

**equivalent**

ē kwiv' ə lənt

*adj.* Equal to.

Although the decimal 0.5 and the fraction  $\frac{1}{2}$  appear to be different, they are **equivalent** amounts.

*n.* That which is equal to.

One year of a dog's life is the **equivalent** of seven human years.

**export**

ek spōrt'

*v.* To send goods to another country for sale.

Colombia **exports** coffee to countries all over the world.

*n.* (eks' port) Something exported.

Grain is an important **export** of the United States.

**extract**

ek strakt'

*v.* 1. To remove or take out.

Dr. Bogasian will **extract** my wisdom tooth next week.

2. To obtain with an effort.

I **extracted** a promise from them to leave us alone.

*n.* (eks' trakt) Something removed or taken out.

Vanilla **extract** comes from the seedpods of vanilla plants.

**introduce**

in trə dōōs'

*v.* 1. To cause to know; to make known by name.

Let me **introduce** you to my companion, Jane Willow.

2. To bring to the attention of, especially for the first time.

It was our friends in Hawaii who **introduced** us to scuba diving.

3. To bring into use.

The invention of the airplane **introduced** a new way of traveling.

**introduction** *n.* (in trə duk'shən) 1. Something spoken or written before the main part.

We read the **introduction** before going on to the rest of *The Woman in White*.

2. The act of being made known by name.

After my **introduction** to the others in the room, I relaxed and enjoyed the party.

**purchase**

pur' chās

*v.* To buy.

My parents **purchase** a new car every five years.

*n.* 1. Something that is bought.

Store detectives may ask you to show sales slips for your **purchases** as you leave.

2. The act of buying.

Because of a bicycle's cost, I looked at and rode several before I made a **purchase**.

**tropical**

trəp' i kəl

*adj.* 1. Of, from, or similar to the regions near the equator.

Ecuador, which lies on the equator, is a **tropical** country.

2. Hot and moist.

The chilly autumn temperature outside made the air at the indoor pool feel **tropical**.