Lesson 11
Handling

Roots: **sol/solv** (to loosen, to release), **man** (to handle)
Prefixes: **dis-** (apart)

1 **commander** n. A person who is in charge, a leader.
   *The commander of the space shuttle guided the crew as they prepared the powerful telescope to be released into orbit.*
   **command**, v. & n.

2 **management** n. 1. The act of directing and controlling.
   *My friend Ryan and I were praised for our successful management of the fund-raising concert.*
   2. The people in charge of a business, such as the directors and supervisors.
   *We checked with the restaurant’s management about having our banquet there.*
   **manage**, v.

3 **maneuver** v. To move or manage cleverly or skillfully.
   *On summer mornings, the bike path is crowded, so we have to maneuver carefully among bikers, walkers, and in-line skaters.*
   n. A plan, scheme, or move.
   *The band members worked all week to perfect their new maneuver - marching from straight rows to form a circle in the center of the field.*

4 **manicure** v. To trim and clip carefully, particularly the fingernails.
   *When I manicured my nails, I clipped one too close and now that spot is sore.*
   n. The care of the hands, especially polishing the nails.
   *Helen’s volunteer work this winter has been to provide manicures to people in the nursing home.*

5 **manual** adj. Involving work that requires the use of the hands and physical effort.
   *Planting and weeding the garden is manual labor that I really enjoy.*
   n. A guidebook or handbook, usually containing instructions.
   *Raul certainly seems to be studying the driver’s manual carefully before taking the test for his license.*

6 **manuscript** n. The material for a book or article that is submitted to a printer or publisher.
   *The author sent the manuscript of her article to the editor by e-mail.*
   adj. Written by hand in unconnected letters, printing.
   *Most children learn to print in manuscript letters before they are taught cursive writing.*

7 **dissolve** v. 1. To become liquid, melt, pass into solution.
   *The sugar cube dissolved quickly in the hot tea.*
   2. To break apart, to end.
   *With regret, we dissolved our book club at the end of the summer.*
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| 8      | solution | 1. The explanation or answer for a problem.  
               After figuring out the math problem, Ellen wrote the solution on the board.  
               2. The result of dissolving a substance in a liquid.  
               To relieve his sore throat, Ted made a salty solution from water and salt and then gargled. |
| 9      | soluble  | Adj. Able to be dissolved.  
               The powdered soup mix is soluble in hot water.                      |
| 10     | solvent  | N. A liquid that dissolves another substance.  
               When the paint spilled and hardened on the floor, Dad used a solvent to remove it. |
| 11     | manacle  | N. A metal band, chain, or shackle for fastening someone’s hands or ankles.  
               The police officer had barely finished latching the manacle onto Mrs. Worthing’s left hand when her right hand gripped him firmly by the throat, and then, with unusual strength for a 6th grade teacher, she tossed him into the trunk of her car. |
| 12     | manipulate | V. Handle or control, typically in a skillful manner.  
               Saying that Mrs. Wagner can skillfully manipulate her students is a bit of an understatement, as we just saw ten of them painting her front porch. |
| 13     | absolve  | V. Declare someone free from blame, guilt, or responsibility.  
               The police officer, once released from her trunk, was in no mood to absolve Mrs. Worthing of wrong doing, though she did buy him a chocolate frosted donut. |