

Our hopes and wishes help us to strive for better things. Hoping for better lives, the ancestors of many of us came to North America. At times they wished to escape from persecution. At other times they simply wanted to support themselves and their families. Hopes and wishes also motivated people to move from east to west within North America. Many people from the east coast, in states such as New York and Virginia, went west to California, hoping to become rich in the California Gold Rush of 1848–1849. Later, people moved west in search of gold in Alaska. People sometimes have moved simply hoping to acquire more farmland for their family. All of us hope or wish for something, be it a new place to live, something to own, a career, or a hobby. In this lesson you will study words that refer to hoping and wishing.

WORD LIST

anticipate
aspire
covet
enviable
expectation
inclination
persevere
reluctant
voluntary
wistful

DEFINITIONS

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

1. **anticipate** (ăn-tīs'ə-pāt') *verb* a. To expect or foresee: *to anticipate trouble.* b. To look forward to something with pleasure: *to anticipate a holiday.*
From the Latin *ante-*, meaning "before," and *capere*, meaning "to take")

1. _____

Related Word anticipation *noun*

Example Based on the reviews she had read, Pam *anticipated* that the movie would be good.

2. **aspire** (ə-spīr') *verb* To have a great ambition; to desire something strongly. (From the Latin word *aspirare*, meaning "to desire")

2. _____

Related Word aspiration *noun*

Example Robert *aspired* to set a new record at the track meet.

3. **covet** (kûv'it) *verb* a. To wish for longingly. b. To desire something that belongs to another. (From the Latin word *cupere*, meaning "to desire")

3. _____

Example Hypnotized by the toy store's display window, the child *coveted* the giant stuffed animal.

4. **enviable** (ĕn'vĕ-ə-bəl) *adjective* Admirable or desirable enough to be wanted.

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Related Words envious *adjective*; envy *noun*; envy *verb*

Example The baseball pitcher established an *enviable* record of five no-hit games.

5. **expectation** (ĕk'spĕk-tā'shən) *noun* a. The act or state of believing that a certain thing will occur. b. (Usually plural) Hopes; prospects. (From the Latin *ex-*, meaning "out," and *spectare*, meaning "to look at")

Related Word *expect verb*

Example She took the job with the *expectation* that she would soon be promoted.

6. **inclination** (ĭn'klā-nā'shən) *noun* A tendency or an attitude toward something; a preference or desire. (From the Latin *in-*, meaning "toward," and *clinare*, meaning "to lean")

Related Word *incline verb*

Example After climbing six flights of stairs, Gerald's *inclination* was to take the elevator to the nineteenth floor.

7. **persevere** (pŭr'sə-vîr') *verb* To continue to do something in spite of obstacles or discouragement. (From the Latin word *perseverus*, meaning "very serious")

Related Word *perseverance noun*

Example The book was very difficult to understand, but Jason *persevered*.

8. **reluctant** (rĭ-lŭk'tənt) *adjective* Unwilling or not wanting to do something; offering resistance. (From the Latin *re-*, meaning "against," and *luctari*, meaning "to struggle")

Related Words *reluctance noun; reluctantly adverb*

Example On the chilly afternoon, Marlene was *reluctant* to dive into the swimming pool.

9. **voluntary** (vŏl'an-tĕr'ĕ) *adjective* Acting out of one's own free will. (From the Latin word *voluntas*, meaning "choice")

Related Words *voluntarily adverb; volunteer noun*

Example Sergio's decision to rake leaves for his grandmother was a *voluntary* one.

10. **wistful** (wĭst'fəl) *adjective* Full of a sad yearning or longing; wishful.

Related Words *wistfully adverb; wistfulness noun*

Example Marianne's *wistful* expression could be explained by her recent cross-country move.

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MEMORY CUE: Don't put an r in the second syllable of *persevere*; it's "severe" word.

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EXERCISE 1 WRITING CORRECT WORDS

On the answer line, write the word from the vocabulary list that fits each definition.

- 1. A tendency to act in a certain way 1. _____
- 2. The state of believing that a certain thing will happen 2. _____
- 3. Admirable enough to be wanted 3. _____
- 4. Acting out of free choice 4. _____
- 5. To have great ambition 5. _____
- 6. To long for something that belongs to someone else 6. _____
- 7. To continue in spite of difficulties 7. _____
- 8. Unwilling 8. _____
- 9. Full of sad longing or yearning; wishful 9. _____
- 10. To foresee; look forward to something with pleasure 10. _____

EXERCISE 2 USING WORDS CORRECTLY

Decide whether the italicized vocabulary word has been used correctly in the sentence. On the answer line, write *Correct* for correct use and *Incorrect* for incorrect use.

- 1. The catcher *anticipated* the steal and threw the runner out at second base. 1. _____
- 2. Meredith was forced to accept the *voluntary* assignment. 2. _____
- 3. Because he *covets* power, Macbeth kills King Duncan. 3. _____
- 4. During an attempt to climb Mount Everest, some people on the expedition *persevere*, giving up after going only part way. 4. _____
- 5. "If you are *reluctant* to work hard," said the coach, "you belong on the team. Rowing is hard work!" 5. _____
- 6. After years of preparation, the astronauts had every *expectation* of success. 6. _____
- 7. Because Sophia *aspired* to be a concert violinist, she gave up her violin lessons after two years. 7. _____
- 8. "It is my *inclination* to order the daily special," Ann-Marie told the waitress. 8. _____
- 9. Emil's cousin is in the *enviable* position of having been accepted at five universities. 9. _____
- 10. Cathy was in a *wistful* mood after she had parted with her good friend. 10. _____

CHOOSING THE BEST DEFINITION

For each italicized vocabulary word in the following sentences, write the letter of the best definition on the answer line.

1. "There is an *inclination* toward baldness in my family," said Mike. 1.
a. preference b. absence c. tendency d. hatred
2. Because of a generous tax refund, Sarah could *anticipate* taking a three-week cruise to South America. 2.
a. give up c. stop worrying about
b. dread d. look forward to
3. People with a fear of heights are *reluctant* to climb mountains. 3.
a. slow b. unwilling c. eager d. careful
4. Kai's decision to become a blood donor was *voluntary*. 4.
a. forced upon him c. demanded by others
b. his own choice d. important to him
5. Nancy Astor *persevered* in her campaign and became the first woman elected to the British House of Commons. 5.
a. regrouped b. continued c. hesitated d. failed
6. Many *aspire* to be famous, but few are able to achieve that goal. 6.
a. desire strongly c. work steadfastly
b. pretend desperately d. eagerly expect
7. At the restaurant the dieter *coveted* his neighbor's seven-course meal. 7.
a. ignored b. noticed c. criticized d. desired
8. After many trades Jo has an *enviable* collection of baseball cards. 8.
a. worthy of being admired c. worthy of being sold
b. worthy of being protected d. worthy of being traded
9. Seeing the kitten filled Kirsten's mind with *wistful* memories of her own lost cat. 9.
a. joyful b. amusing c. sad and longing d. meaningful
10. Tyesha trained with the *expectation* of making the gymnastics team. 10.
a. prospect c. unlikely fantasy
b. foolish idea d. grim reality

USING DIFFERENT FORMS OF WORDS

Each sentence contains an italicized vocabulary word in a form that does not fit the sentence. On the answer line, write the form of that word that does fit the sentence.

1. Two-year-old children often show great *reluctant* to do what their parents tell them. 1. -
2. "If you keep practicing," promised Chris's piano teacher, "your *persevere* will pay off." 2. -
3. Andrea was filled with *wistful* at the thought of missing her reunion. 3. -
4. Jerome *voluntary* worked five hours a week at the animal shelter. 4. -
5. As the day for the rafting trip neared, Carla's *anticipate* was high. 5. -

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6. Bruce *covet* his cousin's collection of rare coins.
7. Judy was *envy* of her sister's athletic ability.
8. Benjamin Disraeli said, "What we anticipate seldom occurs; what we least *expectation* generally happens."
9. Jack was *inclination* to take an airplane rather than drive two thousand miles.
10. "My sole *aspire* for the next half-hour," explained Ellie, "is to finish my homework."

READING COMPREHENSION