily, until an actual heart can be substituted.

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commemorate (kə-mēm' ə-rāt')	-to honor the memory of someone or something, as with a ceremony; celebrate; observe Each year, my parents commemorate their first date by having dinner at McDonalds, the place where they first met.
complacent (kəm-plā' sənt)	-self-satisfied; feeling too much satisfaction with oneself or one's accomplishments Getting all A's hasn't made Ivy complacent . She continues to work hard at school.
consensus (kən-sen' səs)	-an opinion held by everyone (or almost everyone) involved The family consensus was that we should go camping again this summer. Ray was the only one who wanted to do something else for a change.
deplete (dī-plēt')	-to use up In order to not deplete their small quantity of canned food, the shipwreck survivors searched the island for plants they would eat.
diligent (dīl' ə-jənt)	-steady, determined, and careful in work I wish I had been more diligent about practicing the piano when I was younger. It would be nice to be able to play well now.
empathy (ēm' pə-thē)	-the ability to share in someone else's feelings or thoughts Ms. Allen is an excellent career counselor partly because of her great empathy . She understands each student's feelings and point of view.
menial (mē' nē-əl)	-not requiring special skills to higher intellectual abilities Victor seems to think my summer job delivering pizza is menial work, but I've found that it requires some skills.
niche (nīch)	-an activity or situation especially suited to a person Although her degree was in accounting, Laura decided her niche was really in business management, so she went back to school for more training.
transcend (trān-sēnd')	-to rise above or go beyond the limits of; exceed Yoga can help one transcend the cares of the world and reach a state of relaxation.
waive (wāv)	-to willingly give up (as a claim, privilege, or right); do without The defendant decided to waive his right to an attorney and, instead, speak for himself in court.

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bizarre (bī-zār')	-dramatically unusual, as in manner or appearance; strange Wally's outfits may seem bizarre , but if you see him with his even stranger-looking friends, his clothing looks quite ordinary.
conducive (kən-dōō' sīv)	-tending to promote or bring about A deliciously warm and sunny April day is conducive to a bad case of spring fever.
falter (fôl' tər)	-to act or speak with uncertainty; hesitate Vincent faltered on the first few notes of his piano piece but then played the rest without pausing.
flaunt (flōnt)	-to show off (something) Instead of enjoying their wealth quietly, the Stewarts flaunt every new thing they buy in front of their poor relatives.

- frenzy** (frĕn' zē) -a wild outburst of excited feelings or actions
When Grace couldn't find her little son in the department store, she went into a **frenzy** and didn't calm down until she knew he was safe.
- gist** (jĭst) -the main point or essential part of a matter; central idea
We asked Alex to skip he details and get right to the **gist** of the argument.
- hamper** (hām' pər) -to limit, interfere with, or restrict
The breakdown of telephone lines **hampered** business all long the West Coast today.
- paradox** (pār' ə-dŏx') -a statement that seems contradictory yet may be true
When Deanna kept postponing her decision about whether or not to go back to school, I reminded her of the **paradox**: "No decision is also a decision."
- repertoire** (rĕp' ər-twŏr') -a range or collection of skills or accomplishments
In order to be successful in school, it's important to have a **repertoire** of study strategies from which to choose.
- viable** (vĭ' ə-bəl) -workable; capable of being successful of effective
The little boy quickly learned that using plastic tape is not a **viable** solution to mending a broken vase.

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<u>Prefix / Suffix / Base Word</u>	<u>Meaning</u>	<u>Words</u>	
-able	-able to, able to be	comfortable	enjoyable
cent-, centi-	-hundred	century	centennial
in-	-not, lack of	invisible	inexperience
-logy, -ology	-science of, study of	biology	geology
mal-	-bad, badly	maltreatment	malpractice
man	-hand	manuscript	manual
mem	-remember	memo	memory
mono-, mon-	-one	monotone	monogamy
port	-carry	porter	support
therm-, thermo-	-heat	thermos	thermometer