Lesson 13
Belonging

Roots: poli (city/government), gen (family/race), nat (birthplace/nation)

Suffixes: -ician, -er, -or (person who works in)

1 cosmopolitan adj. 1. Representative of many countries.
   London is a cosmopolitan city with a population that includes people from all over the world.
   2. At home anywhere, not bound by local or national limitations.
   Lucien's cosmopolitan attitudes enabled him to fit in well wherever he traveled.

2 metropolitan adj. Having to do with a city and its surrounding communities.
   Superhighways run through many metropolitan areas, connecting cities with their suburbs.

3 policy n. A plan for action, a governing principle.
   Being a new student, Dwayne was not aware that the school policy required a written excuse for every absence.

4 politician n. A person who is running for, or serving in, political office.
   The politician went from door to door, introducing herself and asking for votes.

5 gene n. A unit of the cells of living things that determines which traits are inherited.
   Hair color, eye color, and height are qualities determined by our genes.

6 generation n. 1. The average time from the birth of parents to the birth of their child.
   Many hairstyles that were popular a generation ago are not popular today.
   2. The act of producing.
   Modern windmills are becoming more widely used for the generation of electricity.
   generate, v.; generational, adj.

7 generosity n. The act of giving to others, willingness to contribute.
   After a powerful tsunami hit several Asian countries, people all over the world showed great generosity by giving money and materials for rebuilding.

8 international adj. Between, among, or relating to two or more countries.
   Each summer my family hosts an international student for a few weeks.
   internationally, adj.

9 nationality n. The condition of belonging to a particular nation.
   Since Claude was born in Paris, his nationality is French.
   national, adj.

10 naturalize v. To become a citizen of one country after being born in another country.
   After studying the citizenship questions and passing the interview, Fabio was naturalized at a ceremony this morning.
   naturalization, n.
11 **congenial**  adj. having a pleasing, sociable personality.

*You may think that your teachers are both kind and congenial, but if you were to visit the school after hours, you would likely find them bullying the school principle.*

12 **progeny**  n. a descendant, or descendants collectively; offspring.

*As they looked upon their grandchildren, the grandparents were quite proud of their progeny, even though little Catherine Wagner had her dress on backwards and her head stuck in the mailbox.*

13 **genealogy**  n. a chart or record showing the ancestors and lines of hereditary descent of a person or group; family tree.

*We started to suspect that Mrs. Worthing was fibbing about her genealogy, for the chart she made had her descending from Princess Leia and Han Solo.*

14 **innate**  adj. belonging to or existing in someone or some organism from the time of birth; inborn.

*When Mrs. Wagner discovered that someone was writing unflattering vocab sentences about her, she made use of her innate ability to calmly rub a person’s face in the dirt without ever looking cross.*