Lesson 1

Seeing

Roots: vis, spect, super

vis  (from the Latin words meaning "to see" and "sight")
spect  (from the Latin words meaning "to look at" and "to watch")
super  (from the Latin word meaning "big; above, over")

1 envision  v.  To imagine; to form a picture in the mind of something that has not yet happened.
   The neighbors envisioned a community garden in the empty lot on the corner.

2 revise  v.  To look back and change; to correct and improve.
   It took time for Karl to revise his sentences, but the changes he made greatly improved his story.
   revision, n.

3 supervise  v.  To direct or oversee, to look after and take care of.
   Coach Nadarian supervised the soccer players closely to make sure they did the warm-up exercises correctly.
   supervision, n.

4 visible  adj.  Able to be seen or perceived.
   When the fog cleared in the morning, the houses in the valley became visible again.
   visibility, n.  visibly, adj.

5 visor  n.  A shield for the eyes, like the brim of a cap of the sunshade in a car.
   From above the windshield, Lili pulled down the visor to protect her eyes from the glare.

6 visa  n.  Permission granted by an official to travel within a nation.
   She was lucky to receive the visa to travel in Australia before her departure date.

7 prospect  v.  To look for; to explore and search for mineral deposits.
   Many fortune hunters arrived in California in the late 1840s to prospect for gold, but most failed to find any.

   n.  Something that is looked forward to.
   The prospect of his birthday party in the coming week made Aaron very happy.
   prospective, adj.

8 respect  n.  1.  Admiration, high regard.
   Having run a marathon himself, Tony had a great deal of respect for the runners who finished the race.

   2.  A specific point or detail.
   When describing the accident, the witness was accurate in every respect.

   v.  To have a good opinion of; to look up to.
   Meg, the head nurse, respected the volunteers who came each week to help at the hospital.
   respectful, adj.
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<td>spectator</td>
<td>Onlooker, one who watches an event without taking part.</td>
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<td><em>At football games, my brother thought it was more fun to be a spectator than a player.</em></td>
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<td>spectacle</td>
<td>A strikingly grand or unusual sight.</td>
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<td><em>The gorgeous sunset at the shore was a spectacle that vacationers enjoyed each year.</em></td>
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<td>spectacular</td>
<td>Impressive to look at, remarkable.</td>
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<td><em>The crowd saw a spectacular display of fireworks in the park.</em></td>
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<td>introspection</td>
<td>Examination of one's own thoughts, emotions, and sensations</td>
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<td><em>After a little introspection, he realized that he really didn't want to quit piano lessons.</em></td>
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<td>specter</td>
<td>A ghost or apparition, especially one that causes dread or terror</td>
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<td><em>The specter glided down the darkened hallway.</em></td>
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<td>spectrum</td>
<td>A band of colors that is formed when light is passed through a prism, or in some other way.</td>
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<td><em>A rainbow is one kind of spectrum that is formed when sunlight passes through rain.</em></td>
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