# Liking and Disliking

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Robert Frost, the famous poet, described love as fire and hate as ice. No one can really measure feelings the way we can measure the temperature of fire or ice. Still, the emotional reactions described by the words in this lesson can be intense. If you were to measure them on an emotional thermometer, some would be very high, others low, and still others somewhere between those extremes. As you study these words, think about where they fall on your emotional thermometer.

1. **affable** (əˈbəl) *adjective*
   - Pleasant; friendly
   - My affable neighbor often stops by for a friendly chat.
   - **affability** *noun* Mario’s affability made him a popular party guest.
   - **affably** *adverb* Sylvia greeted me affably.

2. **awe** (ə) *noun*
   - Wonder, fear, or respect for something impressive
   - The size and beauty of the Grand Canyon filled us with awe.
   - **awesome** *adjective* When the king entered, an awesome silence settled over the room.

3. **contempt** (kənˈtemp(t)`) *noun*
   - Hateful scorn
   - The king was filled with contempt for his subjects who betrayed him.
   - **contemptible** *adjective* People who mistreat pets are contemptible.

4. **crave** (krāv) *verb*
   - To need or desire strongly
   - After spending all day alone in the house, the puppy craved human affection.
   - **craving** *noun* After dinner, I always have a craving for ice cream.

5. **detestable** (dəˈtéstəl) *adjective*
   - Inspiring or deserving hatred
   - The detestable ruler forced people to work as slaves in his mines.
   - **detest** *verb* I detest the taste of spinach.

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To be in contempt of court is to disrupt a court of law or to openly disobey a court order.
6. enchanting (en-chân-ting) adjective
   Charming; having the power to attract
   • The sunset over the pond created an enchanting scene.

   enchant verb Fairy tales continue to enchant children.

   enchantment noun Children’s enchantment with the video game made it a bestseller.

7. fascinate (fás’-ə-nät’) verb
   To capture strong interest or attention
   • Stories about my grandmother’s childhood fascinate me because life was so different back then.

   fascination noun We watched with fascination as the bees gathered pollen.

8. loathe (lōth) verb
   To hate intensely
   • I loathe waiting in line at the supermarket.

   loathing noun The baby showed his loathing for the bad-tasting cough medicine by spitting it out.

   loathsome adjective Many people think snakes are loathsome creatures.

9. rave (rāv) verb
   a. To praise enthusiastically
      • She constantly raves about her daughter’s great musical talent.
   b. To speak wildly without making any sense
      • His father raved angrily when Jason left the house without permission.

10. recoil (rē-koil´) verb
    a. To shrink back in fear, dislike, or disgust
       • I recoiled from the sight of the bloody cut.
    b. To move or jerk backward
       • The shotgun recoiled so hard that it knocked the hunter over.

**WORD ENRICHMENT**

Dropping e when adding a word ending

Many words in this lesson, including affable, awe, crave, detestable, fascinate, loathe, and rave end in a silent e.

When adding an ending to a word with a silent e, drop the final e if the ending you are adding begins with a vowel. Affable becomes affability when -ity is added. (Notice that you must also add an i before the l.) Loathe becomes loathing when -ing is added. Fascinate becomes fascination when -ion is added.

However, if the ending begins with a consonant, keep the e. Following this rule, awe becomes awesome when -some is added.
WRITE THE CORRECT WORD

Write the correct word in the space next to each definition.

1. hateful scorn __________________________
2. to draw back in disgust __________________
3. to need or desire strongly __________________
4. deserving hatred ________________________
5. to capture interest ________________________
6. to hate intensely _________________________
7. to praise with much enthusiasm ___________
8. friendly _________________________________
9. charming _______________________________
10. wonder ________________________________

COMPLETE THE SENTENCE

Write the letter for the word that best completes each sentence.

1. I _______ violent movies because they give me terrible nightmares.
   a. fascinate  b. rave  c. crave  d. loathe

2. The new student was very _______ , so he made friends quickly.
   a. detestable  b. raving  c. affable  d. contemptible

3. Criminals who cheat the elderly out of their money are especially _______.
   a. affable  b. detestable  c. awesome  d. enchanting

4. Her voice was so _______ that people would come from all over to hear her sing.
   a. detestable  b. loathsome  c. contemptible  d. enchanting

5. The discovery of new planets _______ scientists.
   a. fascinates  b. loathes  c. raves  d. recoils

6. I stared in _______ at my brother's amazing painting; I had no idea he was so talented!
   a. contempt  b. loathing  c. awe  d. craving

7. My parents _______ about how great his painting was.
   a. recoiled  b. detested  c. craved  d. raved

8. After playing in the snow, I usually _______ hot chocolate.
   a. crave  b. recoil  c. fascinate  d. enchant

9. The horrible sight and smell of the moldy food made me _______.
   a. fascinate  b. detest  c. enchant  d. recoil

10. Jason's teammates glared at him with _______ after he accidentally scored a touchdown for the other team.
    a. contempt  b. enchantment  c. fascination  d. awe

Challenge: Some people actually _______ raw oysters, while others _______ at the sight of them.
   a. loathe...detest  b. rave...fascinate  c. crave...recoil

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The Clever Leprechaun

According to legend, imaginary little people called leprechauns live among the hills of Ireland. (1) Tales of leprechauns have enchanted human beings for generations. Perhaps this is because these little creatures are said to hide pots of gold. (2) There are many stories about people who crave leprechaun’s riches and have tried to steal their treasures.

In stories, leprechauns avoid human beings, so we think of them as unfriendly creatures. (3) In many tales, however, they are quite affable with each other. They are depicted singing and dancing at leprechaun parties. They are also supposedly very smart. (4) A famous story tells how a leprechaun used his awesome intelligence to keep a human being from getting his gold.

One day, a boy named Sean was walking down a country road when he noticed something small moving behind a rock. Sneaking up quietly, he saw a leprechaun busily working on a pair of shoes. (5) Sean was fascinated by this tiny creature, with his red top hat, his green waistcoat, and his tiny cobbled shoes. Sean grabbed him. (6) The leprechaun recoiled as Sean held him up and looked at him carefully. (7) The leprechaun loathed being held captive.

“Let me go!” the leprechaun shouted, trying to wiggle free.

Sean remembered what people said about leprechauns. He was sure the leprechaun had some gold hidden away.

“Only if you give me your pot of gold!” demanded Sean.

Now the leprechaun knew he could not escape, so he thought hard. Then he pointed to a bush and said, “It’s underneath there.”

Sean looked at the bush and tried to memorize its appearance, but there was a whole field full of bushes that looked the same.

“I will need to go back for a shovel. How will I remember which bush you are pointing to?” asked Sean.

“If you let me go, I will take my red handkerchief and tie it to the bush,” the leprechaun replied.

“Promise me you are not lying,” said Sean.

“I promise,” said the leprechaun.

So Sean released the leprechaun and watched as the creature tied his handkerchief to the bush. Then Sean rushed home and returned with a shovel. But when he got to the top of the hill, he saw a whole field of bushes, each with a red handkerchief tied to a branch. (8) Sean ran from bush to bush, raving about “lies and tricks” as he searched for the gold. (9) Finally, he turned to the leprechaun and said, “You detestable creature! How could you do this to me?”

(10) The leprechaun laughed with contempt at Sean’s foolishness. Once again, a human being had tried to steal a pot of gold, and a leprechaun had outsmarted him.

Each sentence below refers to a numbered sentence in the passage. Write the letter of the choice that gives the sentence a meaning that is closest to the original sentence.

1. Tales of leprechauns have ______ human beings for years.
   a. disliked b. delighted c. angered d. respected

2. There are many stories about people who ______ leprechaun’s riches.
   a. accidentally found b. strongly dislike c. desperately want d. look down on

3. In many tales, however, they are quite ______ with each other.
   a. hateful b. disgusting c. wild d. friendly

4. A famous story tells how a leprechaun used his ______ intelligence to keep a human being from getting his gold.
   a. impressive b. interesting c. disgusting d. friendly
5. Sean was ______ by this tiny creature, with his red top hat, his green waistcoat, and his tiny cobblering tools.
   a. respected  b. interested  c. disgusted  d. praised

6. The leprechaun ______ as Sean held him up and looked at him carefully.
   a. spoke wildly  b. captured interest  c. screamed angrily  d. shrank back

7. The leprechaun ______ being held captive.
   a. loved  b. enjoyed  c. hated  d. ignored

8. Sean ran from bush to bush, ______ about "lies and tricks" as he searched for the gold.
   a. speaking wildly  b. giving praise  c. deserving hatred  d. avoiding others

9. "You ______ creature! How could you do this to me?"
   a. delightful  b. wild  c. hateful  d. loveable

10. The leprechaun laughed with ______ at Sean's foolishness.
    a. praise  b. scorn  c. wonder  d. desire

Indicate whether the statements below are TRUE or FALSE according to the passage.

1. Leprechauns do not like to be around people.
2. There are leprechauns living in Ireland.
3. Leprechauns are very smart creatures.

Writing Extended Responses

Leprechauns are imaginary characters. What other imaginary or legendary characters have you read about or heard about? Choose or invent an imaginary creature and write a descriptive essay about it. Your essay should be at least three paragraphs long. Make sure that you describe at least two aspects of the creature, such as its appearance, behavior, purpose (if it has one), or your attitude or feelings toward the creature. Use at least three lesson words in your essay and underline them.

Write the Derivative

Complete the sentence by writing the correct form of the word shown in parentheses. You may not need to change the form that is given.

1. This book is so ______ that I can't put it down. (fascinate)
2. I ______ mowing the lawn. (detestable)
3. My friend thought the play was boring, but I was ______ by it. (enchanting)
4. Have you ever ______ something so badly that you felt you would do almost anything to get it? (crave)

5. Ever since I got sick after eating a banana split, I have ______ bananas. (loathe)

6. Her ______ made her an excellent hostess. (affable)

7. Bullies who pick on those who are smaller and weaker are ______. (contempt)

8. I act embarrassed when anyone ______ about my good grades, but I really like it. (rave)

9. Aisha ______ at the sight of the Brussels sprouts on her plate. (recoil)

10. The most ______ sight I have ever seen was the Northern Lights, dancing across the sky. (awe)

**FIND THE EXAMPLE**

Choose the answer that best describes the action or situation.

1. An expression that conveys awe
   a. “Pass the salt.”
   b. “How much is it?”
   c. “That’s amazing!”
   d. “Good night.”

2. Something a person who wants to satisfy a craving for dessert would do
   a. refuse pie
   b. leave the table
   c. wash dishes
   d. eat ice cream

3. Something likely to enchant small children
   a. traffic jam
   b. puppet show
   c. political debate
   d. doctor’s visit

4. An example of detestable behavior
   a. kicking a dog
   b. cheering loudly
   c. losing homework
   d. staying up late

5. Something a person who loathes sports might play
   a. basketball
   b. soccer
   c. piano
   d. baseball

6. What a raving person is doing
   a. sleeping quietly
   b. studying for a test
   c. painting a mural
   d. speaking wildly

7. Something a brother might treat his sister with contempt for doing
   a. going to school
   b. giving him a gift
   c. tattling on him
   d. cooking dinner

8. Something that would cause most people to recoil
   a. a snake
   b. a glass of water
   c. a cookie
   d. a book

9. A word you might use to describe a fascinating movie
   a. boring
   b. interesting
   c. dull
   d. irritating

10. An example of affable behavior
    a. insulting someone
    b. telling a joke
    c. picking on someone
    d. telling a lie

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