

Lesson
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On the Honor Roll

Vocabulary

All the words in this lesson may be associated with honors and awards.

adulation (AJ uh LAY shuhn) N. excessive or lavish praise and admiration (*The adulation of his admirers embarrassed John as he accepted his award for bravery.*)

anticipate (an TIS uh PAYT) V. to look forward to or expect (*We anticipate a great crowd for the awards ceremony.*)

attribute (uh TRIB yoot) V. to think of as caused by or characteristic of (*I attribute my success as a dancer to my first teacher.*)

auspicious (aw SPISH uhs) ADJ. favorable; showing signs of good fortune (*Earning the freshman trophy was an auspicious beginning to Al's college career.*)

commend (kuh MEND) V. to praise or express approval of (*I commend you for your quick thinking and decisive actions, which saved the drowning child's life.*)

decorous (DEK ur uhs) ADJ. acting in good taste; proper (*The hero's modest, decorous behavior impressed those who met him.*)

dignitary (DIG ni TER ee) N. person of high rank or in a position of honor (*The highest ranking dignitary we met was the English ambassador.*)

eligible (EL i juh buhl) ADJ. properly qualified; suitable (*Four students are eligible for the scholarship, but only one will be chosen.*)

esteem (i STEEM) N. high regard (*She was held in esteem by her teammates, both for her athletic abilities and her sportsmanship.*)

grandiloquent (gran DIL uh kwuhnt) ADJ. using a lofty or pompous style of speaking (*Several members of the audience nodded off during the speaker's grandiloquent address.*)

gratify (GRAT uh FY) V. to please; to satisfy (*Being named captain of the team will gratify Jaime more than all his other awards and honors.*)

inductee (IN duhk TEE) N. person who has been or soon will be installed, enrolled, or initiated (*Brenda was an inductee into the National Honor Society.*)

influential (IN floo EN shuhl) ADJ. having power to indirectly sway or alter events or a person's actions (*Senator Jackson was an influential member of the Senate Judiciary Committee.*)

magnanimous (mag NAN uh muhs) ADJ. generous; noble in soul or mind (*Jacob was magnanimous in insisting that his victory be shared with those who had helped him.*)

magnitude (MAG ni TOOD) N. size; importance; greatness (*Ethan was overwhelmed by the magnitude of the honor that was bestowed upon him.*)

momentous (moh MEN tuhs) ADJ. weighty; of great consequence or importance (*When Ingrid was awarded the scholarship, it was a momentous occasion for her entire family.*)

noteworthy (NOHT wur thee) ADJ. remarkable; worthy of notice; memorable (*Glenn felt it was noteworthy that a blind artist had won the scholarship.*)

podium (POH dee uhm) N. raised platform for public speaking (*One by one, the graduating seniors stepped up to the podium to receive their diplomas.*)

posthumous (PAHS chuh muhs) ADJ. happening after death (*Sara was pleased to accept the posthumous award in honor of her late father.*)

proclaim (proh KLAYM) V. to announce publicly; to declare (*I hereby proclaim you winner of the annual tri-county debate.*)

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Exercise 1

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

1. Do you ---- your success to natural ability or to hard work?
A. attribute B. commend C. gratify D. anticipate
2. Lilian was thrilled to be introduced to a local ---- at the dinner.
F. esteem G. podium H. dignitary J. magnitude
3. The firefighter will be given a(n) ---- medal for saving the child's life at the cost of his own.
A. auspicious B. decorous C. posthumous D. magnanimous
4. The principal was proud to ---- the team the state champions.
F. anticipate G. proclaim H. commend J. attribute
5. Who will be the next ---- into the Baseball Hall of Fame?
A. inductee B. adulation C. magnitude D. podium
6. Chris would be a good speaker if his style was more down-to-earth and less ----.
F. auspicious G. decorous H. influential J. grandiloquent
7. When the guest speaker approached the ----, he was greeted with applause.
A. inductee B. dignitary C. magnitude D. podium
8. You should get to know Professor Grant—she is a(n) ---- member of the Acceptance Committee.
F. influential G. momentous H. grandiloquent J. auspicious
9. Throughout the contest, Brian was able to successfully ---- what his opponent would do.
A. commend B. anticipate C. gratify D. proclaim
10. Winning this award should ---- your need for recognition.
F. anticipate G. proclaim H. gratify J. commend

Exercise 2

Choose the letter of the word that most nearly has the *opposite* meaning of the word in capital letters.

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| 11. ESTEEM
A. opinion
B. respect | C. curiosity
D. contempt | 16. MOMENTOUS
F. remarkable
G. lengthy | H. trivial
J. massive |
| 12. DECOROUS
F. ill-behaved
G. suitable | H. well-bred
J. unfair | 17. COMMEND
A. criticize
B. order | C. praise
D. remember |
| 13. MAGNANIMOUS
A. stingy
B. poor | C. kind
D. liberal | 18. MAGNITUDE
F. importance
G. generosity | H. record
J. triviality |
| 14. AUSPICIOUS
F. successful
G. ill-fated | H. odd
J. unkempt | 19. ELIGIBLE
A. chosen
B. unreadable | C. small
D. unfit |
| 15. NOTEWORTHY
A. important
B. insignificant | C. unwritten
D. deserving | 20. ADULATION
F. adoration
G. scorn | H. fear
J. dismay |

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- 1 (A) (B) (C) (D)
- 2 (F) (G) (H) (J)
- 3 (A) (B) (C) (D)
- 4 (F) (G) (H) (J)
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Exercise 2

- 11 (A) (B) (C) (D)
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