

Lesson 2 Definitions

Lesson Word Part: *aqua*--"water"

Word List

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| 1. approximate | 6. askew |
| 2. apt | 7. assume |
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1. **approximate** *adj.* 1. very much like; close to (The painting is an *approximate* copy) 2. more or less correct or exact (The *approximate* area of the U. S. is 3,600,000 square miles). *v.* to be or made almost the same as or very much like (These artificial flavors do not even *approximate* real fruit flavors.) *ap.prox'i.mat.ed, ap.prox'i.mating ap.prox'i.mate.ly adv.*
2. **apt** *adj.* 1. likely or almost certain; inclined (It is *apt* to rain today.) 2. just right for what is being said or done; appropriate; fitting (an *apt* remark) 3. quick to learn or understand (an *apt* student) *apt'ly adv. apt'ness n.*
3. **aquarium** *n.* 1. a glass tank or bowl in which living fishes, water animals, and water plants are kept 2. a building where collections of such animals and plants are shown to the public *pl. a.quar'.i.ums or a.quar'i.a.*
4. **aquatic** *adj.* 1. growing or living in or upon water (*aquatic* plants) 2. done in or upon the water (*aquatic* sports)
5. **arid** *adj.* 1. not having enough water for things to grow; dry and barren (A desert is an *arid* region.) 2. not interesting; dull (an *arid* talk) *a.rid'i.ty n. ar'id.ly adv.*
6. **askew** *adv., adj.* on or to one side; not straight (The captain's hat was knocked *askew*.)
7. **assume** *v.* 1. to take on a certain look, form, or role (In a Greek myth, Zeus *assumes* the form of a bull.) 2. to take upon oneself; take over (to *assume* an obligation; to *assume* control) 3. to suppose something to be a fact; take for granted (Let's *assume* our guests will be on time.) 4. to pretend to have; put on (Although afraid, he *assumed* an air of bravery.) *as.sum'ed, as.sum'ing.*
8. **authentic** *adj.* 1. that which can be believed; reliable; true (an *authentic* news report) 2. that which is genuine; real (an *authentic* antique) *au.then'ti.cal.ly adv.*
9. **avalanche** *n.* 1. a large mass of snow, ice, rocks, etc. sliding swiftly down a mountain 2. anything that comes suddenly and in large numbers (an *avalanche* of mail; an *avalanche* of blows)
10. **badger** *n.* 1. an animal with a broad back, thick fur, and short legs that lives in holes which it digs in the ground 2. the fur of this animal *v.* to annoy; pester (The speaker was *badgered* by interruptions.)