

## Lesson 7

# Emotions

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All the words in this lesson may be associated with emotions.

**candor** N. sincerity in expression; frankness (In all *candor*, I must say I do not like the way he handled the problem.)

**compassion** N. the feeling of sharing another's suffering (Your *compassion* and understanding have helped me through this crisis.)

**crestfallen** ADJ. disappointed; discouraged (After striking out three times, Charlie trudged home *crestfallen*.)

**diffidence** N. state of being unassertive or lacking self-confidence (*Diffidence* is not Patty's trademark; she is usually outgoing.)

**distraught** ADJ. extremely upset; agitated by doubt (*Distraught* with worry, Mr. Parks paced by the telephone, waiting for news.)

**equanimity** N. the state of being balanced and calm; composure (Rosemary hosted her unruly dinner guests with *equanimity*.)

**fortitude** N. a strong determination to endure difficulties (With *fortitude* the small group of pioneers headed west.)

**frenzied** ADJ. marked by wild, frantic, or violent agitation (The *frenzied* attempt at a last-minute comeback resulted in a victory.)

**geniality** N. friendliness; a pleasant manner (Everyone loves to visit their house because of their *geniality* and hospitality.)

**loathe** V. to despise; to dislike in the extreme (Karin used to *loathe* lima beans; now she tolerates them.)

**morose** ADJ. marked by a gloomy or sullen manner (Roderick Usher roamed his mansion in a state of constant, *morose* depression.)

**mortification** N. embarrassment; a feeling of extreme shame (I felt *mortification* when I dropped the expensive and fragile vase that Mrs. Sim handed me to look at.)

**paranoia** N. a psychotic condition characterized by delusions of persecution or of grandeur (Marcia's *paranoia* causes her to distrust others.)

**pensive** ADJ. deeply or sadly thoughtful (Roland was in a *pensive* mood and spent the day in his room.)

**probity** N. devotion to the highest standards of integrity (Both sides claim to have candidates of the utmost *probity* and honor.)

**repugnance** N. a feeling of strong distaste or antagonism (Most people view the actions of Hitler with *repugnance*.)

**solace** N. a source of consolation (After the accident, all anyone could do was offer *solace* to the family.)

**temperance** N. self-restraint; moderation (A well-balanced nature is marked by *temperance* and industriousness.)

**tenacity** N. a tough-minded determination to stick to or to hold onto something (My dog guards her bones with an awe-inspiring *tenacity*.)

**vigilance** N. being attentively watchful; guarding from danger (*Vigilance* is a fundamental requirement of soldiers on guard duty.)