

LESSON 3 LIKING AND DISLIKING

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Many words measure feelings. They act like degrees on a thermometer or zones on a gauge, recording very clear measurements. Everyday language is full of such words and phrases.

Has a friendship of yours ever been in the "deep freeze"? If so, you knew beforehand that it was in a danger zone, didn't you? Someone's temper was "boiling." Perhaps one of you got "hot under the collar" or gave the other "the cold shoulder." You reacted with strong feelings.

The words in this lesson are used to describe extreme emotional reactions. As you study each word, think where you would place it on an emotional gauge. At the PLUS or the MINUS end? Exactly where? How positive? How negative?

WORD LIST

awe
crave
detestable
enchanted
fascinate
fondness
irk
loathe
rave
recoil

DEFINITIONS

After you have studied the definitions and example for each vocabulary word, write the word on the line to the right.

1. **awe** (ô) *noun* A feeling of mixed wonder, fear, and deep respect.
verb To cause a feeling of awe.

Related Word *awesome adjective*

Example We gazed in *awe* as thousands of monarch butterflies settled among the trees like a golden cloud.

2. **crave** (krāv) *verb* a. To have a very strong desire or need for. b. To beg earnestly for something, as forgiveness or mercy.

Related Word *craving noun*

Example The young star *craved* fame in the way that a lion needs meat or a diver needs air.

3. **detestable** (dĭ-tēs'tə-bəl) *adjective* Deserving strong dislike, even hatred.

Related Words *detest verb; detestation noun*

Example "We find the actions of the terrorists *detestable*," announced the ambassador.

4. **enchanted** (ĕn-chān'tĭng) *adjective* Very charming, attractive, or delightful.

Related Words *enchant verb; enchantment noun*

Example The paper described the holiday decorations as a delight for young and old, claiming "Even a Scrooge would find them *enchanted*."

1. _____
USAGE NOTE: The related word *awesome* is used in slang to mean "remarkable" or "outstanding."

2. _____

3. _____
See *loathe*.

4. _____

5. **fascinate** (fās'ə-nāt') *verb* a. To capture and hold the interest and attention of. b. To hold motionless or spellbound. 5. _____
Related Word **fascination** *noun*
Example Isaac Newton was so *fascinated* by a falling apple that he eventually discovered the laws of gravity.
6. **fondness** (fōnd'nīs) *noun* a. A loving or affectionate feeling; tenderness. b. A strong liking for something. 6. _____
Related Words **fond** *adjective*; **fondly** *adverb*
Example My brother's *fondness* for drums drove me to earplugs and our neighbors to the telephone.
7. **irk** (îrk) *verb* To annoy; irritate. 7. _____
Related Word **irksome** *adjective*
Example Nothing *irks* a bus driver more than passengers who push and shove.
8. **loathe** (lōth) *verb* To dislike greatly; find repulsive. 8. _____
Related Words **loathing** *noun*; **loathsome** *adjective*
Example Most people *loathe* the sound of fingernails scratching a chalkboard. USAGE NOTE: *Loathe* and *detest* mean "to hate," but *loathe* suggests an almost physical dislike.
9. **rave** (rāv) *verb* a. To speak wildly or senselessly. b. To speak with great enthusiasm. 9. _____
Related Words **raving** *adjective*; **raving** *noun*
Example Everyone *raved* about the delicious fish and low prices at the new seafood restaurant.
10. **recoil** (rē'kōil') *verb* a. To move or jerk back, as a gun upon firing. b. To shrink back in fear or dislike. (rē'kōil') *noun* The act of recoiling. 10. _____
Example The rifle *recoiled* so hard that the soldier's shoulder hurt. USAGE NOTE: Some nouns and verbs that are spelled alike are pronounced differently.