

LESSONS 3 AND 4

All or Nothing

LESSON 3

Omne corpus mutabile est.
Every object is subject to change.—CICERO

Key Words

catholic
cloister
holocaust
omnipotent

omnipresent
omnivorous
panacea

pandemonium
preclude
recluse
totalitarian

Familiar Words
Pan-American
pancreas
panorama

PAN <G. "all"

1. **pandemonium** (păn' də mō' nē əm)
[*daimon* <G. "divine power"]
n. Uproar.

Pandemonium threatens to break out after Julius Caesar is assassinated on the ides of March, but in Shakespeare's play Brutus calms the murderous senators.



Challenge Words

pandemic
panegyric
pantheism
pantheon

2. **panacea** (păn'ə sē'ə) [*akos* <G. "cure"]
n. A cure-all for diseases or troubles.

Some politicians seem to regard tax cuts as a **panacea** for economic problems.

Challenge Words

omnibus
omniscient

OMNIS <L. "all"

3. **omnipotent** (öm nĭp'ə tənt)
[*potens* <L. *posse*, "to be able"]
adj. Having unlimited power; all-powerful.

To the ancient British tribes the invading Roman army seemed **omnipotent**.

omnipotence, *n.*; **the Omnipotent**, *n.*; **omnipotently**, *adv.*

4. **omnipresent** (öm'nĭ prĕz'ənt)
adj. Present everywhere.

At harvest time the smell of garlic is **omnipresent** in Gilroy, California, "the garlic capital of America."

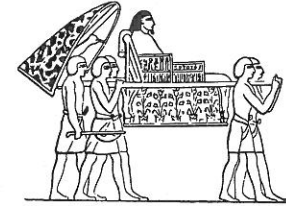
5. **omnivorous** (öm nĭv'ər əs) [*vorare* <L. "to devour"]
adj. 1. Feeding on both plants and meat.

Human beings are **omnivorous**, though many choose to be vegetarians.

2. Devouring everything, especially intellectually.

She is such an **omnivorous** reader she has already read all of the library's biographies, science fiction, and sports magazines.

omnivore, *n.*; **omnivorously**, *adv.*; **omnivorousness**, *n.*

**Challenge Words**

holistic
hologram
holograph

HOLOS <G. "whole"

6. **catholic** (kăth'ə lĭk, kăth'lĭk) [*kata-* <G. "according to"]
adj. 1. Universal; including most things.

Her wide travels reflect her **catholic** tastes.

2. (capitalized) Referring to the Roman Catholic church.

Spain is a predominantly **Catholic** country.

catholic, *n.*; **catholically**, *adv.*

7. **holocaust** (hō'lə kôst, hōl'ə kôst)

[kaustos <G. "burned"]

n. 1. A great destruction, especially by fire.After the great 1906 earthquake, a **holocaust** swept through San Francisco.

2. (capitalized) Murder by the Nazis of over six million Jews and millions of other people in World War II.

Most Americans first learned of the extent of the **Holocaust** when the Nazi concentration camps were liberated at the end of World War II.**holocaustal**, *adj.*; **holocaustic**, *adj.*

Familiar Words

total
totally

TOTUS <L. "whole"

8. **totalitarian** (tō tāl'ī tār'ē ən) [total + (author)itarian]*adj.* Referring to a form of government in which one person or party holds absolute control.Under Joseph Stalin the Soviet Union became a **totalitarian** state.**totalitarianism**, *n.*

Challenge Word

totality

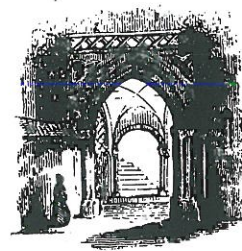
Familiar Words

clause
close
closet
conclude
exclude
include
seclude

CLAUDO, CLAUDERE, CLAUSI, CLAUSUM <L. "to close"

9. **cloister** (kloi'stər)*n.* 1. A covered walk along the inside walls of a building, usually looking out on a courtyard.The **cloister** of the country house provided a welcome protection from the tropical sun.

2. A monastery or similar place of religious seclusion.

During the Reformation many **cloisters** were closed and their monks or nuns dispersed.*tr. v.* To seclude as in a monastery.To protect their children from the Black Plague, the parents **cloistered** them in an isolated village.**cloistered**, *adj.*

Challenge Words

cloisonné
occlude

10. **preclude** (prī klōōd') [*pre* <L. "before"]
tr. v. To prevent; to make impossible.
 Rain **precluded** our taking a walk.
preclusion, *n.*; **preclusive**, *adj.*
11. **recluse** (rĕk'looos, rĕ klūūs') [*re* <L. intensifier]
n. A person who avoids mixing with people.
 The **recluse** preferred the company of a dog and the library to that of people.
reclusion, *n.*; **reclusive**, *adj.*

EXERCISE 3A

Circle the letter of the best SYNONYM (the word or phrase most nearly the same as the word in bold-faced type).

1. a(n) **omnipresent** fear a. ever-present b. paralyzing
 c. unilateral d. decimating e. foolish
2. to oppose **totalitarianism** a. complete control by one person
 b. unity c. common goals d. peace e. unanimity
3. seeking a **panacea** a. snack b. cure-all c. small cooking utensil
 d. place of protection e. general opinion
4. a(n) **omnivorous** beast a. meat-eating b. grass-eating c. shy
 d. starving e. plant- and meat-eating

Circle the letter of the best ANTONYM (the word or phrase most nearly opposite the word in bold-faced type).

5. circumstances **preclude** the launch a. make possible b. keep secret
 c. postpone d. make public e. prevent
6. having **catholic** interests a. Protestant b. vague c. unilateral
 d. religious e. democratic
7. a(n) **reclusive** disposition a. daring b. demanding c. outgoing
 d. thrifty e. exclusive
8. a(n) **omnipotent** army a. undetermined b. forceful
 c. well-trained d. ignorant e. defenseless
9. **pandemonium** in the class a. hostility b. quiet c. disobedience
 d. holocaust e. excitement