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## HOW TO TALK ABOUT PERSONALITY TYPES

*(Sessions 1–3)*

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### TEASER PREVIEW

What word best describes your personality if you:

*are interested solely in your own welfare?*

*constantly talk about yourself?*

*dedicate your life to helping others?*

*turn your mind inward?*

*turn your mind outward?*

*hate humanity?*

*hate women?*

*hate marriage?*

*lead a lonely, austere existence?*

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# SESSION 1

Every human being is, in one way or another, unique.

Everyone's personality is determined by a combination of genetic and environmental factors.

Let us examine ten personality types (one of which might by chance be your very own) that result from the way culture, growth, family background, and environment interact with heredity.

And, of course, we begin not with the words, but with the ideas.

## IDEAS

### 1. me first

Your attitude to life is simple, direct, and aboveboard—every decision you make is based on the answer to one question: “What’s in it for me?” If your selfishness, greed, and ruthless desire for self-advancement hurt other people, that’s too bad. “This is a tough world, pal, dog eat dog and all that, and I, for one, am not going to be left behind!”

*An egoist*

### 2. the height of conceit

“Now, let’s see. Have you heard about all the money I’m making? Did I tell you about my latest amorous conquest? Let me give you my opinion—I know, because I’m an expert at practically everything!” You are boastful to the point of being obnoxious—you have only one string to your conversational violin, namely, *yourself*; and on it you play a number of monotonous variations: what *you*

think, what *you* have done, how good *you* are, how *you* would solve the problems of the world, etc. ad nauseam.

*An egotist*

### **3. let me help you**

You have discovered the secret of true happiness—concerning yourself with the welfare of others. Never mind your own interests, how's the next fellow getting along?

*An altruist*

### **4. leave me alone**

Like a biochemist studying a colony of bacteria under the microscope, you minutely examine your every thought, feeling, and action. Probing, futile questions like “What do other people think of me?”, “How do I look?”, and “Maybe I shouldn't have said that?” are your constant nagging companions, for you are unable to realize that other people do not spend as much time and energy analyzing you as you think.

You may seem unsocial, yet your greatest desire is to be liked and accepted. You may be shy and quiet, you are often moody and unhappy, and you prefer solitude or at most the company of one person to a crowd. You have an aptitude for creative work and are uncomfortable engaging in activities that require cooperation with other people. You may even be a genius, or eventually turn into one.

*An introvert*

### **5. let's do it together**

You would be great as a teacher, counselor, administrator,

insurance agent. You can always become interested—sincerely, vitally interested—in other people’s problems. You’re the life of the party, because you never worry about the effect of your actions, never inhibit yourself with doubts about dignity or propriety. You are usually happy, generally full of high spirits; you love to be with people—lots of people. Your thoughts, your interests, your whole personality are turned outward.

*An extrovert*

## **6. neither extreme**

You have both introverted and extroverted tendencies—at different times and on different occasions. Your interests are turned, in about equal proportions, both inward and outward. Indeed, you’re quite normal—in the sense that your personality is like that of most people.

*An ambivert*

## **7. people are no damn good**

Cynical, embittered, suspicious, you hate everyone. (Especially, but never to be admitted, *yourself*?) The perfectibility of the human race? “Nonsense! No way!” The stupidity, the meanness, and the crookedness of most mortals (“Most? Probably all!”)—that is your favorite theme.

*A misanthrope*

## **8. women are no damn good**

Sometime in your dim past, you were crossed, scorned, or deeply wounded by a woman (a mother, or mother figure, perhaps?). So now you have a carefully constructed defense against further hurt—

you hate *all* women.

*A misogynist*

**9. “marriage is an institution—and who wants to live in an institution?”**

You will not make the ultimate *legal* commitment. Members of the opposite sex are great as lovers, roommates, apartment- or house-sharers, but *not* as lawfully wedded spouses. The ties that bind are too binding for you. You may possibly believe, and possibly, for yourself, be right, that a commitment is deeper and more meaningful if freedom is available without judicial proceedings.

*A misogamist*

**10. “... that the flesh is heir to ...”**

Self-denial, austerity, lonely contemplation—these are the characteristics of the good life, so you claim. The simplest food and the least amount of it that will keep body and soul together, combined with abstinence from fleshly, earthly pleasures, will eventually lead to spiritual perfection—that is your philosophy.

*An ascetic*

## **USING THE WORDS**

You have been introduced to ten valuable words—but in each case, as you have noticed, you have first considered the ideas that these words represent. Now *say* the words—each one is respelled phonetically so that you will be sure to pronounce it correctly.<sup>1</sup>

*Say each word aloud.* This is the first important step to complete mastery. As you hear a word in your own voice, think of its meaning. Are you quite clear about it? If not, reinforce your

learning by rereading the explanatory paragraph or paragraphs.

### Can you pronounce the words?

1. <i>egoist</i>	EE'-gō-ist
2. <i>egotist</i>	EE'-gō-tist
3. <i>altruist</i>	AL'-trō-ist
4. <i>introvert</i>	IN'-trə-vurt'
5. <i>extrovert</i>	EKS'-trə-vurt'
6. <i>ambivert</i>	AM'-bə-vurt'
7. <i>misanthrope</i>	MIS'-ən-thrōp'
8. <i>misogynist</i>	mə-SOJ'-ə-nist
9. <i>misogamist</i>	mə-SOG'-ə-mist
10. <i>ascetic</i>	ə-SET'-ik

### Can you work with the words?

You have taken two long steps toward mastery of the expressive words in this chapter—you have thought about the ideas behind them, and you have said them aloud.

For your third step, match each personality with the appropriate characteristic, action, or attitude.

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|--------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. egoist    | a. turns thoughts inward       |
| 2. egotist   | b. hates marriage              |
| 3. altruist  | c. talks about accomplishments |
| 4. introvert | d. hates people                |

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|----------------|---|
| 5. extrovert   | e. does not pursue pleasures of the flesh |
| 6. ambivert    | f. is interested in the welfare of others |
| 7. misanthrope | g. believes in self-advancement           |
| 8. misogynist  | h. turns thoughts both inward and outward |
| 9. misogynist  | i. hates women                            |
| 10. ascetic    | j. turns thoughts outward                 |

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KEY: 1–g, 2–c, 3–f, 4–a, 5–j, 6–h, 7–d, 8–i, 9–b, 10–e

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### Do you understand the words?

Now that you are becoming more and more involved in these ten words, find out if they can make an immediate appeal to your understanding. Here are ten questions—can you indicate, quickly, and without reference to any previous definitions, whether the correct answer to each of these questions is *yes* or *no*?

Is an *egoist* selfish?

YES      NO

Is modesty one of the characteristics of the *egotist*?

YES      NO

Is an *altruist* selfish?

YES      NO

Does an *introvert* pay much attention to himself?

YES      NO

Does an *extrovert* prefer solitude to companionship?

YES      NO

Are most normal people *ambiverts*?

YES      NO

Does a *misanthrope* like people?

YES      NO

Does a *misogynist* enjoy the company of women?

YES      NO

Does an *ascetic* lead a life of luxury?

YES      NO

Does a *misogamist* try to avoid marriage?

YES      NO



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KEY: 1–yes, 2–no, 3–no, 4–yes, 5–no, 6–yes, 7– no, 8–no, 9–no, 10–yes

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### **Can you recall the words?**

You have thus far reinforced your learning by saying the words aloud, by matching them to their definitions, and by responding to meaning when they were used in context.

Can you recall each word, now, without further reference to previous material? And can you spell it correctly?

Who lives a lonely, austere life?

1. A\_\_\_\_\_

Whose interests are turned outward?

2. E\_\_\_\_\_

Who is supremely selfish?

3. E\_\_\_\_\_

Who hates people?

4. M\_\_\_\_\_

Whose interests are turned both inward and outward?

5. A\_\_\_\_\_

Who is incredibly conceited?

6. E\_\_\_\_\_

Who is more interested in the welfare of others than in his own?

7. A\_\_\_\_\_

Who hates women?

8. M\_\_\_\_\_

Whose interests are turned inward?

9. I\_\_\_\_\_

Who hates marriage?

10. M\_\_\_\_\_

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KEY: 1–ascetic, 2–extrovert, 3–egoist, 4–misanthrope, 5–ambivert,  
6–egotist, 7–altruist, 8–misogynist, 9–introvert, 10–misogamist

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*(End of Session 1)*

## SESSION 2

### ORIGINS AND RELATED WORDS

Every word in the English language has a history—and these ten are no exception. In this section you will learn a good deal more about the words you have been working with; in addition, you will make excursions into many other words allied either in meaning, form, or history to our basic ten.

#### 1. the ego

*Egoist* and *egotist* are built on the same Latin root—the pronoun *ego*, meaning *I*. *I* is the greatest concern in the *egoist's* mind, the most overused word in the *egotist's* vocabulary. (Keep the words differentiated in your own mind by thinking of the *t* in *talk*, and the additional *t* in *egotist*.) *Ego* itself has been taken over from Latin as an important English word and is commonly used to denote one's concept of oneself, as in, “What do you think your constant criticisms do to my *ego*?” *Ego* has also a special meaning in psychology—but for the moment you have enough problems without going into *that*.

If you are an *egocentric* (ee'-gō-SEN'-trik), you consider yourself the *center* of the universe—you are an extreme form of the *egoist*. And if you are an *egomaniac* (ee'-gō-MAY'-nee-ak), you carry *egoism* to such an extreme that your needs, desires, and interests have become a morbid obsession, a *mania*. The *egoist* or *egotist* is obnoxious, the *egocentric* is intolerable, and the *egomaniac* is dangerous and slightly mad.

*Egocentric* is both a noun (“What an *egocentric* her new roommate is!”) and an adjective (“He is the most *egocentric* person I have ever

met!”).

To derive the adjective form of *egomaniac*, add *-al*, a common adjective suffix. Say the adjective aloud:

*egomaniacal*     ee'-gō-mə-NĪ'-ə-kəl

## 2. others

In Latin, the word for *other* is *alter*, and a number of valuable English words are built on this root.

*Altruism* (AL'-trū-iz-əm), the philosophy practiced by *altruists*, comes from one of the variant spellings of Latin *alter*, *other*. *Altruistic* (al-trū-IS'-tik) actions look toward the benefit of *others*. If you *alternate* (AWL'-tər-nayt'), you skip one and take the *other*, so to speak, as when you play golf on *alternate* (AWL'-tər-nət) Saturdays.

An *alternate* (AWL'-tər-nət) in a debate, contest, or convention is the *other* person who will take over if the original choice is unable to attend. And if you have no *alternative* (awl-TUR'-nə-tiv), you have no *other* choice.

You see how easy it is to understand the meanings of these words once you realize that they all come from the same source. And keeping in mind that *alter* means *other*, you can quickly understand words like *alter ego*, *altercation*, and *alteration*.

An *alteration* (awl'-tə-RAY'-shən) is of course a change—a making into something *other*. When you *alter* (AWL'-tər) your plans, you make *other* plans.

An *altercation* (awl'-tər-KAY'-shən) is a verbal dispute. When you have an *altercation* with someone, you have a violent disagreement, a “fight” with words. And why? Because you have *other* ideas, plans, or opinions than those of the person on the *other* side of the argument. *Altercation*, by the way, is stronger than *quarrel* or *dispute*—the sentiment is more heated, the disagreement is likely to be angry or even hot-tempered, there may be recourse, if the disputants are human, to profanity or obscenity. You have *altercations*, in short,

over pretty important issues, and the word implies that you get quite excited.

Alter ego (AWL'-tər EE'-gō), which combines *alter*, other, with *ego*, I, self, generally refers to someone with whom you are so close that you both do the same things, think alike, react similarly, and are, in temperament, almost mirror images of each other. Any such friend is your *other I*, your *other self*, your *alter ego*.

## USING THE WORDS

### Can you pronounce the words?

Digging a little into the derivation of three of our basic words, *egoist*, *egotist*, and *altruist*, has put us in touch with two important Latin roots, *ego*, I, self, and *alter*, other, and has made it possible for us to explore, with little difficulty, many other words derived from these roots. Pause now, for a moment, to digest these new acquisitions, and to say them *aloud*.

1. <i>ego</i>	EE'-gō
2. <i>egocentric</i>	ee-gō-SEN'-trik
3. <i>egomaniac</i>	ee-gō-MAY'-nee-ak
4. <i>egomaniacal</i>	ee'-gō-mə-NĪ'-ə-kəl
5. <i>altruism</i>	AL'-tr <u>oo</u> -iz-əm
6. <i>altruistic</i>	al-tr <u>oo</u> -IS'-tik
7. to <i>alternate</i> (v.)	AWL'-tər-nayt'
8. <i>alternate</i> (adj. or noun)	AWL'-tər-nət
9. <i>alternative</i>	awl-TUR'-nə-tiv
10. <i>alteration</i>	awl'-tər-AY'-shən

11. to <i>alter</i>	AWL'-tər
12. <i>altercation</i>	awl'-tər-KAY'-shən
13. <i>alter ego</i>	AWL'-tər EE'-gō

### Can you work with the words? (I)

You have seen how these thirteen words derive from the two Latin roots *ego*, I, self, and *alter*, other, and you have pronounced them aloud and thereby begun to make them part of your active vocabulary.

Are you ready to match definitions to words?

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|-----------------|---|
| 1. ego          | a. one who is excessively fixated on his own desires, needs, etc. |
| 2. egocentric   | b. to change  |
| 3. altruism     | c. argument   |
| 4. to alternate | d. one's concept of oneself                                       |
| 5. to alter     | e. to take one, skip one, etc.                                    |
| 6. altercation  | f. philosophy of putting another's welfare above one's own        |

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KEY: 1–d, 2–a, 3–f, 4–e, 5–b, 6–c

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### Can you work with the words? (II)

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|------------------------------|--|
| 1. egomaniacal               | a. a change                                    |
| 2. altruistic                | b. other possible                              |
| 3. alternative               | c. interested in the welfare of others         |
| 4. alteration                | d. one's other self                            |
| 5. alter ego                 | e. a choice                                    |
| 6. alternate ( <i>adj.</i> ) | f. morbidly, obsessively wrapped up in oneself |

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KEY: 1–f, 2–c, 3–e, 4–a, 5–d, 6–b

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### **Do you understand the words?**

If you have begun to understand these thirteen words, you will be able to respond to the following questions.

Is rejection usually a blow to one's *ego*?

YES      NO

Are *egocentric* people easy to get along with?

YES      NO

Does an *egomaniac* have a normal personality?

YES      NO

Are *egomaniacal* tendencies a sign of maturity?

YES      NO

Is *altruism* a characteristic of selfish people?

YES      NO

Are *altruistic* tendencies common to egoists?

YES      NO

Is an *alternate* plan necessarily inferior?

YES      NO

Does an *alternative* allow you some freedom of choice?

YES      NO

Does *alteration* imply keeping things the same?

YES      NO

Do excitable people often engage in *altercations*?

YES      NO

Is your *alter ego* usually quite similar to yourself?

YES      NO



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KEY: 1–yes, 2–no, 3–no, 4–no, 5–no, 6–no, 7–no, 8–yes, 9–no, 10–yes, 11–yes

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### **Can you recall the words?**

Have you learned these words so well that you can summon each one from your mind when a brief definition is offered? Review first if necessary; then, without further reference to previous pages, write the correct word in each blank. Make sure to check your spelling when you refer to the Key.

one's other self

1. A \_\_\_\_\_

to change

2. A \_\_\_\_\_

a heated dispute

3. A \_\_\_\_\_

excessively, morbidly obsessed with one's own needs, desires, or ambitions

4. E \_\_\_\_\_

unselfish; more interested in the welfare of others than in one's own

5. A \_\_\_\_\_

utterly involved with oneself; self-centered

6. E \_\_\_\_\_

a choice

7. A \_\_\_\_\_

one who substitutes for another

8. A \_\_\_\_\_

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KEY: 1–alter ego, 2–alter, 3–altercation, 4–egomaniacal, 5–altruistic,  
6–egocentric, 7–alternative, 8–alternate

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*(End of Session 2)*

## SESSION 3

### ORIGINS AND RELATED WORDS

#### 1. depends how you turn

*Introvert*, *extrovert*, and *ambivert* are built on the Latin verb *verto*, to turn. If your thoughts are constantly turned inward (*intro-*), you are an *introvert*; outward (*extro-*), an *extrovert*; and in both directions (*ambi-*), an *ambivert*. The prefix *ambi-*, both, is also found in *ambidextrous* (am'-bə-DEKS'-trəs), *able to use both hands with equal skill*. The noun is *ambidexterity* (am'-bə-deks-TAIR'-ə-tee).

*Dexterous* (DEKS'-trəs) means *skillful*, the noun *dexterity* (deks-TAIR'-ə-tee) is *skill*. The ending *-ous* is a common adjective suffix (*famous*, *dangerous*, *perilous*, etc.); *-ity* is a common noun suffix (*vanity*, *quality*, *simplicity*, etc.).

(Spelling caution: Note that the letter following the *t-* in *ambidextrous* is *-r*, but that in *dexterous* the next letter is *-e*.)

*Dexter* is actually the Latin word for *right hand*—in the *ambidextrous* person, both hands are *right hands*, so to speak.

The right hand is traditionally the more skillful one; it is only within recent decades that we have come to accept that “lefties” or “southpaws” are just as normal as anyone else—and the term *left-handed* is still used as a synonym of *awkward*.

The Latin word for the *left hand* is *sinister*. This same word, in English, means *threatening*, *evil*, or *dangerous*, a further commentary on our early suspiciousness of left-handed persons. There may still be some parents who insist on forcing left-handed children to change (though left-handedness is inherited, and as much an integral part of its possessor as eye color or nose shape), with various unfortunate results to the child—sometimes stuttering or an inability to read with

normal skill.

The French word for the *left hand* is *gauche*, and, as you would suspect, when we took this word over into English we invested it with an uncomplimentary meaning. Call someone *gauche* (GŌSH) and you imply clumsiness, generally social rather than physical. (We're right back to our age-old misconception that left-handed people are less skillful than right-handed ones.) A *gauche* remark is tactless; a *gauche* offer of sympathy is so bumbling as to be embarrassing; *gaucherie* (GŌ'-shə-ree) is an awkward, clumsy, tactless, embarrassing way of saying things or of handling situations. The *gauche* person is totally without finesse.

And the French word for the *right hand* is *droit*, which we have used in building our English word *adroit* (ə-DROYT'). Needless to say, *adroit*, like *dexterous*, means *skillful*, but especially in the exercise of the mental facilities. Like *gauche*, *adroit*, or its noun *adroitness*, usually is used figuratively. The *adroit* person is quickwitted, can get out of difficult spots cleverly, can handle situations ingeniously. *Adroitness* is, then, quite the opposite of *gaucherie*.

## 2. love, hate, and marriage

*Misanthrope*, *misogynist*, and *misogamist* are built on the Greek root *misein*, to hate. The *misanthrope* hates mankind (Greek *anthropos*, mankind); the *misogynist* hates women (Greek *gyne*, woman); the *misogamist* hates marriage (Greek *gamos*, marriage).

*Anthropos*, mankind, is also found in *anthropology* (an-thrə-POL'-ə-jee), the study of the development of the human race; and in *philanthropist* (fə-LAN'-thrə-pist), one who loves mankind and shows such love by making substantial financial contributions to charitable organizations or by donating time and energy to helping those in need.

The root *gyne*, woman, is also found in *gynecologist* (gīn-ə-KOL'-ə-jist or jīn-KOL'-ə-jist), the medical specialist who treats female disorders. And the root *gamos*, marriage, occurs also in *monogamy*

(mə-NOG'-ə-mee), *bigamy* (BIG'-ə-mee), and *polygamy* (pə-LIG'-ə-mee).

(As we will discover later, *monos* means *one*, *bi-* means *two*, *polys* means *many*.)

So *monogamy* is the custom of only *one* marriage (at a time).

*Bigamy*, by etymology, is *two* marriages—in actuality, the unlawful act of contracting another marriage without divorcing one's current legal spouse.

And *polygamy*, by derivation *many* marriages, and therefore etymologically denoting plural marriage for either males *or* females, in current usage generally refers to the custom practiced in earlier times by the Mormons, and before them by King Solomon, in which the man has as many wives as he can afford financially and/or emotionally. The correct, but rarely used, term for this custom is *polygyny* (pə-LIJ'-ə-nee)—*polys*, many, plus *gyne*, woman.

What if a woman has two or more husbands, a form of marriage practiced in the Himalaya Mountains of Tibet? That custom is called *polyandry* (pol-ee-AN'-dree), from *polys* plus Greek *andros*, male.

### 3. making friends with suffixes

English words have various forms, using certain suffixes for nouns referring to persons, other suffixes for practices, attitudes, philosophies, etc, and still others for adjectives.

Consider:

<i>Person</i>	<i>Practice, etc.</i>	<i>Adjective</i>
1. misanthrope <i>or</i> misanthropist	misanthropy	misanthropic
2. misogynist	misogyny	misogynous <i>or</i> misogynistic
3. gynecologist	gynecology	gynecological

4. monogamist	monogamy	monogamous
5. bigamist	bigamy	bigamous
6. polygamist	polygamy	polygamous
7. polygynist	polygyny	polygynous
8. polyandrist	polyandry	polyandrous
9. philanthropist	philanthropy	philanthropic
10. anthropologist	anthropology	anthropological

You will note, then, that *-ist* is a common suffix for a person; *-y* for a practice, attitude, etc.; and *-ic* or *-ous* for an adjective.

#### 4. living alone and liking it

*Ascetic* is from the Greek word *asketes*, monk or hermit.

A monk lives a lonely life—not for him the pleasures of the fleshpots, the laughter and merriment of convivial gatherings, the dissipation of high living. Rather, days of contemplation, study, and rough toil, nights on a hard bed in a simple cell, and the kind of self-denial that leads to a purification of the soul.

That person is an *ascetic* who leads an existence, voluntarily of course, that compares in austerity, simplicity, and rigorous hardship with the life of a monk.

The practice is *asceticism* (ə-SET'-ə-siz-əm), the adjective *ascetic*.

## REVIEW OF ETYMOLOGY

Notice how efficiently you can master words by understanding their etymological structure. Stop for a moment to review the roots, prefixes, and suffixes you have studied. Can you recall a word we have discussed in this chapter that is built on the indicated prefix,

root, or suffix?

PREFIX, ROOT, SUFFIX	MEANING	EXAMPLE
1. <i>ego</i>	self, I	_____
2. <i>alter</i>	other	_____
3. <i>intro-</i>	inside	_____
4. <i>extro-</i>	outside	_____
5. <i>verto</i>	turn	_____
6. <i>ambi-</i>	both	_____
7. <i>misein</i>	hate	_____
8. <i>anthropos</i>	mankind	_____
9. <i>gyne</i>	woman	_____
10. <i>gamos</i>	marriage	_____
11. <i>asketes</i>	monk	_____
12. <i>centrum</i>	center	_____
13. <i>mania</i>	madness	_____
14. <i>dexter</i>	right hand	_____
15. <i>sinister</i>	left hand	_____
16. <i>gauche</i>	left hand	_____
17. <i>droit</i>	right hand	_____
18. <i>monos</i>	one	_____
19. <i>bi-</i>	two	_____
20. <i>polys</i>	many	_____
21. <i>andros</i>	male	_____

22. -ist	person who ( <i>noun suffix</i> )	_____
23. -y	Practice, custom, etc. ( <i>noun suffix</i> )	_____
24. -ous	adjective suffix	_____
25. -ity	quality, condition, etc. ( <i>noun suffix</i> )	_____

## USING THE WORDS

### Can you pronounce the words? (I)

Say each word aloud! Hear it in your own voice! *Say it often enough so that you feel comfortable with it, noting carefully from the phonetic respelling exactly how it should sound.*

Remember that the first crucial step in mastering a word is to be able to say it with ease and assurance.

1. <i>ambidextrous</i>	am-bə-DEKS'-trəs
2. <i>ambidexterity</i>	am'-bə-deks-TAIR'-ə-tee
3. <i>dexterous</i>	DEKS'-trəs
4. <i>dexterity</i>	deks-TAIR'-ə-tee
5. <i>sinister</i>	SIN'-ə-stər
6. <i>gauche</i>	GŌSH (Say the English word go, then quickly add -sh.)
7. <i>gaucherie</i>	GŌ'-shə-ree
8. <i>adroit</i>	ə-DROYT'



9. <i>adroitness</i>	ə-DROYT'-nəss
10. <i>anthropology</i>	an-tbrə-POL'-ə-jee
11. <i>anthropologist</i>	an-thrə-POL'-ə-jist
12. <i>anthropological</i>	an'-thrə-pə-LOJ'-ə-kəl
13. <i>philanthropist</i>	fə-LAN'-thrə-pist
14. <i>philanthropy</i>	fə-LAN'-thrə-pee
15. <i>philanthropic</i>	fil-ən-THROP'-ik
16. <i>gynecologist</i>	gīn (or jin or jīn)-ə-KOL'-ə-jist
17. <i>gynecology</i>	gīn (or jin or jīn)-ə-KOL'-ə-jee
18. <i>gynecological</i>	gīn (or jin or jīn)-ə-kə-LOJ'-ə-kəl
19. <i>monogamist</i>	mə-NOG'-ə-mist
20. <i>monogamy</i>	mə-NOG'-ə-mee
21. <i>monogamous</i>	mə-NOG'-ə-məs

### Can you pronounce the words? (II)

1. <i>bigamist</i>	BIG'-ə-mist
2. <i>bigamy</i>	BIG'-ə-mee
3. <i>bigamous</i>	BIG'-ə-məs
4. <i>polygamist</i>	pə-LIG'-ə-mist
5. <i>polygamy</i>	pə-LIG'-ə-mee
6. <i>polygamous</i>	pə-LIG'-ə-məs
7. <i>polygynist</i>	pə-LIJ'-ə-nist
8. <i>polygyny</i>	pə-LIJ'-ə-nee

9. <i>polygynous</i>	pə-LIJ'-ə-nəs
10. <i>polyandrist</i>	pol-ee-AN'-drist
11. <i>polyandry</i>	pol-ee-AN'-dree
12. <i>polyandrous</i>	pol-ee-AN'-drəs
13. <i>misanthropist</i>	mis-AN'-thrə-pist
14. <i>misanthropy</i>	mis-AN'-thrə-pee
15. <i>misanthropic</i>	mis-ən-THROP'-ik
16. <i>misogyny</i>	mə-SOJ'-ə-nee
17. <i>misogynous</i>	mə-SOJ'-ə-nəs
18. <i>misogynistic</i>	mə-soj'-ə-NIS'-tik
19. <i>misogamy</i>	mə-SOG'-ə-mee
20. <i>misogamous</i>	mə-SOG-ə-məs
21. <i>asceticism</i>	ə-SET-ə-siz-əm

### Can you work with the words? (I)

Check on your comprehension! See how successfully you can match words and meanings!

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|-----------------|--|
| 1. ambidextrous | a. evil, threatening                               |
| 2. dexterous    | b. hating mankind                                  |
| 3. sinister     | c. skillful  |
| 4. gauche       | d. awkward   |
| 5. misanthropic | e. capable of using both hands<br>with equal skill |

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KEY: 1–e, 2–c, 3–a, 4–d, 5–b

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**Can you work with the words? (II)**

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|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. anthropology | a. system of only one marriage    |
| 2. gynecology   | b. hatred of women                |
| 3. monogamy     | c. illegal plurality of marriages |
| 4. bigamy       | d. study of human development     |
| 5. misogyny     | e. study of female ailments       |

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KEY: 1–d, 2–e, 3–a, 4–c, 5–b

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**Can you work with the words? (III)**

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|-----------------|---|
| 1. polygamy     | a. devotion to a lonely and austere life  |
| 2. misogamy     | b. skill, cleverness                      |
| 3. asceticism   | c. custom in which one man has many wives |
| 4. philanthropy | d. love of mankind                        |
| 5. adroitness   | e. hatred of marriage                     |

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KEY: 1–c, 2–e, 3–a, 4–d, 5–b

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### **Can you work with the words? (IV)**

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|-------------------|--|
| 1. polygynist     | a. student of the development of mankind |
| 2. polyandrist    | b. one who engages in charitable works   |
| 3. anthropologist | c. male with a plurality of wives        |
| 4. gynecologist   | d. women's doctor                        |
| 5. philanthropist | e. female with a plurality of husbands   |

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KEY: 1–c, 2–e, 3–a, 4–d, 5–b

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### **Do you understand the words?**

Can *ambidextrous* people use either the left or right hand equally well?

YES      NO

Should a surgeon be manually *dexterous*?

YES      NO

Is a *sinister*-looking person frightening?

YES      NO

Is *gaucherie* a social asset?

YES      NO

Is an *adroit* speaker likely to be a successful lawyer?

YES      NO

Is a student of *anthropology* interested in primitive tribes?

YES      NO

Does a *gynecologist* have more male than female patients?

YES      NO

Is *monogamy* the custom in Western countries?

YES      NO

Is a *misogamist* likely to show tendencies toward *polygamy*?

YES      NO

Is a *bigamist* breaking the law?

YES      NO

Is a *philanthropist* generally altruistic?

YES      NO

Does a *misanthropist* enjoy human relationships?

YES      NO

Does a *misogynist* enjoy female companionship?

YES      NO

Are unmarried people necessarily *misogamous*?

YES      NO

Are bachelors necessarily *misogynous*?

YES      NO

Is *asceticism* compatible with luxurious living and the pursuit of pleasure?

YES      NO

Does a *polyandrist* have more than one husband?

YES      NO

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KEY: 1–yes, 2–yes, 3–yes, 4–no, 5–yes, 6–yes, 7–no, 8–yes, 9–no,  
10–yes, 11–yes, 12–no, 13–no, 14–no, 15–no, 16–no, 17–yes

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### Can you recall the words?

philosophy of living austerely

1. A\_\_\_\_\_

hatred of women

2. M\_\_\_\_\_

hatred of marriage

3. M\_\_\_\_\_

hatred of mankind

4. M\_\_\_\_\_

skillful

5. D\_\_\_\_\_

awkward

6. G\_\_\_\_\_

evil, threatening

7. S\_\_\_\_\_

describing hatred of women (*adj.*)

8. M\_\_\_\_\_

or M\_\_\_\_\_

skill

9. A\_\_\_\_\_

pertaining to hatred of marriage. (*adj.*)

10. M\_\_\_\_\_

pertaining to hatred of mankind (*adj.*)

11. M\_\_\_\_\_

social custom of plural marriage

12. P\_\_\_\_\_



or P \_\_\_\_\_

or P \_\_\_\_\_

unlawful state of having more than one spouse

13. B \_\_\_\_\_

doctor specializing in female disorders

14. G \_\_\_\_\_

custom of one marriage at a time

15. M \_\_\_\_\_

one who hates the human race

16. M \_\_\_\_\_

or M \_\_\_\_\_

able to use both hands with equal skill

17. A \_\_\_\_\_

study of mankind

18. A \_\_\_\_\_

one who loves mankind

19. P \_\_\_\_\_

skill in the use of both hands

20. A \_\_\_\_\_

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KEY: 1–asceticism, 2–misogyny, 3–misogamy, 4–misanthropy, 5–dexterous, 6–gauche, 7–sinister, 8–misogynous or misogynistic, 9–adroitness, 10–misogamous, 11–misanthropic, 12–polygamy, polyandry, *or* polygyny, 13–bigamy, 14–gynecologist, 15–monogamy, 16–misanthropist *or* misanthrope, 17–ambidextrous, 18–anthropology, 19–philanthropist, 20–ambidexterity

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## CHAPTER REVIEW

### A. Do you recognize the words?

1. Puts selfish desires first: (a) egoist, (b) egotist, (c) altruist
2. Is self-analytical: (a) extrovert, (b) introvert, (c) ambivert
3. Hates women: (a) misogamist, (b) misanthrope, (c) misogynist
4. One's other self: (a) altercation, (b) alter ego, (c) alteration
5. Awkward, clumsy: (a) adroit, (b) dexterous, (c) gauche
6. Plural marriage as a custom: (a) bigamy, (b) polygamy, (c) monogamy
7. Study of human development: (a) asceticism, (b) philanthropy, (c) anthropology
8. Plurality of husbands as a custom: (a) misogyny, (b) polygyny, (c) polyandry

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KEY: 1-a, 2-b, 3-c, 4-b, 5-c, 6-b, 7-c, 8-c

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## B. Can you recognize roots?

	ROOT	MEANING
1. <i>ego</i>		_____
EXAMPLE	egoist	
2. <i>alter</i>		_____
EXAMPLE	alternative	
3. <i>verto</i>		_____
EXAMPLE	introvert	
4. <i>misein</i>		_____
EXAMPLE	misogynist	
5. <i>anthropos</i>		_____
EXAMPLE	anthropologist	
6. <i>gyne</i>		_____
EXAMPLE	gynecologist	
7. <i>gamos</i>		_____
EXAMPLE	bigamy	
8. <i>centrum</i>		_____
EXAMPLE	egocentric	
9. <i>dexter</i>		_____

EXAMPLE dexterous

10. *droit*

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EXAMPLE adroit

11. *monos*

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EXAMPLE monogamy

12. *andros*

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EXAMPLE polyandry

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KEY: 1–self, 2–other, 3–to turn, 4–to hate, 5–mankind, 6–woman,  
7–marriage, 8–center, 9–right hand, 10–right hand, 11–one,  
12–male

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## TEASER QUESTIONS FOR THE AMATEUR ETYMOLOGIST

Suppose you met the following words in your reading. Recognizing the roots on which they are constructed, could you figure out the meanings? Write your answers on the blank lines.

1. *anthropocentric*: \_\_\_\_\_
2. *andromania*: \_\_\_\_\_
3. *gynandrous*: \_\_\_\_\_
4. *monomania*: \_\_\_\_\_
5. *misandrist*: \_\_\_\_\_

(Answers in *Chapter 18*.)

## STICK TO YOUR TIME SCHEDULE!

In three sessions, you have become acquainted with scores of new, vital, exciting words. You understand the ideas behind these words, their various forms and spellings, their pronunciation, their derivation, how they can be used, and exactly what they mean. I do not wish to press a point unduly, but it is possible that you have learned more new words in the short time it took you to cover this chapter than the average adult learns in an entire year. This realization should make you feel both gratified and excited.

Funny thing about time. Aside from the fact that we all, rich or

poor, sick or well, have the same amount of time, exactly twenty-four hours every day (that is looking at time from a static point of view), it is also true that we can always find time for the things we enjoy doing, almost never for the things we find unpleasant (and that is looking at time from the dynamic point of view). I am not merely being philosophical—I am sure you will agree with this concept if you give it a little thought.

If you have enjoyed learning new words, accepting new challenges, gaining new understanding, and discovering the thrill of successful accomplishment, then make sure to stay with the time schedule you have set up for yourself.

*A crucial factor in successful, ongoing learning is routine.*

Develop a comfortable time routine, persevere against all distractions, and you will learn anything you sincerely want to learn.

So, to give yourself an edge, write here the day and hour you plan to return to your work:

DAY: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

*(End of Session 3)*

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<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, Section 2, *Master the pronunciation system*.

—— *Brief Intermission One* ——

## TEST YOUR GRAMMAR

How good is your English? Have you ever said *me* and then wondered if it shouldn't have been *I*—or vice versa? Do you sometimes get a little confused about *lay* and *lie* or *who* and *whom*? Perhaps you are often a little less than certain about the distinction between *effect* and *affect*, *principal* and *principle*, *childish* and *childlike*?

Here is a series of quick tests that will show you how skillful you are in using the right word in the right place, that will give you a reliable indication of how your language ability compares with the average.

## TEST I—EASY

If your English is every bit as good as average, you will have no difficulty making a proper choice in at least eight of the following ten sentences.

1. There is a beautiful moon out tonight and Estelle and I are going for a stroll—would you like to come along with (she and I, her and me?)
2. Your husband doesn't believe that you are older than (I, me).
3. Maybe we're not as rich as (they, them), but I bet we're a lot happier.
4. Does your child still (lay, lie) down for a nap after lunch?
5. When we saw Mary openly flirting with Nellie's husband, we (could, couldn't) hardly believe our eyes.
6. You should (of, have) put more vermouth into the martini.
7. Does your company (leave, let) you have as long a lunch break as you would like?
8. Harriet feels that her (brothers-in-law, brother-in-laws) are impossible to get along with.
9. "What (kind of, kind of a) car are you looking for?" asked the salesman.
10. Mrs. White was delighted that the Fennells had invited John and (she, her) to their party.

**Is your English up to par?** HERE ARE THE CORRECT ANSWERS

1—her and me, 2—I, 3—they, 4—lie, 5—could, 6—have, 7—let, 8—brothers-in-law, 9—kind of, 10—her



## TEST II—HARDER

Choose correctly in at least seven of the following problems to consider that your skill is distinctly above average—get all ten right to conclude that you rarely, if ever, make an error in grammar.

1. What (effect, affect) has the new administration's policies had on investor confidence?
2. A feeling of one's worth is one of the (principle, principal) goals of psychological therapy.
3. There's no sense (in, of) carrying on that way.
4. I can't remember (who, whom) it was.
5. The infant (lay, laid) quietly sucking its thumb.
6. No one but (she, her) ever made a perfect score on the test.
7. In the early days of frontier history, horse thieves were (hanged, hung).
8. Neither of your responses (are, is) satisfactory.
9. Either of these two small cars, if properly maintained, (is, are) sure to give over thirty miles per gallon in highway driving.
10. Tell (whoever, whomever) is waiting to come in.

**Is your English above average?** HERE ARE THE CORRECT ANSWERS

1–effect, 2–principal, 3–in, 4–who, 5–lay, 6–her, 7–hanged, 8–is, 9–is, 10–whoever

## TEST III—HARDEST

Now you can discover how close you are to being an expert in English. The next ten sentences are no cinch—you will be acquitting yourself creditably if you check the correct word five times out of ten. And you have every right to consider yourself an expert if you get nine or ten right.

1. We have just interviewed an applicant (who, whom) the committee believes is best qualified for the position.
2. She is one of those gifted writers who (turns, turn) out one best seller after another.
3. Don't sound so (incredulous, incredible); what I am saying is absolutely true.
4. We were totally (disinterested, uninterested) in the offer.
5. This recipe calls for two (cupful, cupfuls) of sugar.
6. Are you trying to (infer, imply) by those words that he is not to be trusted?
7. We thought the actress to be (she, her), but we weren't sure.
8. Was it (she, her) you were talking about?
9. Your criteria (is, are) not valid.
10. "It is I who (is, am) the only friend you've got," she told him pointedly.

**Are you an expert?** HERE ARE THE CORRECT ANSWERS

1—who, 2—turn, 3—incredulous, 4—uninterested, 5—cupfuls, 6—imply, 7—her, 8—she, 9—are, 10—am