

Lesson 1

Definitions

1. altruistic

al tru IS tik

unselfishly concerned for the welfare of others, generous

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> belligerent; stingy; selfish

Nuns and nurses are usually very altruistic people since they seek ways to help people.

Derivatives >>

altruism, altruist, altruistically

2. ambivalent

am BIV uh lunt

having contrary feelings or attitudes, uncertain as to course of action

Synonyms >>

undecided

Antonym >> certain; firmly convinced

I am ambivalent about a permanent relationship with him, because I like him one day and don't the next.

Derivatives >>

ambivalence

3. angular

ANG gyuh ler

lean; sharp cornered; gaunt

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> rotund

The patient has lost so much weight that his face has become quite angular.

Derivatives >>

angulate, angularity, angulation, angulator

4. arrogant

AIR uh gunt

overbearingly assuming; insolently proud

Synonyms >>

presumptuous, haughty, imperious, brazen

Antonym >> meek, modest

Because the girl was so arrogant, she had few friends.

Derivatives >>

arrogance, arrogancy, arrogantly

5. aversion

uh VER shun

strong disinclination, disliking

Synonyms >>

hesitance, loathing, reluctance

Antonym >> inclination

I have an aversion to getting married.

Derivatives >>

averseness, aversely, averse

6. discern

deh SURN

to differentiate between two or more things

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to ignore; to be oblivious; to

Because of the fog, I was barely able to discern the landing strip.

Derivatives >>

discerner, discernible, discernable, discernibleness, discernibly, discernably, discerningly, discernment

7. disdain

dis DANE

intense dislike; to treat with scorn or contempt, to reject as unworthy

Synonyms >>

(to be) arrogant, haughty, high-handed, insolent, lordly,

Antonym >> favor, admiration; to love

Never having had to do manual labor, he disdained the idea of becoming a cotton picker.

Derivatives >>

disdained, disdaining, disdainer, disdainful, disdainfully, disdainfulness

deh SPAR ij

to degrade, to speak of someone or something in a derogatory manner

Synonyms >>

belittle, decry, deprecate

8. disparage

Antonym >> to praise profusely
His disparaging remarks about me caused the committee to give the job to another person.

Derivatives >>
disparagement, disparager, disparagingly

9. disparity

deh SPAR eh tee

inequality, the condition or fact of being unequal in age, rank, or degree **Synonyms** >>

Antonym >> similarity

The couple got married even though there was a great disparity in their ages.

Derivatives >>

disparate, disparately, disparateness, disparatum

10. embellish

em BEL ish

to decorate, to make beautiful with ornamentation

Synonyms >>

deck, garnish, ornament, adorn

Antonym >> to abbreviate

He would embellish his narratives with anecdotes about famous people.

Derivatives >>

embellisher, embellishment

11. engender

en JEN der

to cause, to produce, to create

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to squelch

His angry words engendered strife in his relationship with his wife.

Derivatives >>

engendered, engenderer, engenders, engendering

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eh NOK yoo us

harmless, producing no injury

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> dangerous; injurious

Since the drink is innocuous, it is okay for us to have some.

Derivatives >>

innocuously, innocuousness

13. insipid

in SIP id

boring and stupid

Synonyms >>

banal, flat, inane, jejune, vapid

Antonym >> spirited and animated; zestful
I am bored by your insipid talk.

Derivatives >>
insipidity, insipidly, insipidness

14. lament

luh MENT

to mourn or to express sorrow in a demonstrative manner

Synonyms >>
bemoan, bewail, deplore

Antonym >> to rejoice
She lamented the death of her father in a very lachrymose manner.

Derivatives >>
lamented, lamenting, lamentation, lamentable

15. laud

LAWD

to praise, to extol

Synonyms >>
revere

Antonym >> to defame
Her performance was lauded by all of the critics.

Derivatives >>
laudability, laudable, laudableness

16. obscure

ub SKYOOOR

difficult to see, vague

Synonyms >>
abstruse, ambiguous, cryptic, enigmatic, equivocal, recondite **Antonym** >> clear;
apparent Because the meaning of the play was obscure, I was unable to enjoy it.

Derivatives >>
obscuration, obscurative, obscuredly, obscurely, obscurement, obscureness, obscurity **17.**

ostentatious

os ten TAY shus
showy, pretentious

Synonyms >>
pompous

Antonym >> modest
The ostentatious socialite wore her mink fur coat even during the warmest days of August.

Derivatives >>
ostentation, ostentate, ostentatiously, ostentatiousness, ostentative

18. prodigal

PROD uh gul

wasteful, a person given to extravagance

Synonyms >>
lavish, lush, luxuriant, profuse

Antonym >> thrifty individual
The prodigal son squandered his inheritance.

Derivatives >>
prodigality, prodigally, prodigalize

19. repudiate
reh PYOO dee ate
to reject, to disown, to disavow

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to adopt
He announced that he would repudiate all debts that had been created by his wife.

Derivatives >>
repudiation, repudiationist, repudiator

20. reticence
RET uh suns
restraint in speech, reluctance to speak

Synonyms >>
reserve, taciturnity

Antonym >> candor
A lawyer must have great reticence in discussing matters that could violate his client's rights.

Derivatives >>
reticency, reticent, reticently

21. revere
reh VERE
to honor, to regard with respect

Synonyms >>
adore, venerate, worship

Antonym >> to despise
Nearly all Catholics revere the Pope.

Derivatives >>
reverence, reverent, reverentness, reverential, reverentiality, reverentially **22. serene**
suh REEN
calm, placid

Synonyms >>
tranquil

Antonym >> agitated
The mountain on a clear spring morning is a serene setting.

Derivatives >>
serenely, sereneness, serenity

23. subtle
SUT ul
delicate, elusive, not obvious

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> obvious; gross; blunt

To avoid being obtrusive in the elegant restaurant, he used subtle gestures to call the waiter to his table.

Derivatives >>

subtilist, subtilty, subtilization, subtilize, subtilizer, subtilness, subtilty **24. superfluous**
soo PUR floo us

beyond what is needed or required, an overflow

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> necessary

The meeting lasted so long because of many superfluous comments by some of the speakers.

Derivatives >>

superfluously, superfluosness, superfluent, superfluity

25. taciturn

TAS eh turn

quiet, not verbose

Synonyms >>

reserved, reticent

Antonym >> loquacious; talkative

A shy person is usually taciturn.

Derivatives >>

tacit, tacitly, tacitness, taciturnity, taciturnly

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Lesson 1

Matching Test

Directions: Choose the definition that best matches the meaning of the vocabulary word. Place the answer of your choice in the space provided.

Exercise A

- _____ 1.
altruistic
a.
contempt; intense dislike
_____ 2. ambivalent
b.
quiet; saying little; usually silent
_____ 3.
angular
c.
to praise; to extol
_____ 4. arrogant
d.
undecided; unable to choose
_____ 5. aversion
e.
inequality in age, rank, or degree
_____ 6. discern
f.
not clear or distinct; vague
_____ 7. disparage
g.
overbearingly assuming; proud
_____ 8. disparity
h.
generous; concerned for others
_____ 9. embellish
i.

to decorate; to adorn; to ornament

_____ 10. taciturn

j.

to speak badly of; to degrade

_____ 11. laud

k.

to perceive; to differentiate

_____ 12. obscure

l.

lean, gaunt; sharp-cornered

Exercise B

_____ 1.

engender

a.

strong disinclination; dislike

_____ 2.

disdain

b.

wastefully extravagant; lavish

_____ 3.

innocuous

c.

reserve; taciturnity; silence

_____ 4.

insipid

d.

delicate, elusive, not obvious

_____ 5.

lament

e.

boring and stupid

_____ 6.

ostentatious

f.

calm, placid

_____ 7.

prodigal

g.

to disown, to reject, to disavow

_____ 8.

repudiate

h.

harmless; innocent

- _____ 9.
reticence
i.
to mourn, to wail
_____ 10. revere
j.
showy; pretentious
_____ 11. serene
k.
needless; overflowing; extra
_____ 12. subtle
l.
to honor; to worship
_____ 13. superfluous
m. to originate; to produce

Sentence Completion

altruistic ambivalent
angular
arrogant

aversion discern
disdain
disparaging

disparate embellish
innocuous subtle

1. Even though the _____ programs had no similarities, they worked toward the same goals, and that made them compatible.

2. Her extended illness had resulted in her _____ look; she was so gaunt and lean that none of her clothes fit well.

3. Missionaries are considered _____ because they are unselfishly concerned for the welfare of others.

4. On hot summer days it is difficult to _____ the difference between a puddle of water and heat waves produced on the road.

5. It was hard to believe that her feelings could be hurt over such _____ remarks, for nothings he said was really harmful.

6. I cannot understand how anyone can be so _____ about this project; you either support it or you don't, but this constant changing of viewpoints is beyond my comprehension.

7. Because I have a natural _____ to hominy, I never eat the stuff; it is one food that I can't stand.

8. Because of his _____ remarks about me, the committee gave the job to another person; he had effectively ruined my reputation.

9. I met his _____ remarks with _____; I didn't appreciate his trying to hide his feelings. He should have been forthright, open and honest.

10. The young girl tried to _____ her handwriting by adding swirls and curls to her letters.

11. No one wanted to be around the _____ man; his proud manner bordered on rudeness.

engender insipid
lament
laud obscure

ostentatious prodigal
repudiate
reticence revere

serene superfluous
taciturn

12. Certain passages of the book were so _____ that it was difficult to get a clear understanding of exactly what the author had intended to say.

13. The _____ man never saved any money because of his attitude;

he has never been able to hold on to a dollar when it could be spent on something frivolous.

14. The girl's _____ conversation bored him to tears; he abhorred silly, meaningless chatter.

15. The _____ sounds of rising from the sick room announced the death of the man.

16. In a society of increasing lawlessness, it seems that young children have not been taught to _____ authority and law.

17. This paper is marred by _____ details that could have been left out.

18. If you show respect for a person, you are likely to _____ a similar regard in that person to show respect for you.

19. To give praise to mental laziness is difficult for me, but to _____ students with quick minds is a pleasure.

20. The girl's _____ was not an asset to her; indeed, her inability to speak in public was like a curse.

21. The _____ man said very little; he spoke only when spoken to, and even then he was direct and concise.

22. He hired a team of lawyers to _____ the charge that he had embezzled any funds from the company.

23. A few hints of sophistication began to appear in the woman's _____ apparel; she soon dropped the gaudy accessories and became a conservative dresser.

24. We stood before the _____ lake and looked at the placid and calm waters.

Lesson 2

Definitions

1. antithesis

an TI thuh sis

a direct opposite, a contrast

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> duplicate; same
Good is the antithesis of evil.

Derivatives >>

antithetic, antithetical, antithetically

2. ascend

uh SEND

to move upward, to rise from a lower station

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to descend; to go down
The climbers ascended the mountain.

Derivatives >>

ascendancy, ascendancy, ascendant, ascension, ascending, ascended

3. austere

aw STEER

strict, stern; unadorned, ascetic

Synonyms >>

severe

Antonym >> indulgent
Pioneers usually led an austere existence.

Derivatives >>

austereness, austere, austerity

4. autonomous

aw TON uh muhs

independent, self-contained

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> dependent
One who is autonomous needs no help from others.

Derivatives >>

autonomic, autonomously, autonomy, autonomist

5. banal

BANE ul, buh NAL common, ordinary, lacking freshness, hackneyed

Synonyms >>

inane, insipid, jejune, vapid

Antonym >> fresh, unique, extraordinary

Because of his use of overused trite remarks, his speeches are banal.

Derivatives >>

banality, banally

6. benign

buh NINE

not causing harm, of gentle disposition, beneficial

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> malignant, harmful

The minister was loved because of his benign attitude toward all types of people.

Derivatives >>

benignly, benignant, benignancy, benignantly, benignity

7. capricious

kuh PRISH us

changing suddenly, fickle

Synonyms >>

inconstant, mercurial, unstable

Antonym >> stable

Her capricious moods are difficult to anticipate.

Derivatives >>

caprice, capriciously, capriciousness

8. dawdle

DOD ul

to waste time, to spend time idly, to move in a lackadaisical manner

Synonyms >>

dally, loiter, procrastinate

Antonym >> to rush

Since we have a deadline, do not dawdle over your work.

Derivatives >>

dawdled, dawdling

9. defamation

def uh MAY shun

act of harming or ruining another's reputation

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> adulation

The defamation of another's character is a horrible thing.

Derivatives >>

defamatory, defame, defamed, defamer, defamingly

10. esoteric

es uh TER ik

understood only by a small group or a select few

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> obvious

The English teachers were having an esoteric discussion about the correct usage of some obscure word.

Derivatives >>

esoterical, esoterically, esotericism, esotericist, esoterism, esotery

11. exacerbate

ig ZAS ur bate

to aggravate, to irritate, to vex

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to ameliorate; to soothe

You will only exacerbate the situation if you try to call her.

Derivatives >>

exacerbatingly, exacerbation

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www.layingthefoundation.org **12. extol**

ik STOLE

to praise, to glorify

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to defame

The teacher would always extol students who tried to do their best.

Derivatives >>

extolled, extolling, extollingly, extollment, extoller

13. fastidious

fa STID ee us

reflecting a meticulous or demanding attitude, critical to an extreme

Synonyms >>

finicky

Antonym >> not meticulous

He considered her fastidious because she was offended by insignificant mistakes or errors.

Derivatives >>

fastidiously, fastidiousness, fastidium

14. furtive

FUR tiv

secret in an underhanded way, stealthy

Synonyms >>

clandestine, covert, stealthy, surreptitious, underhanded

Antonym >> bold

During the test, he made some furtive glances at other classmates' papers.

Derivatives >>

furtively, furtiveness

15. gregarious

greh GAR ee us

sociable and outgoing

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> shy; reserved

He became much more gregarious after he developed an interest in girls.

Derivatives >>

gregariously, gregariousness

16. hypocrite

HIP uh krit

one who is insincere or deceitful

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> sincere person

Saying one thing and then doing the other is the mark of a hypocrite.

Derivatives >>

hypocrites, hypocritical, hypocritically, hypocritical, hypocrisy

17. innate

eh NATE

existing from birth, inborn

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> learned

He has innate athletic talents that cannot be taught.

Derivatives >>

innated, innately, innateness, innatism, innative

18. lethargic

luh THAR jik

sluggish, languid

Synonyms >>

stuporous, torpid

Antonym >> energetic

Having had too much to drink, he was very lethargic the morning after the party.

Derivatives >>

lethargically, lethargize, lethargy

19. melancholy

MEL un kol ee

depression of spirits

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> happiness

After Dad lost his job, he fell into a state of melancholy.

Derivatives >>

melancholia, melancholic, melancholiac, melancholically, melancholily, melancholiness, melancholious

20. opaque

oh PAKE

not allowing the passage of light, not transparent; hard to understand

Synonyms >>

dark

Antonym >> transparent

I am going to place something opaque in the window so that no one will be able to see into this room.

Derivatives >>

opaquely, opaqueness, opaquer

21. prolific

pro LIF ik

abundantly fruitful, marked by great productivity

Synonyms >>

fecund, fertile

Antonym >> barren; unfruitful

Since he has written a great number of books in a short period, Stephen King is known as a prolific writer.

Derivatives >>

proliferation, proliferate, proliferative, proliferous, proliferously

22. reprove

reh PROOV

to scold or to rebuke for a misdeed usually with kindly intent

Synonyms >>

admonish, castigate, chastise, chide, rebuke, reproach

Antonym >> to approve; to applaud

A teacher sometimes needs to reprove a student for talking during class.

Derivatives >>

reprovable, reprovably, reprovably, reprovably, reprovably, reproof

23. symmetry

SIM eh tree

balanced proportions

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> lack of balance

The symmetry of the gardens of Versailles creates a beautiful and balanced atmosphere.

Derivatives >>

symmetrical, symmetric, symmetrically, symmetricalness, symmetrization, symmetrize

24. tranquil

TRANG kwul

peaceful, calm

Synonyms >>

placid, serene

Antonym >> agitated

Weather in Texas can quickly change from tranquil to turbulent.

Derivatives >>

tranquilization, tranquilize, tranquility, tranquillity, tranquilizer

25. venerate

VEN uh rate

to honor, to revere

Synonyms >>

adore, worship

Antonym >>

Although I did not always agree with President Kennedy, I venerate his memory.

Derivatives >>

eneration, veneration, venerator, venerable, venerability

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Lesson 2

Matching Test

Directions: Choose the definition that best matches the meaning of the vocabulary word.
Place the answer of your choice in the space provided.

Exercise A

_____ 1.
antithesis
a.
direct opposite; contrast
_____ 2.
ascend
b.
changeable; erratic; fickle
_____ 3.
austere
c.
to go up; to rise
_____ 4.
autonomous
d.
ruining of another's reputation
_____ 5.
banal
e.
stern; unyielding; ascetic
_____ 6.
benign
f.
to praise; to glorify
_____ 7.
capricious
g.
insipid; dull; trite; ordinary
_____ 8.
dawdle
h.
to embitter; to aggravate
_____ 9.
defamation
i.
to waste time; to spend time idly
_____ 10. esoteric
j.
independent; self-contained
_____ 11. exacerbate
k.
beneficial; kind; gentle
_____ 12. extol
l.
understood only by a select few

Exercise B

- _____ 1.
fastidious
a.
slow; tired; sluggish; listless
- _____ 2.
furtive
b.
not transparent; dull; dark
- _____ 3.
gregarious
c.
peaceful; calm
- _____ 4.
hypocrite
d.
existing from birth; inborn
- _____ 5.
innate
e.
one who is insincere
- _____ 6.
lethargic
f.
liking to gather in groups; social
- _____ 7.
melancholy
g.
surreptitious; secret; sneaky
- _____ 8.
opaque
h.
particular; hard to please
- _____ 9.
prolific
i.
to honor; to revere
- _____ 10.
reprove
j.
balanced proportions
- _____ 11.

symmetry

k.

depression of spirits

_____ 12.

tranquil

l.

to scold or to rebuke

_____ 13.

venerate

m. fruitful; producing many young

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Lesson 2

Sentence Completion

antithesis ascend

austere

autonomous

banal benign

capricious

dawdle

defamation esoteric
exacerbate
extolled

1.

The woman is suing the magazine for of character because she thinks that their comments have ruined her reputation.

2.

After her superb performance, the critics her wonderful work; among the many things they praised was her sensitivity.

3.

The woman was happy to learn that the tumor was and would not cause her harm.

4.

The life of a monk does not provide for luxury items.

5.

It was difficult to get the girl to settle down and stay on one topic; her subjects of conversation changed as rapidly as her moods.

6.

The skillful mountain climbers were not afraid to the towering cliff which hovered above them.

7.

The essay was marred by comments that had already been made by thousands of uncreative students.

8.

Only those who go through initiation ceremonies of the cult understand the meaning of their _____ vows.

9.

You will only the situation if you call her again; she has been aggravated enough.

10.

The boss of the company does not allow his employees to ; he expects them to work quickly and efficiently.

11. It was extremely unusual to see identical twins so vastly different; one seemed to be the very _____ of the other in every regard except appearance.

12. The citizens of the small village longed to be _____, fully independent and self-contained.

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Lesson 2

fastidious furtive

gregarious

hypocrite innate

lethargic melancholy

opaque

prolific reprove

symmetry tranquil venerate

13. My younger sister has always been insincere; therefore, I feel justified in calling her a _____.

14.

We feared that our peaceful, _____ valley would soon be ravaged by war.

15.

Despite the overpowering sound of the bell, there was an _____

and natural tranquility about the church.

16.

The woman sang a _____ song at the funeral.

17. There was a curious kind of _____ in the painting; each side seemed to be the mirror image of the other.

18. The woman's _____ housekeeping caused her family much discomfort; if they left anything out of place she became unreasonable.

19. The _____ child could hardly keep his eyes open during the class; he was obviously lacking in energy.

20.

The student was not able to hide his _____ glances at another child's paper; consequently, he received a zero on the test.

21.

The boys tried to peek through the _____ window, but they could see nothing.

22. The man was hailed as one of the most _____ writers of his time; he produced six complete novels in one year.

23. The _____ boy was always the life of the party; he enjoyed being around large groups of people and would visit with everyone, even people he did not know.

24. His laziness led to a reduction in productivity, and eventually his boss had to _____ him for being so lazy.

25. Because I _____ the memory of my father, I would never say bad things about him; I still honor him, even after his death.

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Lesson 3

Definitions

1. abstruse

ab STRUSE

difficult to understand, recondite, concealed

Synonyms >>

complex, complicated, intricate, knotty

Antonym >> readily understood; clear

Some concepts of Einstein were so abstruse that many physicists could not understand them.

Derivatives >>

abstrusely, abstruseness

2. affable

AF uh bul

friendly, courteous, amiable

Synonyms >>

cordial, genial, gracious, sociable

Antonym >> surly; aloof; unfriendly

He had a very affable nature, always saying "Hello" to everyone.

Derivatives >>

affability, affableness, affably

3. audacity

aw DAS uh tee

excessive boldness, rashness, daring

Synonyms >>

cheek, chutzpah, effrontery, gall, hardihood, temerity

Antonym >> meekness

I was surprised that he had the audacity to approach the Queen.

Derivatives >>

audacious, audaciousness, audaciously

4. contrite

kun TRITE

extremely apologetic, remorseful, repentant

Synonyms >>

penitent

Antonym >> unrepentant

Her contrite tears were not enough to convince her father not to spank her for her disobedience.

Derivatives >>

contritely, contriteness, contrition

5. credulous

KREJ uh lus

believing on slight evidence, gullible

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> suspicious

Because the lady's horoscope said that she should stay inside, the credulous woman did not go to work.

Derivatives >>

credulously, credulousness, credulity

6. depravity

deh PRAV eh tee

moral corruption, a wicked or perverse act

Synonyms >>

abasement, corruption, debasement, debauchery,

Antonym >> noble behavior

The depravity of his behavior shocked everyone.

Derivatives >>

deprave, depraver, depravement, depraved

7. deprecate

DEP ruh kate

to disapprove regretfully, to belittle, to express mild disapproval

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to endorse

Do not deprecate her act unless you fully understand her situation.

Derivatives >>

deprecating, deprecatingly, deprecative, deprecatively, deprecatory, deprecated, deprecating

8. didactic

die DAK tik

instructive, designed to teach

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> uninformative

Because of the coach's didactic approach, his players learned many blocking techniques.

Derivatives >>

didactical, didacticism, didactic, didactically

9. dormant

DOR munt
inactive, sleeping

Synonyms >>
abeyant, latent, quiescent

Antonym >> active
Most flowers remain dormant in the winter and bloom in the spring.

Derivatives >>
dormancy

10. enigmatic
en ig MAT ik
mysterious, inexplicable, puzzling

Synonyms >>
abstruse, ambiguous, cryptic, equivocal, obscure,

Antonym >> clear
The disappearance of Amelia Earhart is an enigma to this day.

Derivatives >>
enigma, enigmatical, enigmatically, enigmatize

11. erudite

ER yoo dite
scholarly

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> ignorant
The erudite physics professor had spent many years studying the theory of relativity.

Derivatives >>
eruditely, erudition

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www.layingthefoundation.org **12. exotic**

ig ZOT ik
foreign, unfamiliar

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> native
The circus features exotic animals from Africa.

Derivatives >>
exotical, exoticalness, exotically, exotica, exoticism, exoticist

13. fuse

FYOOZ
to mix or to join (usually by melting)

Synonyms >>
amalgamate, blend, coalesce, commingle, merge, mingle **Antonym** >> to divide
Zinc and copper can be fused into hard, bright brass.

Derivatives >>
fused, fusing, fuses, fusibility, fusible

14. immutable

eh MYOO tuh bul unchanging

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> fickle

Her love for her husband was immutable.

Derivatives >>

immutability, immutableness, immutably

15. incorrigible

in KOR eh juh bul incapable of being reformed or improved

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> amenable to improvement

He was expelled from school because of his incorrigible conduct.

Derivatives >>

incorrigibility, incorrigibleness, incorrigibly

16. loathe

LOETH

to detest

Synonyms >>

abhor, abominate

Antonym >> to adore

The fact that I loathe your brother does not mean that we cannot be friends.

Derivatives >>

loathful, loathing, loathingly, loathness, loathsome

17. mitigate

MIT uh gate

to cause to become less harsh or hostile; to make less severe

Synonyms >>

allay, alleviate, assuage, lighten

Antonym >> to intensify; to aggravate

He apologized in order to mitigate her dislike for him.

Derivatives >>

mitigation, mitigatedly, mitigative, mitigator, mitigatory

18. nullify

NUL eh fie

to cause not to be in effect, to negate

Synonyms >>

abrogate, annul, invalidate

Antonym >> to make effective

I am seeking to nullify the contract because he has not complied with it.

Derivatives >>

nullified, nullifying, nullification, nullificationist, nullificator, nullifier **19. pacifistic**

pas uh FIS tik

opposed to war or use of force

Synonyms >>

appeased, conciliated, mollified, placated, propitiated

Antonym >> martial

The man refused to fight because of his pacifistic beliefs.

Derivatives >>

pacifist, pacifier, pacifism, pacifistically, pacify

20. pretentious

preh TEN shus

making an extravagant outward show, self-important

Synonyms >>

ostentatious, pompous

Antonym >> meek; humble; shy

Isn't it a little pretentious to spend two million dollars on a wedding?

Derivatives >>

pretension, pretention, pretensionless, pretensive, pretentiously, pretentiousness **21.**

prologue

PRO log

introductory remarks in a speech, play or literary work, introductory action **Synonyms**

>>

Antonym >>

The play had a prologue that set the scene for the opening act.

Derivatives >>

prologist, prologize

22. recant

reh KANT

to withdraw or to repudiate a statement or belief, revoke

Synonyms >>

abjure, forswear, renounce, retract

Antonym >> to avow; to reaffirm belief

The prosecutor's case was greatly weakened when his main witness recanted his testimony.

Derivatives >>

recantation, recanter

23. servile

SUR vil, SUR vile overly submissive

Synonyms >>

obsequious, slavish, subservient

Antonym >> authoritative

Having complete devotion and submissiveness for the sheik, the women of the harem were very servile.

Derivatives >>

servilely, servilism, servility, servitude

24. trepidation

trep eh DAY shun fear, trembling, agitation

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> fearlessness

Since I did not have time to study, I have a lot of trepidation about this examination.

Derivatives >>

trepidate, trepidant, trepid, trepidly, trepidity

25. vilify

VIL eh fie

to malign, to defame, to utter abusive statements against

Synonyms >>

aspere, calumniate, denigrate, traduce

Antonym >> to praise; to acclaim

It is not right to vilify someone just because he disagrees with you.

Derivatives >>

vilification, vilifier, vilifying, vilifyingly

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Lesson 3

Matching Test

Directions: Choose the definition that best matches the meaning of the vocabulary word.
Place the answer of your choice in the space provided.

Exercise A

_____ 1.

abstruse

a.

to mix or to join by melting

_____ 2. affable

b.

instructive; intended to teach

_____ 3.

audacity

c.

friendly; amiable; courteous

_____ 4. contrite

d.

believing on slight proof

_____ 5. credulous

e.

to belittle; to express disapproval

_____ 6. depravity

f.

deeply apologetic; repentant

_____ 7. deprecate

g.

scholarly; learned

_____ 8. didactic

h.

corrupt nature; wickedness

_____ 9. dormant

i.

difficult to understand

_____ 10. erudite

j.

foreign; unfamiliar

_____ 11. exotic

k.

inactive; sleeping

_____ 12. fuse

l.

boldness; daring spirit; effrontery

Exercise B

- _____ 1.
enigmatic
a.
obscure; mysterious
- _____ 2.
immutable
b.
to make less severe
- _____ 3.
incorrigible
c.
to revoke; to disavow
- _____ 4.
loathe
d.
unchanging; permanent
- _____ 5.
mitigate
e.
to void, negate, or invalidate
- _____ 6.
nullify
f.
overly submissive; slavish
- _____ 7.
pacifistic
g.
to detest; to abhor; to hate
- _____ 8.
pretentious
h.
anxiety; nervous anticipation
- _____ 9.
prologue
i.
incapable of being reformed
- _____ 10. recant
j.
opposed to war or use of force
- _____ 11. servile
k.
introductory action

_____ 12. trepidation

l.

to defame; to slander

_____ 13. vilify

m. pompous; ostentatious; showy

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Lesson 3

Sentence Completion

abstruse affable
audacity contrite

credulous depravity
deprecates didactic

dormant erudite
exotic
fuse

1. My younger brother was always bold and daring; many times he had the _____ to talk back to my parents.
2. Because the student had been voted the most scholarly in his class, the _____ language in his speech was not a surprise.
3. The girl's father approves of her desire to sing, but he _____ her willingness to sing in nightclubs.
4. The _____ look on the woman's face betrayed her gullibility; she had a tendency to believe everything she heard.
5. The girl's _____ personality resulted in her being voted friendliest in her class.
6. The man has lost so many of his morals that he has fallen into a state of _____.
7. The woman's _____ expression convinced her husband that she was sorry for her harsh words.
8. Most flowers remain _____ in the winter and bloom in the spring.
9. With his skilled hands, the silversmith began to _____ the two pieces of metal into one beautiful shape.
10. The book was so _____ that after he had finished the first difficult chapter, he understood less than when he had begun.
11. The furniture salesman bragged that only _____ woods from foreign lands were used in making the fine item that he was selling.
12. _____ poems are especially interesting in that they often teach a moral as well as entertain.



Lesson 3

enigmatic immutable incorrigible loathe
mitigate

nullify pacifistic pretentious
prologue
recant

servile trepidation vilify

13. While younger men are often belligerent, older and wiser men may set aside these war-like attitudes for a more _____ outlook.

14. The first fight in the valley was but a _____ to one hundred years of war.

15. Just because I _____ spinach does not mean I hate all vegetables.

16. Because he was incapable of being reformed, the boy's _____ conduct could not be tolerated any longer.

17. His driving an extravagant and showy car does not mean that he is a _____ person.

18. I am seeking to _____ the contract since he has not adhered to the terms upon which we agreed.

19. The submissiveness of the woman was easy to detect in her _____ manner.

20. When the publisher discovered his error, he was anxious to _____ his previous statement.

21. The man's _____ faith in God could not be shaken; he was firm in his convictions.

22. Because the woman was so angry at what the man had said, she directed her anger at him and immediately began to _____ him in all her circles of friends.

23. I experienced great _____ because we were isolated in a cabin during the snowstorm, and we had only a small portion of food; I was afraid we would starve before being rescued.

24. The lawyer was hoping the court would _____ the original sentence, but the judge seemed totally uninterested in lessening the prison term he had set.

25. The _____ oaths in the ceremony were a mystery to everyone outside the brotherhood.

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Lesson 4

Definitions

1. aesthetic

uh THEH tic

relating or pertaining to a sense of beauty or art

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

He is considered to have aesthetic tastes because he loves beauty and the arts.

Derivatives >>

aesthete, aesthetical, aesthetically, aesthetician, aestheticism, aesthetics

uh LOOF

apart, indifferent

Synonyms >>

detached, incurious, unconcerned

Antonym >> integrated; friendly

The woman remained aloof during the party, separating herself from everyone else.

Derivatives >>

aloofness

3. archaic

are KAY ik

antiquated, old, out of use

Synonyms >>

ancient, antique, obsolete, venerable

Antonym >> contemporary; modern

Words such as "thou", which are no longer part of normal vocabulary, are archaic.

Derivatives >>

archaically, archaism, archaize, archaized, archaizing, archaizer

4. assuage

uh SWAYJ

to ease, to mitigate, to make less painful or burdensome, to calm

Synonyms >>

allay, alleviate, lighten, soothe

Antonym >> to irritate; to intensify

Your kind words should assuage her suffering. The medicine should assuage his pain.

Derivatives >>

assuaged, assuaging, assuagement, assuager

5. belie

buh LIE

to contradict, to give a false impression

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to support; to agree with
Her first words appeared to belie all the wonderful things I had heard about her.

Derivatives >>
belied, belying, belier

6. contentious
kun TEN shus
quarrelsome, stirring controversy

Synonyms >>
bellicose, belligerent, pugnacious
Antonym >> congenial; harmonious

My contentious child will not listen to any form of reason.

Derivatives >>
contentiously, contentiousness, contention

7. daunt
DAWNT
to intimidate, to dismay

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to hearten
I am not daunted by your threats.

Derivatives >>
dauntless, dauntlessly, dauntlessness

8. debilitate
deh BIL uh tate
to weaken, to enfeeble

Synonyms >>
sap

Antonym >> to invigorate
I was debilitated by my bout with pneumonia.

Derivatives >>
debilitated, debilitating, debilitation, debilitative, debility

9. discord
DIS kord
lack of agreement, tension, strife

Synonyms >>
contention, dissension, variance

Antonym >> harmony; agreement
There is a lot of discord in the nation over the issue of abortion.

Derivatives >>
discordance, discordancy, discordant, discordantly, discordantness

10. dissemination
deh sem uh NAY
the act of spreading widely; scattering

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> consolidation

The dissemination of these ideas can best be achieved through television.

Derivatives >>

disseminate, disseminator

11. dogmatic

dog MAT ik

strongly opinionated in an unwarranted manner

Synonyms >>

dictatorial, doctrinaire, magisterial, oracular

Antonym >> unopinionated; wishy-washy

He was so dogmatic that having an intelligent discussion with him was impossible.

Derivatives >>

dogmatician, dogmatical, dogmatically, dogmaticalness, dogmaticism, dogmatism, dogmatize, Copyright © 2005 by Advanced Placement Strategies

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www.layingthefoundation.org **12. duplicity**

doo PLIS eh tee

double-dealing, hypocrisy

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> sincerity; single-mindedness

His duplicity was exposed when the girl he was seeing found out he was married.

Derivatives >>

duplicitous

13. egocentric

ee go SEN trik

self-centered, selfish

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> modest; selfless

Egocentric people rarely show any concern for others.

Derivatives >>

egocentricity, egocentrism

14. euphemism

YOO fuh miz um

substitution of an inoffensive term for one that is offensive

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> coarse expression

People frequently use a euphemism for the word "died." They commonly say someone "passed away."

Derivatives >>

euphemistic, euphemious, euphemiously, euphemistically, euphemize, euphemizer **15.**

gluttonous

GLUT uh nus

greedy for food and drink

Synonyms >>

rapacious, ravenous, voracious

Antonym >> temperate

I am so gluttonous that I would have great difficulty dieting.

Derivatives >>

glutton, gluttonize, gluttonously, gluttonousness

16. mundane

mun DANE

ordinary, commonplace

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> unusual; outstanding

After I take care of these mundane matters, we can do something exciting.

Derivatives >>

mundanely, mundaneness, mundanity

17. ominous

OM uh nus

threatening

Synonyms >>

fateful, portentous

Antonym >> harmless; non-threatening

The ominous clouds were harbingers of the tornado.

Derivatives >>

ominously, ominousness

18. petulance

PECH uh luns

unreasonable touchiness or irritability

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> serenity

Petulance is sometimes the trait of a child who is not getting his way.

Derivatives >>

petulant, petulancy, petulantly

19. pompous

POM pus

exaggerated show of dignity or self-importance, bombastic

Synonyms >>

ostentatious, pretentious

Antonym >> humble; meek

It is very pompous of him to believe that his ideas should always receive the first consideration.

Derivatives >>

pomp, pomposity, pompously, pompousness

20. precocious

preh KOE shus

exceptionally early in development or occurrence

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> backward

A child prodigy is a young person who is very precocious.

Derivatives >>

precociousness, precosity, precociously

21. slothful

SLOTH ful

lazy, indolent

Synonyms >>

bovine

Antonym >> industrious

That student is so slothful that he has never done any of his homework assignments.

Derivatives >>

slothfully, slothfulness, sloth

22. trivia

TRIV ee uh

insignificant matters

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> important matters

The English teacher is looking for substance, not trivia, in themes.

Derivatives >>

trivial, triviality, trivialization, trivialize, trivially

23. verbose

ver BOSE

wordy, very talkative

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> terse

That professor is so verbose that it takes him an hour to cover material that should take fifteen minutes.

Derivatives >>

verbosely, verboseness, verbosity

24. virulent

VIR yuh lunt

extremely poisonous; hateful

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> harmless

The doctor prescribed a lot of medication to arrest the virulent infection.

Derivatives >>

virulence, virulently

25. volatile

VOL uh til

quickly changeable, easily vaporized

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> static; unchangeable

Because of his volatile temper, one must use caution in dealing with him.

Derivatives >>

volatileness, volatility, volatilization, volatilizable, volatize

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Lesson 4

Matching Test

Directions: Choose the definition that best matches the meaning of the vocabulary word.
Place the answer of your choice in the space provided.

Exercise A

- _____ 1.
aesthetic
a.
to weaken; to enfeeble
_____ 2. aloof
b.
self-centered; selfish
_____ 3.
archaic
c.
doctrinal; opinionated
_____ 4. assuage
d.
antiquated; old; out of use
_____ 5. belie
e.
lack of agreement; tenseness
_____ 6. contentious
f.
quarrelsome
_____ 7. daunt
g.
to contradict
_____ 8. debilitate
h.
a scattering; dispersal
_____ 9. discord
i.
apart; indifferent
_____ 10. dissemination
j.
artistic; showing good taste
_____ 11. dogmatic
k.
to ease; to mitigate
_____ 12. egocentric
l.
to intimidate; to dismay

Exercise B

- _____ 1.
duplicity
a.

wordy
_____ 2.
euphemism
b.
ordinary, commonplace
_____ 3.
gluttonous
c.
insignificant matters
_____ 4.
mundane
d.
lazy; indolent
_____ 5.
ominous
e.
vain; ostentatious; bombastic
_____ 6.
petulance
f.
greedy; voracious
_____ 7.
pompous
g.
unreasonable irritation
_____ 8.
precocious
h.
quickly changing
_____ 9.
slothful
i.
threatening
_____ 10. trivia
j.
poisonous; injurious; hostile
_____ 11. verbose
k.
double-dealing; hypocrisy
_____ 12. virulent
l.
early in development
_____ 13. volatile
m. substitution of a less offensive term

for an offensive one
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Lesson 4

Sentence Completion

aesthetic aloof
archaic
assuage

belied contentious
daunted debilitated

discord dissemination
dogmatic egocentric

1.

When acquiring possessions of beauty and artistic quality, the museum always depends on the advice of Gerald Tremain, who is considered to have true _____ tastes.

2.
If I want immediate _____ of information, I will tell a well-known gossip who will quickly scatter the news.
3.
The patient grew more _____ every day; he hated being confined to his bed and was extremely irritable and quarrelsome.
4.
Even in the midst of the terrible storm, the people maintained a spirit that could not be _____; they simply refused to lose hope.
5.
That family is continually fighting and arguing; I have never seen such _____ among relatives.
6.
Words such as “thou,” which are no longer part of normal vocabulary, are _____.
7.
Having to deal with _____ people who think only of themselves is the most disgusting aspect of this job.
8.
It is a good idea to remain _____ from people who use drugs; it is safer not to be their friends.
9.
_____ from his bout with the AIDS virus, the man could barely respond to the questions; he was so weak that he could not even speak.
10. Although the pink color of her skin appeared to be a sign of good health, the color deceived the doctor and _____ her true condition.
11. Aspirin will surely _____ the pain of my toothache; I need something to lessen my suffering.
12. His _____ remarks were biased; even though they were based on little evidence, he spoke them with the conviction of a fanatic.



Lesson 4

duplicity euphemism gluttonous mundane ominous

petulant pompous

precocious
slothful trivia

verbose virulent
volatile

13. It took the _____ girl three hours to clean her room; she had left it cluttered for so long that it was a wonder she finished in only three hours.

14. His _____ eating habits dissuaded me from inviting him to dinner; I think it is rude and disgusting to stuff yourself with food.

15. We were all sick of his _____ attitude of thinking that he was so much better than the rest of us; frankly, I'd like to see him cut down a notch or two.

16. The speaker was so _____ that her speech lasted forty minutes longer than it should have.

17. The _____ child began to read before the age of five and was always several years ahead of his peers.

18. Several types of medicine were prescribed in order to stop the _____
infection, which could easily caused his death.

19. His job became so routine and _____ that he longed for something exciting and unusual.

20. The _____ temper of the man caused him to explode in anger at the slightest provocation.

21. Much of the so-called “news” is really just _____, insignificant daily matters that are soon forgotten.

22. A rising tide and increasing winds are both _____ signs of an approaching hurricane.

23. Because of her unreasonable irritability, the _____ young girl was not always pleasant to be around.

24. When I accused him of _____, he demanded proof of his double-dealing.

25. Instead of the word “dying,” many people use the _____ “passing away.”

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Definitions

1. acrimonious

ak ruh MONE ee us
caustic

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> cordial

The prisoner of war had acrimonious remarks for those that mistreated him.

Derivatives >>

acrimony, acrimoniously, acrimoniousness

2. ameliorate

uh MEE lee o rate
to make better, to relieve, to improve

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to make worse; to aggravate

Social workers attempt to ameliorate the conditions of people living in the slum areas.

Derivatives >>

ameliorated, ameliorating, ameliorable, ameliorant, ameliorative, ameliorator,
amelioration

3. amenable

uh MEN uh bul
open to or willing to follow advice or suggestion, tractable, malleable

Synonyms >>

docile, obedient

Antonym >> unwilling

Since I like him and usually agree with him, I am always amenable to listening to his ideas.

Derivatives >>

amenability, amenableness, amenably

4. amorphous

uh MOR fuss
shapeless, having no definite form

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> structured

In the science fiction movie, the amorphous mass terrorized the town.

Derivatives >>

amorphously, amorphousness, amorphism

5. buoyant

BOY unt

capable of floating; cheerful

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> likely to sink

Because the log was buoyant, it stayed afloat. The girl's buoyant spirit made her pleasant company.

Derivatives >>

buoyancy, buoyance, buoyantly, buoyantness, buoy

6. cajole

kuh JOLE

to persuade with deliberate flattery, to coax, to wheedle

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to browbeat

I will not be cajoled into allowing you to stay up past your bedtime.

Derivatives >>

cajoled, cajoling, cajolery, cajoleries, cajolement, cajoler

7. calamity

kuh LAM uh tee

a serious event causing distress or misfortune

Synonyms >>

cataclysm, catastrophe

Antonym >> good fortune

The earthquake in Mexico was a calamity.

Derivatives >>

calamitous, calamitously, calamitousness

8. debase

deh BASE

to reduce in dignity or quality

Synonyms >>

abase, corrupt, debauch, demean, deprave, pervert, vitiate

Antonym >> to glorify

Do not debase yourself by swearing.

Derivatives >>

debased, debasing, debasement, debaser, debasingly

9. efface

eh FASE

to erase, to wear away

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to make conspicuous

The date on the coin has been effaced.

Derivatives >>

effaceable, effacement, effacer

10. elucidate

eh LOO seh date

to make clear, to explain

Synonyms >>

explicate, expound

Antonym >> to confuse

I will try to elucidate some of the important changes in the tax code.

Derivatives >>

elucidation, elucidative, elucidatory, elucidator

11. ephemeral

eh FEM ur ul

lasting a short period of time, fleeting

Synonyms >>

evanescent, fleeting, fugitive, transient, transitory

Antonym >> lasting; timeless; eternal

The microorganism had an ephemeral lifespan. It died shortly after it was created.

Derivatives >>

ephemerally, ephemerality, ephemeralness, ephemeron, ephemerous

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www.layingthefoundation.org **12. ferocity**

fuh ROS eh tee

savagery

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> mildness

A tiger is an animal that has ferocity.

Derivatives >>

ferocious, ferociously, ferociousness

13. flourish

FLUR ish

to thrive, to grow well

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to wither

The company flourished after a new board of directors took control.

Derivatives >>

flourisher, flourishing, flourishingly, flourishy

14. haughty

HAW tee

arrogant, excessively proud and vain

Synonyms >>

disdainful, high-handed, insolent, lordly, supercilious

Antonym >> humble

Being quarterback of the football team does not give him the right to be haughty.

Derivatives >>

haughtily, haughtiness

15. impervious

im PUR vee us

incapable of being entered or penetrated, not capable of being damaged

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> penetrable

Because this watch is impervious to water , I can go swimming while wearing it.

Derivatives >>

imperviously, imperviousness

16. inane

eh NANE

lacking significance, meaning, or point; silly, insipid

Synonyms >>

banal, flat, jejune, vapid

Antonym >> pertinent; intelligent; significant

Your comments are inane and are preventing the discussion of the main topic.

Derivatives >>

inanely, inanity, inanition

17. indolence

IN duh luns

laziness

Synonyms >>

slothfulness

Antonym >> industriousness

The hot and humid weather in the tropics encourages indolence.

Derivatives >>

indolent, indolency, indolently

18. infallible

in FAL uh bul

incapable of error

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> erroneous; fallacious

Since everyone makes mistakes, no human is infallible.

Derivatives >>

infallibilism, infallibilist, infallibility, infallibleness, infallibly

19. inscrutable

in SKROO tuh bul

difficult to understand; mysterious

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> clear; readable; understandable

He had us all confused with his inscrutable smile.

Derivatives >>

inscrutableness, inscrutably, inscrutability

20. languid

LANG gwid

slow, sluggish, listless, weak

Synonyms >>

lethargic, stuporous, torpid

Antonym >> animated

The old man's walk was languid, each pace requiring great effort.

Derivatives >>

languidly, languidness, languish, languisher, languishing, languishment

21. malice

MAL is

desire to harm others

Synonyms >>

malevolence, malignity, spite, spleen

Antonym >> concern

His death was caused by malice and was not accidental.

Derivatives >>

maliceful, malicious, maliciously, maliciousness

22. oblique

uh BLEEK

slanting, indirect, evasive, devious, misleading

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> direct

Because of the suspect's oblique answers, our interrogation of him led us in the wrong direction.

Derivatives >>

obliquate, obliquation, obliquely, obliqueness, obliquely

23. opulence

OP yuh luns

wealth, affluence, abundance

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> meagerness, scarcity

Until the recent decline in the price of oil, the Hunt name was synonymous with opulence.

Derivatives >>

opulent, opulently

24. penitent

PEN eh tunt

showing or feeling regret for wrongdoing, repentant

Synonyms >>

compunctual, contrite, remorseful

Antonym >> unrepentant

He became penitent when he realized that his prank resulted in serious injury.

Derivatives >>

penitence, penitency, penitential

25. perfunctory

pur FUNGK tuh ree

acting routinely with little interest or care

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> concerned; diligent

Due to his perfunctory manner of inspecting the factory, he did not notice some serious problems.

Derivatives >>

perfunctorily, perfunctoriness, perfunctorious, perfunctoriously

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Lesson 5

Matching Test

Directions: Choose the definition that best matches the meaning of the vocabulary word.
Place the answer of your choice in the space provided.

Exercise A

- _____ 1.
acrimonious
a. to make clear; to explain
- _____ 2.
ameliorate
b. to coax by flattery
- _____ 3.
amenable
c. shapeless
- _____ 4.
amorphous
d. caustic; bitter (language)
- _____ 5.
buoyant
e. to erase; to wipe out
- _____ 6.
cajole
f. to reduce in dignity or quality
- _____ 7.
calamity
g. willing; tractable; malleable
- _____ 8.
debase
h. short-lived; temporary
- _____ 9.
efface
i. difficult to understand
- _____ 10. elucidate
j. able to float
- _____ 11. ephemeral
k. to make better; to improve
- _____ 12. inscrutable
l. serious event causing distress

Exercise B

- _____ 1.

ferocity
a. mechanical; indifferent
_____ 2.

flourish
b. silly; meaningless; insipid
_____ 3.

haughty
c. savage behavior
_____ 4.

impervious
d. laziness
_____ 5.

inane
e. desire to harm others
_____ 6.

indolence
f. slanting; indirect; evasive
_____ 7.

infallible
g. not affected; impenetrable
_____ 8.

languid
h. wealth; affluence; abundance
_____ 9.

malice
i. tired; sluggish
_____ 10.

oblique
j. repentant
_____ 11.

opulence
k. incapable of error
_____ 12.

penitent
l. disdainful; proud; vain
_____ 13.

perfunctory
m. to prosper; to thrive

Lesson 5

Sentence Completion

acrimonious ameliorate
amenable
amorphous

buoyant cajole
calamity debase

efface elucidate
ferocity inscrutable

1. In the early Puritan days of this country, the scaffold was used to publicly humiliate and _____ a person.
2. My teacher expected me to _____ the point and to make the thesis clear in my essay.
3. The _____ passage was mysterious and difficult to understand.
4. The governor tried to _____ the conditions that had caused inflation to soar.
5. Because constant handling will eventually _____ the intricate designs of the sculpture, the owner has placed it in a protective glass case.
6. The child tried to _____ his mother into giving him another piece of candy; she was frequently unable to stand up to his persuasion.
7. The students were _____ to listening to the unbiased and usually helpful ideas of their teacher; they enjoyed what he had to say.

8. Even though water was leaking in at an alarming rate, the vessel surprisingly remained _____.

9. In the science fiction movie, the _____ mass terrorized the town; the giant amoeba consumed whatever it encircled.

10. During the war some of the prisoners fought with the _____ of wild animals.

11. The routing of the highway was a _____ to the unique inn; it was disastrous to the old-world charm which had made the inn so quaint.

12. The ex-spouses seldom talked to each other, and when they did, they used caustic, _____ language that expressed their anger.

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Lesson 5

ephemeral flourish

haughty

impervious inane

indolence infallible languid

malice

oblique

opulence penitent perfunctory

13. Evasive, devious and misleading, her testimony was _____, full of answers that sought not to inform, but to deceive.
14. They once thought that their leader was _____, but they soon learned that he, too, made mistakes.
15. The queen lived in incredible _____, even drinking from an ornate, golden cup.
16. Like me, she seemed _____ to his rude comments; I always treat such remarks with disdain and contempt and try to remain unaffected by them.
17. Her business was beginning to _____ under the direction of the new manager, showing a profit for the first time in ten years.
18. After being elected class president, Sally became _____ and arrogant; suddenly she seemed to consider everyone else beneath her.
19. Because of his _____ examination of the machine, he did not see the loose bolt. Had he been more concerned, he would have looked more closely.
20. The man's _____ tone sounded like an old, weary traveler looking for a resting place.
21. Because some of my writing has occasionally been meaningless, my teacher now considers all of it to be _____.
22. His _____ toward his ex-wife was shown in his attempt to murder her.
23. His _____ on the job led to his being fired; had he not been so lazy, he would have remained employed.
24. Only after he had become truly _____ was he able to ask for forgiveness.
25. Her _____ mood of generosity was short-lived; she quickly

reverted to her normal greedy behavior.

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Lesson 6

Definitions

1. antiquated AN tuh kwat id
obsolete, out of fashion, no longer usable

Synonyms >>
antique, archaic, obsolete, venerable

Antonym >> modern
We cannot afford to have antiquated military forces.

Derivatives >>
antiquate, antiquating, antiquation, antiquatedness

2. arable
AIR uh bul
fit for plowing, tillable

Synonyms >>
Antonym >> untillable

If a farmer does not use good conservation measures, the land will not stay arable.

Derivatives >>
arability

3. ascendancy

uh SIN dun see
domination; growing power

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> decline

The United States would not patiently submit to the ascendancy of Hitler.

Derivatives >>

ascendance, ascend, ascendant, ascension, ascending, ascended

4. atrophy

AT row fee

to waste away, to wither

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to thrive; to grow

His hunger strike caused his body to atrophy.

Derivatives >>

atrophied, atrophying, atrophic

5. clandestine

klan DES tin

secret

Synonyms >>

covert, furtive, stealthy, surreptitious, underhanded

Antonym >> open; obvious

The C.I.A. is involved in clandestine activities.

Derivatives >>

clandestinely, clandestineness

6. conciliate

kun SIL ee ate

to reconcile, to pacify, to renew a friendship

Synonyms >>

appease, mollify, placate, propitiate

Antonym >> to estrange

My husband tried to conciliate me with a gift of roses.

Derivatives >>

conciliated, conciliating, conciliator, conciliatoriness, conciliatorily

7. cursory

KUR suh ree

superficial, casual, hastily done

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> meticulous

He gave only cursory consideration to my suggestion.

Derivatives >>

cursorily, cursoriness

8. derision

deh REH zhun

scoffing at, mockery, ridicule

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> applause

The boy received much derision for his plaid gym shorts.

Derivatives >>

derisive, derisiveness, derisively, derisory

9. enmity

EN muh tee

absolute hatred

Synonyms >>

animosity, animus, antagonism, antipathy, hostility, rancor **Antonym >>** love;
admiration I have a lot of enmity for people who provide illegal drugs to children.

Derivatives >>

enmities

10. extricate

EK struh kate

to free, to disentangle

Synonyms >>

disembarrass, disencumber

Antonym >> to snare

He could not extricate himself from the trap.

Derivatives >>

extrication, extricated, extricable

11. forbearance

fore BARE uns

patience, lenience

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> impatience

Because he is so young, we must have forbearance in dealing with him.

Derivatives >>

forbear, forbearant, forbearer, forbearing, forbearingly, forbearingness, forbore Copyright

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FRIV uh lus

lacking in seriousness or importance

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> serious; sober

A teacher should limit frivolous behavior in the classroom.

Derivatives >>

frivolity, frivolousness, frivolously

13. garrulous

GAR yuh lus

talkative, rambling

Synonyms >>

voluble

Antonym >> taciturn

He was so garrulous that he repeated everything many times.

Derivatives >>

garrulously, garrulousness, garrulity

14. impetuous

im PECH oo us

violent, hasty, rash, impulsive

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> reserved

His impetuous behavior caused him to make many mistakes.

Derivatives >>

impetuosity, impetuously, impetuousness, impetus

15. industrious

in DUS tree us

skillfully busy or occupied

Synonyms >>

assiduous, diligent, sedulous

Antonym >> slothful, indolent

The industrious student will use time wisely.

Derivatives >>

industriously, industriousness, industry

16. infamous

IN fuh mus

having a reputation of the worst kind, vicious, notoriously bad

Synonyms >>

disreputable, ignominious

Antonym >> illustrious

The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor was an infamous act.

Derivatives >>

infamously, infamy, infamies

17. insolence

IN suh luns

insulting or contemptuous behavior

Synonyms >>

arrogance, haughtiness, high-handedness, impertinence

Antonym >>

His insolence and lack of respect for his mother are shocking.

Derivatives >>

insolent, insolently, insolency, insolentness

18. levity

LEV eh tee

excessive frivolity, flippancy

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> seriousness

It was inappropriate for him to insert some levity into the funeral service.

Derivatives >>

levitate, levitation, levitated, levitational, levitative, levitating

19. oblivion

uh BLIV ee un

state of being forgotten

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> remembrance

Until the singer's recent hit, his career had fallen into a state of oblivion.

Derivatives >>

oblivious, obliviously

20. paradoxical

pair uh DOKS uh kul something that appears false or contradictory but is actually correct

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

It is paradoxical that a man from the South, Lyndon Johnson, led the fight for the passage of a civil rights bill.

Derivatives >>

paradoxicality, paradoxicalness, paradoxology, paradoxality

21. perjury

PUR juh ree

false testimony under oath

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> truthful testimony

He was charged with perjury for lying to the grand jury.

Derivatives >>

perjure, perjured, perjuring, perjurer, perjurious, perjuriously, perjuriousness, perjurous

22. rancor

RANG kur

bitter deep-seated ill will, enmity

Synonyms >>

animosity, animus, antagonism, antipathy, hostility

Antonym >> affection; kindness

I was full of rancor when I learned that the men had killed my parents.

Derivatives >>

rancored, rancorous, rancorously

23. sycophant

SIK uh funt

a self-serving flatterer, a brownnoser

Synonyms >>

leech, sponge, toady

Antonym >>

A wise ruler will not pay attention to the many sycophants who will try to gain his attention.

Derivatives >>

sycophancy, sycophantic, sycophantical, sycophantically, sycophantize, sycophantish, sycophantishly **24. vacillating**

VAS uh lay ting

changing, fluctuating

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> static; stable; not easily changed

I have vacillating opinions concerning my future career.

Derivatives >>

vacillate, vacillatingly, vacillation, vacillatory, vacillator

25. vivid

VIV id

bright, distinct, and clear

Synonyms >>

graphic

Antonym >> lackluster

I have vivid memories of my trip to Europe.

Derivatives >>

vividly, vividness, vividity, vivific, vivificate, vivification, vivifier, vivify Copyright © 2005 by Advanced Placement Strategies

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- _____ 2.
arable
b.
to free; to disentangle
- _____ 3.
ascendancy
c.
superficial; hastily done
- _____ 4.
atrophy
d.
silly; not serious
- _____ 5.
clandestine
e.
fit for plowing; tillable
- _____ 6.
conciliate
f.
to reconcile; to pacify
- _____ 7.
cursory
g.

positive hatred; ill will
_____ 8.
derision
h.
domination; rise
_____ 9.
enmity
i.
patience; lenience
_____ 10. extricate
j.
secret; concealed
_____ 11. forbearance
k.
obsolete; out of fashion
_____ 12. frivolous
l.
a scoffing at; mockery

Exercise B

_____ 1.
garrulous
a.
self-serving flatterer
_____ 2.
impetuous
b.
humor; frivolity; flippancy
_____ 3.
industrious
c.
disgraceful; notoriously bad
_____ 4.
infamous
d.
changing; fluctuating
_____ 5.
insolence
e.
impulsive; rash
_____ 6.
levity
f.

enmity; deep-seated ill will
_____ 7.

oblivion

g.

verbose; talkative
_____ 8.

paradoxical

h.

contemptuous behavior
_____ 9.

perjury

i.

bright, distinct and clear
_____ 10.

rancor

j.

false testimony under oath
_____ 11.

sycophant

k.

skillfully busy or occupied
_____ 12.

vacillating

l.

state of being forgotten
_____ 13.

vivid

m. appearing contradictory but is not

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Sentence Completion

antiquated arable
ascendancy atrophy

clandestine conciliate
cursory
derision

enmity extricate
forbearance
frivolous

1. The _____ theory was rendered ineffective by the new discovery.
2. When the man made his proposal to the crowd, he was met with _____ and ridicule.
3. The teacher showed _____ toward the student's poor performance by being patient.
4. After months in a cast, his leg began to wither and _____.
5. The _____ of one country often signals the decline of another.
6. I wished only to _____ myself from the unfortunate situation; I cannot stand entanglements and must seek to free myself.
7. He seems to like _____ girls; seriousness and intelligence in a woman apparently intimidate him.

8. _____ activities are always an important part of secret groups such as the FBI and the CIA.

9. Because the soil was so _____, the farmer had a surplus of good crops.

10. After the argument, the husband tried to _____ his wife with a gift of roses; he thought they might pacify her and reconcile their friendship.

11. Deep-seated _____ and ill will caused the man to be bitter and antagonistic; indeed, he continued to hate the woman until he died.

12. The meaning of the note was hidden to a _____ reading, but was revealed after a more careful examination.

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Lesson 6

garrulous impetuous
industrious infamous insolence

levity oblivion

paradoxical
perjury rancor

sycophant vacillating
vivid

13. The pictures were so _____ and distinct that it was almost like seeing the scene in person.

14. The teacher found the boy's _____ to be both insulting and contemptible.

15. The liberal politician's support for the death penalty is _____ since it seems to contradict all that he has previously endorsed.

16. The man was so senile that most of the time he existed in a state of _____, not knowing anything.

17. Because the _____ man was so busily occupied at his work, he did not notice when the clock indicated that it was time to go home.

18. He was charged with _____ for lying to the grand jury.

19. He is considered an _____ traitor due to his disgraceful acts.

20. She keeps _____ in her opinion of the man; one day she likes him, but the next day she doesn't.

21. The _____ in the man's heart must be great if it leads him to murder someone who has merely insulted him; such bitterness and deep-seated ill will is horrible.

22. We were shocked by the man's apparent _____ concerning the situation, but we later realized how seriously earnest he was in spite of his flippancy.

23. Fortunately, the leader was not swayed by the flattery of the _____, and the group was able to hold together.

24. If you would not be so _____ and rash, you would not make so many mistakes.

25. Because the woman was so _____, he never had a chance to say anything while she was talking.



Lesson 7

Definitions

1. abhor

ab HOR

to regard with extreme repugnance; to detest utterly; to loathe

Synonyms >>

despise, abominate

Antonym >> to admire

If there is one particular food I abhor, it is hominy.

Derivatives >>

abhorred, abhorring, abhorrer, abhorrence, abhorrent, abhorrently

2. accolade

AK uh layd

praise, an award

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> censure

He received many accolades for being an excellent teacher.

Derivatives >>

accolades

3. ascetic

uh SET ik

one who leads a life of self-denial and contemplation; absent of luxury

Synonyms >>

austere, severe, stern

Antonym >> sensual

The rich playboy could not understand the ascetic life led by the monk.

Derivatives >>

ascetical, asceticism, ascetically

4. bequeath

buh KWEETH

to hand down, to give or to leave in a will

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to keep; to horde

I bequeathed my gym shorts to my brother after I graduated from high school.

Derivatives >>

bequeathal, bequest, bequeathed

5. charlatan

SHAR luh tun

one who claims to know something that he does not, a quack

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> a professional; authentic authority

The side show featured a charlatan posing as a mind reader.

Derivatives >>

charlatanic, charlatanism, charlatanry

6. conflagration kon fluh GRAY shun

a large fire

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> small flame

Some believe that the earth will be destroyed by a large conflagration.

Derivatives >>

conflagrations, conflagrant, conflagrate, conflagrator, conflagratory

7. dearth

DERTH

a lack, a scarcity

Synonyms >>

paucity

Antonym >> adequate supply

The dearth of water in the arid country led to numerous deaths.

Derivatives >>

dearths

8. diffidence

DIF eh duns

shyness, reserve, unassertiveness

Synonyms >>

bashfulness, modesty

Antonym >> confidence

Because of his diffidence, he would not ask any girl to the prom.

Derivatives >>

diffidency, diffident, diffidently, diffidentness

9. effervescent

ef ur VES unt

showing high spirits

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

She put me in a good mood because she was always so effervescent.

Derivatives >>

effervesce, effervescence, effervescently, effervescingly, effervescible

10. ethereal

eh THER ee ul

heavenly, unusually delicate, light, lacking material substance, intangible **Synonyms** >>

Antonym >> earthly; mundane

The ethereal sounds of the music soothed and calmed the patient.

Derivatives >>

etherealness, ethereality, etherealization, etherealize

11. expunge

ik SPUNJ

to remove, to erase

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to add to

Their names were expunged from the social register after they were convicted of selling cocaine.

Derivatives >>

expunged, expunging, expunction

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www.layingthefoundation.org **12. guile**

GILE

deceitfulness, duplicity

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> openness; candor

The woman was the unfortunate victim of guile and deceit when she lost her money to that swindler.

Derivatives >>

guileful, guilefully, guilefulness, guileness, guilelessly, guilelessness, guilery **13.**

implausible

im PLAU zuh bul

not believable

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> believable

His explanation of the accident is so implausible that no jury will believe him.

Derivatives >>

implausibility, implausibleness, implausibly

14. incongruity

in kon GROO eh tee

nonconformity, disagreement, incompatibility

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> agreement

The incongruity between the two stories led me to doubt the accuracy of either report.

Derivatives >>

incongruent, incongruently, incongruence, incongruous, incongruously, incongruousness

15. insularity

in suh LAR eh tee

qualities of an island; narrow-mindedness of opinion

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> broad-mindedness

The insularity of the president made it difficult to get a motion passed.

Derivatives >>

insularly, insular, insularize

16. morose

muh ROSE

being sullen or gloomy

Synonyms >>

crabbed, glum, saturnine, sulky, surly

Antonym >> cheerful

He was very morose after his wife left him.

Derivatives >>

morosely, moroseness, morosity

17. placate

PLAY kate

to appease or to pacify by making concessions

Synonyms >>

conciliate, mollification, propitiate

Antonym >> to antagonize

My wife is so angry at me that I cannot placate her.

Derivatives >>

placater, placating, placatingly, placation, placative, placatory

18. poignant

POIN yunt

piercing, incisive, and keen

Synonyms >>

piquant, pungent, racy

Antonym >> dull

The man's poignant words struck the very heart of the matter.

Derivatives >>

poignance, poignancy, poignantly

19. provincial

pruh VEN shul

lacking sophistication, narrow-minded

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> sophisticated

Her parents are so provincial that they believe they should arrange her marriage.

Derivatives >>

provinciate, provincialism, provinciality, provincialization

20. reiterate

ree IT uh rate

to repeat

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to fail to repeat

I hope that I am not becoming redundant by again reiterating the key facts.

Derivatives >>

reiteration, reiteratedly, reiterative, reiteratively

21. spontaneous

spon TAY nee us

having no external cause, acting on impulse

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> planned

He knew exactly what I was thinking because my reaction was so spontaneous.

Derivatives >>

spontaneously, spontaneousness, spontaneity

22. synthesis

SIN thuh sis

combining parts into a whole

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> disjoining

Before the project is complete, we need to establish synthesis.

Derivatives >>

synthesist, synthesize, synthesizer

23. toxic

TOK sik

poisonous

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> healthful; harmless
Carbon monoxide is toxic to animal life.

Derivatives >>
toxic, toxicant, toxify, toxiferous, toxin, toxic, toxicity

24. vigilant

VIJ uh lunt

very alert, watchful

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> unconcerned; inattentive
I have been vigilant in trying to find the thief.

Derivatives >>
vigilance, vigilantly, vigilantness, vigil

25. voluble

VOL yuh bul

ability to use words easily, fluent and glib

Synonyms >>

garrulous, loquacious

Antonym >> taciturn
A disc jockey needs to be a voluble speaker.

Derivatives >>
volubility, volubleness, volubly

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Lesson 7

Matching Test

Directions: Choose the definition that best matches the meaning of the vocabulary word. Place the answer of your choice in the space provided.

Exercise A

- _____ 1. abhor
a. quack; imposter
- _____ 2. accolade
b. to detest utterly; to loathe
- _____ 3. ascetic
c. very large fire
- _____ 4. bequeath
d. austere; self-denying
- _____ 5. charlatan
e. to hand down; to leave in a will
- _____ 6. conflagration
f. shyness; reserve
- _____ 7. dearth
g. narrow-mindedness
- _____ 8. diffidence
h. gay; lively; bubbling
- _____ 9. effervescent
i. praise; an award
- _____ 10. ethereal
j. heavenly; unusually delicate
- _____ 11. guile
k. lack; scarcity
- _____ 12. insularity
l. cunning; deceitfulness; duplicity

Exercise B

- _____ 1. expunge
a. unsophisticated; narrow-minded
_____ 2. implausible
b. not believable
_____ 3. incongruity
c. combination of parts into a whole
_____ 4. morose
d. piercing; incisive; keen
_____ 5. placate
e. very alert; watchful
_____ 6. poignant
f. to remove; to erase
_____ 7. provincial
g. to pacify by making concessions
_____ 8. reiterate
h. acting on impulse
_____ 9. spontaneous
i. gloomy; bad-tempered; sullen
_____ 10. synthesis
j. poisonous
_____ 11. toxic
k. fluent; talkative; garrulous
_____ 12. vigilant
l. to repeat
_____ 13. voluble
m. disagreement; difference;

incompatibility

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Sentence Completion

abhor accolades ascetic bequeath

charlatan conflagration dearth
diffidence

effervescence ethereal
expunge
guile

1. The crowds were duped by the _____ who used deception and _____ to convince the people that the sugared water was really a potent medicine.

2. At the end of the year, the students attaining the highest academic achievement were presented awards and _____ for their diligent work.

3. Because they lack adequate medical care, there is a _____ of healthy natives in the region.

4. My mother's _____ would not allow her to question the waiter; she was too shy to argue about the final bill.

5. We found it necessary to _____ much of the text because of its bad language.

6. On Christmas morning all the children bubble with _____ over the gifts, food and fun.

7. The man intended _____ his entire fortune to his daughter so that upon his death, she would not have to worry about money.

8. We marveled at the _____ quality of the scene; it looked so heavenly that we never wanted to leave.

9. The monk's _____ lifestyle called for him to give up all food but that which was necessary for survival.

10. The San Francisco earthquake caused a _____ that burned many city blocks.

11. I absolutely _____ the thought of having to do this research; I can't think of anything I hate more.

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Lesson 7

implausible incongruity insularity morose
placate

poignant provincial
reiterate spontaneous
synthesis

toxic vigilant
voluble

12. If you want to make yourself clearly understood, you must _____ your statement so that what you have to say can be heard a second time.

13. The wild man would not be appeased, and only a visit from his wife served to _____ him into a more passive attitude.

14. The _____ of the rich and powerful often gives them a surprisingly narrow minded, isolated view of the real world.

15. It was a _____ movie, cutting to the truth with keen and incisive dialogue.

16. The drama teacher encouraged us to be _____ with our actions, not planning them out beforehand but instead acting almost on impulse.

17. Always alert, the _____ guard stood in front of the mayor's residence.

18. There is a decided difference between the two brothers; one is usually happy while the other is frequently _____.

19. The father's _____ attitude about his daughter's dating caused her to leave home prematurely, looking for the freedom she had never known.

20. Although her story seemed _____ to me, the jury believed enough of it to find the woman not guilty.

21. Because the committee was headed by the most _____ woman in the club, the meetings frequently ran overtime because it was difficult to get her to stop talking.

22. The _____ substance caused immediate sickness; it was extremely poisonous.

23. We need to establish _____ before we end this project; let's try to combine some of these diverse parts into a unified whole.

24. The _____ of one green sock in a drawer with white socks led to the conclusion that the green sock was there by mistake.



Lesson 8

Definitions

1. acquiesce

AK wee es

to give in, to comply

Synonyms >>

accede, agree, assent, consent, subscribe

Antonym >> to object; to disagree

I was so desperate that I had to acquiesce to his demands.

Derivatives >>

acquiescence, acquiescent, acquiescingly, acquiescently

2. affinity

uh FIN uh tee

a likeness, a natural relationship, a kinship

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> repulsion

Having suffered himself, he felt an affinity for the homeless.

Derivatives >>

affinitive

3. blasphemous

BLAS fuh mus

irreverent, profane

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> sacred; reverent

Telling that sacrilegious joke is blasphemous.

Derivatives >>

blaspheme, blasphemed, blaspheming, blasphemous, blasphemously,
blasphemy **4. buttress**

BUH tris

a support or prop

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

Many cathedrals are supported by buttresses.

Derivatives >>

buttresses, buttressless

5. circumspect

SIR kum spekt

careful to consider consequences, cautious, prudent

Synonyms >>

chary, wary

Antonym >> reckless; careless; indiscreet

Her circumspect behavior left no doubts as to her integrity.

Derivatives >>

circumspectness, circumspectly, circumspection, circumspective

6. corroboration kuh rob uh RAY shun confirmation

Synonyms >>

authentication, substantiation, validation, verification

Antonym >> refutation

Fortunately, I had some corroboration for my whereabouts on the night of the crime.

Derivatives >>

corroborate, corroborated, corroborating, corroboratory, corroboratively, corroborator **7.**

deplete

deh PLETE

to use up gradually, to lessen in amount or value

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to restore

Our oil reserves have been depleted because of years of drilling and pumping.

Derivatives >>

depleted, depleting, depletion, depletive, depletable

8. despotic

deh SPOT ik

ruling oppressively and absolutely; tyrannical

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> ruling democratically

Americans do not like despotic behavior.

Derivatives >>

despotal, despotically, despotism, despotist, despotize, despot

9. emaciated

eh MAY she ay tid

very thin (usually as a result of starvation), wasting away

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> fat; corpulent

As a result of receiving little food, most prisoners of concentration camps become extremely emaciated.

Derivatives >>

emaciate, emaciation

10. empirical

em PEER eh kul

based on observation or experiment and not on theory

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> theoretical

We need some empirical data to make our case solid.

Derivatives >>

empiric, empiricism, empiricist, empirics, empirism

11. extraneous

ik STRAY nee us

not essential or vital

Synonyms >>

alien, extrinsic, foreign

Antonym >> essential

The extraneous assignments left the student with little time for himself.

Derivatives >>

extraneously, extraneousness

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www.layingthefoundation.org **12. fallow**

FAL ow

inactive, plowed but not sowed

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> active

In order for land to be productive, it must lie fallow occasionally.

Derivatives >>

fallowness

13. homogeneous

hoe muh JEE nee us
of the same kind

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> heterogeneous

To get the best results with this research, we need a homogeneous group of people to fill out the questionnaire.

Derivatives >>

homogeneously, homogeneousness

14. hyperbole

hi PER buh lee
obvious exaggeration

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> understatement

You have often heard the hyperbole "I've told you a million times;" it's an obvious exaggeration.

Derivatives >>

hyperbolic, hyperbolically, hyperbolical, hyperbolism

15. incontrovertible in kon truh VUR tuh indisputable

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> disputable; arguable

The district attorney was looking for incontrovertible evidence to prove that the accused arsonist burned the bank.

Derivatives >>

incontrovertibly

16. irascible

uh RAS uh bul
irritable, easily angered, cranky, cross

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> impassive; imperturbable

Just about anything could set off his irascible temper.

Derivatives >>

irascibleness, irascibly, irascibility

17. laconic

luh KON ik
using a minimum of words; concise to the point of seeming rude

Synonyms >>

compendious, concise, pithy, succinct, summary, terse

Antonym >> verbose

After the loss, the coach's remarks were laconic.

Derivatives >>

laconian, laconical, laconically, laconicism, laconism

18. magnanimity

mag nuh NIM eh tee having a lofty, generous, and courageous spirit

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> greed; stinginess

The magnanimity of the king endeared him to his subjects.

Derivatives >>

magnanimous, magnanimously, magnanimousness

19. obsequious

uh SEE kwee us

overly attentive, like a sycophant, servile

Synonyms >>

slavish, subservient

Antonym >> disinterested

I believe that his obsequious behavior toward his grandmother is to ensure being included in the will.

Derivatives >>

obsequence, obsequent, obsequence, obsequiously, obsequiousness, obsequity **20.**

proliferation

pro lif uh RAY shun an increase in number, multiplication

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> decline; decrease

Many are afraid of nuclear proliferation and the possibility that a terrorist country will explode a bomb.

Derivatives >>

proliferate, proliferative, proliferous, proliferously, prolific

21. scrupulous

SKROO pyuh lus

very principled, very careful and conscientious

Synonyms >>

meticulous, punctilious

Antonym >> unprincipled

The scrupulous police officer never took a bribe, and he ceaselessly tried to prevent crime.

Derivatives >>

scruple, scrupulosity, scrupulousness, scrupulously

22. sublime

suh BLIME

exalted, noble, uplifting

Synonyms >>

resplendent, superb

Antonym >>

The romantic dinner, which included delicious food, soft music, and a beautiful setting, was simply sublime.

Derivatives >>

sublimely, sublimeness, sublimer

23. surreptitious

sur up TISH us

secret, clandestine, stealthy

Synonyms >>

covert, furtive, underhanded

Antonym >> aboveboard; in an open manner

The Watergate burglars tried to attain information in a surreptitious manner.

Derivatives >>

surreptitiously

24. veracity

vuh RAS eh tee

devotion to the truth

Synonyms >>

truthfulness, accuracy, correctness

Antonym >>

The lawyer had no confidence in the veracity of the witness.

Derivatives >>

veracious, veraciously, veraciousness

25. zeal

ZEEL

enthusiasm, fervor

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> lack of enthusiasm

To the delight of his students, he brought great zeal to the teaching profession.

Derivatives >>

zeals, zealous, zealot, zealous, zealotism, zealotry

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Lesson 8

Matching Test

Directions: Choose the definition that best matches the meaning of the vocabulary word. Place the answer of your choice in the space provided.

Exercise A

- _____ 1.
acquiesce
a. irreverent; profane
- _____ 2. affinity
b. confirmation; proof
- _____ 3.
blasphemous
c. wasted away; very thin
- _____ 4. buttress
d. to use up gradually; to lessen

- _____ 5. circumspect
 e. based on observation
 _____ 6. corroboration
 f. a support or prop
 _____ 7. deplete
 g. lofty, generous spirit
 _____ 8. despotic
 h. careful; cautious; prudent
 _____ 9. emaciated
 i. truthfulness
 _____ 10. empirical
 j. to give in; to comply; to agree
 _____ 11. magnanimity
 k. tyrannical; autocratic
 _____ 12. veracity
 l. a natural liking or affection

Exercise B

- _____ 1.
 fallow
 a. obvious exaggeration
 _____ 2.
 homogeneous
 b. enthusiasm; fervor
 _____ 3.
 hyperbole
 c. very principled; moral
 _____ 4.
 incontrovertible
 d. not essential or vital; extra
 _____ 5.
 irascible
 e. of the same kind
 _____ 6.
 laconic
 f. inactive; plowed but not sowed
 _____ 7.
 extraneous
 g. increase in number
 _____ 8.
 obsequious
 h. irritable; easily angered

_____ 9.

proliferation

i. lofty; noble; exalted

_____ 10. scrupulous

j. overly attentive; servile

_____ 11. sublime

k. secret; clandestine; stealthy

_____ 12. surreptitious

l. concise; to the point; terse

_____ 13. zeal

m. indisputable; cannot be argued

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Lesson 8

Sentence Completion

acquiesce affinity

blasphemous buttress

circum

spect corroboration

deplete

despotic

emaciated empirical
extraneous
fallow

1. In the absence of _____ evidence, evidence based on specific facts, we may have to theorize about the results of the data we have gathered.

2. None of the many parts were _____; if just one of the hundreds had been missing, the machine would not have worked.

3. The rich field had not been planted for two years; after this period of lying _____, the soil was even better than before.

4. However strong the _____ between two lovers, sometimes it is better for them to resist this attraction.

5. I depended upon my brother for _____ of my story to prove to my mother that I did not, in fact, break the vase.

6. Hitler's _____ rule was brought to an end after World War II.

7. The man saw that he was losing the argument and decided to _____ to his opponent's view.

8. The book was unjustly censured for containing what some people thought to be _____ remarks about the church.

9. The _____ prisoner of war was near death as a result of his lack of nourishment.

10. The woman was characterized by her _____ behavior after her divorce; she was hesitant to trust anyone again after having been hurt so badly.

11. If I continue to withdraw my money and not replace it, I will _____ my savings account in another month.

12. In order to destroy the building, the charges were set beside the _____; if the support could be destroyed, the wall would fall easily.



Lesson 8

homogeneous hyperbole

incontrovertible irascible laconic

magnanimity obsequious proliferation

scrupulous

sublime

surreptitious veracity

zeal

13. He loves to use exaggeration; his favorite _____ is “I’m so hungry, I could eat a horse.”

14. We tried to maintain _____ grouping in the class; it is easier to teach when everyone in the room is at the same level.

15. The president’s _____ speech was brief, but to the point.

16. The romantic dinner, which included delicious food, soft music and a beautiful setting was simply _____.

17. Their _____ meetings could not be discovered; they had taken

great care to keep them secret.

18. He approached the task with great _____, anxious to get the job done well.

19. The _____ of insects in the garden was uncontrollable; they had already destroyed most of the vegetables and were still multiplying.

20. The _____ child had absolutely no control over his temper and was always angry.

21. There was one man _____ enough to trust with the position; he alone had the integrity and the honesty to lead the people.

22. The waiter's _____ manner ruined our meal; he would not leave us alone even for a minute because of his attentiveness.

23. Mother Theresa is known for her love and _____ toward the poor.

24. I do not doubt Tom's _____, but I have some questions as to his brother's devotion to the truth.

25. These facts are simply _____; they cannot be argued.

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Lesson 9

Definitions

- 1. ambiguous** am BIG yew us
having more than one meaning; unclear, uncertain
Synonyms >> cryptic, enigmatic, equivocal, obscure
Antonym >> clear; certain
Finding an ambiguous test question is frustrating, since more than one answer could be correct.
Derivatives >> ambiguity, ambiguously, ambiguousness
- 2. amiable** A mee uh bul
friendly, sociable, and congenial; civil and urbane
Synonyms >> good-natured, obliging, complaisant
She was blessed with having such an amiable friend who was almost always good-natured and obliging.
Derivatives >> amiableness, amiably, amicable, amicability, amiability
- 3. crass** KRASS
coarse, crude, and unrefined
Antonym >> refined; sophisticated
Using foul language in front of your mother is crass.
Derivatives >> crassly, crassness, crassitude
- 4. discursive** deh SKUR siv
rambling, moving from one topic to another randomly
Antonym >> concise
His discursive speech was hard to follow.
Derivatives >> discursion, discursively, discursiveness
- 5. docile** DOS ul
easily managed, obedient, passive
Synonyms >>
amenable, tractable
Antonym >> unruly; unmanageable
The dog was docile until the doorbell rang.
Derivatives >> docible, docibility, docilely, docility

6. estrange eh STRANJ

to alienate, to separate

Synonyms >> disaffect, wean

Antonym >> to unite; to join

The necessity to travel in his business may estrange him from his family for a short period of time.

Derivatives >> estranged, estrangedness, estrangement

7. exonerate ig ZON uh rate

to free from blame, obligation, or responsibility; to exculpate

Synonyms >> absolve, acquit, vindicate

Antonym >> to convict

I need your testimony to exonerate me from this charge.

Derivatives >>

exoneration, exonerated, exoner

8. gratuitous

gruh TOO eh tus

given freely, unwarranted

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> demanded

I resent your gratuitous comments because no one asked for them.

Derivatives >>

gratis, gratuitous, gratuitousness, gratuital, gratuitously

9. hypothesize

high POTH eh size

to reach a conclusion based on an assumption or something not proven

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to know with certainty

Before you begin your experiment, you should hypothesize about the possible outcome.

Derivatives >>

hypothesized, hypothesis, hypotheses, hypothetical, hypothetically

10. indignation

in dig NAY shun

anger as a result of something unjust

Synonyms >>

fury, ire, rage, wrath

Antonym >> serenity

I have much indignation about the light sentence given to the drunk driver who ran over my child .

Derivatives >>

indignant, indignantly, indignance, indignify, indignities

11. induce

in DOOS, in DYOOS to bring on or to bring about

Synonyms >>

cause, effect, influence, persuade, prevail

Antonym >> to impede

His personality changes were induced by drugs.

Derivatives >>

induced, inducing, inducement, inducer

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www.layingthefoundation.org **12. intractable**

in TRAK tuh bul

stubborn, difficult to manage

Synonyms >>

headstrong, recalcitrant, refractory, unruly, willful

Antonym >> manageable; agreeable

The intractable child was a discipline problem in every class.

Derivatives >>

intractability, intractableness, intractably

13. introspective in truh SPEK tiv

the quality of examining one's own mind or thoughts

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

I must be very introspective before I make my decision.

Derivatives >>

introspect, introspection, introspector, introspectable, introspectional, introspectively,
introspectionism **14. lucid**

LOO sid

easily understood, mentally sound

Synonyms >>

perspicuous

Antonym >> obscure

His lucid remarks helped everyone understand the new tax code.

Derivatives >>

lucidity, lucidly, lucidness

15. meticulous

muh TIK yuh lus

taking great care

Synonyms >>

punctilious, scrupulous

Antonym >> careless

I am usually very meticulous in completing my assignments.

Derivatives >>

meticulously, meticulousness

16. misanthrope

MIS un thrope

a hater of mankind

Synonyms >>

misanthropist

Antonym >> philanthropist

Hopefully, nuclear weapons will never fall into the hands of a misanthrope.

Derivatives >>

misanthropy, misanthropic, misanthropically, misanthropical, misanthropism,
misanthropize **17. munificent**

myoo NIF eh sent

very generous

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> parsimonious; stingy

The munificent gift to the school was appreciated by all of the students.

Derivatives >>

munificence, munificency, munificently, munificentness

18. plagiarize

PLAY juh rize

to steal and to use another's writings as one's own

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to originate

English teachers are always on the lookout for materials in themes that are plagiarized.

Derivatives >>

plagiarism, plagiarist, plagiaristic, plagiary

19. profuse

pruh FYOOS

extravagantly abundant, flowing freely

Synonyms >>

lavish, lush, luxuriant, prodigal

Antonym >> meager

Cutting that artery will cause profuse bleeding.

Derivatives >>

profusely, profuseness, profusion, profusive, profusively

20. recluse

REK loos

a person who lives in solitude, a hermit

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> cosmopolitan

Howard Hughes is the most famous recluse of the century.

Derivatives >>

reclusion, reclusive

21. sated

SAY ted

satisfied fully, indulged to excess

Synonyms >>

cloyed, gluttoned, gorged, palled, satiated, surfeited

Antonym >> ravenous

He was quite sated after finishing the seven course meal.

Derivatives >>

sate, satiate, satiated, satiation, satiety

22. stupefy

STOO puh fie

to dull the senses as to put into a stupor

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to excite

That boring lecture would stupefy anyone with any intelligence.

Derivatives >>

stupefyingly, stupefaction, stupefacient, stupefactive

23. terse

TERS

concise

Synonyms >>

compendious, laconic, pithy, succinct, summary

Antonym >> long-winded

The president gave a terse statement dismissing the charges of the opposing party.

Derivatives >>

tersely, terseness

24. transient

TRAN shunt

quickly passing, fleeting

Synonyms >>

ephemeral, evanescent, fugitive, transitory

Antonym >> enduring; everlasting

The moment of happiness she enjoyed was merely transient; soon she was depressed again.

Derivatives >>

transience, transiently, transiency, transcience

25. virtuoso

vur choo OH so

one skilled in the fine arts as an accomplished musician, a savant

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> unskilled beginner

Having played with some of the greatest symphonies in the world, he was known as a virtuoso.

Derivatives >>

virtuosity

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Matching Test

Directions: Choose the definition that best matches the meaning of the vocabulary word.
Place the answer of your choice in the space provided.

Exercise A

_____ 1.

ambiguous

a. to alienate; to separate

_____ 2. amiable

b. to bring on or bring about

_____ 3.

crass

c. not clear in meaning

_____ 4. discursive

- d. friendly; sociable; congenial
_____ 5. docile
- e. examining one's own thoughts
_____ 6. estrange
- f. to free from blame; to exculpate
_____ 7. exonerate
- g. given freely; unwarranted
_____ 8. gratuitous
- h. rambling
_____ 9. hypothesize
- i. crude; unrefined
_____ 10. induce
- j. stubborn; difficult to manage
_____ 11. intractable
- k. easily managed; obedient
_____ 12. introspective
- l. to reach a conclusion based on

assumption

Exercise B

- _____ 1.
indignation
- a. taking greatest care
_____ 2.
lucid
- b. very generous
_____ 3.
meticulous
- c. satisfied; filled
_____ 4.
misanthrope
- d. to use another's writings as one's own
_____ 5.
munificent
- e. evident; clear; easily understood
_____ 6.
plagiarize
- f. abundant; flowing freely
_____ 7.
profuse
- g. quickly passing; fleeting

_____ 8.

recluse

h. a hater of mankind

_____ 9.

sated

i. one skilled in the arts

_____ 10. stupefy

j. concise; to the point

_____ 11. terse

k. hermit; person living in solitude

_____ 12. transient

l. to dull the senses

_____ 13. virtuoso

m. anger as a result of something unjust

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Lesson 9

Sentence Completion

ambiguous amiable

crass

discursive

docile estranged exonerate

gratuitous

hypothesize indignation
induce
intractable

1. In the speech he tried to _____ a change in the people's attitude, but nothing he said could incite them to action.

2. The _____ millionaire would never deny anyone's request for aid; he was always friendly and never reluctant to give.

3. The professor's tests were extremely hard because of their _____ questions; one could never be sure exactly what he was asking because each question seemed to have two meanings.

4. We might _____ that there was no oxygen on the earth and then try to find solutions to the problem.

5. The dog was _____ and easily managed until a cat ran across his path.

6. The _____ child was sent to the principal's office for the third time that day; he was totally unmanageable.

7. The witness took the stand with the hope that he could _____ his friend from conviction of the crime.

8. There seemed to be no main idea behind his _____ statements; he just rambled aimlessly.

9. The man's _____ comments were unsolicited; he gave them freely without being asked for an opinion.

10. The man's coarse and crude language emphasized his _____ manners.

11. Having been separated for two years, his _____ wife finally divorced him.

12. The brusque comments from the man caused a sense of _____ in the woman; she was not accustomed to such language and was quite insulted.

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Lesson 9

introspective lucid
meticulous
misanthrope
munificent

plagiarize profuse

recluse
sated stupefy

terse transient
virtuoso

13. The woman was _____ with her housecleaning; she felt that her house had to be spotless and orderly at all times.

14. Although the woman was burning with fever, she remained _____ and was able to give directions to the child about how to care for her.

15. The student carried the heavy books to his table and started to _____, stealing not only the words of the author but the ideas as well.

16. That author's style is concise; he wastes no words in his _____, succinct sentences.

17. The _____ woman was giving gifts not only to relatives she knew but also to strangers she did not know, simply because she enjoyed giving things to people.

18. The girl became rather _____ when she heard the news; she began to examine her own mind and thoughts about how she would deal with the information.

19. Homeless people are usually _____, moving from place to place, never staying long.

20. Before Stanley moved away from civilization to become a _____; he was a _____, hating everyone whom he met.

21. The hungry man made several return trips to the buffet table before he was finally _____.

22. The boring lecture would _____ anyone with the slightest bit of intelligence; half the audience fell asleep.

23. The cutting of that artery will result in _____ bleeding; without immediate medical attention, she could bleed to death.

24. Being an avid opera fan, I cherish the memory of the operatic _____ who recently passed away.

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Definitions

1. abstracted

ab STRAK ted

removed in thought from the immediate situation, lost in one's own mind

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> attentive

The child, thinking of Christmas, had an abstracted look on his face.

Derivatives >>

abstractedly, abstractedness

2. adulation

ad u LAY shun

extreme praise or admiration

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> defamation; slander

Due to the great adulation of the crowds, the politician thought that he might win the election.

Derivatives >>

adulate, adulator, adulatory, adulated, adulating

3. adversity

ad VER suh tee

misfortune, unfavorable happening

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> prosperity

He has suffered much adversity by first losing his job and then losing his wife.

Derivatives >>

adverse

4. burgeon

BUR jun

to sprout, to newly emerge

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to shrivel and die; to wither

Plants burgeon with the coming of spring.

Derivatives >>

burgeoned, burgeoning

5. chimera

kuh MEER uh

a fantasy; a horrible creature of the imagination

Synonyms >>

fantasy , vision

Antonym >> gentle creature

He is not the chimera your fears have made him in your mind.

Derivatives >>

chimerical, chimeric, chimerically

6. culpable

KUL puh bul

deserving blame; guilty

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> blameless

He was culpable for his children's constant bad behavior.

Derivatives >>

culpability, culpableness, culpably

7. decadent

DEK uh dunt

decaying

Synonyms >>

declined, degenerated

Antonym >> flourishing

Drugs, prostitution, and crime are signs of a decadent society.

Derivatives >>

decadently, decadence, decadency

8. entreaty

en TREE tee

a plea, an earnest request

Synonyms >>

adjuration, appeal, suit, importunity, supplication

Antonym >> denial

The lawyer made a lengthy entreaty to the jury before they retired to chambers.

Derivatives >>

entreat, entreatingly, entreatment

9. fatuous

FACH oo us

foolish, silly in an obnoxious way, inane

Synonyms >>

asinine, silly, simple

Antonym >> sensible

The woman was fatuous to think that she needed three thousand pairs of shoes.

Derivatives >>

fatuously, fatuity, fatuitous, fatuitousness

10. humane

hyoo MANE

kind, compassionate, sympathetic and considerate

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> brutal

The United States was very humane in its treatment of prisoners of war.

Derivatives >>

humanely, humaneness

11. indulgent

in DUL junt

lenient, especially toward oneself

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> harsh; strict

The boy did not learn respect from his indulgent parents.

Derivatives >>

indulge, indulged, indulging, indulgence, indulgently, indulger

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www.layingthefoundation.org **12. ineptness**

in EPT nes

lack of competence or judgment

Synonyms >>

gauche, maladroit

Antonym >> expertise

The evidence of his ineptness as a coach is his poor win-loss record.

Derivatives >>

inept, ineptly, ineptitude

13. ingrate

IN grate

an ungrateful person

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> grateful person

I was stunned when I didn't even receive a "thank you" from the ingrate.

Derivatives >>

ingrateful

14. inundate

IN un date

to flood, to overflow

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to drain

The television station was inundated with phone calls when the basketball game was interrupted.

Derivatives >>

inundable, inundant, inundation, inundator, inundatory

15. miser

MY zur

one who lives in wretched circumstances to save and hoard money

Synonyms >>

niggard, skinflint, tightwad, pinchpenny

Antonym >> one who spends money easily

The old miser lived in a shack but was actually a millionaire.

Derivatives >>

miserly, miserliness

16. nefarious

neh FARE ee us

extremely wicked, evil, vicious

Synonyms >>

degenerate, iniquitous, villainous

Antonym >> righteous

Hitler's treatment of Jewish people was a sign that he was a very nefarious person.

Derivatives >>

nefariously, nefariousness

17. prattle

PRAT ul

meaningless sounds, babble

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> articulate language

I have difficulty understanding the prattle of young children.

Derivatives >>

prattled, prattling, prattlement, prattler, prattlingly

18. predilection

pred uh LEK shun

preference

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> dislike; disinclination

He has a predilection for fish when he goes out to eat.

Derivatives >>

predilect, predilected

19. procrastinate pro KRAS tuh nate

to defer action; to delay

Synonyms >>

prolong, postpone

Antonym >>

We try not to procrastinate when asked to do a job.

Derivatives >>

procrastinated, procrastinating, procrastinatingly, procrastinatively, procrastination,

procrastinative, **20. stoic**

STOW ik

a stoical person; not showing passion or feeling, indifference, impassive

Synonyms >>

apathetic, phlegmatic, stolid

Antonym >> impassioned; ardent

The umpire remained quite stoic despite the manager's screaming and the intense booing of the crowd.

Derivatives >>

stoical, stoically, stoicism

21. suffrage

SUF rij

right to vote

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> lack of franchise

Woman's suffrage was a movement and a cause at the beginning of the twentieth century.

Derivatives >>

suffragette, suffragettism, suffragism, suffragist

22. summon

SUM un

to call together, to send for or to request to appear

Synonyms >>

convene, convoke, muster

Antonym >> to turn away

I am frightened because I have been summoned to the principal's office.

Derivatives >>

summoner, summons

23. transparent

trans PARE unt

quality of being able to be seen through, clear

Synonyms >>

limpid, translucent

Antonym >> opaque

Glass is a transparent substance.

Derivatives >>

transparently, transparentness, transparency

24. turbulence

TUR byuh luns

wild or disturbing activity

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> stillness

There is a lot of turbulence during a hurricane.

Derivatives >>

turbulent, turbulation, turbulator, turbulence, turbulently

25. viable

VIE uh bul

capable of working, functioning, or developing adequately

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> moribund; incapable of

He is a viable candidate because he has experience and can attract votes.

Derivatives >>

viability, viably

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Lesson 10

Matching Test

Directions: Choose the definition that best matches the meaning of the vocabulary word.
Place the answer of your choice in the space provided.

Exercise A

- _____ 1.
abstracted
a.
deserving blame
_____ 2. adulation
b.
decaying
_____ 3.
adversity
c.
imaginary, fanciful being
_____ 4. burgeon
d.
extreme praise or admiration
_____ 5. chimera
e.
kind; compassionate
_____ 6. culpable
f.
a plea; an earnest request
_____ 7. decadent
g.
lost in one's own thoughts
_____ 8. entreaty
h.
foolish; silly
_____ 9. fatuous
i.
lack of competence
_____ 10. humane
j.
to sprout; to emerge recently
_____ 11. indulgent
k.
misfortune
_____ 12. ineptness
l.
lenient (especially toward oneself)

Exercise B

- _____ 1.

ingrate

a.

extremely wicked; evil

_____ 2.

inundate

b.

to call together; to send for

_____ 3.

miser

c.

to defer action; to delay

_____ 4.

nefarious

d.

capable of working

_____ 5.

prattle

e.

a person who hoards money

_____ 6.

predilection

f.

to flood; to overflow

_____ 7.

procrastinate

g.

impassive; indifferent to pain

_____ 8.

stoic

h.

unpredictable or disturbing activity

_____ 9.

suffrage

i.

preference

_____ 10. summon

j.

right to vote

_____ 11. transparent

k.

an ungrateful person

_____ 12. turbulence

l.

meaningless sounds; babble

_____ 13. viable

m.

quality of allowing passage of light

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Lesson 10

Sentence Completion

abstracted adulation
adversity burgeon

chimera culpable decadent entreaty

fatuous humane
indulgent ineptness

1. The girl's _____ remarks were so silly that we nearly laughed her out of the room.

2. The plants in the garden began to _____ as soon as the spring rains

came.

3. His _____ as a teacher was reflected in his students' poor test scores and in his inability to maintain discipline in class.

4. He is not the _____ your fears have made him out to be; he is no monster.

5. The _____ look on the girl's face made me think that she was not paying attention.

6. The reason the girl cannot lose any weight is that she is so _____ when it comes to food; she is so lenient with herself that she eats until she is stuffed at every meal.

7. His new sonnet caused the poet to receive praise and _____ from many of his readers.

8. The society had become so _____ that morality was a thing of the past, and people could not count on laws that had previously been part of their culture.

9. Contrary to the emotional _____ for help that was delivered by the last speakers, this woman's plea was rational but without sincerity.

10. No matter how great _____ seems to be, it is better to fight against misfortune and hardship than to give in to it.

11. The woman made a plea that the government might be _____ and stop the practice of polluting the country's rivers with toxic waste; her concern was for the people, not the industries.

12. You will never prove me _____ of the crime; I am not guilty and do not deserve the blame.

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Lesson 10

ingrate inundated miser
nefarious
prattle

predilection procrastinate stoic suffrage summon

transparent turbulence
viable

13. The _____ curtains allowed light to enter the room so that the whole atmosphere was more pleasant.

14. _____, the right to vote, was slow in coming to women and minorities in America.

15.
The _____, evil wizard crouched over the body of its victim.

16.
The bridge collapsed when it was _____ by the flood waters.

17.
When you begin to _____ like that, I can't understand a word you say; you babble just like a child.

18. The woman was hesitant to _____ her husband to the meeting because she knew that his hostile attitude was likely to cause much _____ in the family.

19. Because of my _____ for classical music, I buy season tickets to the symphony each year.

20. The man's _____ attitude made loving him quite difficult; he seemed totally indifferent to any affection displayed toward him.

21. If you do not attend the study sessions, you must find a _____ alternative for learning the material before the test.

22. It is not a good idea to _____ on this project; if you postpone doing the work until a later date, you will be so far behind that you can't catch up.

23. It was strange to see the old _____ give money to the cause; he was usually so tight with his money that he wouldn't let go of a single penny.

24.
The _____ did not even say "thank you" when I gave him my life savings.

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Lesson 11

Definitions

1. abet

uh BET

to encourage or to assist (usually an offense against justice or the law)

Synonyms >>

foment, incite, instigate

Antonym >> to discourage; to interfere

To aid and abet an enemy of the country is a crime.

Derivatives >>

abetment, abettor, abetted, abetting

2. agile

AJ uhl

characterized by ability to move quickly with suppleness and grace

Synonyms >>

nimble, brisk, spry

Antonym >> clumsy

The girl's agile movements were the mark of a great gymnast.

Derivatives >>

agilely, agility

3. antidote

AN teh dote

something that relieves the effects of poison

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> poison

A snake bite need not be deadly, as long as one can get an antidote quickly.

Derivatives >>

antidotal

4. ascertain

as sur TANE

to find out definitely; to determine

Synonyms >>

learn

Antonym >>

The detective attempted to ascertain the truth through his questioning of the suspect.

Derivatives >>

ascertainable, ascertainableness, ascertainably, ascertainment, ascertained 5.

benevolence

buh NEV uh lunz

kindness, generosity, charity

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> antagonism; avarice; malevolence

His benevolence was shown when he set up soup kitchens for the poor.

Derivatives >>

benevolent, benevolently

6. desolate

DES uh lit

deserted, without inhabitants, barren

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> populous

Some of the western states have large areas that are desolate.

Derivatives >>

desolately, desolateness, desolater, desolating, desolation

7. din

DEN

loud and discordant noises, cacophony

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> euphony

The din in the senate was so great that I could not hear the speaker.

Derivatives >>

dins, dinned, dinning

8. dissuade

deh SWADE

to advise against, to talk out of

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to persuade, to encourage

I tried to dissuade him from going over Niagara Falls in a barrel, but he would not listen.

Derivatives >>

dissuadable, dissuasion, dissuasive, dissuasively, dissuasiveness

9. distend

deh STEND

to expand, to swell

Synonyms >>

amplify, dilate, inflate

Antonym >> to contract

If a balloon is distended too much, it will break.

Derivatives >>

distended, distendedly, distendedness, distensibility, distensible, distensile, distension, distention, distensive **10. enervation**

en er VAY shun

weakness

Synonyms >>

emasculatation

Antonym >> strength

A poor diet will cause enervation.

Derivatives >>

enervate, enervated, enervator

11. eulogy

YOO luh jee

praise or tribute

Synonyms >>

encomium, panegyric, tribute

Antonym >> defamation

The young woman presented a touching eulogy at her father's funeral.

Derivatives >>

eulogic, eulogious, eulogism, eulogist, eulogistic, eulogium, eulogization, eulogize, eulogizer Copyright © 2005 by Advanced Placement Strategies

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FIT ful

irregular

Synonyms >>

convulsive, spasmodic

Antonym >> constant

Due to fitful sleep last night, I am not rested.

Derivatives >>

fitfully, fitfullness

13. indelible

in DEL uh bul

cannot be removed, washed away or erased

Synonyms >>

permanent, lasting

Antonym >> fleeting

Her comments made an indelible impression on his mind, and he was never able to forget.

Derivatives >>

indelibility, indelibly

14. inert

in URT

unable to move or to act, sluggish

Synonyms >>

idle, passive, supine

Antonym >> active

It takes a long time to get things done when we must depend on inert bureaucrats.

Derivatives >>

inertia, inertial, inertion, inertness, inertly

15. malevolence

muh LEV uh lens

ill will or evil intentions

Synonyms >>

malice, malignity, spite, spleen

Antonym >> benevolence

The old man's malevolence was obvious when he removed the girl from his will.

Derivatives >>

malevolent, malevolently

16. obliterate

uh BLIT eh rate

to remove all traces of; to do away with; to destroy completely; to cancel **Synonyms >>**
expunge, efface

Antonym >>

The men began to obliterate the old building.

Derivatives >>

obliterated, obliterating, obliterable, obliteration, obliterative

17. ornate

or NATE

excessively decorated

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> austere, bare

The ornate Christmas tree provided us with many hours of pleasure.

Derivatives >>

ornately, ornateness, ornature

18. paucity

PAH seh tee

scarcity, fewness of number, dearth

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> plenty

The low achievement test scores indicate that I have a paucity of intelligent students this year.

Derivatives >>

pauciloquy

19. piety

PIE eh tee

devotion and reverence to God

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> irreverence

The man was noted for his piety and devotion to the church.

Derivatives >>

pietism, pietist, pietistic, pietistically

20. precarious

pre KARE ee us

dangerous, risky, not a secure situation

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> safe

It seems that a tightrope walker is often in a precarious situation.

Derivatives >>

precariously, precariousness

21. prosaic

pro ZAY ik

commonplace, uninspired, banal

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> imaginative

Because his writings are so prosaic, I find them boring and unimaginative.

Derivatives >>

prosaical, prosaically, prosaicalness, prosaicism, prosaism, prosaist

22. quiescent

kwee ES unt

inactive, dormant

Synonyms >>

abeyance, latent

Antonym >> active

The eruption was a surprise because the volcano had been quiescent for many years.

Derivatives >>

quiescence, quiesce, quiescency, quiescently

23. scintillating

SIN tuh lay ting

sparkling, shining, or flashing

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> dull

The fireworks during a Fourth of July celebration are a scintillating display.

Derivatives >>

scintillate, scintillant, scintillantly, scintillatingly, scintillation, scintillator, scintillessent

24. squalid

SKWOL id

filthy in appearance, sordid

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> clean

There are squalid and depressed areas in most of the world's major cities.

Derivatives >>

squalidity, squalidly, squalidness

25. vexation

vek SAY shun

discomfort or distress

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> pleasantry

The young children were a source of vexation to their nervous, neurotic mother.

Derivatives >>

vex, vexatious, vexedly, vexedness, vexingly

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Lesson 11

Matching Test

Directions: Choose the definition that best matches the meaning of the vocabulary word. Place the answer of your choice in the space provided.

Exercise A

_____ 1.

abet

a. to advise against; to talk out of

_____ 2. agile

b. to encourage or to assist; to aid

_____ 3.

antidote

c. weakness

_____ 4. ascertain

d. deserted; without inhabitants

- _____ 5. benevolence
e. to learn with certainty
_____ 6. desolate
f. inactive; dormant
_____ 7. din
g. medicine or remedy
_____ 8. dissuade
h. irregular; not consistent
_____ 9. distend
i. loud and discordant noises
_____ 10. enervation
j. kindness; generosity; charity
_____ 11. fitful
k. to expand; to swell; to dilate
_____ 12. inert
l. able to move quickly and easily

Exercise B

- _____ 1.
eulogy
a. commonplace; dull; banal
_____ 2.
indelible
b. scarcity; fewness; dearth
_____ 3.
malevolence
c. to remove all traces of; to destroy
_____ 4.
obliterate
d. dangerous; risky; not secure
_____ 5.
ornate
e. permanent; cannot be erased
_____ 6.
paucity
f. filthy in appearance; sordid
_____ 7.
piety
g. quiet; still; inactive
_____ 8.
precarious
h. high praise or commendation
_____ 9.

prosaic

i. excessively decorated

_____ 10. quiescent

j. devotion and reverence to God

_____ 11. scintillating

k. discomfort or distress

_____ 12. squalid

l. sparkling; shining; flashing

_____ 13. vexation

m. act of wishing ill will on someone

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Lesson 11

Sentence Completion

abetting agility

antidote ascertain

benevolence desolate

din

dissuade

distend enervation eulogy fitful

1. As the man ran from the building, the police chased him into a _____ alley that was empty except for one trash can.
2. The man could not be heard above the _____ of the screams from the crowd.
3. The _____ was delivered to a large gathering of friends and relatives; but after the funeral only a few relatives came to the house.
4. The _____ of the old man was amazing; he was as graceful as a professional dancer.
5. The boy was charged with _____ a criminal even though he himself did not commit the robbery; he merely drove the get away car.
6. The philanthropist's _____ was rewarded with a medal lauding his generosity and good citizenship.
7. My friend will try to _____ me from taking calculus; she always tries to talk me out of taking difficult classes.
8. The inhabitants living around the lake were horrified to think the water might _____ beyond the safety barriers; it had already swelled to an unprecedented level.
9. The toxic substance caused immediate _____; the first symptom of the man's poisoning was his total loss of energy and vitality.
10. Because the images of the monster were vivid in my mind, I had a _____ sleep last night.
11. The _____ to the poison must be given within one hour of the poison's entrance into the body; otherwise, it cannot relieve the effects of the toxin.
12. Though it was difficult to _____ what she meant in the letter, we tried to determine the meaning.



Lesson 11

indelible inert
malevolence obliterate
ornate

paucity piety precarious prosaic
quiescence

scintillating squalid
vexation

13. The man regarded the _____, fabulously decorated mansion as his home.

14. The pilgrims came to the religious shrine to demonstrate their great _____ and reverence.

15. The _____ brightness of Judy's engagement ring was noticeable to all her envious friends.

16. The _____ surroundings caused the man much discomfort and distress, but it was more than the dirt and filth that caused his _____.

17. The _____ of the evil witch doctor was obvious to all as he deliberately caused the man to suffer.

18. India ink is _____ and cannot be removed from your clothes.

19. The noise of people in a crowded street was gone, replaced by the _____ of a village emptied by the national holiday.

20. The _____ drug had sat so long on the shelf that it had lost all its active properties.

21. Because of the unsettled economy, the business was in a _____ position, perhaps facing bankruptcy.

22. There was nothing _____ about that story; it was the most imaginative and creative piece that he had ever written.

23. It was quite alarming to find that we had to survive for an entire week with such a _____ of food; we actually had enough for only two days, not seven.

24. It was the task of the company to _____ the town completely; there seemed to be no concern that its total destruction would cause extreme suffering.

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Definitions

1. abridge

uh BRIJ

to shorten, to diminish

Synonyms >>

abbreviate, curtail, retrench, shorten

Antonym >> to expand

Some companies publish abridged versions of novels.

Derivatives >>

abridgable, abridged, abridger, abridgment

2. alacrity

uh LAK ruh tee

prompt and cheerful response

Synonyms >>

celerity

Antonym >> indolence

I accepted his invitation to the prom with alacrity.

Derivatives >>

alacritous

3. antipathy

an TIP uh thee

a dislike, distaste, or enmity

Synonyms >>

animosity, animus, antagonism, hostility, rancor

Antonym >> propensity; amity

The woman's obvious antipathy toward snakes surfaced when she came into contact with the slithering reptile.

Derivatives >>

antipathetic, antipathic, anthipathist, antipathize, antipathies

4. augment

awg MENT

to make greater or to supplement

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to diminish

We must try to augment our savings this year.

Derivatives >>

augmentable, augmenter, augmentation, augmentative, augmented

5. bombastic

bom BASS tik
using inflated language, pompous

Synonyms >>

claptrap, declamatory, fustian, ranting, rodomontade

Antonym >> meek; humble

The politician was bombastic as he railed against big government.

Derivatives >>

bombastically, bombastical

6. decry

deh KRY

to speak against, to rail against, to disparage

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to laud

Many decry the lack of concern for this problem.

Derivatives >>

decried, decrying, decrier

7. eclectic

eh KLEK tik

coming from a variety of diverse sources

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> from one source

His eclectic tastes range from Bach to the Beatles.

Derivatives >>

eclectically, eclecticism

8. enhance

en HANS

to make better, to improve

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to worsen

Your chances of passing the test will be enhanced if you study.

Derivatives >>

enhanced, enhancement, enhancing, enhancer, enhancive

9. euphonious

yoo FOE nee us

pleasant or agreeable (sound); dulcet

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> raucous; dissonant

The euphonious sound of the record lulled the baby to sleep.

Derivatives >>

euphonym euphonic, euphonia, euphonically, euphonical, euphoniouly, euphonioussness

10. fervid

FUR vid

ardent, burning, impassioned

Synonyms >>

fervent, passionate, fervid

Antonym >> indifferent

The evangelist is a fervid crusader against sin.

Derivatives >>

fervidity, fervidly, fervidness

11. impecunious

im puh KYOO nee us without money

Synonyms >>

destitute, indigent

Antonym >> rich

Some formerly rich people have become impecunious because of the poor oil and real estate market.

Derivatives >>

impecuniary, impecuniousness, impecuniously, impecuniousness, impecuniosity

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www.layingthefoundation.org **12. ingratiate**

in GRAY she ate

to make an effort to gain good favor with someone

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to alienate

He tried to ingratiate himself with the girl's parents by always being polite.

Derivatives >>

ingratiating, ingratiatingly, ingratiation, ingratiatory

13. luxuriant

lug ZHOOR ee unt

abundant in growth, very fertile

Synonyms >>

lavish, lush, prodigal, profuse

Antonym >> scanty

The luxuriant farmland of Iowa provides an abundant amount of food.

Derivatives >>

luxury luxuriance, luxurancy, luxuriantly, luxuriate, luxurious, luxuriously, luxuriousness,

14. paltry

PAWL tree

trifling; petty; worthless

Synonyms >>

minor, inconsiderable, slight, insignificant, petty

Antonym >> superior

He was building paltry houses unfit for occupancy.

Derivatives >>

paltrier, paltriest, paltrily, paltriness

15. pedantry

PED un tree
act of showing off learning in a manner that is needless and unimaginative **Synonyms**

>>

Antonym >>

The teacher's lectures are a demonstration of pedantry without scholarship.

Derivatives >>

pedantic, pedantical, pedantically, pedanticism, pedant

16. placid

PLAS id

peaceful, calm

Synonyms >>

serene, tranquil

Antonym >> disturbed

The wilderness is usually a placid place where one can relax.

Derivatives >>

placidity, placidly, placidness

17. preclude

preh KLOOD

to make impossible

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to aid

A low SAT score may preclude your acceptance to that college.

Derivatives >>

precludable, precluded, preclusion, preclusive

18. promontory

PROM un tore ee

land or rock projecting into a body of water

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

A promontory is an ideal place to build a lighthouse.

Derivatives >>

promontories, promontoried

19. raze

RAZE

to completely destroy

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to construct

Atomic war will raze many cities.

Derivatives >>

razed, razing

20. secular

SEK yuh lur

nonreligious, worldly

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> religious

"Jingle Bells" is a secular Christmas song.

Derivatives >>

secularism, secularist, secularity, secularization, secularize, secularly

21. static (adj.)

STAT ik

having no motion, showing little change

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> active

Since our town has attracted little new industry, the population of the city has become static.

Derivatives >>

statically, statical

22. tact

TAKT

a keen sense for what is appropriate or tasteful in delicate situations

Synonyms >>

diplomacy, perception, sensitivity, poise

Antonym >>

The diplomat handled the situation with much tact and courteous behavior.

Derivatives >>

tactful, tactfully, tactfulness

23. torpid

TOR pid

sluggish, inactive, dull

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> active; animated

He is always torpid on Sunday mornings.

Derivatives >>

torpor, torpidity, torpidness, torpify, torpidly, torpitude, torporific

24. vindicated

VIN duh kay ted

cleared of accusations or charges

Synonyms >>

absolved, acquitted, exculpated, exonerated

Antonym >> accused

I am willing to go to trial and believe that I will be vindicated of all charges.

Derivatives >>

vindicate, vindication, vindicative, vindicator, vindicatory, vindictive, vindictively, vindictiveness

25. vindictive

vin DIK tiv

revengeful, spiteful

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> loving; forgiving

You should be more forgiving and less vindictive.

Derivatives >>

vindicated, vindication, vindictive, vindicator, vindictory, vindictive, vindictively, vindictiveness Copyright © 2005 by Advanced Placement Strategies

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Lesson 12

Matching Test

Directions: Choose the definition that best matches the meaning of the vocabulary word.
Place the answer of your choice in the space provided.

Exercise A

- _____ 1.
abridge
a.
pompous; boastful
_____ 2. alacrity
b.
briskness; swiftness; celerity
_____ 3.
antipathy
c.
to make an effort to gain favor
_____ 4. augment
d.
to shorten; to diminish
_____ 5. bombastic
e.
without money; broke
_____ 6. decry
f.
ardent; burning; impassioned
_____ 7. eclectic
g.
to make greater; to supplement
_____ 8. enhance
h.
harmonious; pleasant to hear
_____ 9. euphonious
i.
a dislike; distaste; enmity
_____ 10. fervid
j.
to make better; to improve
_____ 11. impecunious
k.
to speak against; to disparage
_____ 12. ingratiate
l.
coming from a variety of sources

Exercise B

- _____ 1.
luxuriant

- a.
abundant; very fertile
_____ 2.
paltry
- b.
to destroy completely
_____ 3.
pedantry
- c.
trifling; worthless; insignificant
_____ 4.
placid
- d.
revengeful; spiteful
_____ 5.
preclude
- e.
non-religious; worldly
_____ 6.
promontory
- f.
peaceful; calm
_____ 7.
raze
- g.
cleared of accusations
_____ 8.
secular
- h.
having no motion
_____ 9.
static (adj.)
- i.
to make impossible
_____ 10. tact
- j.
sluggish; dull; apathetic
_____ 11. torpid
- k.
projection into water
_____ 12. vindicated
- l.
a showing off of learning
_____ 13. vindictive
- m. sense for knowing what is appropriate

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Lesson 12

Sentence Completion

abridged alacrity
antipathy augment

bombastic decry
eclectic enhance

euphonious fervid
impecunious ingratiate

1.
The students approached the task of solving the problem with _____; they were anxious to solve it promptly.
2. The _____ sounds of the symphony were quite pleasing; the harmonious tones produced a most soothing effect.

3. Because she needed more money, the woman tried to _____ her income by getting a second job.

4. His room was filled with _____ antiques that he had gathered from numerous places around the world.

5. The man's _____ speech did not impress me; I prefer someone more reserved and humble than he seemed to be with all his pompousness.

6. The prodigal child spent all his inheritance money, leaving him totally _____.

7. He tried to _____ himself with the girl's parents by always being polite; he was sure he could make them like him.

8. The _____ version of the novel was not as thorough as the longer version; it left out the entire episode of the war.

9. The preacher began to _____ the emphasis that the younger generation has put on drugs; his strong expression of disapproval could not go unheard by his congregation.

10. The young woman tried to _____ her appearance with beautiful clothes and heavy make-up.

11. We heard the _____ cries of the evangelist; with his impassioned words, he denounced the many sins of the world.

12. Policemen generally have an _____ for crime and criminals; if they did not dislike these things so much, they would not have gone into the profession of law enforcement.

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Lesson 12

luxuriant paltry

pedantry placid
preclude

promontory raze
secular
static
tact

torpid vindicated
vindictive

13.
The rain forest's _____ green growth is made possible by its climate and rainfall.

14.
Her inner peace and serenity were obvious from the _____ expression on her face.

15. The disenchanted priest left his religious calling for the _____ world and soon became a policeman.

16.
Life in this small town is _____, having changed very little in twenty years.

17. Though he was cleared of all charges, the stranger's spiteful, _____
_____ accusers vowed to get revenge against the recently _____ man.

18. His _____ movements were the first indication that he was getting sick; because he is usually so active and full of vitality, we knew that something was

wrong when he slowed down so much.

19. It was unusual that he did so well on the test; however, we couldn't

_____ the possibility that he did, in fact, study this time.

20. The lighthouse sat on the _____ overlooking the sea, casting its beams of light on the dark waters far below.

21. Because the people were afraid the invading army would completely

_____ their village in its wake of destruction, they tried to bury some valuables for protection.

22. The man's _____ made others despise him for showing off; everyone knew he was smart, and his flaunting his intelligence and knowledge was disgusting.

23. The man made only a _____ attempt at doing the job; what he accomplished was worthless and practically insignificant.

24.

The man handled the situation with such _____ that I could not help but be impressed; his diplomacy in such a delicate situation is to be admired.

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Lesson 13

Definitions

1. allure

uh LUR

to influence, sway, or entice with some tempting appeal

Synonyms >>

attract, fascinate, charm

Antonym >>

The child tried to allure the stray dog into her yard with a piece of bread.

Derivatives >>

allured, alluring, allures, allurement, allurer

2. apathy

AP uh thee

a lack of concern or feeling, indifference

Synonyms >>

phlegm, stoicism, stolidness

Antonym >> enthusiastic devotion

The man looked upon the turn of events with apathy.

Derivatives >>

apathetic, apathetical, apathetically

3. auspicious

aw SPISH us

favorable

Synonyms >>

propitious

Antonym >> ill-omened

Making an "A" on the first test was an auspicious way to begin the year.

Derivatives >>

auspiciously, auspiciousness

4. caricature

KARE uh kuh chur

a portrayal where features are distorted, a parody

Synonyms >>

burlesque, travesty

Antonym >> somber portrait

The caricature of the presidential nominee was hysterical.

Derivatives >>

caricatured, caricaturing, caricaturist

5. cordial

KOR jul

courteous and gracious; friendly; warm

Synonyms >>

affectionate, genial, cheering

Antonym >>

We received a very cordial reception from the hostess of the party.

Derivatives >>

cordially, cordialness, cordiality

6. cosmopolitan koz muh POL uh tun

dealing with the whole world

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> parochial

His cosmopolitan views make him a natural delegate to the world convention.

Derivatives >>

cosmopolitanism, cosmopolite

7. deplore

deh PLORE

to regret deeply or strongly; to feel or to express deep grief for

Synonyms >>

bemoan, bewail, lament, mourn

Antonym >> to celebrate

The students deplored the death of their teacher.

Derivatives >>

deplored, deploring, deploration, deplorer, deploringly

8. discrepant

deh SKREP unt

disagreeing, inconsistent

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> same; consistent

The auditor became suspicious when he found the discrepant accounts.

Derivatives >>

discrepancy, discrepantly

9. ecstasy

EK stuh see

extreme happiness

Synonyms >>

rapture, transport

Antonym >> wretchedness

The music was so beautiful that it put the crowd into a state of ecstasy.

Derivatives >>

ecstatic, ecstasical, ecstatically

10. empathy

EM puh the

understanding or identification with another's feelings or situation

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> unconcern; disinterest

Having been discriminated against, I have a lot of empathy for those seeking equal pay

for equal work.

Derivatives >>

empathetic, empathetically, empathize

11. equivocal

eh KWIV uh kul

ambiguous (usually intended to mislead)

Synonyms >>

abstruse, ambiguous, cryptic, enigmatic, obscure, recondite **Antonym >>** clear;
straightforward His speech was difficult to understand because of all his equivocal statements.

Derivatives >>

equivocacy, equivocality, equivocally, equivocalness, equivocate, equivocation,
equivocator, equivocity Copyright © 2005 by Advanced Placement Strategies

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ek speh DISH us

done with speed and efficiency

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> sluggish

You need to be expeditious in solving this matter.

Derivatives >>

expedite, expediter, expedition, expeditionary, expeditioner, expeditiously,
expeditiousness, expeditive **13. galvanize**

GAL vuh nize

to stimulate or to excite as if by an electric shock

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to calm; to soothe

We are hoping that these new discoveries will galvanize the public support of our
research.

Derivatives >>

galvanization, galvanized, galvanizer, galvanic

14. implacable

im PLAK uh bul

incapable of being appeased

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> yielding

That young man is the enemy of the implacable woman standing in the corner; she will
never stop hating him.

Derivatives >>

implacability, implacableness, implacably

15. inimitable

eh NIM eh tuh bul

not able to be imitated

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> imitable

He has his own inimitable way of doing things.

Derivatives >>

inimitability, inimitableness, inimitably

16. mutability

myoo tuh BILL uh tee the degree to which something is subject and likely to change

Synonyms >>

inconsistency

Antonym >> consistency

The mutability of his opinions was because of political pressures; these alone caused his changing attitudes.

Derivatives >>

mutable, mutably, mutation

17. odious

OH dee us

deserving hate or contempt

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> respectable

Pornography is an odious business.

Derivatives >>

odiously, odiousness, odium

18. parochial

puh ROE key ul

limited in range or scope, narrow, provincial

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> broadminded

Having parochial attitudes, she was not receptive to new ideas.

Derivatives >>

parochialism, parochiality, parochialize, parochially

19. penchant

PEN chunt

a strong inclination

Synonyms >>

leaning, proclivity, propensity

Antonym >> disinclination

He has a penchant for chemistry, and he has won many science awards.

Derivatives >>

penchants

20. ponderous

PON dur us

very heavy, unwieldy from weight

Synonyms >>

cumbersome, cumbrous

Antonym >> lightweight

The ponderous furniture was hard to move, and thus became a burden.

Derivatives >>

ponderosity, ponderously, ponderousness

21. protract

pro TRAKT

to prolong

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to shorten

The union hopes to protract the strike in order to force management to settle.

Derivatives >>

protractedly, protractedness, pretractible, protraction, protractive

22. replete

reh PLETE

filled to capacity, abundantly supplied

Synonyms >>

plenary

Antonym >> devoid

The bar was replete with every possible kind of alcohol.

Derivatives >>

repleteness, repletion, repletive

23. soporific

sop uh RIF ik

something that tends to cause sleep and to dull awareness or alertness

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> exciting

Quiet music late at night is soporific.

Derivatives >>

soporiferous, soporiferously, soporiferousness, soporifical, soporifically **24. strident**

STRIDE unt

loud and harsh sounding

Synonyms >>

raucous, stentorian, boisterous, clamorous, obstreperous

Antonym >> soft and pleasant

The teacher used a strident voice when reprimanding a student.

Derivatives >>

stridently

25. treachery

TRECH uh ree

violation of faith; betrayal of trust; treason

Synonyms >>

disloyalty

Antonym >>

The man's ruthless act of treachery was expected.

Derivatives >>

treacheries, treacherous, treacherously, treacherousness

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Lesson 13

Matching Test

Directions: Choose the definition that best matches the meaning of the vocabulary word.
Place the answer of your choice in the space provided.

Exercise A

_____ 1.

allure

a. to regret deeply; to lament

_____ 2. apathy

- b. lack of concern; indifference
 _____ 3.
 auspicious
- c. a parody; comic imitation
 _____ 4. caricature
- d. disagreeing; inconsistent
 _____ 5. cordial
- e. extreme happiness
 _____ 6. cosmopolitan
- f. dealing with the whole world
 _____ 7. deplore
- g. to influence, sway, or entice
 _____ 8. discrepant
- h. quick and efficient
 _____ 9. ecstasy
- i. favorable
 _____ 10. empathy
- j. ambiguous; not clear
 _____ 11. equivocal
- k. courteous; friendly
 _____ 12. expeditious
- l. understanding of another's

feelings

Exercise B

- _____ 1.
 galvanize
- a.
 a strong inclination
- _____ 2.
 implacable
- b.
 narrow-minded; provincial
- _____ 3.
 inimitable
- c.
 incapable of being appeased
- _____ 4.
 mutability
- d.
 filled to capacity
- _____ 5.

odious

e.

very heavy; unwieldy

_____ 6.

parochial

f.

to prolong

_____ 7.

penchant

g.

deserving hate or contempt

_____ 8.

ponderous

h.

tending to cause sleep

_____ 9.

protract

i.

to stimulate or to excite

_____ 10.

replete

j.

loud and harsh sounding

_____ 11.

soporific

k.

violation of faith; treason

_____ 12.

strident

l.

not able to be imitated

_____ 13.

treachery

m. ability to change; inconsistency

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Lesson 13

Sentence Completion

allure apathetic auspicious
caricature

cordial cosmopolitan
deplore discrepant

ecstasy empathy equivocal
expeditious

1. The painting was a _____ which distorted the woman's nose so that it resembled that of an elephant.

2. I was in a state of _____ as we flew over the Grand Canyon; never before had I been so excited about seeing something so incredible.

3. _____ and uncaring, the student filled his essay with nonsense.

4. The politician seemed to have no _____ with the poor people of the nation and could not identify with their problems.

5. My wife's checkbook is almost always _____ with mine; we can never seem to get the two to match each other.

6. Seeing her ex-boyfriend wasn't an _____ event, but then she never seems to have any good luck where men are concerned.

7. The man's _____ attitudes obviously resulted from his many

world-wide travels.

8. The woman was friendly and _____, kind to everyone she met.

9. The government expects the people to be _____ about filing their income tax returns; there is a fine for those who don't file them on time.

10. I don't mean to be _____ about the matter, but I simply can't make up my mind about what I want to do.

11. The perfume is designed to _____ and entice men; as soon as the woman puts it on, she is supposed to get a man's eager attention.

12. The people _____ the conditions of the starving masses, but their deep grief is not enough to change the situation.

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Lesson 13

galvanize implacable inimitable
mutability
odious

parochial penchant

ponderous
protract replete

soporific strident treachery

13. He has his own _____ way of doing things; people try to copy him, but they always fall short of it.

14. The politician's skill in oratory enabled him to _____ the public support of his constituency; the people were finally stimulated into action.

15. The man is an _____ tyrant; nothing will appease him when he is angry.

16. I fell asleep in her class because her lectures were so _____.

17. The teacher used a _____ voice when reprimanding the student; because she was loud and harsh, she got the child's attention.

18. The evangelist expressed his contempt for the _____ pornography business in this country.

19. His views on the subject were rather _____; they were narrow-minded and petty.

20. It is the _____ of man that allows for an ever-changing society such as ours.

21. Sally's _____ for travel has helped her to become acquainted with foreign countries and customs; she has always had an inclination for world travel.

22. The field is _____ with insects; it must, therefore, be sprayed if we intend to reduce the numbers of pests.

23. The criminal was angered by having to drag the long, heavy, _____ chain that was fastened to his leg.

24. The numerous stoplights in the city are likely to _____ my journey by many hours; it may take longer traveling this route.

25. We could not believe the _____ of the man; he had actually

committed treason.

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Lesson 14

Definitions

1. adulterate

uh DUL ter ate
to make impure by adding lesser substances; to corrupt

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to purify

The authorities were concerned that the drugs might have been adulterated intentionally.

Derivatives >>

adulterator, adulterant, adulteration, adulterine, adulterous, adulterated, adulterating **2.**

animosity

an uh MAH suh tee
harsh feelings, enmity, resentment, hatred

Synonyms >>

animus, antagonism, antipathy, enmity, hostility, rancor

Antonym >> love

I have a lot of animosity for him, since he attempted to steal my girlfriend.

Derivatives >>

animus

3. apocryphal

uh PA kra ful

of doubtful origin or authenticity, not genuine

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> of known origin; genuine

The jury saw through the apocryphal tears of the witness.

Derivatives >>

apocryphally, apocryphalness

4. avarice

AV uh ris

greed for wealth

Synonyms >>

cupidity

Antonym >> generosity

Avarice and gluttony are two vices that can destroy lives.

Derivatives >>

avaricious, avariciously, avariciousness

5. coalesce

ko uh LESS

to merge, to fuse, to join, or to unite

Synonyms >>

amalgamate, commingle

Antonym >> to break up; to disperse

If the party can coalesce diverse groups into a united force, it might win the election.

Derivatives >>

coalesced, coalescing, coalescent

6. collaborate

kuh LAB uh rate

to work together

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to work alone

Sometimes singers who have never worked together will collaborate to make a new album.

Derivatives >>

collaborated, collaborating, collaboration, collaborationism, collaborationist, collaborative, collaborator **7. cryptic**

KRIP tik

mysterious, secret

Synonyms >>

abstruse, ambiguous, enigmatic, obscure, recondite

Antonym >> clear; revealed

I did not understand his cryptic message.

Derivatives >>

cryptical, cryptically, cryptogram, cryptography, cryptonym, cryptonymous **8.**

desultory

DES ul tore ee
jumping around, aimless, random

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> concentrated

The man's desultory attempts at finding employment wasted his time.

Derivatives >>

desultorious, desultoriness, desultorily, desultor

9. dissipation

dis uh PAY shun
wasteful spending, squandering

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> collection

Even though he inherited a million dollars, I expect quick dissipation of his fortune.

Derivatives >>

dissipate, dissipated, dissipatedly, dissipatedness, dissipater, dissipative **10. edifying**

ED uh fie ing
instructing and improving spiritually or morally

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> heinous; nefarious

Visiting the cathedral was an edifying experience.

Derivatives >>

edification, edificatory, edify, edifier, edifyingness

11. equivocate

eh KWIV uh kate
to attempt to lie, to mislead, or to hide the truth

Synonyms >>

palter, prevaricate

Antonym >> to tell the truth

Tell the truth and do not attempt to equivocate.

Derivatives >>

equivocal, equivocacy, equivocality, equivocally, equivocalness, equivocation,
equivocator, equivocity Copyright © 2005 by Advanced Placement Strategies

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eh SPOUZ ing
marrying, giving one's loyalty; adopting or embracing a cause

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> denying

The politician seems to be espousing the issue of decreased taxation in order to gain supporters.

Derivatives >>

espoused, espousing, espousal, espouser

13. hedonist

HEED un ist

one who seeks pleasure as the sole aim in life

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> ascetic

The world is full of hedonists who seek nothing but their own pleasures.

Derivatives >>

hedonism, hedonistically, hedonistical, hedonics, hedonic, hedonically

14. indefatigable in deh FAT uh guh bul tireless, incapable of being fatigued

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> easily tired

The indefatigable army moved ahead steadily over the many days without rest.

Derivatives >>

indefatigability, indefatigableness, indefatigably

15. interminable in TUR mun uh bul

having or seeming to have no end, wearisomely protracted

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> short and limited

Although the reading assignment was only ten pages, it seemed interminable to the bored student.

Derivatives >>

interminability, interminableness, interminably, interminate

16. naive

na EVE

unsophisticated; inexperienced

Synonyms >>

natural, artless, ingenuous

Antonym >> sophisticated; experienced; wise

Many naive young women go to Hollywood believing that they will become movie stars.

Derivatives >>

naively, naivete, naiveness, naivety

17. parody

PAIR uh dee

humorous or ridiculous imitation

Synonyms >>

burlesque, caricature, travesty

Antonym >> reverent imitation

Many skits on "Saturday Night Live" are parodies of current events.

Derivatives >>

parodies

18. peripheral

puh RIF ur ul

on the edge, not important

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> central; essential; at the core

Let's discuss the main topic now and save peripheral issues for later.

Derivatives >>

peripheral, peripheric, peripheralism, peripherally, peripherically, periphery **19. portent**

PORE tent

a sign or forewarning

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

The stock market crash was a portent of the coming of a depression.

Derivatives >>

portentive, portentous, portentously, portentousness

20. prodigious

pruh DIJ us

extraordinary in bulk, quantity, or degree, great in size, enormous

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> puny; minuscule

His prodigious appetite allowed him to eat the entire turkey.

Derivatives >>

prodigiously, prodigiousness

21. profane

pruh FANE

showing contempt toward sacred things

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> holy

Profane language will not be tolerated on the tennis court.

Derivatives >>

profanation, profanatory, profanely, profaneness, profaner, profanity

22. respite

RES pit

a rest, a delay, a period of relief

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> continuance

I enjoy a quiet lunch that serves a respite from my tense job of being an air traffic controller.

Derivatives >>

respiteless

23. sordid

SOR did

filthy, foul

Synonyms >>

abject, ignoble, mean

Antonym >> nice; harmless

The sordid details of the brutal ax murder sickened the jurors.

Derivatives >>

sordidness, sordidly

24. surfeited

SUR feh ted

fed or supplied to excess

Synonyms >>

cloyed, glutted, gorged, palled, sated, satiated

Antonym >> starved

I was surfeited after having eaten so much food at the banquet.

Derivatives >>

surfeit, surfeiter

25. trifling

TRY fling

not significant, frivolous

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> important; significant

Some think that watching MTV is a trifling experience.

Derivatives >>

trifle, trifled, trifling, trifles

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Lesson 14

Matching Test

Directions: Choose the definition that best matches the meaning of the vocabulary word.
Place the answer of your choice in the space provided.

Exercise A

_____ 1.

adulterate

a.

greed for wealth

_____ 2.

animosity

b.

to work together

_____ 3.

apocryphal

c.

squandering; foolish spending

_____ 4.

avarice

d.

to mislead or to hide the truth

_____ 5.

coalesce

e.

mysterious; secret

_____ 6.

collaborate

f.

to corrupt

_____ 7.

cryptic

g.

to merge; to fuse; to unite

- _____ 8.
desultory
h.
to marry; to give one's loyalty
_____ 9.
dissipation
i.
not genuine; of unknown origin
_____ 10. edifying
j.
harsh feelings; enmity; hate
_____ 11. equivocate
k.
aimless; random
_____ 12. espouse
l.
instructing and improving spiritually

Exercise B

- _____ 1.
hedonist
a.
a sign or forewarning
_____ 2.
indefatigable
b.
unsophisticated
_____ 3.
interminable
c.
one who feels pleasure only
_____ 4.
naive
d.
unending
_____ 5.
parody
e.
enormous; vast; huge
_____ 6.
peripheral
f.
tireless

_____ 7.

portent

g.

filthy; foul

_____ 8.

prodigious

h.

fed or supplied to excess

_____ 9.

profane

i.

not significant; frivolous

_____ 10.

respite

j.

reprieve; interval of rest

_____ 11.

sordid

k.

relating to external boundary

_____ 12.

surfeited

l.

humorous, ridiculous imitation

_____ 13.

trifling

m. showing contempt for sacred things

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Lesson 14

Sentence Completion

adulterate animosity apocryphal
avarice

coalesce collaborate
cryptic desultory

dissipation edifying
equivocate espousing

1. We tried to avoid the conversation when we saw the _____ that the woman had about the issue; she was extremely angry and resentful about the matter.

2. Though each man had his own opinion, the group decided to _____ into a unified force against the enemy.

3. Although the heroine over-acted, she did not stop the morally uplifting play from _____ me.

4. We encouraged the scientist not to _____ the substance with the additional chemicals; we preferred it in its pure form.

5. The meaning of the _____ note was hidden from everyone who looked at it.

6. The woman saw a steady _____ of her funds as she continually spent her money on such frivolous items as jewelry and make-up.

7. The _____ of the man was obvious when he wanted everything he saw; it was the result of being raised in such a greedy family.

8. Witnesses are encouraged to tell the truth and not to attempt to _____; telling lies on the witness stand is punishable.

9. The jury saw through the _____ tears of the witness, knowing they weren't

genuine.

10. The class was told to _____ on the assignment so that no one would have to do all the work totally alone.

11. The woman is _____ the MADD program because she lost her son in a DWI-related accident; otherwise, she would not adopt the cause so seriously.

12. The man made only _____ attempts at finding employment with random visits to companies when he was in the mood.

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Lesson 14

hedonists indefatigable interminable naive parody

peripheral portent

prodigious
profane respite

sordid surfeited
trifling

13. My teacher gave us a huge amount of homework, a _____ task by anyone's standards.

14. You must use your _____ vision when performing in a marching band so that you can watch those on each side of you while you look straight ahead.

15. A quiet walk in the woods would be a nice _____ from the drudgery of city life; we all need a relaxing break once in awhile.

16. The world is becoming full of _____ who are only interested in fulfilling their sensual desires and nothing more.

17. Although the reading assignment was only ten pages, it seemed _____ to the bored students.

18. The comedian's skit was a _____ of the recent inaugural address; although it was intended to be funny, not many people laughed.

19. The young men were raised to believe that anyone who dared to _____ the sacred words would pay for his contempt with his life.

20. The large raindrops were a _____ of the thunderous storm about to occur.

21. The starving boys were finally able to eat until they were _____.

22. Many people are making money from printing _____ details of scandal, pornography and violence; some unscrupulous people seem to like such filth.

23. Some teachers regard watching videos a _____ waste of time; they think I should avoid such frivolous pastimes and do more studying.

24. The candidate was _____, working tirelessly for months in order to win the election.

25. Even a beginner should not be so _____ and so unsophisticated as she is.



Lesson 15

Definitions

1. abate

uh BAYT

to reduce in intensity or amount

Synonyms >>

decrease, diminish, dwindle, ebb, lessen, reduce, wane

Antonym >> to increase

The flood waters abated after forty days of rain.

Derivatives >>

abatable, abater, abatement, abated, abating

2. antecedent

an tuh SEE dunt

preceding a cause

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> following; later

The argument between the two men was antecedent to the fight which followed.

Derivatives >>

antecedence, antecedency, antecede, antecedently

3. arid

AIR id

very dry

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> moist
The desert is an arid place.

Derivatives >>
aridity, aridness, aridly

4. baneful

BANE ful
a source of harm or destruction; harmful, destructive

Synonyms >>
deleterious, detrimental, noxious, pernicious

Antonym >> benign influence; harmless
Overeating was the bane of her existence. The baneful herbs made the woman extremely

ill.

Derivatives >>
baneful, banefully, banefulness

5. beleaguer

buh LEEG er
to harass

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to shield from
The scandal caused the President to be beleaguered by the press.

Derivatives >>
beleaguered, beleaguerer

6. contempt

kun TEMPT
scorn, extreme dislike or disdain

Synonyms >>
despicableness, pitiableness, scurviness

Antonym >> respect
The man treated the gossiping woman with contempt; talking about other people was beneath his dignity.

Derivatives >>
contemptible, contemptuous

7. cynical

SIN uh kul
given to faultfinding, sneering, and sarcasm; exhibiting mocking disbelief **Synonyms**

>>

misanthropic, pessimistic, misogynic

Antonym >>
Some people are so cynical they sneer at everything that would make life worthwhile.

Derivatives >>
cynic, cynically, cynicism

8. dexterous

DEK struss
skillful and active with the hands; manually adroit and skillful

Synonyms >>

deft, handy

Antonym >> clumsy

The machine shop advertised for a dexterous worker.

Derivatives >>

dexterity, dexterously, dexterousness, dextral

9. dour

DOUR, DOW ur

sullen, stern, harsh

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> cheerful in appearance

His dour behavior was caused by the rain washing out his golf game.

Derivatives >>

dourly, dourer, dourest

10. exalt

ig ZALT

to glorify, to praise, to raise in rank

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to defame; to deprecate

The woman was exalted for her successes in the field of science.

Derivatives >>

exalted, exalting, exalts, exaltation, exaltedly, exaltedness, exalter

11. felicitous

feh LIS eh tus

happy or delightful

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> sad; gloomy; morose

Her marriage was a felicitous occasion.

Derivatives >>

felicitate, felicific, felicitation, felicitously, felicitousness, felicity Copyright © 2005 by

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im PEK uh bul

free from fault or blame

Synonyms >>

flawless, irreproachable

Antonym >> flawed

She was a woman of impeccable character and could not be blamed for the smallest wrongdoing.

Derivatives >>

impeccability, impeccableness, impeccably

13. imperturbable im pur TUR buh bul

marked by extreme calm, impassivity, assurance and steadiness

Synonyms >>

composed, collected, cool, unruffled, nonchalant

Antonym >> frantic

Before the accident he seemed imperturbable, but now he is becoming frantic.

Derivatives >>

imperturbability, imperturbableness, imperturbably, imperturbation, imperturbed **14.**

malleable

MAL ee uh bul

capable of being shaped, influenced, or altered; tractable

Synonyms >>

plastic, pliable, pliant, ductile

Antonym >> unpliable

Gold is a malleable metal.

Derivatives >>

malleability, malleabilization, malleableize, malleableness

15. mortify

MORE tuh fie

to humiliate, to wound pride, to experience shame

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to calm; to soothe

It would simply mortify me to have someone say such shameful things about my family.

Derivatives >>

mortifyingly, mortifier, mortified, mortifiedly, mortification

16. obdurate

OB doo rit

extremely stubborn, unwilling to accept advice

Synonyms >>

inflexible, inexorable, adamant

Antonym >> tractable

She was obdurate in her refusal to listen to our concerns about her cocaine problem.

Derivatives >>

obdurately, obdurateness, obduration, obdure, obduracy

17. platitude

PLAT eh tood

trite remark, banal statement

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> profundity

That politician can spout platitudes, but he has never passed a bill that has substance.

Derivatives >>

platitudinal, platitudinarian, platitudinize, platitudinous, platitudinously **18. profligate**

PROF luh git

a wasteful person; extremely wasteful, given to licentiousness

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> thrifty

The profligate son wasted the family fortune on wine, women, and song.

Derivatives >>

profligacy, profligated, profligately, profligateness

19. pugnacious

pug NAY shus

looking for a fight, combative, belligerent

Synonyms >>

bellicose, contentious, quarrelsome

Antonym >> peaceful

There are many pugnacious punks at the high school that bully other students.

Derivatives >>

pugnaciously, pugnaciousness, pugnacity

20. savory

SAY vuh ree

appetizing

Synonyms >>

palatable, toothsome

Antonym >> unappetizing

My mother is known for her savory meals.

Derivatives >>

savor, savored, savorer, savorily, savoriness, savoringly, savorous, savorsome **21. spurn**

SPURN

to reject or to refuse with hostility

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to embrace

The woman had always viewed the man with disdain and would spurn his attempts at friendship forever.

Derivatives >>

spurner, spurned, spurning

22. supercilious

soo pur SIL ee us

haughty, vain and arrogant

Synonyms >>

disdainful, high-handed, insolent, lordly

Antonym >> servile

I do not like your arrogant and supercilious attitude toward poor people.

Derivatives >>

superciliously, superciliousness

23. trite

TRITE

overused, commonplace, hackneyed

Synonyms >>

threadbare

Antonym >> unusual

This essay is full of trite phrases; it needs a fresh approach, avoiding phrases so hackneyed and overused.

Derivatives >>

triter, tritest, tritely, triteness

24. vociferous

voe SIF ur us

clamorous; boisterous (suggests a vehement outcry)

Synonyms >>

blatant, obstreperous, strident

Antonym >> quiet; subdued

The rock crowd became vociferous in its anger when it was announced that the show was cancelled.

Derivatives >>

vociferator, vociferously, vociferousness

25. vulgarity

vul GAR eh tee

something offensive to good taste and refinement

Synonyms >>

coarseness, grossness, obscenity, ribaldness

Antonym >> refinement

She chose to ignore the vulgarity of his crude remark.

Derivatives >>

vulgar, vulgarian, vulgarism, vulgarization, vulgarize, vulgarizer

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Lesson 15

Matching Test

Directions: Choose the definition that best matches the meaning of the vocabulary word.
Place the answer of your choice in the space provided.

Exercise A

_____ 1.

abate

a.

very dry

_____ 2.

antecedent

b.

skillful with the hands; deft

_____ 3.

arid

c.

harmful or destructive

_____ 4.

baneful

d.

to decrease; to subside

_____ 5.

beleaguer

e.

scorn; dislike; disdain

_____ 6.

contempt

f.

free from fault or blame

_____ 7.

cynical

g.

sullen; stern; harsh

- _____ 8.
dexterous
h.
festive; wonderful; happy
_____ 9.
dour
i.
to harass or to surround
_____ 10. exalt
j.
to glorify; to praise; to extol
_____ 11. felicitous
k.
preceding; existing before
_____ 12. impeccable
l.
given to faultfinding and sarcasm

Exercise B

- _____ 1. imperturbable
a.
haughty; vain; arrogant
_____ 2. malleable
b.
combative; belligerent
_____ 3. mortify
c.
stubborn; obstinate
_____ 4. obdurate
d.
extremely wasteful
_____ 5. platitude
e.
something offensive
_____ 6. profligate
f.
trite remark; banal statement
_____ 7. pugnacious
g.
marked by extreme calm
_____ 8. savory
h.
clamorous; boisterous

_____ 9. spurn

i.
appetizing

_____ 10. supercilious

j.
overused; hackneyed; ordinary

_____ 11. trite

k.
to humiliate; to wound pride

_____ 12. vociferous

l.
capable of being altered

_____ 13. vulgarity

m.
to reject or to refuse with hostility

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Lesson 15

Sentence Completion

abate antecedent
arid baneful

beleaguered contempt

cynical
dexterous

dour exalt
felicitous
impeccable

1. The defendant believed his alibi was _____, so perfect that it would free him from blame, leaving him no need to worry.

2. The sarcastic, faultfinding student offered his peers nothing but _____
comments.

3. The clown's _____ left hand juggled three balls while his equally skillful right hand picked the spectator's pockets.

4. The officer wanted to _____ the soldier for his bravery; he enjoyed praising his men for good work.

5. Because it is so hot and dry, Death Valley is known as the most _____
region of the United States.

6. The _____ attitude of the girl was caused by a teacher's being harsh with her; she remained sullen for the entire day.

7. Homesteaders in the Old West were _____ during events like weddings; there were too few happy events in lives _____ by rampaging Indians and harassed by continual drought.

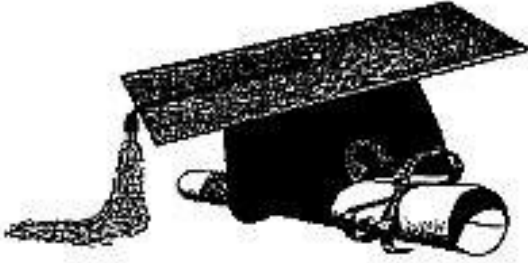
8. The decisions made _____ to the Supreme Court's ruling were independent of each other; however, those made afterward were all related.

9. The deadly spread of AIDS is a _____ epidemic plaguing the entire world.

10. The intensity of the storm began to _____; apparently the worst part was over.

11. The woman viewed the issue with hate and _____; because of her dislike, she would do anything in her power to change the situation.

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Lesson 15

imperturbable malleable
mortified
obdurate platitudes

profligate pugnacious
savory spurn
supercilious

trite vociferous
vulgarity

12. The _____ child had to be expelled from school; he was embroiled in a different fight almost every day.

13. I do not like your arrogant and _____ attitude toward poor people.

14. I was looking forward to a _____ meal with an abundance of delicious desserts.

15.

_____ are common sayings, yet even though they are _____ and overused, they can be a source of wisdom.

16. The defendant remained _____ throughout the trial; he had plenty of assurance that he would be found not guilty.

17. Some plastics are easily formed and _____ to even a child's molding, but most are hard and _____.

18. Deeply ashamed of the unadorned house in which I lived, I was _____ to have him come into my home.

19. The _____ wasted his money on a number of sins and vices.

20. Sam's childish behavior has caused his girlfriend to _____ him; she refuses to answer any of his calls.

21. The _____ mob resorted to _____ as it shouted obscenities and clamored for the prisoner's release.

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Definitions

1. acclaim

uh KLAYM

praise, approval; to salute; to hail

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to slander; to ridicule; to defame

He received great acclaim for discovering a polio vaccine.

Derivatives >>

acclaimer, acclamation, acclamatory

2. amass

uh MASS

to collect, to gather, to accumulate

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to lose; to scatter

He amassed a fortune as a result of the oil strike.

Derivatives >>

amassable, amasser, amassment, amassed

3. anarchist

AN ar kist

one who believes in the absence of government or law

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> tyrant; monarch

When the government fell and there was a total state of disorder, the anarchist was happy.

Derivatives >>

anarchy, anarchically, anarchical, anarchic, anarchism, anarchistic

4. banter

BAN ter

to speak in a witty or teasing manner

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

The opposing coaches, who were old friends, bantered back and forth before the game.

Derivatives >>

banterer, bantering, banteringly, banters, bantered

5. blithe

BLIETH

lighthearted, joyous, glad, cheerful, free of spirit

Synonyms >>

jocund, jolly, jovial

Antonym >> morose

Her blithe spirit provided an air of gaiety at the meeting.

Derivatives >>

blithely, blithesome, blithesomely, blithesomeness

6. cacophonous kuh KAH fuh nus

harsh sounding, having dissonance

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> euphonious; pleasant sounding

An orchestra is cacophonous when it is tuning up.

Derivatives >>

cacophony

7. commensurate kuh MEN sur it

equal

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> disproportionate; unequal

I hope that I get a reward that is commensurate with what I have found.

Derivatives >>

commensurately, commensuration, commensurable, commensurability, commensurably

8. complacency kum PLAY sun see

the state of being self-satisfied

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> dissatisfaction

Considering that he is failing, it is curious to see his sense of complacency.

Derivatives >>

complacent, complacently, complacence, complaisant, complaisance, complaisantly **9.**

desiccate

DES uh kate

to dry up

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to soak

When traveling, desiccated milk or soup is easy to carry.

Derivatives >>

desiccated, desiccation, desiccative, desiccator, desiccatory

10. diminution

dim uh NOO shun

diminishment, reduction

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> escalation

The diminution of nuclear weapons is a goal of arms control.

Derivatives >>

diminutive, diminutival, diminutively, diminutiveness

11. elicit

eh LIS it

to bring out a response, to evoke

Synonyms >>

educe, extort, extract

Antonym >> to inhibit

I would like to elicit your participation in the blood drive.

Derivatives >>

elicitable, elicitate, elicitation

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www.layingthefoundation.org **12. incessant**

in SES unt

uninterrupted

Synonyms >>

constant, perennial, perpetual, unremitting

Antonym >> intermittent

The dog's incessant barking caused the man to have difficulty falling asleep.

Derivatives >>

incessancy, incessantly, incessantness, incession

13. jollity

JOL eh tee

merriment, state of being jolly

Synonyms >>

glee, hilarity, mirth

Antonym >> sadness

There was much good feeling and jollity at the Christmas party.

Derivatives >>

jollier, jollification, jollify, jollily, jolliness, jolly

14. kindle

KIN dul

to start a fire, to stir up

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to douse

The boys were taught to kindle a fire.

Derivatives >>

kindled, kindling, kindles

15. parsimony

PAR suh moe nee

stinginess, frugality; excessive economy

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> prodigality; extravagance

His family suffered from his parsimony as he refused to spend adequate money even on the necessities of life.

Derivatives >>

parsimonious, parsimoniousness, parsimoniously

16. penury

PEN yuh ree

extreme poverty

Synonyms >>

destitution, impecuniousness, indigence, want

Antonym >> opulence

There is much penury in central Africa.

Derivatives >>

penurious, penuriously, penuriousness

17. perspicacious pur spu KAY shus

having clear insight, shrewd, very perceptive

Synonyms >>

astute, sagacious

Antonym >> ignorant; stupid

The perspicacious detective was able to determine the perpetrator of the crime.

Derivatives >>

perspicaciously, perspicaciousness, perspicacity

18. pliable

PLY uh bul

easily manipulated or able to be bent freely without breaking

Synonyms >>

pliant, ductile, malleable

Antonym >> obstinate

The diplomat's instructions from his country left him no room to be pliable. He could make no compromises.

Derivatives >>

pliability, pliability, pliantly, pliancy, pliantness, pliantly

19. quell

KWELL

to quiet or to put down a disturbance

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to foment; to incite

Fortunately, the principal was able to quell the food fight in the cafeteria.

Derivatives >>

quelled, quelling, quells

20. rectify

REK tuh fie

to set right or to correct

Synonyms >>

reform, revise, remedy, emend

Antonym >>

The school board has decided to increase funding for female athletic teams in order to rectify past imbalances.

Derivatives >>

rectifiable, rectifier, rectified, rectifying

21. rue

ROO

to be sorry for, to regret

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to consider happily

He will rue the day that he tangles with me.

Derivatives >>

rueful, ruefully, ruefulness, rues

22. sluggard

SLUG urd

a person who is lazy

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> energetic person

Let's fire him. Not only is he slovenly, but he is also a sluggard.

Derivatives >>

sluggardly, sluggardness

23. stealthy

STEL the

acting in a secret and sneaky way--this is a negative term

Synonyms >>

clandestine, covert, furtive, surreptitious, underhanded

Antonym >> open; indiscreet

The secret organization moves by stealth to gather information on its enemies.

Derivatives >>

stealthy, stealthfully, stealthily, stealthiness, stealth

24. succinct

suk SINGKT

brief, compact

Synonyms >>

compendious, concise, laconic, pithy, summary, terse

Antonym >> frequently digressing

Because her comments were succinct and to the point the ceremony was brief.

Derivatives >>

succinctly, succinctness

25. voluminous

vuh LOO muh nus

marked by great volume or size

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> slight

There are voluminous writings about most of our presidents.

Derivatives >>

voluminosity, voluminosly, voluminosness

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Lesson 16

Matching Test

Directions: Choose the definition that best matches the meaning of the vocabulary word.
Place the answer of your choice in the space provided.

Exercise A

_____ 1. acclaim

a. equal

- _____ 2. amass
 b. to speak in a witty or teasing manner
 _____ 3. anarchist
 c. to bring out a response
 _____ 4. banter
 d. state of being self-satisfied
 _____ 5. blithe
 e. to praise; to applaud; to hail
 _____ 6. cacophonous
 f. a diminishing; a decline
 _____ 7. commensurate
 g. harsh-sounding; dissonant
 _____ 8. complacency
 h. to collect; to gather
 _____ 9. desiccate
 i. free-spirited; light-hearted
 _____ 10. diminution
 j. to dry out
 _____ 11. elicit
 k. uninterrupted
 _____ 12. incessant
 l. one who believes in the absence

of government

Exercise B

- _____ 1. jollity
 a. marked by great volume or quantity
 _____ 2. kindle
 b. easily manipulated
 _____ 3. parsimony
 c. extreme poverty
 _____ 4. penury
 d. to regret; to be sorry for
 _____ 5. perspicacious
 e. to start a fire; to stir up
 _____ 6. pliable
 f. to set right or to correct
 _____ 7. quell
 g. merriment; state of being jolly

- _____ 8. rectify
h. a lazy person
_____ 9. rue
i. brief; compact
_____ 10. sluggard
j. stinginess; frugality
_____ 11. stealthy
k. acting in a secretive way
_____ 12. succinct
l. to crush; to suppress
_____ 13. voluminous
m. having clear insight; perceptive

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Lesson 16

Sentence Completion

acclaim amass anarchist
banter

blithe cacophonous
commensurate
complacency

desiccate diminution elicit
incessant

1. The infielders' _____ is a constant source of teasing to the opposing batters.
2. The applause was not _____, although the two performers were equal in skill; for one, it was strong, while for the other it was half-hearted.
3. The technicians worked around the clock, trying to _____ as much data as possible before turning off the computers; in twenty-four hours they gathered all they needed.
4. Just before the symphony began to play, the hall was full of the _____ sounds of the instruments tuning up.
5. Under the hot Texas sun, the land soon began to _____ ; nothing was then able to thrive in the parched soil.
6. Listening to the _____ rave about the evils of government caused me discomfort, but when he began suggesting the overthrow of the government, I experienced great alarm.
7. The lawyer tried to overcome the _____ of the jury and to _____ some emotional response, but their state of being self-satisfied was too great to be overcome.
8. The _____ of the millionaire was based upon his humanitarian spirit; people from all over the country knew of his benevolent actions.
9. The child's continual, _____ complaining was not characteristic of her usual _____ spirit and cheerful behavior.
10. The _____ of scholarship funds is caused by the large number of recent applicants; only in the last few months has the money started to dwindle.



Lesson 16

jollity kindle parsimony
penury
perspicacious

pliable quell rectify
rue sluggard

stealthy succinct voluminous

11. There are many _____ materials which we could use for the project; we just need materials which can be easily bent.

12. As soon as we realized that the dolls were not arranged in a straight line, we tried to _____ the situation by lining them up.

13. In order to survive, a spy must be _____ and sneaky.

14. Sid's expression of _____ showed the great regret and sorrow he felt.

15. The circus clown made us laugh so much that he filled our whole evening with

_____.

16. The two works were a study in contrast; the first one was _____ and used few words, while the second work was so large that it was _____ and wordy.

17. It was difficult to get him to work seriously on the job; he was such a _____ that all he wanted to do was sit back and rest.

18. The girl's _____ was her only defect of character; she was, indeed, the stingiest person I had ever met.

19. The young puppy was able to _____ energy, warmth and love in the old man's heart.

20. Only a _____ lawyer can see through the lies and deceitfulness of some witnesses.

21. The mayor's objective for this term is to _____ the recent outbreak of violent crime in the inner city; he believes that those homeless people living in a state of _____ seem to be victimized most.

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Lesson 17

Definitions

1. abstemious

ab STEM ee us

sparing (usually in eating or drinking); temperate

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> gluttonous

A person who is abstemious in his alcohol intake might not be welcome by that wild fraternity.

Derivatives >>

abstemiously, abstemiousness, abstention, abstentious

2. admonish

ad MAH nish

to caution, to advise, or to counsel against something

Synonyms >>

warn, rebuke, censure, notify, jog, apprise, reprove, scold

Antonym >> to condone; to praise

The teacher admonished him about excessively loud noise.

Derivatives >>

admonisher, admonishingly, admonishment, admonition, admonished

3. amity

AM uh tee

friendship

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> hostility

That small town is well-known for its amity; the town has very friendly people.

Derivatives >>

amities

4. bastion

BASS chun

a fortification, a stronghold

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

The enemy could not get past the bastion of the fort and therefore lost the battle.

Derivatives >>

bastioned

5. callous

KAL us

hardened; insensitive, indifferent, unsympathetic

Synonyms >>

hard, inured, insensible, obtuse

Antonym >> soft, sensitive

He became callous after many years in the war.

Derivatives >>

callously, callousness

6. clemency

KLEM un see

leniency

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> harshness

Governors are usually allowed to grant clemency to deserving prisoners.

Derivatives >>

clemencies, clement, clemently

7. debunk

deh BUNGK

to expose the falseness or hypocrisy of something

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to cover up; to conceal

The charlatan was quickly debunked by the perceptive doctor.

Derivatives >>

debunker, debunkers, debunked, debunking

8. diffuse

deh FYOOZ

to spread in all directions

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to bring together

The rioting crowd was diffused by tear gas and water hoses.

Derivatives >>

diffusedness, diffusedly, diffusely, diffuseness, diffuser, diffusibility, diffusion, diffusible

9. dupe

DOOP, DYOOP

to trick, to fool, to deceive, or to cheat; to bilk

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

He was duped into investing his life savings into a bankrupt company.

Derivatives >>

duped, duping, dupery

10. exorcise

EK sor size

to expel an evil spirit, to get rid of something troublesome

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

I am going to try to exorcise all negative thoughts from my mind.

Derivatives >>

exorcisation, exorcise, exorcism, exorcismal, exorcisory, exorcist, exorcistate,
exorcistical **11. finesse**

feh NESS

delicate skill

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> clumsiness

A successful diplomat must have finesse when dealing with representatives of other countries.

Derivatives >>

finessed, finessing

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www.layingthefoundation.org **12. humility**

hyoo MIL eh tee

the quality or state of being humble in spirit

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> pride; arrogance

The humility of the man was astounding: he gave no sign of having excessive pride or arrogance.

Derivatives >>

humilities, humble, humbly

13. imperious

im PEER ee us

extremely overbearing

Synonyms >>

domineering, imperative, masterful, preemptory

Antonym >> meek

The imperious behavior of the dictator led to his overthrow.

Derivatives >>

imperiously, imperiousness

14. larceny

LAR suh nee

the act of stealing another's property

Synonyms >>

theft

Antonym >>

After being convicted of larceny, the man offered to return the stolen items for a shorter prison term.

Derivatives >>

larcener, larcenist, larcenous, larcenously, larcenies

15. mirth

MURTH

gladness and merriment usually accompanied by laughter

Synonyms >>

glee, hilarity, jollity

Antonym >> sadness

The party was a source of mirth and gaiety.

Derivatives >>

mirthful, mirthfully, mirthfulness, mirthless, mirthlessly, mirthlessness

16. mollify

MOL eh fie

to soothe or to appease, to assuage

Synonyms >>

conciliate, pacify, placate, propitiate

Antonym >> to aggravate

The woman promised to buy candy in order to mollify her screaming child.

Derivatives >>

mollification, mollifyingly, mollifier, mollifiable

17. neologism

nee OL uh jiz um

a newly coined word or phrase; new use of a word (often disapproved of)

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

The student received a low grade because of the neologism in his paper.

Derivatives >>

neology, neological, neologian, neologist, neologistic, neologize

18. orthodox

OR thuh doks

conforming to established standards, conventional

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> unconventional

The church is founded upon a set of orthodox views.

Derivatives >>

orthodoxness, orthodoxical, orthodoxically, orthodoxism, orthodoxly, orthodoxy **19.**

plight

PLITE

difficult or adverse situation

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> fortunate situation

My plight is that I do not have enough money to pay my bills.

Derivatives >>

plights, plighted, plighting

20. repertoire

REP ur twar

a list of works of music or readings that are ready for performance

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

The orchestra has added some selections of Mozart to its repertoire.

Derivatives >>

repertorial, repertorium, repertory

21. rupture

RUP chur

to break apart, to burst

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to repair; to mend

The rupture of the appendix is a life-threatening situation.

Derivatives >>

ruptured, rupturing

22. solicitous

suh LIS eh tus

worried, concerned

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> unconcerned

He was very solicitous about the health of his ill grandmother.

Derivatives >>

solicitously, solicitousness, solicitude

23. stolid

STOL id

showing little emotion

Synonyms >>

apathetic, phlegmatic, stoic

Antonym >> emotional

He always has a stolid appearance at the poker table.

Derivatives >>

stolidly, stolidity

24. tempestuous

tem PES choo us

turbulent, stormy

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> calm

The mayoral candidates had a tempestuous debate in which they exchanged many personal accusations.

Derivatives >>

tempestuously, tempestuousness, tempest

25. untenable

un TEN uh bul

not able to be defended

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> defensible

Taking a bribe is an untenable act for a politician.

Derivatives >>

untenability, untenableness

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Lesson 17

Matching Test

Directions: Choose the definition that best matches the meaning of the vocabulary word.
Place the answer of your choice in the space provided.

Exercise A

_____ 1.
abstemious
a.
insensitive; hardened
_____ 2.
admonish
b.
to spread in all directions
_____ 3.
amity
c.
to caution against; to scold
_____ 4.
bastion
d.
delicate skill
_____ 5.
callous
e.
quality of being humble
_____ 6.
clemency
f.
forgiveness; leniency
_____ 7.
debunk
g.
to expel something evil
_____ 8.
diffuse
h.
sparing; temperate
_____ 9.
dupe
i.
fortification; stronghold
_____ 10.
exorcise
j.
to trick; to fool; to cheat
_____ 11.
finesse
k.
friendship; goodwill; peace
_____ 12.

humility

l.

to expose the falseness of

something

Exercise B

_____ 1. imperious

a.

difficult or adverse situation

_____ 2. larceny

b.

gladness or merriment

_____ 3. mirth

c.

showing little emotion

_____ 4. mollify

d.

to break apart; to burst

_____ 5. neologism

e.

turbulent; stormy

_____ 6. orthodox

f.

stealing of another's property

_____ 7. plight

g.

to soothe; to appease

_____ 8. repertoire

h.

not able to be defended

_____ 9. rupture

i.

concerned; worried

_____ 10. solicitous

j.

new use of a word

_____ 11. stolid

k.

extremely overbearing

_____ 12. tempestuous

l.

conventional

_____ 13. untenable

m. music that is prepared to perform

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Lesson 17

Sentence Completion

abstemious admonish

amity

bastion

callous clemency debunk diffused

dupe exercise finesse

humility

1. Because of the child's angelic face, people generally approach her with natural _____, eager to be friendly with her.

2. Fortunately, the young boy was put only on probation; the judge treated his case with _____ and decided not to commit him to prison.

3. In order to lose weight, the woman was _____ in her consumption of fatty foods.

4. I am going to try to _____ all negative thoughts from my mind; I know removing them will be hard, but it is worth the effort to try.

5. She handled the hysterical woman with a great deal of _____; she was able to calm the woman without upsetting her any further.

6. The United States is a _____ of freedom, a fortress of free speech and thought.

7. The television news reporter was determined to reveal the hypocrisy of the man and to _____ his “get rich quick” scheme.

8. Although the pearls were _____ across a wide area, they were easy to find as they sparkled in the sun.

9. In some parts of the world, medicine men _____ sick people, tricking them into believing that a harmless substance is actually medicine.

10. _____ is a virtue that many people lack; instead, they are proud and arrogant.

11. The mother began to _____ the child softly, but then her scolding became louder and louder.

12. The man has become _____ after so many years of hardship and pain; now he hardly has any feelings left at all.

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Lesson 17

imperious larceny mirth mollify neologisms

orthodox plight

repertoire
rupture solicitous

stolid temp

estuous
untenable

13. Jeremy frequently finds himself in difficult situations; his latest _____ is a love triangle.
14. The reason the man stopped stealing other people's property is that he had been convicted of _____ three times, and he was afraid of being caught again.
15. An apology was the only thing that would _____ and soothe her hurt feelings.
16. The group was made up of _____ Christians who were extremely conventional in their beliefs.
17. The king called in his jester, proclaiming, "What is needed in this court is _____. I want merriment and laughter."
18. When the earthquake occurred, it caused a _____ in the earth several feet wide; the hole eventually had to be filled for safety reasons.
19. Our uncle was very _____ about our education; as a result of his concern, he provided us with special tutors to insure our success.

20. The _____ of the musician was extremely broad and diversified; he knew hundreds of pieces.

21. He was a quiet, _____ man, not easily aroused or excited.

22. My term paper was severely criticized for the many words I coined,
_____ which I thought were quite extraordinary.

23. The _____ tempers of the men caused them both to storm out of the room in anger at the slightest word.

24. Taking a bribe is an _____ act for a politician; there is simply no defense for that kind of behavior.

25. The people overthrew the dictator because of his _____, overbearing rule.

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Lesson 18

Definitions

1. accord

uh KORD

agreement, state of harmony

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> disharmony; disagreement

We are in accord concerning the method of handling this problem.

Derivatives >>

accordable, accorder, accordance, accordant

2. annulment

uh NUL munt

a voiding, invalidation

Synonyms >>

abrogation, invalidation, negation, nullification, extirpation **Antonym >>**

consummation The two parties sought an annulment to the contract that bound them together.

Derivatives >>

annul, annulled, annulling, annulable

3. arduous

AR jew us

very difficult to accomplish or to achieve, very demanding (task)

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> easy; not difficult

Training to be a gymnast is an arduous activity.

Derivatives >>

arduously, arduousness

4. astute

uh STOOT

shrewd, perspicacious, perceptive

Synonyms >>

sagacious

Antonym >> undiscerning

One must be astute to do a geometry proof.

Derivatives >>

astutely, astuteness

5. carping

KAR ping

finding fault

Synonyms >>

captious, censorious, critical

Antonym >> praising

My mother is always carping at me.

Derivatives >>

carp, carper, carpingly, carped

6. covert

KUV urt, KO vurt

secret, concealed

Synonyms >>

clandestine, furtive, stealthy, surreptitious, underhanded

Antonym >> open, conspicuous

The spy was engaged in many covert activities; it was his job to keep them secret.

Derivatives >>

covertly, covertness

7. desecrate

DES uh krate

to violate the sanctity of something, to profane, to adulterate

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to consecrate; to laud; to praise

The hoodlums desecrated the cemetery by painting on the tombstones.

Derivatives >>

desecrater, desecration

8. dilatory

DIL uh tor ee

delaying, slow

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> proceeding

The Senator is employing the filibuster as a dilatory tactic.

Derivatives >>

dilatoriness, dilatorily

9. esteem

eh STEEM

estimate of value; approval and respect often blended with fondness

Synonyms >>

regard, valuation, reputation

Antonym >> disrespect

The people held their leader in the highest esteem.

Derivatives >>

esteemed, esteeming, esteems, esteemable

10. expatriate

eks PAY tree ate

an exile

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> citizen

I am now living in the United States, but I am an expatriate of Russia.

Derivatives >>

expatriation, expatriated, expatriating

11. fortuitous

fore TOO eh tus

something that happens by accident or chance (usually good)

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> predetermined

Being picked first in the lottery is a fortuitous experience.

Derivatives >>

fortuitously, fortuitousness, fortuity

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GILE les

without deceit

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> deceitful

The voting public looks for a leader who is guileless; they want one who is full of integrity.

Derivatives >>

guileful, guilefulness, guileness, guilelessly, guilelessness, guilery

13. hackneyed

HAK need

trite, banal, lacking freshness

Synonyms >>

threadbare

Antonym >> inventive; fresh

The teacher instructed her students to avoid hackneyed phrases and instead to use something fresh and new.

Derivatives >>

14. illustrious

eh LUS tree us

notably outstanding, famous

Synonyms >>

celebrated, distinguished, eminent, noted, renowned

Antonym >> infamous

I was impressed by the illustrious personage at the ball.

Derivatives >>

illustriously, illustriousness

15. insatiable

in SAY shuh bul

incapable of being satisfied

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> capable of being satisfied

She became quite fat because of her insatiable desire for chocolate.

Derivatives >>

insatiability, insatiableness, insatiably, insatiate, insatiated, insatiately, insatiateness, insatiety **16. loquacious**

low KWAY shus

very talkative

Synonyms >>

garrulous, voluble

Antonym >> taciturn

The twins are quite different: one is taciturn and the other is loquacious.

Derivatives >>

loquaciousness, loquaciously, loquacity

17. neurotic

noo ROT ik

an emotionally unstable person; emotionally unstable

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> mentally healthy; sound mind

My mother is so neurotic that she is difficult to be around.

Derivatives >>

neurotically, neuroticism, neurotogenic

18. parch

PARCH

to become dry from heat, to shrivel from heat

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to refresh

The fruit was parched from staying in the sun so long.

Derivatives >>

parched, parchedly, parchedness, parches, parching

19. porous

PORE us

something that permits the passage of substances through pores

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> impermeable

The porous material did not keep the rain off of us.

Derivatives >>

porosity, porose, porosis, porotic

20. rancid

RAN sid

having a foul or offensive smell or taste

Synonyms >>

fetid, fusty, malodorous, musty, noisome, putrid, rank

Antonym >> pleasant

A rancid odor came from the garbage pail.

Derivatives >>

rancidly, rancidness, rancidification, rancidify, rancidity

21. reconcile

REK un sile

to reestablish friendship, to resolve a dispute

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to alienate

The family will never be the same until Mom and Grandma reconcile their differences.

Derivatives >>

reconcilability, reconcilable, reconcilableness, reconcilably, reconcileness,
reconcilement, reconcile **22. saccharine**

SAK uh rin

overly sweet attitude

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> vitriolic

Her saccharine attitude disgusted me, but it seemed to win her many friends.

Derivatives >>

saccharinity

23. sonorous

suh NOR us, SAN uh resonant, producing a full and rich sound

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

Orson Wells was known for his sonorous voice.

Derivatives >>

sonorant, sonorousness, sonoriferously, sonority, sonorization, sonorously, sonorousness

24. tentative

TEN tuh tiv

not fully worked out, provisional, uncertain

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> permanent

We have a tentative arms-control agreement, but we hope to have a signed agreement by the end of the year.

Derivatives >>

tentatively, tentativeness

25. utility

yoo TIL eh tee

usefulness

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> uselessness

A hammer has much utility to a carpenter.

Derivatives >>

utilize, utilizer, utilization

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Lesson 18

Matching Test

Directions: Choose the definition that best matches the meaning of the vocabulary word.
Place the answer of your choice in the space provided.

Exercise A

_____ 1.

accord

a.

delaying

_____ 2.

annulment

b.

shrewd; perceptive

_____ 3.

arduous

c.

to violate the sanctity of

_____ 4.

astute

d.

secret; concealed

_____ 5.

carping

e.

estimate of value; regard

_____ 6.

covert

f.

finding fault

_____ 7.

desecrate

g.

happening by accident

_____ 8.

dilatory

h.

difficult to accomplish

_____ 9.

esteem

i.

agreement; state of harmony

_____ 10.

expatriate

j.

an exile

_____ 11.

fortuitous

k.

without deceit

_____ 12.

guileless

l.

invalidation; act of making void

Exercise B

_____ 1. hackneyed

a.

ordinary; commonplace; trite; banal

_____ 2. illustrious

b.

very talkative

_____ 3. insatiable

c.

not fully worked out

_____ 4. loquacious

d.

to reestablish friendship

_____ 5. neurotic

e.

permeable by water

_____ 6. parch

f.

incapable of being satisfied

_____ 7. porous

g.

excessively sweet

_____ 8. rancid

h.

having a foul smell or taste

_____ 9. reconcile

i.

notably outstanding; famous

_____ 10. saccharine

j.

resonant; producing full sound

_____ 11. sonorous

k.

usefulness

_____ 12. tentative

l.

emotionally unstable

_____ 13. utility

m. to become dry or shriveled from heat

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Lesson 18

Sentence Completion

accord annulment
arduous
astute

carping covert desecrate
dilatory

esteem expatriate

fortuitous guileless

1. Because the man was convinced that his wife was sufficiently sorry for writing the hot check, he stopped _____ on the issue; however, he soon found fault with her in other ways.

2. We seem to be in _____ concerning the handling of this problem; it is nice that we can finally agree on something.

3. It was a _____ occasion for us to meet the man; we certainly did not expect to have such luck as that.

4. The _____ man approached the people with absolute honesty;

there was no indication of deceit about him.

5. Young children are taught to honor holy things; for instance, they cannot _____ the Holy Bible by drawing pictures on the pages of scripture.

6. The couple decided to seek an _____ of their wedding vows; they wanted to make the marriage invalid immediately.

7. The shrewd detective was most _____ as he cleverly stalked the suspect.

8. Most _____ activities involving the C.I.A. are kept secret from the American people.

9. James Baldwin spent much of his life as an _____, preferring to live in France rather than in his native America.

10. The man is held in highest _____ by all who know him; his friends have the utmost respect for him.

11. Her tears were a _____ tactic; she was merely trying to delay her punishment.

12. It was an _____ task which was assigned to me, but I finished it rather quickly even though it was difficult.

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hackneyed illustrious
insatiable
loquacious
neurotic

parch porous rancid
reconcile
saccharine

sonorous tentative
utility

13.
The man's _____ career was quickly ruined by the news of his behavior; as famous as he was, he still faced humiliation.

14. The twins are very different from each other; while one is quiet and reserved, the other is extremely _____, the most talkative child I know.

15. The language of that novel was _____; I found nothing fresh and creative whatsoever in its content.

16. Jan's _____ appetite for shrimp remained unsatisfied even after she had eaten twenty of them.

17. The couple was encouraged to _____ their differences and try to resolve their dispute.

18.
The full, rich sounds of the singer's _____ voice echoed throughout the hall.

19. The hammer is considered an instrument of _____ to the carpenter; in his job, it is a useful tool.

20. After the first experiment, the man made a _____ judgment on the results; however, before he could be certain, he would complete the experiment three more times.

21. The _____ meat gave off a foul smell that warned of its spoilage.

22. My parents are complete opposites; one is mentally stable while the other is _____ and extremely emotional.

23. Some people are so insincere that their _____ smiles are almost sickening with artificial sweetness.

24. The sun will _____ the fruit if you leave it out too long; then it will be dried out, and we will not be able to eat it.

25. Because the vessel was too _____ to hold liquid, the water seeped into the soil beneath the container.

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Lesson 19

Definitions

1. adjunct

AD junkt

something joined or added to a thing but not necessarily a part of it

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

An adjunct professor is one who is associated with a college faculty only in a temporary or auxiliary manner.

Derivatives >>

adjunctive, adjunctively

2. anomalous

uh NAHM uh lus

out of place, abnormal

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> fitting a pattern

Seeing a Toyota in the background of that World War II movie was anomalous.

Derivatives >>

anomalously, anomalousness, anomaly, anomalies

3. belligerent

buh LIJ er unt

waging war; inclined to or exhibiting assertiveness

Synonyms >>

bellicose, pugnacious, combative, contentious, quarrelsome **Antonym >>** peaceful A belligerent nation always seems to be at war.

Derivatives >>

belligerence, belligerency, belligerently

4. censure

SEN shur

to blame or to condemn

Synonyms >>

denounce, reprehend, reprobate (verb)

Antonym >> to praise

The congressman was censured for taking a bribe.

Derivatives >>

censured, censuring, censorer, censures

5. compliance

kum PLY uns

a yielding; acquiescence

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> rebellion

We intend to be in full compliance with the court order.

Derivatives >>

compliant, compliantly, compliancy, compliable, compliablensness, compliably **6. defile**

deh FILE

to make dirty, to desecrate, to pollute

Synonyms >>

contaminate, taint

Antonym >> to enhance

The gang defiled the school with obscene graffiti.

Derivatives >>

defilement, defiler, defiling, defilingly

7. diligent

DIL eh junt

characterized by steady, attentive and energetic effort in a pursuit or study **Synonyms**

>>

industrious, assiduous, sedulous

Antonym >>

The students in the special course were studious and diligent.

Derivatives >>

diligence, diligency, diligently, diligentness

8. expedient

ik SPEE dee unt

appropriate for a purpose but not necessarily moral, right, or just.

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> disadvantageous

In trying to increase political support, the candidate found it expedient to change his stand on taxation.

Derivatives >>

expediate, expedience, expediency, expediential, expedientist, expediently **9. flout**
FLOUT

to treat with contempt

Synonyms >>

scoff, jeer, gibe, sneer, mock, insult

Antonym >>

When the boy answered the question he flouted a response that was both rude and insulting.

Derivatives >>

flouted, flouting, flouts, flouter, floutingly

10. galling

GAUL ing

very irritating

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> soothing

It was a galling experience to have my boyfriend ask another girl to the prom.

Derivatives >>

gallingly, gallingness, gall, galls, galled

11. heralded

HER ul did

announced or publicized

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> unannounced

The approaching event was heralded by the newspapers.

Derivatives >>

heraldic, heraldically, heraldist, heraldry

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www.layingthefoundation.org **12. incantation**

in kan TAY shun

a spell, written or recited formula of words designed for a particular effect **Synonyms**

>>

Antonym >>

The purpose of the witch doctor's incantations was to scare evil spirits.

Derivatives >>

incant, incantational, incantatory

13. indigenous

in DIJ eh nus

native to a certain area

Synonyms >>

aboriginal, endemic, native

Antonym >> alien

Many types of cacti are indigenous to the southwest deserts of the United States.

Derivatives >>

indigenously, indigenize, indigenization

14. luscious

LUSH us

very pleasant to the taste

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> unpleasant to the taste

The meal was absolutely luscious.

Derivatives >>

lusciously, lusciousness

15. nomadic

no MAD ik

characterized by moving about from place to place as nomads

Synonyms >>

transient

Antonym >> not mobile; stationary

The nomadic people traveled across the continent.

Derivatives >>

nomad, nomadism, nomadically, nomadize

16. parry

PAIR ee

to deflect or to ward off a blow

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

The champion boxer won the match because he was able to parry his opponent's blows so successfully.

Derivatives >>

parried, parrying

17. precipitate

preh SIP eh tate

to cause to speedily occur, to throw headlong

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to delay

Coming home late at my house will always precipitate a fight.

Derivatives >>

precipitation, precipitancy, precipitately, precipitator, precipitous

18. pungent

PUN junt

sharp or irritating to the taste or smell, acrid

Synonyms >>

piquant, poignant, racy

Antonym >> sweet; pleasant

There was a pungent odor in the stockyard.

Derivatives >>

pungence, pungency, pungently

19. ratify

RAT eh fie

to give formal approval

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to reject

In the United States, a treaty must be ratified by two-thirds of the Senate in order to take effect.

Derivatives >>

ratification, ratificationist, ratifier

20. sagacious

suh GAY shus

wise, shrewd, very discerning

Synonyms >>

astute, perspicacious

Antonym >> ignorant; uninformed; undiscerning

The sagacious freshman knew not to buy an elevator pass from the senior attempting a clever ruse.

Derivatives >>

sagaciate, sagaciously, sagaciousness, sagacity

21. slovenly

SLUV un lee

messy, untidy, careless

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> fastidious

A person with slovenly work habits will likely lose his job.

Derivatives >>

slovenry, slovenness, slovenliness

22. spiteful

SPITE ful

full of spite or malice; malicious; malevolent

Synonyms >>

vengeful, cruel, rancorous

Antonym >> benevolent; kind

She is a spiteful child, always seeking revenge for any injury.

Derivatives >>

spitefully, spitefulness

23. tangential

tan JEN shul

slightly connected, divergent

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> pertinent

Since we are short of time, tangential remarks are not appreciated.

Derivatives >>

tangent, tangentially, tangently

24. taper

TAY pur

to decrease in thickness or width

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to make wider

The intensity of the pain will taper off as time goes on. Some shirts are tapered at the bottom.

Derivatives >>

tapered, tapering

25. vagrant

VAY grunt

a wanderer who does not have a home

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

There are many vagrants who sleep under freeways in urban areas.

Derivatives >>

vagrance, vagrancy, vagrantly

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Lesson 19

Matching Test

Directions: Choose the definition that best matches the meaning of the vocabulary word.
Place the answer of your choice in the space provided.

Exercise A

_____ 1.

adjunct

a. industrious; assiduous

_____ 2.

anomalous

b. a yielding; acquiescence

_____ 3.

belligerent

- c. announced or publicized
_____ 4.
censure
- d. joined but not a part of
_____ 5.
compliance
- e. to make dirty; to desecrate
_____ 6.
defile
- f. to treat with contempt; to scoff
_____ 7.
diligent
- g. to blame or to condemn
_____ 8.
expedient
- h. out of place; abnormal
_____ 9.
flout
- i. a spell
_____ 10. galling
- j. advantageous; desirable
_____ 11. heralded
- k. very irritating
_____ 12. incantation
- l. waging war; exhibiting assertiveness

Exercise B

- _____ 1.
indigenous
- a. irritating taste or smell
_____ 2.
luscious
- b. moving from place to place
_____ 3.
nomadic
- c. wise; shrewd; very discerning
_____ 4.
parry
- d. to cause to occur speedily
_____ 5.
precipitate
- e. native to a certain area
_____ 6.

pungent

f. messy; untidy; careless

_____ 7.

ratify

g. full of malice

_____ 8.

sagacious

h. to deflect or ward off a blow

_____ 9.

slovenly

i. slightly connected; divergent

_____ 10.

spiteful

j. to decrease in thickness or width

_____ 11.

tangential

k. very pleasant to the taste

_____ 12.

taper

l. to give formal approval

_____ 13.

vagrant

m. wanderer who does not have a home

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Lesson 19

Sentence Completion

adjunct anomalous
belligerent
censure

compliance defile
diligent
expedient

flout galling heralded
incantation

1. The child's behavior was absolutely _____; I can't recall having been so irritated before.

2. Without the recital of the _____, the black magic was useless.

3. The committees sought to _____ the book because of some pornographic language that it contained.

4. The group of delinquents began to _____ the building by writing obscene language on the walls.

5. The dark sky _____ the coming of the storm.

6. The man took the bully's _____ remarks as an open invitation to fight and immediately took the first punch.

7. After years of _____ study, Frank saw his earnest effort pay off when he graduated from high school.

8. The convict began to _____ the judge's authority, showing nothing but contempt for the court.

9. This company is in full _____ with all federal hiring laws; its officers are willing to support the regulations established by the government.

10.

Because his friends were having only a small cookout, Jim's formal tuxedo was _____; everyone else's shorts and swimsuits made his attire out of place.

11. The professor was a member of the university's _____ faculty; though she was teaching classes, she was not an official member of the staff.

12. You might find it _____ to devote two hours each night to study if you intend to raise your scores very much.

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Lesson 19

indigenous luscious nomadic parry

precipitate

pungent ratify sagacious

slovenly

spiteful

tangential taper

vagrant

13. In order to solve this problem, he first tried a _____ solution, one that appeared to be only slightly related to the problem.

14. The president was willing to _____ a treaty with the country, but the formal approval would take place only after many conditions were met.

15. While some young people often appear to be fools, older men use their wisdom and gain a reputation for being _____.

16. The _____ man was dressed in rags and covered with dirt and filth.

17. His harsh words were likely to _____ a fight between the two boys; they were both ready to throw themselves into battle.

18. The dinner party was served the most _____ dessert; nothing could have been more pleasing to the taste.

19. Jim was told to cut the wood so that it would _____, decreasing from a width of four inches to a width of two inches.

20. Some say the live oak is _____ only to Texas, but it is actually native to the entire Southwest.

21. The man was able to _____ the blow that might have knocked him unconscious; fortunately he was able to avoid the strike.

22. This city now has one more _____; the number of these homeless people is growing by leaps and bounds.

23. The small tribe of _____ natives was moving again; they rarely stayed more than a month in one place as they moved about the country.

24. The girl was hurt by his _____ remarks; his intent to harm her often caused him to be malicious.

25. The _____ aroma of the food is spicy and sharp.



Lesson 20

Definitions

1. affluent

uh FLU unt

abounding in wealth; prosperous; flowing freely

Synonyms >>

rich, teeming

Antonym >> impoverished

Because the man was so affluent, he was able to donate large sums of money to the organization.

Derivatives >>

affluence, affluently

2. antiquity

an TIK wuh tee

the quality of being ancient; ancient times

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

Many scholars spend years studying the records left from antiquity.

Derivatives >>

antiquities, antiquarian

3. blandishment

BLAN dish munt

flattery

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

Due to the salesman's blandishments, the customer bought the jacket.

Derivatives >>

blandish, blandisher, blandished

4. chasten

CHAY sun

to discipline, to use punishment to correct behavior

Synonyms >>

admonish, castigate, chastise, chide, rebuke, reproach

Antonym >> to reward

I was chastened by my mother for not cleaning up my room.

Derivatives >>

chastened, chastening, chastener

5. civility

suh VIL uh tee

polite and courteous behavior

Synonyms >>

mannerly behavior

Antonym >> rudeness, boorishness, impoliteness

Diplomats are expected to display a great deal of civility in their interactions with one another.

Derivatives >>

civil, civilities, civilize, civilizatory, civilizedness

6. congenial

kun JEEN yul

characterized by friendly sociability

Synonyms >>

compatible, consonant, genial, pleasant, attractive

Antonym >>

The family decided to settle in the congenial little town.

Derivatives >>

congeniality, congenially, congenialness

7. deft

DEFT

skillful, adroit

Synonyms >>

clever, cunning, dexterous, ingenious

Antonym >> clumsy

He was very deft in handling the questions from the reporter.

Derivatives >>

deftness, deftly

8. dispatch

deh SPATCH

to send away with promptness or speed; speed, quickness

Synonyms >>

haste, expediency

Antonym >> to delay; slowness, inefficiency
The officer dispatched his troops to the scene of conflict.

Derivatives >>
dispatched, dispatching, dispatches

9. embroil

em BROIL
to entangle, to throw into confusion or strife

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to unhamper; to free
The senators are embroiled in an argument over raising taxes.

Derivatives >>
embroiled, embroiling, embroiler, embroilment, embroils

10. expurgate

EK spur gate
to remove obscene or objectionable material usually before publication

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to include
The censors felt that certain words needed to be expurgated from the book.

Derivatives >>
expurgation, expurgator, expurgatorial, expurgatory

11. garner

GAR nur
to gather together, to store up

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to disperse
I will need to garner all of my allies in order to win this vote.

Derivatives >>
garnering, garnered
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huh RET eh kul
contrary to church doctrine or accepted beliefs or standards

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> sacred
His heretical statements were offensive to many believers.

Derivatives >>
heretic, heretically, hereticalness, hereticate, heretication, hereticator **13. iconoclast**
eye KON uh klast
one who attacks established beliefs or institutions

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> disciple

The church is constantly under attack by iconoclasts.

Derivatives >>

iconoclasm, iconoclastic, iconoclastically

14. irreproachable ear eh PRO chuh bul

faultless, not discreditable

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> wrong; faulty

The woman's morals are so high that she is irreproachable.

Derivatives >>

irreproachability, irreproachableness, irreproachably

15. mercurial

mur KYOOR ee ul

changing unpredictably, fickle

Synonyms >>

capricious, inconstant, unstable

Antonym >> stolid

Due to his mercurial temperament, employees always approached him carefully, unsure of what his mood would be.

Derivatives >>

mercuriality, mercurially

16. nuance

NOO awns

a subtle distinction or difference

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

The nuance of flavor cannot be described adequately.

Derivatives >>

nuances, nuanced, nuancing

17. partisan

PAR ti zen

one who exhibits extreme or possibly blind allegiance to a group or cause

Synonyms >>

adherent, disciple, follower

Antonym >> antagonist

The cause was supported by a small group of partisans.

Derivatives >>

partisanism, partisanry, partisanship

18. pious

PIE us

marked by showing zealous devotion to the rites of religion

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

He engages in many pious practices such as attending mass.

Derivatives >>

piety, piously

19. raucous

RAH kus

loud and boisterous, harsh, disorderly

Synonyms >>

stentorian, strident

Antonym >> quiet; mild

The raucous crowd at the fight threw chairs into the ring to show disagreement with the decision.

Derivatives >>

raucously, raucousness, raucid, raucity

20. repugnant

reh PUG nunt

disgusting, offensive

Synonyms >>

abhorrent, invidious, obnoxious, repellent

Antonym >> appealing

It is repugnant to spit on the sidewalk.

Derivatives >>

repugnancy, repugnantly, repugnatorial, repugnance

21. satiric

suh TER ik

characterized by satire (a branch of literature ridiculing vice or folly)

Synonyms >>

sarcastic, sardonic, ironic

Antonym >>

The political cartoonist was known for his satiric drawings.

Derivatives >>

satire, satirical, satirically, satirism, satirist, satirize, satirizer

22. sporadic

spo RAD ik

occasionally occurring

Synonyms >>

infrequent, rare, scarce, uncommon

Antonym >> constant

While there are sporadic showers, the summers in the western part of Texas are usually hot and dry.

Derivatives >>

sporadically, sporadicity

23. succulent

SUK yuh lunt

very juicy

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> dry

An orange is an example of a succulent fruit.

Derivatives >>

succulency, succulence

24. terrestrial

teh RES tree ul

of the earth or pertaining to the earth

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> heavenly

Humans are terrestrial beings.

Derivatives >>

terrestrially, terrain

25. ungainly

un GANE lee

awkward

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> agile

Boys who grow very fast are sometimes ungainly.

Derivatives >>

ungainliness

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Lesson 20

Matching Test

Directions: Choose the definition that best matches the meaning of the vocabulary word. Place the answer of your choice in the space provided.

Exercise A

- _____ 1.
affluent
a. to gather up; to store up
- _____ 2.
antiquity
b. to remove obscene material
- _____ 3.
blandishment
c. to discipline
- _____ 4.
chasten
d. to send away with speed
- _____ 5.
civility
e. flattery
- _____ 6.
congenial
f. contrary to church doctrine
- _____ 7.
deft
g. to entangle; to throw into confusion
- _____ 8.
dispatch
h. abounding in wealth
- _____ 9.
embroil
i. polite and courteous behavior
- _____ 10. expurgate
j. quality of being ancient

- _____ 11. garner
k. skillful; adroit
_____ 12. heretical
l. friendly; sociable

Exercise B

- _____ 1. iconoclast
a. loud and boisterous
_____ 2. irreproachable
b. one who shows blind allegiance
_____ 3. mercurial
c. of or pertaining to earth
_____ 4. nuance
d. without fault
_____ 5. partisan
e. sarcastic
_____ 6. pious
f. very juicy
_____ 7. raucous
g. zealous toward religion
_____ 8. repugnant
h. subtle distinction
_____ 9. satiric
i. disgusting; offensive
_____ 10. sporadic
j. changing unpredictably; fickle
_____ 11. succulent
k. awkward
_____ 12. terrestrial
l. occurring irregularly
_____ 13. ungainly
m. one who attacks established beliefs

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Lesson 20

Sentence Completion

affluent antiquity blandishments
chasten

civility congenial
deft dispatched

embroiled expurgate garner
heretical

1. The man is both sociable and _____; his friendship is sought by all.
2. The king promptly _____ his trusty messenger on a secret errand.
3. The city's _____ was not fully realized until the archeologists ran some sophisticated tests in order to reveal just how old the remains actually were.
4. It was a pleasure to meet with someone who was polite and courteous; such _____ in people is pleasing, and it creates a favorable impression.
5. Even though the two people met with _____ to flatter each other, they were still mortal enemies.
6. Because I will need to _____ all of my money in order to buy that house, I should start saving now.

7. Editors often try to _____ objectionable material in stories before they go to the publisher.

8. Since the child was so good, the mother rarely needed to _____ him for bad behavior; consequently, he was seldom scolded.

9. The priest's statements were considered _____ by many members of the church; what he was saying was totally against established doctrine.

10. With his _____ hands, the craftsman began to fashion a gorgeous piece of jewelry; he was truly skilled in his craft.

11. The senators were _____ in an argument; because both men refused to change their opinions, they were involved for several hours.

12. These houses belong to the more _____ people of the city, people who abound in wealth.

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Lesson 20

iconoclast irreproachable mercurial nuance partisans

pious raucous

repugnant

satiric
sporadic

succulent terrestrial
ungainly

13. The _____ of flavor cannot be described adequately; the distinction is so subtle that it eludes description.

14. The woman's _____ moods annoyed her husband, who, unlike her, was so stable that he seemed almost static at times.

15. The revolution was instigated by a small group of _____ who exhibited extreme and blind allegiance to the cause.

16. My little brother is loud and boisterous at home, but his _____ behavior is not tolerated at school.

17. His _____ behavior is so disgusting that I cannot stand to be around him.

18. The young social worker was an _____ who attacked the institutions of government and finance with equal fervor.

19. Of all the juicy fruits that we have, watermelon is one of the most _____.

20. Unable to fly, the kiwi is a _____ bird, which is confined to earth.

21. My interest in school is _____; it occurs just before each grading period ends.

22. The _____ young horse wobbled about as he tried to stand; even when he finally made it, he was so awkward that he was laughable.

23. The actor's sarcastic monologue ridiculed all of the political candidates; however, none of them seemed to take offense at the _____ comments.

24. The standards of that woman are so high that she is _____ and is practically flawless.

25. Some people are annoyed by his _____ attitude, but he is simply devoted to his religion and does not really intend to offend anyone with his zeal.

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Lesson 21

Definitions

1. aggregate

AG ruh git

sum total, whole amount

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> partial amount

Although difficult to mine, the aggregate of mineral resources in Alaska are immense.

Derivatives >>

aggregative, aggregately, aggregation, aggregated, aggregating

2. archipelago

are kuh PEL uh go

a group of islands

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

The sailors were excited when they reached the archipelago.

Derivatives >>

archipelagic

3. boon

BOON

favorable; a blessing, a benefit

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> curse

Hiring that young man was a boon for our company.

Derivatives >>

boons, boonless

4. buffoon

buh FOON

a clown, a silly or stupid person

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

Only a buffoon would stand on the table during the Christmas dinner.

Derivatives >>

buffoonery, buffoonish

5. chicanery

sheh KAY nuh ree

unethical methods, trickery

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> honesty; truthfulness

The lawyer used chicanery to get the witness off guard in his testimony.

Derivatives >>

chicaner, chicane, chicaned, chicaning, chicaneries

6. contaminant

kun TAM uh nunt

something that causes impurity; something that defiles or pollutes

Synonyms >>

pollutant

Antonym >> disinfectant

The polluted water contained many dangerous contaminants.

Derivatives >>

contaminate, contaminated, contaminating, contaminator, contamination

7. corrugated

KOR uh gay ted

bent into folds

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> smooth

A corrugated box absorbs shock and helps to protect its contents.

Derivatives >>

corrugate, corrugating

8. deleterious

del eh TEER ee us

harmful; dangerous; injurious

Synonyms >>

baneful, detrimental, noxious, pernicious

Antonym >> harmless, benign

Some chemicals have deleterious effects on those who must handle them.

Derivatives >>

deleterious, deleteriously, deleteriousness

9. disputatious

dis pyoo TAY shus

inclined to fight, to argue, or to debate

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> conciliatory

People avoided serious discussions with him because of his disputatious manner.

Derivatives >>

dispute, disputability, disputation, disputatiously, disputatiousness, disputative, disputatively, disputativeness

10. emend

eh MEND

to correct (usually by a critic)

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

The newspaper had to emend the incorrect statement printed in the paper.

Derivatives >>

emendable, emendate, emendation, emendator, emendatory, emends, emending, emended

11. fetter

FET ur

to restrict by shackling or chaining

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to liberate

The convict was fettered to prevent his escape.

Derivatives >>

fettered, fettering

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GID ee

dizzy

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> levelheaded

I became giddy after drinking the champagne at the reception.

Derivatives >>

giddify, giddily, giddiness

13. heterogeneity het uh ro je NEE eh tee state of being dissimilar, composition from unlike elements **Synonyms >>**

disparateness, dissimilarity

Antonym >> homogeneity

Coming from many countries and cultures, students in my class are an example of heterogeneity.

Derivatives >>

heterogeneous, heterogenesis, heterogeneously, heterogeneousness

14. indomitable

in DOM eh tuh bul

incapable of being conquered

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> weak

He was from a tribe that was thought to be indomitable but finally was forced to live on the reservation.

Derivatives >>

indomitability, indomitableness, indomitably

15. irresolute

eh REZ uh loot

indecisive, unsure of how to proceed

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> sure; decisive; certain

The confused child stood irresolute, waiting for some instruction.

Derivatives >>

irresolutely, irresoluteness, irresolution

16. metaphorically met uh FOR ik lee

compared nonliterally

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> literally

Metaphorically speaking, he is drowning in oil.

Derivatives >>

metaphor, metaphorical, metaphoricalness, metaphorist, metaphorize

17. panacea

pan uh SEE uh

cure-all, remedy for all ills

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

Love, not money, is the panacea for your problems.

Derivatives >>

panacean, panace

18. peruse

puh ROOZ

to read or to examine

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to skim

My lawyer says he has not had time to peruse the contract.

Derivatives >>

perusal, perusable, perused, perusing

19. prodigy

PROD eh jee

one with exceptional talents or powers; an extraordinary accomplishment

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> ordinary occurrence

Mozart was considered a child prodigy since he had great musical talents at a very early age.

Derivatives >>

prodigies

20. rebuff

reh BUFF

to snub or to refuse bluntly

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to accept

The woman was not afraid to rebuff the man's inappropriate advances toward her.

Derivatives >>

rebuffed, rebuffing, rebuffs

21. resilient

reh ZIL yunt

ability to return to a former state

Synonyms >>

supple

Antonym >> static

There is a need for more resilient bumpers on cars that can withstand minor accidents.

Derivatives >>

resiliency, resiliently

22. scapegoat

SKAPE gote

one who takes the blame for others

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

Since no one wanted to point a finger at the real culprit, the innocent man was made a scapegoat for the crime.

Derivatives >>

23. spurious

SPYOOOR ee us

false or deceitful

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> honest

Cashing forged checks is a spurious activity.

Derivatives >>

spuriously, spuriousness

24. tractable

TRAK tuh bul

capable of being easily led, taught, or controlled; obedient

Synonyms >>

amenable, docile

Antonym >> willful; unruly

It is odd that the students in first period are so unruly, while those in second period are very tractable.

Derivatives >>

tractability, tractableness, tractably

25. vivacious

vi VAY shus

full of life, very animated

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> sluggish

Game shows are looking for vivacious contestants who are fun to watch and who will liven up the show.

Derivatives >>

vivaciously, vivaciousness, vivacity

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Exercise A

_____ 1.

aggregate

a. sum total; whole amount

_____ 2.

archipelago

b. unethical methods; trickery

_____ 3.

boon

c. to correct (usually by a critic)

- _____ 4.
buffoon
d. bent into folds
- _____ 5.
chicanery
e. dizzy
- _____ 6.
contaminant
f. a group of islands
- _____ 7.
corrugated
g. harmful; injurious
- _____ 8.
deleterious
h. clown; a silly or stupid person
- _____ 9.
disputatious
i. something favorable; a blessing
- _____ 10. fetter
j. to restrict by shackling
- _____ 11. giddy
k. argumentative; contentious
- _____ 12. emend
l. something that causes impurity

Exercise B

- _____ 1. heterogeneity
a. full of life; animated
- _____ 2. indomitable
b. person of exceptional talent
- _____ 3. irresolute
c. one who takes blame for others
- _____ 4. metaphorically
d. incapable of being conquered
- _____ 5. panacea
e. to snub or to refuse bluntly
- _____ 6. peruse
f. cure-all; remedy for all ills
- _____ 7. prodigy
g. compared nonliterally
- _____ 8. rebuff
h. capable of being easily led
- _____ 9. resilient

i. not similar; unlike elements

_____ 10. scapegoat

j. false or deceitful

_____ 11. spurious

k. to read or to examine

_____ 12. tractable

l. indecisive

_____ 13. vivacious

m. ability to return to a former state

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Sentence Completion

aggregate archipelago boon

buffoon

chicanery contaminates corrugated deleterious

disputatious emend

fetter

giddy

1. While the classroom is no place for _____ students, teachers may sometimes find themselves confronted with a student who enjoys arguing and creating conflict.

2. Some foods have a _____ effect on me; I am particularly allergic to tomatoes, and I become quite ill whenever I eat them.

3. The poisonous water had many _____ in it because the factories dumped their waste products into the river.

4. Hiring that extraordinary young man has been a _____ for our company; we are suddenly experiencing growth and prosperity.

5. I, too, became _____ after having been in such silly company for so long.

6. Some unethical lawyers try to use _____ to confuse witnesses in their testimonies so that they can be tricked into saying something incriminating.

7. It was necessary to _____ the play when we noticed the objectionable material; it was not difficult, however, to correct it.

8. The audience laughed at the antics of the _____; like most other clowns, he, too, elicited much laughter.

9. We thought that if we pooled our _____ resources, we might have enough material for the project.

10. The group of islands made a delightful picture; seeing the _____ against the setting sun was a memorable experience.

11. The old farmhouse had a rusty, _____ tin roof; the folds of metal undulated across the eaves of the house like rhythmic waves.

12. The jailer began to _____ the prisoner to the wall, placing chains around his wrist and shackling him to the structure.



Lesson 21

heterogeneity indomitable

irresolute metaphorically
panacea

peruse prodigy rebuffed
resilient
scapegoat

spurious tractable vivacious

13. Although I was bluntly _____ by the man, I took his refusal with good humor.

14. Because certain metal alloys are _____, they will return to their original shape after they have been bent.

15. The child _____ was an amazing individual; not only did he have exceptional talent, but he was also versatile in many fields.

16. Unfortunately, your _____ motives are obvious; I see your deceitful purposes clearly.

17. _____ and full of life, the dancer appeared on the stage in glorious attire.

18. Frequently in life one person will take the blame for another; he is the _____ who “takes the fall.”

19. The knight was considered to be _____, but he, too, was finally defeated.

20. Rarely speaking literally, he almost always said things that were to be interpreted _____.

21. It is odd that the students in first period are so unruly while those in second period are very _____.

22. I stood _____ until I received instructions; I was so confused that I did not know where to begin.

23. The student had not had time to _____ the text, and merely glancing over it was not enough to learn the material.

24. Our schools are known for their _____ since we have students from all parts of the world, not just those born in America.

25. The charlatan tried to persuade the gullible crowd that his medicinal potion was the _____ for all aches and pains.

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Definitions

1. approbation

ap row BAY shun

official approval, praise, commendation

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> disapprobation, disapproval

We initiated the attack with the approbation of the general.

Derivatives >>

approve, approved, approving, approbative, approbatory, approbateness **2. assent**

uh CENT

to agree or to concur; to give in, to yield; agreement

Synonyms >>

acquiesce, concede; compliance

Antonym >> dissent

Assenting to his demands, she did as she was told.

Derivatives >>

assenting, assented, assentingly, assentive, assentiveness, assentation, assentor **3. boorish**

BOOR ish

rude or insensitive; ill-mannered

Synonyms >>

churlish, clownish, loutish

Antonym >> sophisticated; well-mannered

How could you get me a date with such a boorish person?

Derivatives >>

boorishly, boorishness, boor

4. circumlocution sir kum low KEW shun talking around a subject **Synonyms >>**

Antonym >> brevity; conciseness; terseness

Politicians are known for circumlocution.

Derivatives >>

circumlocutory

5. copious

KO pee us

abundant

Synonyms >>

ample

Antonym >> sparse

I always take copious notes in my history class.

Derivatives >>

copiousness, copiously

6. delineation

deh len ee A shun

an outline, depiction, portrayal

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

The profits of the company were delineated to the board.

Derivatives >>

delineate, delineative, delineator

7. dissemble

deh SEM bul

to disguise, to pretend

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to reveal

Although he tried to dissemble his motive for seeing me, I knew the real reason.

Derivatives >>

dissembled, dissembling, dissembler, dissemblingly

8. emulate

EM yuh late

to try to equal or to be like (usually through imitation)

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

He has a lot of fine qualities that I try to emulate.

Derivatives >>

emulation, emulative, emulator, emulatively

9. fickle

FIK ul

likely to change, capricious

Synonyms >>

inconstant, mercurial, unstable

Antonym >> steadfast; constant

Because of her fickle behavior, he had little trust that she would continue to love him.

Derivatives >>

fickler, ficklest, fickleness

10. gravity

GRAV eh tee

seriousness, importance

Synonyms >>

earnestness, sedateness, sobriety, solemnity, staidness

Antonym >> unimportance

The gravity of the situation was heightened by the death of the president .

Derivatives >>

grave, graver, gravely

11. homely

HOME lee

plain or unattractive in appearance

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> pretty; attractive

The girl was rather homely, but she had a wit and an intellect that could not be matched.

Derivatives >>

homeliness, homlier, homliest

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www.layingthefoundation.org **12. indigence**

IN deh juns

poverty

Synonyms >>

destitution, penury, want

Antonym >> wealth

His ragged clothes are a sign of his indigence.

Derivatives >>

indigency, indigent

13. jingoist

JING go ist

an extreme patriot, usually calls for a belligerent foreign policy

Synonyms >>

chauvinist, nationalist

Antonym >> traitor

The jingoist was in the streets, loudly urging the public toward aggression against the foreign power.

Derivatives >>

jingoism, jingoish, jingoistic, jingoistically

14. migratory

MY gruh tor ee

moving from place to place, wandering, transient

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> stationary

The migratory whooping cranes always return to Padre Island.

Derivatives >>

migrate, migratorial, migrator, migration, migrationist

15. obfuscating

ob FUS kay ting

confusing, making unclear

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> clear

His speech was obfuscating because it made people concentrate on irrelevant issues.

Derivatives >>

obfuscated, obfuscate, obfuscal, obfuscation, obfuscator, obfuscatory, obfuscated **16.**

proclivity

pro KLIV eh tee

inclination, tendency

Synonyms >>

leaning, penchant, propensity

Antonym >> disinclination

Most immigrants, because they are anxious to succeed, have a proclivity for hard work.

Derivatives >>

proclive, proclivities

17. prostration

pros TRAY shun

a stretching out due to lacking vitality and being completely overcome

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> vitality

During late summer football practices, players sometimes suffer from heat prostration.

Derivatives >>

prostrate, prostrator, prostrating

18. recalcitrant

reh KAL seh trunt

very stubborn, refusing to obey, unruly

Synonyms >>

headstrong, intractable, refractory, willful

Antonym >> compliant

Recalcitrant students are usually tardy, do not complete class assignments, and disrupt class.

Derivatives >>

recalcitrance, recalcitrancy, recalcitrate, recalcitration

19. resolute

REZ uh loot

characterized by a decided purpose

Synonyms >>

staunch, steadfast, determined, resolved, faithful, firm

Antonym >>

The business was run by a resolute man who set his mind on a goal and followed through with it.

Derivatives >>

resoluter, resolutest, resolutely, resoluteness, resolution, resolutionary, resolutioner, resolute **20. sectarian**

sek TARE ee un

a member of a sect that is a faction with extreme beliefs

Synonyms >>

narrow-minded

Antonym >> broad-minded

His sectarian beliefs marked him as being extremely narrow-minded.

Derivatives >>

sectarianism, sectarianize

21. stalwart

STAL wurt

one who supports a cause with firm partisanship

Synonyms >>

resolute , strong

Antonym >>

That justice was known as a stalwart in defending 1st amendment rights.

Derivatives >>

stalwartly, stalwartness

22. tacit

TAS it

understood, silent, not spoken, implicit

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> spoken; verbalized

We have a tacit agreement that the goods are delivered only after payment is made.

Derivatives >>

tacitly, tacitness, taciturn

23. transcended

tran SEND ed

surpassed, exceeded

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

His actions in the crisis transcended the call of duty.

Derivatives >>

transcend, transcendence, transcendency, transcendent, transcendental, transcendentalistic

24. virtuous

VIR choo us

having excellent morals; righteous

Synonyms >>

ethical, noble

Antonym >> depraved

One would expect nuns to be very virtuous.

Derivatives >>

virtuously, virtuousness, virtue

25. whets

HWETS

stimulates, sharpens

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> stifles; dulls; suppresses
The smell of fresh bread always whets my appetite.

Derivatives >>

whet, whetted

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Lesson 22

Matching Test

Directions: Choose the definition that best matches the meaning of the vocabulary word.
Place the answer of your choice in the space provided.

Exercise A

_____ 1.
approbation

- a. poverty
_____ 2. assent
- b. approval; praise
_____ 3.
boorish
- c. talking around a subject
_____ 4. circumlocution
- d. likely to change; capricious
_____ 5. copious
- e. to disguise; to pretend
_____ 6. delineation
- f. to try to be like someone
_____ 7. dissemble
- g. plentiful; abundant
_____ 8. emulate
- h. to agree, concur or yield to
_____ 9. fickle
- i. acting rudely or insensitively
_____ 10. gravity
- j. an outline; depiction; portrayal
_____ 11. homely
- k. seriousness; importance
_____ 12. indigence
- l. plain or unattractive in appearance

Exercise B

- _____ 1. jingoist
- a. understood; silent; not spoken
_____ 2. migratory
- b. having outstanding strength
_____ 3. obfuscating
- c. exhaustion
_____ 4. proclivity
- d. confusing or unclear
_____ 5. prostration
- e. extreme patriot or nationalist
_____ 6. recalcitrant
- f. a narrow-minded member of a sect
_____ 7. resolute
- g. stimulates; sharpens
_____ 8. sectarian
- h. having excellent morals
_____ 9. stalwart

- i. surpassed; exceeded
_____ 10. tacit
- j. inclination; tendency
_____ 11. transcended
- k. moving from place to place
_____ 12. virtuous
- l. obstinately defiant; stubborn
_____ 13. whets
- m. characterized by a decided purpose

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Lesson 22

Sentence Completion

approbation boorish
circumlocution
copious

delineated dissemble emulate fickle

gravity homely indigence
jingoist

1. The _____ of the situation was apparent in the serious countenance of the woman; we could all tell how important the condition was.
2. Because of his _____ nature, people had little faith in his promises; he had made them too often and had always changed his mind.
3. Although he tried to _____ his motive for seeing me, I knew the real reason; he could not hide that from me.
4. Without my parents' _____ to go to the movies, I was forced to stay home; they would not give their approval on week nights.
5. If you take _____ notes during the lecture, you will be better prepared for the exam; the abundance of material will give you more to study.
6. His _____ was clear from his ragged clothes and bare feet; anyone who dressed like that must have been poor.
7. The _____ girl was hurt when someone told her how plain and unattractive she was.
8. The man was so _____ that I blushed as I witnessed his rudeness.
9. The man _____ his accomplishments, sketching a story of bravery and good deeds.
10. The man's _____ was rather obvious as he avoided the delicate subject of pay raises.
11. John looked at his father as a perfect role model and tried to _____ the man's behavior, copying him in every aspect.
12. The _____ labeled everyone who favored trade with the Soviets as a traitor; that was not an uncommon reaction for such an extreme patriot.



Lesson 22

assent migratory

obfuscating proclivity
prostration

recalcitrant resolute
sectarian
stalwart
tacit

transcended virtuous
whets

13. The father gave his _____ to his daughter's marriage after the young bridegroom asked for his official permission.

14. The track star seemed to be suffering complete _____, but the doctor said the runner's vitality would return after a period of rest.

15. _____ birds are predictable in their annual move across the country; at the first indication of cool weather, they begin their flight, looking for warmer climates.

16. The man gave his _____ approval as he sat silently in the corner of the room.

17. The _____, a recent convert to the religious cult, was narrow-minded and was difficult to talk to.

18. The man surrounded himself with _____ bodyguards whose strength was enough to frighten away any enemies.

19. Your bravery has _____ our expectations, exceeding our wildest dreams.

20. That food _____ my appetite, stimulating my desire to stuff myself.

21. The witness was _____ in his denial of guilt, firmly and decidedly denying any involvement in the crime.

22. His reply was particularly _____; it seemed as though he was deliberately trying to confuse us.

23. The child has a _____ for getting into trouble; he seems to gravitate naturally toward bad company and bad situations.

24. The _____ student had completely ignored the teacher's request for him to move his chair; he was as stubborn and unmanageable as anyone I had ever seen.

25. The man loved the _____ woman for her purity, honesty and integrity.

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Lesson 23

Definitions

1. ambulatory

AM bew luh tor ee

able to walk or move around

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> bedridden

I will be glad when I get out of this wheelchair and am ambulatory again.

Derivatives >>

ambulant, ambulate, ambulated, ambulating, ambulation

2. anarchy

AN ar kee

the absence of government; a state of lawlessness

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

During the revolution, the government was overthrown and the country was in a state of anarchy.

Derivatives >>

anarches, anarchist, anarchism, anarchic, anarch

3. breadth

BREDTH

the width of something, comprehensive quality

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> narrowness

The breadth of his knowledge about art is amazing.

Derivatives >>

breadths, breadthen, breadthened, breadthening

4. cant

KANT

secret jargon or slang

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

The rites of the Masons are characterized by their cant.

Derivatives >>

cants, canted, canting

5. circumscribed SIR kum skribd

restricted or limited

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> unbounded

The triangle circumscribed the circle.

Derivatives >>

circumscribe, circumscribing, circumscription, circumscriptive

6. congeal

kun JEEL

to solidify or to coagulate

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to become fluid

We waited three hours for the Jell-O to congeal.

Derivatives >>

congealing, congealed, congealment, congelative

7. demagogue

DEM uh gog

a person or leader who appeals to passions or prejudices

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

Hitler is an example of a demagogue who claimed power by appealing to people's emotions and prejudices.

Derivatives >>

demagogic, demagogical, demagogically, demagogism, demagoguism, demagoguery, demagogy

8. dissonance

DIS uh nuns

unrelated and harsh combination of sounds, discord

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> harmony

Dissonance is a part of some contemporary music.

Derivatives >>

dissonant, dissonancy

9. dubious

DOO be us

doubtful; not clear

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> distinct, doubtless, assured

Since he had not read the document, he was a little dubious about signing his name to it.

Derivatives >>

dubiously, dubiousness, dubitable, dubitancy, dubitate, dubitation, dubitative, dubiety **10.**

engrossed

en GROSD

completely occupied or absorbed

Synonyms >>

preoccupied

Antonym >>

The woman was so engrossed in her knitting that she did not notice her child walk out the door.

Derivatives >>

engross, engrossing, engrossedly, engrosser, engrossingly, engrossingness, engrossment

11. facilitate

fuh SIL eh tate

to make less difficult

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to complicate

Appliances are useful in facilitating housework.

Derivatives >>

facilitated, facilitating, facilitates, facilitation, facilitator, facilitatory Copyright © 2005

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www.layingthefoundation.org **12. fledgling**

FLEJ ling

an immature or inexperienced person, a young bird that is ready to fly

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> veteran

The rookie policeman is just a fledgling compared to the captain.

Derivatives >>

fledglings, fledgy, fledged

13. gilded

GIL did

covered with gold or a golden color; having a background of wealth

Synonyms >>

prosperous, luxurious, ornate, meretricious, tawdry

Antonym >>

The gilded and perfumed nobles were inwardly deceptive and rotten to the core.

Derivatives >>

gild, gilding, gilder

14. graphic

GRAF ik

vivid

Synonyms >>

descriptive

Antonym >> simple; unadorned

I have trouble looking at graphic films of concentration camps.

Derivatives >>

graphical, graphically, graphicness

15. introvert

IN truh vurt

one who turns inward and concentrates thoughts upon himself

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> extrovert

He is such an introvert that he is not even interested in making new friends.

Derivatives >>

introverted, introvertive, introversion, introversive, introversively

16. jocular

JOK yu lur

jesting or joking

Synonyms >>

facetious, jocose, jocund

Antonym >> serious

The man's jocular mood kept us all entertained throughout the evening.

Derivatives >>

jocularity, jocularly, jocularness, jocator

17. malcontent

MAL kun tent

a person who is constantly dissatisfied and discontented

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

The principal blamed the disturbance on malcontents who were never happy with anything.

Derivatives >>

malcontented, malcontentedly, malcontentedness

18. misnomer

mis NO mur

misnaming, use of a wrong name

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

Some think that "a peacekeeper" is a misnomer for an MX missile .

Derivatives >>

misnomered, misnomed

19. obstinate

OB stuh nit

unyielding regardless of reason or logic

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> yielding

He will not accept advice on many things because of his obstinate attitude.

Derivatives >>

obstinacy, obstinancy, obstinance, obstinately, obstinateness, obstination **20. prevalent**

PREV uh lunt

generally or widely accepted, current, or practiced

Synonyms >>

prevailing, victorious, dominant

Antonym >> limited, uncommon

The state of lethargy is a prevalent problem in education.

Derivatives >>

prevalence, prevalently

21. prudent

PROOD unt

wise and careful about practical matters

Synonyms >>

judicious, sage, sane, sapient

Antonym >> indiscreet; incautious

In the city, it is prudent to have locks on all doors and windows.

Derivatives >>

prudence, prudential, prudently

22. pulverize

PUL vuh rize

to reduce into small pieces, to demolish

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to mold together

The rocks were pulverized by the heavy machine rolling over them.

Derivatives >>

pulverization, pulverized, pulverizer, pulverous, pulverulent, pulverulently **23.**

recapitulation ree kuh pich uh LAY

a summary

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

It is usually a good idea for a teacher to give a recapitulation of the previous day's topics.

Derivatives >>

recapitulate, recapitulationist, recapitulative, recapitulatory, recapitulatively **24.**

steadfastness STED fas nes

quality of being fixed with little chance of moving or changing

Synonyms >>

resolution, staunchness

Antonym >> irresolution

The steadfastness of her position not to sell her land is remarkable considering what she has been offered.

Derivatives >>

steadfast, steadfastly

25. tactile

TAK til

perceptible by touch; capable of being felt

Synonyms >>

tangible

Antonym >> intangible

The woman's stroke left her with no tactile sensations at all.

Derivatives >>

tactilist, tactility, taction

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Lesson 23

Matching Test

Directions: Choose the definition that best matches the meaning of the vocabulary word.
Place the answer of your choice in the space provided.

Exercise A

- _____ 1.
ambulatory
- a.
immature person; young bird
- _____ 2. anarchy
- b.
doubtful
- _____ 3.
breadth
- c.
to solidify or to coagulate
- _____ 4. cant
- d.
width of something
- _____ 5. circumscribed
- e.
able to walk or to move around
- _____ 6. congeal
- f.
to make less difficult
- _____ 7. demagogue
- g.
restricted or limited
- _____ 8. dissonance
- h.
completely absorbed
- _____ 9. dubious
- i.
absence of government
- _____ 10. engrossed
- j.
harsh combinations of sound
- _____ 11. facilitate
- k.
secret jargon or slang
- _____ 12. fledgling
- l.
a person who appeals to passions

Exercise B

- _____ 1. gilded
- a.
jesting or joking
- _____ 2. graphic
- b.
widely accepted or current
- _____ 3. introvert
- c.
resolution; constancy
- _____ 4. jocular
- d.
to demolish
- _____ 5. malcontent
- e.
tinged with gold; luxurious
- _____ 6. misnomer
- f.
perceptible by touch; tangible
- _____ 7. obstinate
- g.
vivid; very clear; descriptive
- _____ 8. prevalent
- h.
wise about practical matters
- _____ 9. prudent
- i.
unyielding regardless of reason
- _____ 10. pulverize
- j.
misnaming; use of wrong name
- _____ 11. recapitulation
- k.
one who turns inward
- _____ 12. steadfastness
- l.
constantly dissatisfied person
- _____ 13. tactile
- m. summary



Lesson 23

Sentence Completion

ambulatory anarchy
breadth cant

circumscribed congeal
demagogue dissonant

dubious
engrossed facilitate fledgling

1. Knowing that it was time for the young bird to learn to fly, the mother pushed the _____ out of the nest.
2. The patient hated being confined to his bed, and he was anxious to be _____ again so that he could move around.
3. Hitler is an example of a _____ whose rise to power was based on his appeal to people's prejudices and emotions.
4. Because the professor was anxious to help, he tried to _____ the students'

research by suggesting some valuable resources.

5.

The farmer built a fence that _____ the area he had set aside for his corn crop; the fence encircled the plot of land.

6. Because the composer had so many _____ sounds in his music, it was not pleasing to hear.

7. The _____ of the wall makes it difficult to cross; if it were just a little narrower, it would be a simpler task.

8. The _____ of the brotherhood was never explained; their secret jargon prevented outsiders from understanding their slang.

9.

If you leave the gelatin in the refrigerator for one hour, it will _____ into a solid mass.

10. It is doubtful that Quasimodo enjoyed the _____ honor of being the “King of Fools.”

11. Without the protection of laws, _____ would soon be the outcome.

12. Completely absorbed in her task, Sara was so _____ in reading her lesson that she never even heard the bell.

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Lesson 23

gilded graphic introvert jocular
malcontent

misnomer obstinate
prevalent
prudent pulverize

recapitulation steadfastness
tactile

13. The _____ visual effects contained in that film made me ill; I had never seen anything so vivid and realistic before.

14. An _____ desperately wants solitude, whereas an extrovert desires the company of others.

15. He was the most _____ and stubborn person I have ever met; he was unwilling to do anything that I asked of him.

16. The child's _____ of calling a tea strainer a "tea stringer" was comical to everyone.

17. The _____ circus clown made us laugh with his antics.

18. Everyone considers Jeff a _____ because he is never satisfied with anything.

19. The _____ chain appeared to be priceless, but the thin layer of gold soon began to wear away.

20. In Detroit, American cars are _____ while foreign cars are hardly accepted at all.

21. Those deprived of sight may still read Braille, using the _____ sense in their fingertips.

22. Her _____ was remarkable; she simply refused to change or to be easily upset.

23. We used a food processor to _____ the oranges, grinding them into small bits.

24. Sara is always _____ and careful when she invests her money.

25. It is a good idea to have a _____ of the day's activities before class is over; a summary reinforces the main idea from the lecture.

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Lesson 24

Definitions

1. abase

uh BAYS

to degrade, to humiliate

Synonyms >>

corrupt, debase, debauch, demean, deprave, vitiate, pervert **Antonym** >> to exalt The bitter woman deliberately set out to abase her husband in public.

Derivatives >>

abasement, abaser, abased, abasing

2. abdicate

AB duh kayt

to renounce or to give up a power

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to usurp

In order to marry the commoner, the king had to abdicate his throne.

Derivatives >>

abdicable, abdicative, abdicator, abdicated, abdicating

3. brazen

BRAY zen

shameless, insolent, disrespectful

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> reserved; mild

Pinching that woman was a very brazen act.

Derivatives >>

brazenly, brazenness, brazenfaced

4. caustic

KAW stik

sarcastically biting, acrid

Synonyms >>

mordant, scathing

Antonym >> kind; gentle

Critics are known for their caustic remarks about movies that they do not like.

Derivatives >>

caustically, causticity

5. commiserate

kuh MIZ uh rate

to express sympathy or pity

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to remain aloof

I commiserated with the family about their loss.

Derivatives >>

commiserated, commiserating, commiseration, commiseratively, commiserative **6.**

decorum

deh KOR um

appropriate conduct, correct and proper behavior

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> impropriety

The students' decorum at the dance was excellent.

Derivatives >>

decorous, decorously, decorousness

7. deference

DEF ur uns

courteous going along with the opinions or wishes of another

Synonyms >>

homage, reverence, respect

Antonym >> disrespect

In deference to your wishes, I will not see him again.

Derivatives >>

deferential, deferentially, deferentiality

8. drone

DRONE

speaking in a monotonous tone; a continuous low humming sound

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

I could hardly endure the constant drone of the speaker's voice.

Derivatives >>

droned, droning, drones, droner, droningly, dronish

9. enunciate

eh NUN see ate

to pronounce clearly

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to slur

Please enunciate your response so that everyone can understand you.

Derivatives >>

enunciative, enunciation, enunciator

10. girth

GURTH

size or dimensions (usually the measure around a body)

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

To be a sumo wrestler, one must have a large girth.

Derivatives >>

girths

11. grandiose

GRAN dee ose

impressive, imposing

Synonyms >>

grand, magnificent, majestic, stately

Antonym >> small and unimpressive

They have grandiose plans to build a new football stadium

Derivatives >>

grandiosely, grandioseness, grandiosity

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www.layingthefoundation.org **12. inception**

in SEP shun

the beginning of something

Synonyms >>

origin, source

Antonym >> conclusion

Joe has worked for the company since its inception in 1935.

Derivatives >>

incept, inceptive, inceptively, inceptor

13. ineffable

in EF uh bul

incapable of being expressed in speech or words

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> easily expressed

Her delight in being selected as a cheerleader was ineffable.

Derivatives >>

ineffability, ineffableness, ineffably

14. nebulous

NEB yuh lus

lacking clarity of feature or sharpness of outline

Synonyms >>

hazy, indistinct, turbid, clouded

Antonym >>

She had a nebulous recollection of the meeting with the man, unable to provide any specific facts about it.

Derivatives >>

nebulously, nebulousness, nebulosity

15. neophyte

NEE uh fite

a recent convert, beginner, novice

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> veteran

Being a neophyte to surfing, he is having trouble catching a wave.

Derivatives >>

neophytic, neophytism

16. obtuse

ub TUSE

dull of mind, insensitive, stupid

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> intelligent

His obtuse response to the question showed that he did not understand the nature of the discussion.

Derivatives >>

obtusely, obtuseness, obtusion, obtusity

17. parable

PAIR uh bul

a short fictitious story that has a moral

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

Jesus often imparted knowledge to his disciples through parables.

Derivatives >>

parables

18. rant

RANT

to rave, to speak in a loud and attacking manner

Synonyms >>

bombastic, claptrap, declamation, fustian, rodomontade

Antonym >> to speak peaceably

He ranted constantly about how everyone was out to get him.

Derivatives >>

ranted, ranting

19. reproach

reh PROCH

to blame for something; a disgrace

Synonyms >>

admonish, castigate, chasten, chastise, chide, rebuke,

Antonym >> to praise; accolade

Her conduct was so good that it was beyond reproach.

Derivatives >>

reproachable, reproachful, reproachfully, reproachfulness, reproachingly

20. savant

suh VAHNT, SAY vant a scholar, a learned person

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> dunce

Woodrow Wilson is an example of a savant who became president .

Derivatives >>

savants

21. stultifying

STUL tuh fie ing

causing to be useless, crippling, causing to appear stupid

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

The teacher stultifies his position in the classroom if he permits bad behavior.

Derivatives >>

stultification

22. syllabus

SIL uh bus

a brief outline of the main points of a text or course of study

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

The syllabus that the professor gave to us stated that the final exam counts for 60% of our grade.

Derivatives >>

syllabi, syllabuses

23. troupe

TROOP

a company or group--usually theatrical performers

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

A Shakespeare troupe is coming to town to perform Macbeth.

Derivatives >>

trouper

24. unequivocal

un eh KWIV uh kul

without a doubt, clear

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> doubtful; questionable; ambiguous

The President stated in an unequivocal manner, "If nominated, I will run; and if elected, I will serve."

Derivatives >>

unequivocally, unequivocalness

25. vapid

VAP id

dull, inane, insipid

Synonyms >>

banal, flat, jejune

Antonym >> intelligent; interesting

The vapid discussion between the two girls was boring and uninteresting.

Derivatives >>

vapidity, vapidly, vapidness

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Lesson 24

Matching Test

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Exercise A

_____ 1.

abase

a.

sarcastically biting; acrid

_____ 2.

abdicate

b.

insensitive; stupid

_____ 3.

brazen

- c.
size or dimension
_____ 4.
caustic
- d.
to speak in a monotonous tone
_____ 5.
commiserate
- e.
to degrade; to humiliate
_____ 6.
decorum
- f.
impressive; imposing
_____ 7.
deference
- g.
shameless; insolent
_____ 8.
drone
- h.
proper behavior; appropriate conduct
_____ 9.
enunciate
- i.
to express pity or sorrow
_____ 10. girth
- j.
to pronounce clearly
_____ 11. grandiose
- k.
to renounce or to give up power
_____ 12. obtuse
- l.
going along with wishes of another

Exercise B

- _____ 1. ineffable
- a.
fictitious story with a moral
_____ 2. nebulous
- b.
without a doubt

- _____ 3. neophyte
c.
company of performers
_____ 4. inception
d.
lacking clarity; hazy; indistinct
_____ 5. parable
e.
a recent convert; beginner
_____ 6. rant
f.
scholar; learned person
_____ 7. reproach
g.
causing to appear useless or stupid
_____ 8. savant
h.
to rave
_____ 9. stultifying
i.
brief outline of main points
_____ 10. syllabus
j.
uninteresting; dull; insipid
_____ 11. troupe
k.
to blame for something
_____ 12. unequivocal
l.
beginning of something
_____ 13. vapid
m. cannot be expressed in speech

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Lesson 24

Sentence Completion

abase abdicate brazen caustic

commiserate decorum
deference
drone

enunciated
girth
grandiose
obtuse

1. The _____ of the gentleman was noticed by everyone; impeccable manners and proper behavior are signs of sophistication and good breeding.

2.
The bitter woman deliberately set out to humiliate and _____ her husband in public

3.
The king decided to _____ his throne when he realized that he was about to be overthrown; he thought that it was better to step down quietly than to endure a revolution.

4.
In _____ to the woman's wishes, her husband sat quietly through the play even though he hated it; he was merely showing a high regard for her desires.

5.

His snide remarks were _____ so clearly that they sounded ever more _____ and bitter than ever before.

6. It is easy to _____ with a dieter who has failed to reduce the size of his _____; that portion of the body generally spreads in middle age, and we all know the problems of trying to control weight.

7.
The _____ girl who wore the bikini to the wedding either does not know the rules of proper conduct or she does not care what people may think of her.

8.
The teacher bored us all with the _____ of her monotonous voice.

9. The magnificent house was so _____ that we stood in awe as we looked at its massive structure and lavish decorations.

10. We did, indeed, hear the story, but only in the most _____, unclear terms; we did not, therefore, really understand.

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Lesson 24

inception ineffable nebulous
neophyte

parable

rant reproach
savant
stultifying
syllabus

troupe unequivocal
vapid

11. The young _____ had barely begun to master the new skills; he was merely a novice, a beginner learning a new trade.

12. The scenic river presented an _____ sight to those writers who tried to describe it; sometimes it's impossible to find the words to express what one sees.

13. The student was so _____ and dim-witted that he had a _____ effect on the rest of the class, making them all appear stupid.

14. I was surprised that the leader of the theatrical _____ could lead such an interesting group while being so dull himself.

15. Although my father would mildly _____ me to correct my mistakes, he would never _____ at me the same way some parents yell at their children.

16. The _____ uttered his scholarly words of wisdom to his followers so that they could understand, sometimes imparting them through a _____.

17. The teacher presented a _____ of the class on the first day; she wanted us to receive an outline of our assignments immediately.

18. We are seeking _____ support for this project; there can be no doubts about where one stands.

19. Because it was such a short time since the _____ of his

training, his skills were still undeveloped; had he begun a month earlier, he would have been farther along.

20. We looked through the hazy windows at the _____, indistinct outlines of the figures outside.

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Lesson 25

Definitions

1. arcane

are KANE

secret, mysterious

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> obvious; easily understood

The material that is arcane to the students is easily understood by the professor.

Derivatives >>

arcanely, arcanist, arcanite, arcanum

2. artifacts

ARE tuh faks

simple objects showing human workmanship

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

After supplying the finishing touches, the craftsman set the artifacts carefully on a shelf to dry.

Derivatives >>

artifact, artefact, artefac, artifactual, artifactitious

3. atone

uh TONE

to make amends

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to offend

He atoned for his theft by repaying his victims.

Derivatives >>

atoned, atoning, atoner, atonement

4. callow

KAL oh

immature, inexperienced

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> mature; experienced

Rash and hasty decisions are the mark of impetuous, callow youth.

Derivatives >>

callowness

5. clamor

KLAM ur

loud noise or shouting

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> quiet

The clamor finally subsided when the children went to bed.

Derivatives >>

clamors, clamored, clamoring, clamorous, clamorously, clamorousness

6. countenance

KOUN tuh nuns

to condone or to give approval

Synonyms >>

approve, sanction, endorse

Antonym >> to disapprove

I do not countenance any form of cheating.

Derivatives >>

countenanced, countenancing, countenancer

7. dilettante

dil eh TANT tee

an aimless and superficial follower of the arts, a dabbler

Synonyms >>

amateur, tyro

Antonym >> virtuoso; professional

The dilettante could be seen at all the art exhibits though he was far from being an accomplished artist himself.

Derivatives >>

dilettantish, dilettantism, dilettantist

8. foreboding

fore BOE ding

premonition of evil, an ominous omen

Synonyms >>

prediction, portent, presentiment

Antonym >> serene

The black clouds overhead were a foreboding of bad weather.

Derivatives >>

forebode, foreboder

9. hack

HAK

one who forfeits professional integrity in exchange for money or reward

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

Only a hack would go to work for one of those offensive tabloid newspapers.

Derivatives >>

hacks

10. impede

im PEDE

to interfere with or to obstruct the progress

Synonyms >>

hinder, obstruct

Antonym >> to assist, to promote

While the hurricane has impeded the building's construction, the builder feels that it can be completed on time.

Derivatives >>

impeded, impeding, impeder, impedibility, impedible, impedingly, impeding, impediment, impedimental, **11. indubitable**

in DOO beh tuh bul

not open to question or doubt

Synonyms >>

unquestionable, certain

Antonym >> questionable; doubtful

At the base of the experiment was a core of indubitable knowledge.

Derivatives >>

indubitability, indubitableness, indubitably

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in VEK tiv

critical or abusive language; violent abuse

Synonyms >>

vituperation, obloquy, scurrility, billingsgate

Antonym >> liberal praise

As his anger mounted, slander and invective poured from his mouth.

Derivatives >>

invectively, invectives

13. philanthropist feh LAN thruh pist

one who tries to do good for mankind; lover of mankind

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> misanthrope

Ross Perot is a philanthropist, donating money for many projects and causes.

Derivatives >>

philanthrope, philanthropic, philanthropically, philanthropism, philanthropicist, philanthropy **14. precursor**

preh KUR sur

something that comes before, forerunner

Synonyms >>

harbinger, herald

Antonym >> descendant

A good education is usually a precursor to finding a good job.

Derivatives >>

precurse, precursive, precursory

15. relish

REL ish

to take great pleasure or delight in

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to detest

I relish the thought of graduating from high school and getting out on my own.

Derivatives >>

relishable, relished, relishing

16. rhetoric

RET ur ik

the art of using words effectively in speaking or writing; inflated language **Synonyms**

>>

verbosity, bombast; discourse, speech

Antonym >>

Freshman composition is a course in rhetoric.

Derivatives >>

rhetorical, rhetorically, rhetoricalness, rhetoricate, rhetorician, rhetorize **17. rigor**

RIG ur

strictness, severity

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> laxity

Calculus and physics are courses that require rigor in study habits.

Derivatives >>

rigorism, rigorist, rigoristic, rigorous, rigorously, rigoroursness **18.**

somnambulist som NAM byuh list

a sleepwalker

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

Many people with sleeping disorders are classified as somnambulists.

Derivatives >>

somnambulic, somnambulant, somnambular, somnambulation, somnambule, somnambulism, somnambulistic **19. stymie**

STY mee

to block, to present an obstacle

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to assist

After hitting the golf ball into the rough, I could not shoot directly at the hole as I was stymied by a tree.

Derivatives >>

stymied, stymieing, stymies

20. tepid

TEP id

moderately warm; lacking in passion, force, or animation

Synonyms >>

lukewarm; dull, lifeless, halfhearted

Antonym >> passionate

The girl enjoyed a tepid bath. She had only a tepid interest in her grades.

Derivatives >>

tepidly, tepidness, tepidarium, tepidity

21. unkempt

un KEMPT

disheveled in appearance

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> neat

When the child came to school unkempt and dirty, I became concerned.

Derivatives >>

unkemptly, unkemptness

22. vacuous

VAK yoo us

lacking content; marked by a lack of intelligence

Synonyms >>

empty, vacant, void

Antonym >> intelligent

The girl's vacuous statements labeled her as silly and immature.

Derivatives >>

vacuously, vacuousness

23. variegated

VAR ee uh gay tid

changed in appearance by using or applying different colors

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> same; alike

The variegated roses were not only beautiful, but were also extremely unusual.

Derivatives >>

variegate, variegation, variegator

24. vehement

VEE uh munt

forcefully expressing emotion or conviction

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> meek

He vehemently denied that he had said those harsh words.

Derivatives >>

vehemence, vehemency, vehemently

25. zealot

ZEL ot

one who embraces a cause and supports it with vigor

Synonyms >>

enthusiast

Antonym >> one without enthusiasm or passion

The man was known as a religious zealot, as he never stopped trying to convert others to his beliefs.

Derivatives >>

zealotic, zealotism, zealotry, zealous, zealously

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Lesson 25

Matching Test

Directions: Choose the definition that best matches the meaning of the vocabulary word.
Place the answer of your choice in the space provided.

Exercise A

_____ 1.

arcane

a.

to interfere with the progress

_____ 2.

artifacts

b.

loud noise or shouting

_____ 3.

atone

- c.
ominous omen
_____ 4.
callow
- d.
to condone or to give approval
_____ 5.
clamor
- e.
to make amends
_____ 6.
countenance
- f.
not open to question or doubt
_____ 7.
dilettante
- g.
one who forfeits integrity for money
_____ 8.
foreboding
- h.
secret; mysterious
_____ 9.
hack
- i.
superficial follower of the arts
_____ 10. impede
- j.
immature; inexperienced
_____ 11. indubitable
- k.
critical or abusive language
_____ 12. invective
- l.
simple objects of human

workmanship

Exercise B

- _____ 1.
philanthropist
a.

lacking content; empty; void

_____ 2.

precursor

b.

to block; to present an obstacle

_____ 3.

relish

c.

strictness; severity

_____ 4.

rhetoric

d.

lover of mankind

_____ 5.

rigor

e.

disheveled; disorderly

_____ 6.

somnambulist

f.

a sign or forewarning

_____ 7.

stymie

g.

varied; diversified (with colors)

_____ 8.

tepid

h.

showing emotion forcefully

_____ 9.

unkempt

i.

inflated language; verbosity

_____ 10.

vacuous

j.

a sleepwalker

_____ 11.

variegated

k.

an enthusiast

_____ 12.

vehement

l.

to take great pleasure in

_____ 13.

zealot
m. half-hearted; dull; lifeless

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Lesson 25

Sentence Completion

arcane artifacts
atone callow

clamor countenance dilettante
foreboding

hack impede indubitable
invective

1. His powerful _____ against the candidate left no doubt as to his opinion; it was _____ from such language that he hated the man.

2. I must warn you that I do not _____ any form of cheating; I do not condone it, even though I do not interfere with what you are doing.

3. I was amazed when the _____ youth began to scream as his mother left; I could not stand the _____ of the immature child.

4. It was easy for the _____ to condemn her friend, the _____ while she dabbled in writing merely as a hobby, her friend wrote out of necessity, even if he felt he was sacrificing his own personal integrity.

5. I will not attempt to _____ your progress on the test; you may work as quickly or as slowly as you wish without any interference from me.

6. Among the _____ found in the tomb were several cups bearing mysterious, _____ writings.

7. The wealthy old man hoped to _____ for his life of stinginess by giving money to the poor.

8. The ominous dark clouds above created a _____ of dangerous events about to occur.

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Lesson 25

philanthropist precursor

relished rhetoric

rigors

somnambulist stymie
tepid
unkempt vacuous

variegated vehement zealot

9. The senator's _____ objection to the bill may _____ it in committee and block its passage into law; while others were emotional, he was the most forceful in his expression of conviction.

10. Although some found the wildflower garden beautiful, I considered it to be _____, a messy conglomeration of _____, multicolored weeds.

11. The politician's empty, _____ speech was full of pompous _____, mere inflated language.

12. The religious _____ was far from _____ in his beliefs; indeed, he was a vigorous supporter of the faith, condemning anyone whom he considered to be lacking in passion for it.

13. Jim is not prepared for the _____ of college study; he lives to party, and he avoids strictness of any kind.

14. The great pleasure with which he _____ his daughter's graduation showed in the delight of his face.

15. The wealthy man became a _____, giving large sums of money to needy and deserving people.

16. The woman's first indication that her new husband was a _____ occurred when she found him walking down the stairs while sound asleep.

17. The wind that bounced the ship around like a punching bag was a _____ of the hurricane yet to come.

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Lesson 26

Definitions

1. abominable

uh BOM uh nuh bul

repugnantly hateful; very unpleasant, detestable, loathsome

Synonyms >>

abhorrent, horrible, revolting, foul

Antonym >> likable

The weather was abominable last week with temperatures reaching as high as 115 degrees.

Derivatives >>

abominableness, abominably, abominate, abominated, abominating, abomination **2.**

abscond

ab SKOND

to leave secretly and hide

Synonyms >>

flee, fly

Antonym >> to give oneself up

After the thief absconded with the bonds, he was never found.

Derivatives >>

absconder, absconded

3. capitulate

kuh PICH uh late

to surrender

Synonyms >>

defer, relent, submit, succumb, yield

Antonym >> to resist

The army was expected to capitulate after having lost that last battle with so many casualties.

Derivatives >>

capitulated, capitulating, capitulation

4. castigate

KAS tuh gate

to punish or to subdue by punishment; to criticize with drastic severity

Synonyms >>

punish, chastise

Antonym >> to salute

The psychologist suggested that the father might begin to castigate his unruly son for his belligerent behavior.

Derivatives >>

castigated, castigating, castigates, castigation, castigator, castigatory

5. comatose

KOM uh tose

lethargic, unconscious

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> conscious; aware

After the operation, he was in a comatose state.

Derivatives >>

comatosely

6. consolidate

kun SOL uh date

to make solid, to unite, or to merge

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to break into parts

Medical professionals need to consolidate their forces to seek a cure for the AIDS virus.

Derivatives >>

consolidated, consolidating, consolidator, consolidation

7. despondency deh SPON dun see

depression, dejection

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> blithe hopefulness

Because he thought that he had failed the test, he felt great despondency.

Derivatives >>

despondent, despondence, despondently, desponding, despondingly

8. destitution

des teh TOO shun

state of being extremely poor, in extreme want

Synonyms >>

impecunity, indigence, penury, want

Antonym >> prosperity

We face destitution if our father loses his job.

Derivatives >>

destitute, destitutely, destituteness

9. eddy

ED ee

a current of air or water moving contrary to the main current (circularly) **Synonyms** >>

whirlpool

Antonym >>

An eddy of wind picked up debris in the street and scattered it along the walks.

Derivatives >>

eddies, eddyings

10. enfranchise

en FRAN chize

to give or to bestow something such as the right to vote or citizenship

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to remove; to take away

This bill will cause many young people to be enfranchised with the right to vote.

Derivatives >>

enfranchisement, enfranchiser

11. ennoble

en NOE bul

to elevate, to raise in rank

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to defame

The man was ennobled by his true devotion to mankind.

Derivatives >>

ennobled, ennoblement, ennobling, ennoblish

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www.layingthefoundation.org **12. fecund**

FEE kund, FEK und

capable of reproducing, intellectual productivity

Synonyms >>

fertile, fruitful, prolific

Antonym >> barren

The Amazon, with abundant plant and animal life, is a fecund area.

Derivatives >>

fecundate, fecundation, fecundative, fecundator, fecundity

13. inebriation

in ee bree A shun

drunkenness, intoxication

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> sobriety

One should not drive when in a state of inebriation.

Derivatives >>

inebriant, inebriate, inebriated, inebriety, inebrious

14. inopportune

in op ur TOON

inconvenient, poorly timed

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> convenient

Today is an inopportune time to get together since my parents are in town.

Derivatives >>

inopportunely, inopportuneness

15. inviolable

in VIE uh luh bul

secure from violation or from being profaned

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> destructible

The numerous guards attempt to make the President inviolable.

Derivatives >>

inviolated, involate, inviolability, invioableness, invioably, inviolacy, inviolateness, inviolately, inviolating

16. nonchalance

non shuh LAWNS

indifference, a showing of little interest

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> intensity

He took the news of his failing grade with nonchalance.

Derivatives >>

nonchalant, nonchalantly, nonchalantness

17. prevarication preh var uh KAY shun evasiveness, lie

Synonyms >>

equivocation

Antonym >> honesty

Prevarication is a dangerous activity when under oath on the witness stand.

Derivatives >>

prevaricate, prevaricative, prevaricator, prevaricatory

18. primordial

pry MORE dee ul

original, existing at the beginning (usually relates to time)

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

Some believe that an ape-like creature is the human's primordial ancestor.

Derivatives >>

primordially, primordium

19. punctilious

pungk TILL ee us

stressing precise following of instructions, details, codes or conduct

Synonyms >>

meticulous, scrupulous

Antonym >> lackadaisical

The boss insists that we be punctilious in following company policy.

Derivatives >>

punctiliously, punctiliousness

20. remonstrate

reh MON strate

to protest, to make objections

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to agree; to acquiesce

I must remonstrate about the treatment of the residents of the rest home.

Derivatives >>

remonstrance, remonstrancer, remonstrant, remonstrantly, remonstratingly,

remonstration, remonstrative **21. rudimentary**

roo duh MEN tuh ree consisting in first principles, of a primitive kind; relating to basic

skills **Synonyms >>**

basic, fundamental, undeveloped, elementary

Antonym >> fully developed

Second grade students have only rudimentary skills in reading.

Derivatives >>

rudiment, rudiments, rudimental, rudimentarily, rudimentariness, rudimentation **22.**

sonnet

SON it

a fourteen line form of poetry

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

The sonnet is a favorite form of poetry with many writers.

Derivatives >>

sonnets

23. tantamount

TAN tuh mount

equivalent in value or significance

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> unlike in significance

In my father's eyes anything less than an "A" is tantamount to failure.

Derivatives >>

24. turgid

TUR jid

swollen

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> deflated

The body was turgid from being in the water for so long.

Derivatives >>

turgidity, turgidly, turgidness

25. vestigial

veh STIJ ee ul

something in an underdeveloped form

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> fully developed

Some animals still have vestigial tails, although they are hardly noticeable.

Derivatives >>

vestigially

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Lesson 26

Matching Test

Directions: Choose the definition that best matches the meaning of the vocabulary word.
Place the answer of your choice in the space provided.

Exercise A

- _____ 1.
abominable
a. depression; dejection
- _____ 2.
abscond
b. to make solid; to unite; to merge
- _____ 3.
capitulate
c. to punish or to criticize severely
- _____ 4.
castigate
d. fertile; fruitful
- _____ 5.
comatose
e. to leave secretly and hide
- _____ 6.
consolidate
f. to raise in rank, time, or position
- _____ 7.
despondency
g. to surrender
- _____ 8.
destitution
h. to give something (right to vote)
- _____ 9.
eddy
i. repugnantly hateful
- _____ 10. enfranchise

j. lethargic; unconscious
_____ 11. ennoble
k. extreme poverty
_____ 12. fecund
l. whirlpool

Exercise B

_____ 1.
inebriation
a.
basic; fundamental
_____ 2.
inopportune
b.
to protest; to make objections
_____ 3.
inviolable
c.
indifference; lack of concern
_____ 4.
nonchalance
d.
underdeveloped
_____ 5.
prevarication
e.
inconvenient; poorly timed
_____ 6.
primordial
f.
equivalent in value
_____ 7.
punctilious
g.
a fourteen-line form of poetry
_____ 8.
remonstrate
h.
secure from violation
_____ 9.
rudimentary
i.
swollen; bloated

_____ 10.

sonnet

j.

drunkenness; intoxication

_____ 11.

tantamount

k.

evasiveness; a lie

_____ 12.

turgid

l.

original; existing at beginning

_____ 13.

vestigial

m. stressing precise following of details

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Lesson 26

Sentence Completion

abominable abscond
capitulate castigate

comatose consolidate despondent
destitution

eddy enfranchisement
ennobled
fecund

1. The soil was even more _____ than before; after adding fertilizers and letting it lie fallow for two years, it was certainly the most fertile land in the area.
2. The _____ patient had been unconscious for almost two weeks.
3. The substitute teacher was compelled to _____ the disorderly student, criticizing his behavior with drastic severity.
4. A whirlwind of air rushed down the street, picking up little bits of paper and trash and swirling them in the _____ as it traveled.
5. The police were close behind the criminal as he tried to _____ with the stolen money; though he tried to leave secretly and hide, the attempt was useless.
6. The general of the troops decided to _____ when he saw that he was outnumbered; he surrendered immediately.
7. The _____ of women and minorities by giving them the right to vote is only a beginning. It is the responsibility of these groups to _____ their power into a unified base.
8. The previously rich man was in utter depression; he was _____ as a result of his recent _____, which had occurred when he lost all his money in the stock market crash.
9. When the man made his proposal to the crowd, he was met with derision and ridicule by only a few; for the vast majority, airing his views _____ him in their minds, elevating him to the highest regard.
10. I find that new novel completely _____; the language was repugnant, and the scenes that the author described were loathsome.



Lesson 26

inebriation inopportune inviolable
nonchalance
prevarication

primordial punctilious remonstrate
rudimentary
sonnet

tantamount turgid

vestigial

1. The state of _____ that follows drinking too much alcohol may leave a person oblivious to his surroundings.

12. The sanctity of the priest's position made his decisions _____, unable to be violated or profaned.

13. The man's derogatory remarks were _____ to an insult; in the duke's mind, they were equivalent to asking him to fight, so he challenged the man to a duel.

14. I intend to _____ about the care of the residents in that rest

home; if enough of us object to the treatment they are receiving, something may be done.

15. The lawyer was hoping the court would reduce the original sentence; unfortunately, the judge seemed totally uninterested and treated the case with _____.

16. Only fourteen lines are required in a _____, but a poet often works very diligently to compose such a poem.

17. He tells lies with the grace of one skilled in _____.

18. Some scientists believe that the sun, planets and stars originated from a _____ mass of gas.

19. The test administrator urged us to be _____ and to follow all of the instructions.

20. Your broken leg is still so _____ that we cannot put a cast on it; we will have to wait until some of the swelling goes down.

21. The refrigerator stopped working at the most _____ time; because I had just bought groceries, the breakdown was extremely inconvenient.

22. His wife had not mastered even the basic, _____ skills of cooking; as a matter of fact, she knew so little that she could hardly boil water.

23. Some scientists believe that tonsils are a _____ or underdeveloped part of the body's immune system.

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Definitions

1. abyss

uh BISS

bottomless hole, a vast expanse or depth

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

The man had fallen into the abyss of depravity.

Derivatives >>

abysm, abysmal, abysmally, abyssal

2. acrid

AK rid

caustic, bitter, harsh (relates sometimes to taste and smell)

Synonyms >>

caustic, mordant, scathing

Antonym >> agreeable

The acrid odor in the restaurant caused me to leave.

Derivatives >>

acridity, acridness, acridly

3. acuity

uh KEW uh tee

sharpness of perception

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> denseness

His acuity in determining the facts made him a good judge.

Derivatives >>

acuties, acute, acuteness

4. baleful

BALE ful

destructive, deadly

Synonyms >>

malign, sinister

Antonym >> benign

War is a baleful experience for many.

Derivatives >>

bale, balefully, balefulness

5. cataclysm

KAT uh kliz um

an event or situation that causes a momentous change or upheaval

Synonyms >>

calamity, catastrophe

Antonym >>

The San Francisco earthquake was a cataclysmic event.

Derivatives >>

cataclysmic, cataclysmal

6. catharsis

kuh THAR sis

a purification or purging of emotions that brings about spiritual renewal

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> repression

The child had so many repressed emotions that a catharsis was needed to restore his normal state of mind.

Derivatives >>

catharses, cathartic, cathartically

7. dogma

DOG muh

a system of beliefs or principles

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

The foreigner was anxious to learn the dogma of the church since he had never been exposed to it.

Derivatives >>

dogmatic

8. edifice

ED uh fis

a very large building

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> shack; small building

This particular edifice has the title of being the tallest building in the world.

Derivatives >>

9. enumerate

eh NOO muh rate

to count one by one

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to group

In his summation, my lawyer enumerated all of the reasons why I should receive a verdict of "not guilty."

Derivatives >>

enumeration, enumerative, enumerator

10. grate

GRATE

to cause irritation

Synonyms >>**Antonym >>** to soothe

Her acrimonious comments grate on my nerves.

Derivatives >>

grated, grating, grater

11. inertia

in UR shuh

resistance to motion or action

Synonyms >>**Antonym >>** disposition to action

In order to move, a force must first overcome a body's initial inertia.

Derivatives >>

inert, inertial, inertia, inertness, inertly

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www.layingthefoundation.org **12. inordinate**

in OR duh nit

exceeding reasonable limits, excessive

Synonyms >>

exorbitant, extravagant, extreme, immoderate

Antonym >> small

It is a sign of trouble when a student has an inordinate number of absences.

Derivatives >>

inordinately, inordinateness, inordination

13. luminous

LOO muh nus

shining, full of light

Synonyms >>

bright, brilliant, lustrous

Antonym >> dark; dull

The most luminous thing visible from Earth is the sun.

Derivatives >>

luminosity, luminously, luminousness

14. maudlin

MOD lin

overly sentimental

Synonyms >>

mawkish

Antonym >>

The maudlin clown cried excessively over a simple popped balloon.

Derivatives >>

maudlinism, maudlinly, maudlinness

15. novice

NOV is

a beginner

Synonyms >>

apprentice, probationer, neophyte, tyro

Antonym >> a veteran; a professional

A novice in swimming should stay in the shallow end of the pool until he is more skilled.

Derivatives >>

novicehood, novicelike, novitiate

16. pique

PEEK

resentment, irritation

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> acceptance

After finding that he had been seeing other women, she showed her pique by not speaking to him.

Derivatives >>

piqued, piquing

17. propensity

pruh PEN seh tee

preference, natural inclination

Synonyms >>

leaning, penchant, proclivity

Antonym >> aversion

I have a propensity for rising early.

Derivatives >>

propension, propense, propend

18. purse

PURS

to pucker or to tighten one's lips

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

The angrier he got, the more he pursed his lips.

Derivatives >>

pursed, pursing

19. refute

reh FYOOT

to disprove, to show as erroneous

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to prove; to avow

The lawyer presented evidence that refuted the testimony of the witness.

Derivatives >>

refutable, refutability, refutably, refutation, refutative, refutatory, refuter **20.**

remuneration reh myoo nuh RAY

the act of paying for a service, loss, or expense

Synonyms >>

compensation, reimbursement

Antonym >>

The man sought remuneration for his expenses from his boss.

Derivatives >>

remunerate, remunerative, remunerator, remuneratively, remunerativeness

21. soothsayer

SOOTH say ur

a person who is able to predict the future, seer

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

After John Kennedy was shot, many self-proclaimed soothsayers claimed to have predicted the assassination.

Derivatives >>

soothsay, soothsaying

22. supple

SUP ul

easily bent, elastic, pliable

Synonyms >>

resilient

Antonym >> rigid

Her supple bones allowed her to perform strange feats in gymnastics.

Derivatives >>

suppler, supplest

23. travail

truh VALE

difficult labor

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> relaxing diversion

It took years of travail to build this business.

Derivatives >>

travails

24. understate

UN dur state

to show restraint or lack of emphasis

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to embroider

I believe that you are understating the danger of nuclear energy.

Derivatives >>

understated, understatement

25. vibrant

VIE brunt

full of life

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> lifeless

She was a vibrant young woman before she went into a coma.

Derivatives >>

vibrance, vibrancy, vibrantly

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Lesson 27

Matching Test

Directions: Choose the definition that best matches the meaning of the vocabulary word.
Place the answer of your choice in the space provided.

Exercise A

- _____ 1.
abyss
a. sharpness of perception
- _____ 2.
acid
b. bottomless hole
- _____ 3.
acuity
c. system of beliefs, principles
- _____ 4.
baleful
d. to count one by one
- _____ 5.
cataclysm
e. resistance to motion or action
- _____ 6.
catharsis
f. caustic; bitter; harsh
- _____ 7.
dogma
g. destructive; deadly
- _____ 8.
edifice
h. exceeding reasonable limits
- _____ 9.
enumerate
i. a purification of emotions
- _____ 10. grate
j. a very large building
- _____ 11. inertia
k. to cause irritation
- _____ 12. inordinate
l. event that causes great change

Exercise B

- _____ 1. luminous
a. natural inclination
- _____ 2. maudlin
b. payment for a service
- _____ 3. novice
c. show lack of emphasis

- _____ 4. pique
d. easily bent; elastic; pliable
- _____ 5. propensity
e. overly sentimental
- _____ 6. purse
f. difficult labor
- _____ 7. refute
g. shining; full of light
- _____ 8. remuneration
h. to disprove
- _____ 9. soothsayer
i. a beginner
- _____ 10. supple
j. resentment; irritation
- _____ 11. travail
k. to pucker one's lips
- _____ 12. understate
l. full of life
- _____ 13. vibrant
m. a person able to predict the future

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Lesson 27

Sentence Completion

abyss acrid acuity
baleful

cataclysmic catharsis
dogma
edifice

enumerate grate
inertia
inordinate

1. The doctor said that my _____ consumption of food was much greater than was good for my health.
2. The irritating sounds of the child's screaming began to _____ on my nerves and drove me to distraction.
3. Most Californians would prefer the minor damage associated with many mild earthquakes to the _____ destruction associated with one major upheaval.
4. The crowd gathered in front of the building to protest, but the _____ was completely surrounded by guards.
5. The teacher asked the student to _____ all the ways he had been helped; as the student counted the ways, another child recorded them.
6. In order to move this object, you must first apply a force strong enough to overcome its _____, the property that makes it resistant to motion.
7. The chemical became bitter and _____ when the additional substance was added to it.
8. The wise man saw the situation with _____; his sharp perception always added to his wisdom.
9. The religious _____ was upheld by members of the congregation; their beliefs were fundamental and very important to them all.
10. His tears acted as a _____, cleansing the emotions of the lonely man.
11. The _____ winds took yet another life as the tornado struck another row of houses.

12. The mountain climber was cautious in order to prevent falling into the _____ below him; the hole, which seemed bottomless, was quite terrifying.

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Lesson 27

luminous maudlin novice
pique
propensity

purse refute rem
uneration
soothsayer
supple

travail understate
vibrant

13. The girl has a _____ for helping others in need; her natural inclinations for serving others would be of benefit in the field of nursing.

14. The _____ sky helped us to find our way in the night; it was

not difficult when the evening sky was so full of light.

15. The _____ clown made fun of emotional people by acting overly sentimental.

16. The girl was a _____ in the class, but even a beginner should know more than what she did.

17. Bill collectors who seek _____ from people who are reluctant to pay must be prepared to be verbally abused by their clients.

18. Eating the sour pickle caused him to _____ his lips into a tight pucker.

19. The plastic rod was just _____ enough to bend the needed amount without breaking. We were fortunate to have found something so pliable.

20. After Mary heard the horrid things that Alex had said about her, she showed her _____ by not speaking to him; her irritation and resentment were obvious to everyone.

21. Paul has a tendency to _____ the seriousness of the problem; he often fails to give emphasis to the importance of things.

22. The professor began to _____ the theory; he disproved it by using simple math.

23. All the characters in this novel are _____ and full of life.

24. The woman was having a difficult labor, but it was nothing compared to the _____ of another woman in the adjoining room.

25. The king should have listened to the _____; although the prophet foretold his future, the warning was not heeded.

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Lesson 28

Definitions

1. abeyance

uh BAY uns

suspension of action

Synonyms >>

dormancy, latency, quiescence

Antonym >> activity

The meeting was held in abeyance until the chairperson arrived.

Derivatives >>

abeyant

2. burly

BUR lee

great in bodily size, sturdy; brusque

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> slight; refined; mannered

When we saw the burly man appear in the door, we knew it was no time to pick a fight.

Derivatives >>

burlier, burliest, burly, burliness

3. cavalier

kav uh LEER

an armed horseman, a knight; treating important matters lightly

Synonyms >>

disdainful

Antonym >> reserved; humble; meek

His arrogant and cavalier attitude has offended many people.

Derivatives >>

cavalierly

4. chagrin

shuh GRIN

vexation through humiliation, hurt pride, or disappointment

Synonyms >>

trouble, grief

Antonym >> self-satisfaction

The chagrin the girl felt as a result of her abject poverty kept her from associating with her school peers.

Derivatives >>

chagrined, chagrining, chagrins

5. coagulate

ko AG yuh late

to gather together in a mass, to clot; to congeal

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to flow freely

Because blood coagulates, people do not bleed to death from small cuts.

Derivatives >>

coagulable, coagulant, coagulated, coagulating, coagulation, coagulative, coagulator **6.**

compilation

kom puh LAY shun

an accumulation of many things

Synonyms >>

accretion

Antonym >>

The book was an interesting compilation of many sources.

Derivatives >>

compiler, compilatory, compile, compiled, compilement, compiler

7. contest

kun TEST

to compete, to attempt to disprove

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to accept without dispute

I contest your statement about his lack of courage.

Derivatives >>

contested, contesting, contests

8. defoliate

dee FOE lee ate

to deprive of leaves

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

The chemical Agent Orange was used in Vietnam to defoliate the trees so the enemy could be found.

Derivatives >>

defoliant, defoliated, defoliating, defoliator

9. effigy

EF eh jee

a dummy or image of a person (usually one who is not liked)

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

The ball team hung the opponent's mascot in effigy at the pep rally before the game.

Derivatives >>

effigies

10. eon

EE un, EE on

a long period of time

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> short time

It seems like it will be eons before I am allowed to date.

Derivatives >>

aeon, aeonian, eonian, aeonic, aeonial

11. fervent

FUR vent

ardent, showing great emotion, impassioned

Synonyms >>

fervid, passionate, perfervid

Antonym >> indifferent

I have a fervent love for that man.

Derivatives >>

fervency, fervently, ferventness, fervid, fervidly, fervidity, fervidness

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www.layingthefoundation.org **12. ingenuity**

in juh NOO eh tee

cleverness, inventiveness, resourcefulness

Synonyms >>

adroitness, cunning, deftness, dexterity

Antonym >> lack of cleverness

He showed much ingenuity in his unique way of solving the problem.

Derivatives >>

ingenious, ingeniously, ingeniousness

13. insidious

in SID ee us

treacherous or dangerous in a secret sort of way

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> harmless

AIDS is insidious because one can have it and transmit it before showing symptoms of the disease.

Derivatives >>

insidiously, insidiousness

14. myopic

my OP ik

unable to discern, unable to think clearly or objectively; shortsighted

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> perceptive

She is so myopic that she never sees all of her options.

Derivatives >>

myopically

15. plethora

PLETH ur uh

superabundance, excessive amount

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> scarcity

She offered a plethora of excuses for failing French, none of which were acceptable.

Derivatives >>

plethoric

16. propitious

pruh PISH us

favorably disposed, graciously inclined

Synonyms >>

helpful, advantageous, benevolent, favorable, auspicious

Antonym >> unfavorable; inauspicious

America has conditions propitious to democracy.

Derivatives >>

propitiously, propitiousness, propitiate, propitiated, propitiatory

17. protrusion

pro TROO zhun

something sticking out

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> indentation

A large protrusion on his head was the result of being hit by the bat.

Derivatives >>

protusive, protusively, protusiveness

18. quack

KWAK

an unqualified or fake doctor, charlatan

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> qualified physician

Fortunately the girl was saved from the scalpel of the quack who called himself a doctor.

Derivatives >>

quackery, quackish, quackishly, quackishness, quackism

19. querulous

KWER uh lus
constantly complaining, whining

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> uncomplaining

Amy irritates me when she constantly speaks in her querulous voice.

Derivatives >>

querulously, querulousness, querulist, querulent

20. rustic

RUS tik

relating to the country

Synonyms >>

rural, coarse

Antonym >> urban; relating to the city

The rustic cabin in the mountains was small but comfortable.

Derivatives >>

rustical, rustically, rusticate, rustication, rusticator

21. sovereign

SOV rin

possessed of controlling power

Synonyms >>

predominant, paramount, preponderant

Antonym >> without power

The king is sovereign within his country.

Derivatives >>

sovereignly, sovereignty, sovranity

22. temperance

TEM pur uns

moderation or self-restraint in action or statement

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

The woman exercised temperance in filling her plate with small portions of food.

Derivatives >>

temperate, temperately, temperateness

23. truncate

TRUNG kate

to shorten by cutting

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to lengthen

If you truncate the board, it will fit into the space you desire.

Derivatives >>

truncated, truncately, truncation, truncature

24. undulant

UN juh lunt

moving with or resembling a wavelike motion

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> motionless

Playing golf on an undulant terrain is usually difficult.

Derivatives >>

undulance, undulate, undulated, undulating, undulation, undulatory

25. viscosity

vis KOS eh tee

property of having a high resistance to flow

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

Heinz ketchup has a high viscosity.

Derivatives >>

viscous

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Lesson 28

Matching Test

Directions: Choose the definition that best matches the meaning of the vocabulary word.
Place the answer of your choice in the space provided.

Exercise A

_____ 1.

abeyance

a.

suspension of action

_____ 2.

burly

b.

ardent; showing great emotion

_____ 3.

cavalier

c.

to compete; to attempt to disprove

_____ 4.

chagrin

d.

to gather together in a mass; to clot

_____ 5.

coagulate

e.

a long period of time

_____ 6.

compilation

f.

to deprive of leaves

_____ 7.

contest

g.

accumulation of many things

_____ 8.

defoliate

h.

vexation through humiliation

_____ 9.

effigy

i.

great in bodily size; brusque

_____ 10.

eon

j.

cleverness; inventiveness

_____ 11.

fervent

k.

a dummy image of a person

_____ 12.

ingenuity

l.

disdainful; treating matters lightly

Exercise B

_____ 1.

insidious

a.

relating to the country; rural

_____ 2.

myopic

b.

unqualified doctor; fake

_____ 3.

plethora

c.

having a high resistance to flow

_____ 4.

propitious

d.

a narrow view of something

_____ 5.

protrusion

e.

something sticking out

_____ 6.

quack

f.

moderation or self-restraint

_____ 7.

querulous

g.

moving with a wavelike motion

_____ 8.

rustic

- h.
favorable disposed; helpful
_____ 9.
sovereign
- i.
possessed of controlling power
_____ 10.
temperance
- j.
constantly whining; complaining
_____ 11.
truncate
- k.
dangerous in a secretive way
_____ 12.
undulant
- l.
shorten by cutting
_____ 13.
viscosity
- m. superabundance; excessive amount

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Lesson 28

Sentence Completion

abeyance burly
cavalier chagrin

coagulate compilation
contest defoliate

effigy eons fervent
ingenuity

1. Sara was so completely absorbed in reading the _____ of accumulated stories and poems that she was late for work, much to her humiliation and _____.

2. I can prove that you are wrong about me, and I have a witness to help me _____ your statement.

3.
The woman made a _____ plea to the government to stop the practice of polluting the country's rivers with toxic waste; her impassioned words impressed the officials.

4.
The doctor insisted that the blood not be allowed to _____; he did not want a blood clot forming and endangering the man's life.

5.
Although the chemical claimed to _____ the trees, not all the leaves were completely removed.

6. The man's _____ was amazing; he had his car held together by clothes hangers and paperclips. He could solve any problems with those two items.

7.
I am sure it will be _____ before I can save enough money to buy another car; I'll be dead before that much time passes.

8. The mob was held in _____ by the man's pacifying words; the crowd seemed suspended in time as they listened to his every word.

9.

His disdainful and uncaring altitude caused him to be described as

_____.

10. The football pep rally ended when the _____ of the opponent was thrown on the fire to burn; fortunately it was only a dummy that they were burning.

11. I was shocked when I found the _____ man at my door; his great bodily size and brusque manner alarmed me at first.

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Lesson 28

insidious myopic plethora propitious protrusion

quack querulous
rustic sovereign temperance

truncated undulant
viscosity

12. It is because of her _____ vision that she cannot get out of her predicament; she can see only one course of action.

13. The mother always had a _____ of advice for her daughter, but the child sometimes grew tired of the abundant suggestions.

14. The ill man had been treated by the _____ for several months, but of course he did not get well since the so-called “doctor” had no real training or expertise.

15. The _____ work of a con man often leaves gullible people secretly tricked out of their life savings.

16. The general’s _____ reception of the enemy messenger showed his favorable inclination toward a peace treaty.

17. Formally speaking, the _____ of lumber was _____
by the carpenter; simply stated, he cut off the long boards that were sticking out.

18. Because I wanted to try country life, I moved to a _____ country shack with no electricity or indoor plumbing.

19. The President possesses _____ and complete power over the executive branch of our government.

20. The _____ of honey is similar to that of molasses: both flow slowly.

21. The field was _____ with green corn stalks what waved like the ocean as the breeze blew across them.

22. That is the most _____ child I have ever seen; all she ever does is whine and complain.

23. We encouraged the man to use _____ in his drinking; if he could practice moderation he would not get drunk so much.



Lesson 29

Definitions

1. adherent

ad HEER unt

a follower of something such as a leader, party, philosophy, or profession **Synonyms** >>
disciple, follower, partisan

Antonym >> dissenter

He is an adherent of the Democratic party.

Derivatives >>

adhere, adherer, adherence, adherently

2. advent

AD vent

a coming or arrival

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> departure, demise

The children anxiously awaited the advent of summer.

Derivatives >>

advential, adventism, adventist

3. cache

KASH

a hole or hiding place used to store supplies

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

The child hid his treasured toy in a cache in the corner.

Derivatives >>

cached, caching

4. celestial

seh LES chul

pertaining to the sky or heavens

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> earthly

Stars are celestial bodies.

Derivatives >>

celestially

5. certitudes

SIR tuh toods

things that are inevitable or certain, certainties

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> doubt

He was able to take his vows with absolute certitude.

Derivatives >>

certitude

6. chide

CHIDE

to voice disapproval, to scold

Synonyms >>

admonish, castigate, chasten, chastise, rebuke, reprove

Antonym >> to applaud

I was chided by my teacher for not completing my assignment.

Derivatives >>

chided, chid, chidden, chiding, chider, chidingly

7. converge

kun VERJ

to move together

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to move apart

The cars converged at the intersection at the same time and crashed.

Derivatives >>

converged, converging, convergence, convergency, convergent

8. dictum

DIK tum

an authoritative statement, decree

Synonyms >>

saying, maxim

Antonym >>

The dictum from the Pope allows this activity.

Derivatives >>

dicta

9. effusion

eh FYOO zhun

a pouring forth (usually overdone in writing or speech)

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> restraint; reserve

The effusion of profane language in his speech offended many.

Derivatives >>

effuse, effusive, effusiveness, effusively

10. exacting

ig ZAK ting

demanding, requiring great care

Synonyms >>

burdensome, onerous, oppressive

Antonym >> indulgent

Concerning the form of the outline, the teacher was very exacting.

Derivatives >>

exact, exactable, exactingly, exactingness

11. excise

ik SIZE

to remove by cutting

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

Hopefully, the doctor can excise the cancer from his liver.

Derivatives >>

excision, excisional

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www.layingthefoundation.org **12. fetid**

FET id

having an offensive smell, malodorous

Synonyms >>

fusty, musty, noisome, putrid, rancid, rank

Antonym >> aromatic

The dead body became fetid.

Derivatives >>

fetidly, fetidness, fetidity

13. harbor

HAR bur

to give shelter or refuge

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to turn away

It is illegal to harbor an escaped convict.

Derivatives >>

harbors, harbored, harboring, harborage

14. impermeable im PUR mee uh bul

not able to be penetrated, unable to be passed through

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> penetrable

Boats are coated with an impermeable substance that keeps water and moisture out.

Derivatives >>

impermeability, impermeabilization, impermeabilize, impermeableness, impermeably **15.**

incipient

in SIP ee unt

beginning to come into being, the early stage of something

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> waning

He is not able to recognize his own incipient drug problem.

Derivatives >>

incipiative, incipency, incipience, incipiently

16. insolvent

in SOL vunt

without money, broke

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> solvent; wealthy

Before Congress passed the legislation, many worried that the social security fund might become insolvent.

Derivatives >>

insolence, insolvency

17. jettison

JET eh sun

to discard or to cast off, many times relates to spacecraft

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to bring aboard

The sailors were forced to jettison all excess weight in order to stay afloat.

Derivatives >>

jettisonable

18. obtrude

ub TROOD

to thrust out, to thrust forward

Synonyms >>

intrude

Antonym >> to hold in; to recoil

It is often rude to obtrude one's opinions upon another when no invitation for them has been given.

Derivatives >>

obtrusive, obtruder, obtrusion, obtrusively, obtrusiveness

19. quandary

KWON duh ree

dilemma

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> state of peace and calm

She was in a quandary because two boys whom she liked wanted to take her to the senior prom.

Derivatives >>

quandaries

20. repentant

reh PEN tunt

penitent; characterized by showing repentance or contrition for a past sin **Synonyms >>**

Antonym >>

Her repentant mood touched the jury, and she was absolved of guilt.

Derivatives >>

repent, repenter, repenting, repented, repentance, repentantly

21. salubrious

suh LOO bree us

healthful, favorable to one's well-being

Synonyms >>

salutary, wholesome

Antonym >> poisonous; harmful

Arizona's dry climate is salubrious for many people with allergies.

Derivatives >>

salubriously, salubriousness, salubrity

22. squander

SKWON dur

to waste

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to conserve

He squandered the family fortune on wine, women, and song.

Derivatives >>

squanderer, squandered, squandering

23. tenet

TEN ut

a doctrine or principle held as being true

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

The principle that only men may become priests is a tenet of that church.

Derivatives >>

tenets

24. validate

VAL eh date

to give official sanction

Synonyms >>

authenticate, confirm, corroborate, substantiate, verify

Antonym >> to invalidate; to void; to nullify

The election results must be validated by the school board before they are official.

Derivatives >>

validation, validatory, validity, validly

25. vista

VIS tuh

a distant view seen through an opening

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

As he reached the forest, he saw vistas of stone passages leading in many directions.

Derivatives >>

vistaed, vistas

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Lesson 29

Matching Test

Directions: Choose the definition that best matches the meaning of the vocabulary word.
Place the answer of your choice in the space provided.

Exercise A

- _____ 1.
adherent
a.
having an offensive smell
- _____ 2.
advent
b.
things that are inevitable
- _____ 3.
cache
c.
to move together
- _____ 4.
celestial
d.
follower of something
- _____ 5.
certitudes
e.
an authoritative statement
- _____ 6.
chide
f.
unrestrained expression
- _____ 7.
converge
g.
to voice disapproval; to scold
- _____ 8.
dictum
h.
to remove by cutting
- _____ 9.

effusion

i.

a hole to store supplies

_____ 10. exacting

j.

demanding

_____ 11. excise

k.

a coming or arrival

_____ 12. fetid

l.

pertaining to the sky or heavens

Exercise B

_____ 1.

harbor

a.

dilemma

_____ 2.

impermeable

b.

harmless; innocent

_____ 3.

incipient

c.

beginning to come into being

_____ 4.

insolvent

d.

to waste

_____ 5.

jettison

e.

to discard or to cast off

_____ 6.

obtrude

f.

to give shelter or refuge

_____ 7.

quandary

g.

principle held as true

_____ 8.

repentant

h.

without money; broke

_____ 9.

salubrious

i.

showing contrition for past sin

_____ 10.

squander

j.

impenetrable

_____ 11.

tenet

k.

to thrust out; to thrust forward

_____ 12.

validate

l.

to give official sanction

_____ 13.

vista

m. a distant view seen through an

opening

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Sentence Completion

adherent advent
affront cache

celestial certitudes chided converged

dictum effusion harbored
squandered

1.
The young girl _____ resentment when her mother
_____ her for not keeping her room clean since her brother, whose
room looked like a pig sty, was never chastised.
2. As the extravagant fool _____ his money, the
_____ where he had been hiding his money began to appear emptier and emptier.
3. He is an _____ of the philosophy “live and let live;” he follows
the guidelines of this precept in all his affairs.
4. As they _____ at the doorway, the two men, having run into
each other, realized that only one of them could enter at a time.
5. The _____ from the court was a statement allowing the
demonstration; without this authoritative permission, the crowds would have to disperse.
6. The _____ of the computer age marked the arrival of a new way of
life.
7. The _____ bodies peered from the heavens and winked
“Goodnight” to the lovers below.

8. Many things are inevitable in life; one of these _____ is death.

9. He was not impressed with the woman's _____; she talked so much he became tired of hearing her voice.

10. She considered it a personal _____ when he bumped into her; even though it was an accident, she thought he had deliberately tried to make a personal offense.

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Lesson 29

exactng excise
fetid
impermeable
incipient

insolvent jettison
obtrude
quandary
repentant

salubrious tenets
vista

11. The wall was _____; try as they might, the army could not break through.

12. The _____ foods were suggested by the director of the health food store; she believed they had wonderful healing effects on the body.

13. Your comments about our doctrine are quite interesting; you have managed to explain the _____ in a meaningful way so that anyone could understand our beliefs.

14. The doctor was _____ in his efforts to _____ the bullet from the patient; he was very careful as he cut into the skin to remove the foreign object.

15. The _____ odor of the body was sickening; having been dead so long, it gave off a very offensive smell.

16. Because his son's first word happened to be "stethoscope," Bill swore that the boy was an _____ doctor.

17. The _____ of the valley below was breathtaking; seen through the opening in the mountain pass, it was a glorious view.

18. The federal government took control of two _____ banks in order to guarantee customers their right to funds.

19. No matter which choice I made it was going to hurt either my mother or my father; it was a terrible _____ that I tried to resolve.

20. Prior to reentering the atmosphere, the Apollo astronauts had to _____ the lunar landing module; it was costly to discard the attachment, but necessary for proper reentry.

21. I disliked being around the man because he always tried to _____ his opinions upon other people around him.

22. The child seemed _____ for having said those ugly things; she said she was sorry, and I believed she was, indeed, penitent.



Lesson 30

Definitions

1. affront

uh FRONT

an offensive act or word; an offense to one's dignity or self-respect

Synonyms >>

impertinence, contumely, scorn, indignity, abuse, outrage, **Antonym** >> I considered his rude remarks a personal affront.

Derivatives >>

affrontedly, affrontedness, affronter, affrontingly, affrontiveness

2. alcove

AL kove

a partially enclosed extension of a room or part of a room

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

An alcove is to a room as an inlet is to a lake.

Derivatives >>

alcoves

3. blanch

BLANCH

to take the color out of, to bleach, to make white

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to color

It is popular to blanch new blue jeans before wearing them.

Derivatives >>

blancher, blanched

4. champion

CHAM pee un

to defend or to support

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to persecute

The senator championed the cause of the homeless.

Derivatives >>

championship, championless, championlike, championed, championing

5. compress

kum PRESS

to contract, to reduce in size or volume

Synonyms >>

condense, constrict, contract, deflate

Antonym >> to expand

Farmers now have machines to compress hay into bales.

Derivatives >>

compressible, compressibility, compressed, compression, compressive, compressor, compressively, **6. convivial**

kun VIV ee ul

fond of good company and of festivity

Synonyms >>

friendly, sociable

Antonym >> unsociable

He was of the convivial sort, fond of people, parties, and pleasures.

Derivatives >>

conviviality, convivially, convivium, convivia

7. dilation

die LAY shun

expansion

Synonyms >>

amplification, distention, inflation, swelling

Antonym >> constriction

Some drugs will cause the dilation of the pupil of the eye.

Derivatives >>

dilate, dilated, dilatedly, dilatedness, dilative

8. elegiac

el uh JEE uk

mournful, expressing sorrow

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> rejoicing

His elegiac poem about the war deaths moved everyone.

Derivatives >>

elegiacal, elegy

9. exculpate

EK skul pate

to clear from blame or guilt

Synonyms >>

absolve, acquit, exonerate, vindicate

Antonym >> to convict

The governor was petitioned to exculpate the prisoner.

Derivatives >>

exculpation, exculpatory

10. fiasco

fee AS ko

a total failure and a mess

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> unqualified success

The man's attempt to run the business was such a fiasco that a small fortune was lost because of his failure.

Derivatives >>

fiascoes, fiascos

11. heedless

HEED les

disregarding, thoughtless

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> aware; concerned; attentive

He walked on, heedless of the signs warning about the mine field.

Derivatives >>

heed, heeded, heeding, heeds, heedlessly, heedful, heedfully

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in SIE siv

very perceptive, clear and to the point

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> obtuse

His incisive remarks swayed the crowd.

Derivatives >>

incisively, incisiveness

13. instigation

in stuh GAY shun

urging, provocation; initiation

Synonyms >>

abetment, fomentation, incitement

Antonym >> dissuasion

This project would never have been attempted without his instigation.

Derivatives >>

instigate, instigatingly, instigative, instigator

14. interloper

IN tur lope ur

one who interferes in the affairs or with the rights of others

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> ascetic; hermit

As the man tried to work out his difficulties a busy-body interloper jumped in and made matters worse.

Derivatives >>

interlope

15. labyrinthine

lab uh RIN thin

like a maze, very convoluted and intricate

Synonyms >>

mazy

Antonym >>

The senator vowed to unravel the labyrinthine welfare bureaucracy.

Derivatives >>

labyrinth, labyrinthal, labyrinthical, labyrinthian, labyrinthic, labyrinthically **16. molt**

MOLT

to shed an outer covering such as feathers or skin periodically

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

Feathers are everywhere since my birds are molting.

Derivatives >>

molts, molted, molting

17. pariah

puh RIE uh

an outcast

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> accepted citizen

He became a pariah among his friends when he admitted being a Nazi during the war.

Derivatives >>

pariahdom, pariahism

18. philanderer

feh LAN dur ur

one who engages in love affairs lightly or insincerely

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

I asked my daughter how she could fall in love with a playboy and a philanderer.

Derivatives >>

philander, philandered, philandering

19. predisposed

pree deh SPOZD

inclined toward something in advance

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> objective or neutral

I believe that the judge was predisposed to freeing the man.

Derivatives >>

predispose, predisposition

20. quench

KWENCH

to extinguish, to put out; to relieve with liquid

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to stir up

He quenched the hot coals in the barbecue pit with water.

Derivatives >>

quencher, quenched, quenching, quenchable, quenchableness

21. reprobate

REP ruh bate

to disapprove of; a person with no moral principles, a depraved individual **Synonyms**

>>

blame, censure, condemn, denounce, reprehend

Antonym >> saint

Some thought that the ax murderer was a reprobate who deserved to die.

Derivatives >>

reprobation, reprobative, reprobator, reprobatory

22. salutary

SAL yuh ter ee

promoting good health or beneficial effects

Synonyms >>

salubrious, wholesome

Antonym >> harmful

Your talk has had a salutary effect on your child. His class behavior has really improved.

Derivatives >>

salutarily, salutariness

23. tenacious

teh NAY shus

persistent, holding fast to a position

Synonyms >>

mettlesome, resolved

Antonym >> fickle

England was tenacious in its desire not to fall to the Germans.

Derivatives >>

tenaciously, tenaciousness, tenacity

24. tenuous

TEN yoo us

flimsy, barely attached

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> firm or substantial

His position with the law firm became tenuous when he objected to hiring women.

Derivatives >>

tenuously, tenuousness, tenuity

25. unfrock

un FROK

to deprive the right to be in a profession (usually applies to a priest)

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to decorate

The priest was unfrocked as a result of his moral depravity.

Derivatives >>

unfrocked

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Lesson 30

Matching Test

Directions: Choose the definition that best matches the meaning of the vocabulary word.
Place the answer of your choice in the space provided.

Exercise A

- _____ 1.
affront
a.
partly enclosed extension of a room
_____ 2. alcove
b.
to clear from blame or guilt
_____ 3.
blanch
c.
to reduce in size or volume
_____ 4. champion
d.
disregarding; thoughtless
_____ 5. compress
e.
expansion
_____ 6. convivial
f.
to bleach; to remove color
_____ 7. dilation
g.
mournful; sorrowful
_____ 8. elegiac
h.
a personally offensive act or word
_____ 9. exculpate
i.
to defend or to support
_____ 10. fiasco
j.
a total failure and a mess

_____ 11. heedless
k.
friendly; sociable

_____ 12. incisive
l.
perceptive, clear, to the point

Exercise B

_____ 1.
instigation

a.
flimsy; barely attached

_____ 2.
interloper

b.
inclined to something in advance

_____ 3.
labyrinthine

c.
persistent

_____ 4.
molt

d.
to extinguish; to put out

_____ 5.
pariah

e.
to shed an outer covering

_____ 6.
philanderer

f.
to deprive the right of profession

_____ 7.
predisposed

g.
like a maze; convoluted

_____ 8.
quench

h.
one who interferes in affairs of others

_____ 9.
reprobate

i.

one who engages in love affairs

_____ 10. salutary

j.

a depraved individual

_____ 11. tenacious

k.

an outcast

_____ 12. tenuous

l.

promoting good; beneficial

_____ 13. unfrock

m. initiation; beginning of action; urging

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Sentence Completion

alcove blanching champion
compress

convivial dilation
elegiac exculpate

fiasco heedless incisive
instigation

1. His favorite hiding place was in the _____; a partly enclosed extension to the room.

2. The song writer tends to writ _____ songs; they always deal with death or sorrow.

3. The doctor had to wait for the _____ of the patient's eyes before he could make a thorough exam; in order to see the entire eye, the pupil had to expand.

4. The soldiers were _____ about the warning they received that there might be mines in the field; because they did not pay attention, they lost three men.

5. I look forward to your _____ of this new project; it takes special people to
“get the ball rolling” and start things moving.

6. The woman was able to be _____ and jolly even in the middle of such a _____; it was the biggest mess I've ever seen, but through it all she was friendly and sociable.

7. With his _____ intelligence, he is never at a loss for words; he is always clear and to the point.

8. _____ will remove the color from the skin of vegetables, while keeping the taste intact.

9. If this witness will _____ me in the crime, then the charges against me will be dropped and I will not be blamed.

10. It is simplistic to think we can _____ into one sentence a problem so complicated that the original statement required three pages of text; nothing can be reduced that much.

11. We expect our heroes to _____ the weak and defenseless by coming to their aid and defending them.



Lesson 30

interloper labyrinthine

molt
pariah
philanderer

predisposed quench
reprobate salutary
tenaciously

tenuous unfrock
validate

12. Forced out of the community, he was considered a _____, an outcast of society.

13. Because it is one of the rules of the park to extinguish all camp fires, we decided to _____ the fire with water.

14. Your talk has had a _____ effect on the child; his class behavior has really improved.

15. The _____ constantly sought the love of one girl after another, not really concerned that his insincerity was obvious.

16. The solution to the problem was not straightforward; instead, it was a _____ maze of false starts and turns.
17.
The group would have worked very well during the week except for an _____ who slowed them down; he kept trying to interfere with the actions of the others.
18. The old _____ had the morals of an alley cat; in other words, he had none.
19. In the spring we sometimes find the feathers of a bird that has begun to _____, but we know that in place of the feathers he has shed, new ones grow.
20. Holding on tightly for his life, the man _____ gripped the rocks until his rescuers arrived.
21. Barely attached by a single thread, the button on his ragged shirt finally lost its _____ and fell off.
22. Having decided in advance, I am _____ to buying that new car.
23. The bishop has decided to _____ the priest, formally dismissing him from the priesthood.
24. My university i.d. card will not be made official until you _____ it.

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Lesson 31

Definitions

1. alloy

AL oh ee

a substance that is a mixture of metals

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

This alloy is less expensive than pure gold since it is composed of a mixture of metals.

Derivatives >>

alloyed, alloying, alloyage

2. altercation

al ter KAY shun

a heated or angry dispute; noisy argument or controversy

Synonyms >>

quarrel, contention

Antonym >> accord; agreement

We were not surprised at the altercation of the two enemies; they often fought in public.

Derivatives >>

altercate, altercated, altercating

3. blighted

BLIE ted

destroyed or caused by decline or decay

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> good; healthy; wholesome

The blighted fruit had to be separated from the rest.

Derivatives >>

blight

4. charismatic

care iz MAT ic

having special qualities or powers that are used for healing or prophecy

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

Many charismatic religions believe in faith healing.

Derivatives >>
charisma, charism

5. chary

SHAR ee
careful, cautious

Synonyms >>
circumspect, wary

Antonym >> trustful; uncritical
He is chary when he meets a new person.

Derivatives >>
charier, chariest

6. convoke

kun VOKE
to summon or to call together

Synonyms >>
convene, muster

Antonym >> to revoke; to disassemble
The meeting of the board was convoked to discuss the chairman's resignation.

Derivatives >>
convocation, convoke, convoker

7. despicable

des PIK uh bul
very bad, contemptible

Synonyms >>
pitiable, scurvy

Antonym >> likable
Acting like a bully is despicable.

Derivatives >>
despicability, despicableness, despicably

8. embed

em BED
to enclose firmly in some mass

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to extract
The fossil has been embedded in the rock for millions of years.

Derivatives >>
embedment

9. embolden

em BOL dun
to encourage one to be bold or to have courage

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to discourage
The general tried to embolden his men before battle.

Derivatives >>

emboldened, emboldening, emboldens

10. florid

FLOR id

flowery, flushed with color

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> plain; simple; pale

His face becomes florid when he gets angry.

Derivatives >>

floridity, floridly, floridness

11. hiatus

high ATE us

gap, pause, interruption in time

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> continuation

Our vacation will be a short hiatus from our work.

Derivatives >>

hiatuses

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in KYOOR ee us

uninterested, lacking normal curiosity

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> interested; curious

I was surprised at his incurious reaction when I told him that the prom queen was interested in him.

Derivatives >>

incuriosity, incuriously, incuriousness

13. insubordination in suh bor duh NAY disobedience to authority **Synonyms >>**

Antonym >> obedience

The student was reprimanded for his insubordination to the teacher.

Derivatives >>

insubordinate, insubordinately

14. lassitude

LAS eh tood

feeling of weariness; fatigue

Synonyms >>

languor, lethargy, stupor, torpor

Antonym >> restlessness

The hot weather in some parts of Mexico probably created the lassitude that led to the siesta.

Derivatives >>

lassitudes

15. montage

mon TAZH

any combination of disparate elements that form a unified, single image

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

His memory was a montage of varied experiences.

Derivatives >>

16. officious

uh FISH us

overly dutiful or obliging, insisting on providing a service not requested **Synonyms >>**
impertinent, intrusive, meddlesome, obtrusive

Antonym >> disinterested

The boss is not pleased with that employee's officious conduct.

Derivatives >>

officiously, officiousness

17. premature

pree muh TOOR

occurring or existing earlier than what is normal

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> overdue

Premature children need special care because their vital systems are not fully developed.

Derivatives >>

prematurely, prematureness, prematurity

18. presumptuous preh ZUMP choo us

brazenly overstepping bounds, arrogant

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> humble

It was presumptuous of him to think that I would loan him the money.

Derivatives >>

presume, presumer, presumption, presumptive, presumptively, presumptuously,
presumptuousness **19. relegate**

REL uh gate

to assign to an inferior position

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to promote

The veteran ball player knew it was time to retire when he was relegated to sitting on the bench.

Derivatives >>

relegation, relegable, relegates, relegated, relegating

20. rescind

reh SEND

to cancel

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to restore

He said that he will have to rescind his offer if he does not hear from us by Tuesday.

Derivatives >>

rescindable, rescinder, rescindment

21. saturate

SACH uh rate

to soak, to completely fill

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to desiccate; to dry out

Floods sometimes occur when the ground becomes saturated from a heavy rain and can absorb no more water.

Derivatives >>

saturation, saturated, saturating

22. sterile

STER ul

incapable of reproducing

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> productive

Since the woman was sterile, she and her husband decided to adopt children.

Derivatives >>

sterilely, sterility, sterilizable, sterilizability, sterilization, sterilize **23. tumultuous**

too MUL choo us

marked by disturbance and uproar; raising a great clatter and commotion

Synonyms >>

uproarious, turbulent, violent, boisterous, unquiet

Antonym >> calm; quiet; peaceful

Our class reunion had a tumultuous celebration.

Derivatives >>

tumult, tumultuary, tumultuously, tumultuousness

24. unimpeachable un im PEE chuh bul

not to be called into question, exempt from liability

Synonyms >>

irreproachable, blameless

Antonym >> liable; full of blame

The man had an unimpeachable reputation and was considered by all to be extremely trustworthy.

Derivatives >>

unimpeachableness, unimpeachably, unimpeached

25. voracious

voe RAY shus

having a large appetite, ravenous

Synonyms >>

gluttonous, rapacious

Antonym >> temperate

Henry the VIII allegedly had a voracious appetite.

Derivatives >>

voraciously, voraciousness, voracity

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Matching Test

Directions: Choose the definition that best matches the meaning of the vocabulary word.
Place the answer of your choice in the space provided.

Exercise A

_____ 1.

alloy

a.

flowery; flushed with color

_____ 2.

altercation

b.

careful; cautious

_____ 3.

blighted

c.

heated or angry dispute

_____ 4.

charismatic

d.

uninterested

_____ 5.

chary

e.

decayed; unhealthy

_____ 6.

convoke

f.

very bad; contemptible

_____ 7.

despicable

g.

to summon or to call together

_____ 8.

embed

h.

to encourage one to be bold

_____ 9.

embolden

i.

substance of mixed metals

_____ 10. florid

j.

pause; interruption in time

_____ 11. hiatus

k.

having qualities for healing

_____ 12. incurious

l.

to enclose firmly in some mass

Exercise B

- _____ 1.
insubordination
a.
disobedience to authority
_____ 2.
lassitude
b.
overly dutiful or obliging
_____ 3.
montage
c.
arrogant; rash; insolent
_____ 4.
officious
d.
having a large appetite
_____ 5.
premature
e.
occurring earlier than normal
_____ 6.
presumptuous
f.
exempt from liability
_____ 7.
relegate
g.
incapable of reproducing
_____ 8.
rescind
h.
marked by disturbance and uproar
_____ 9.
saturate
i.
to cancel
_____ 10.
sterile
j.
feeling of weariness
_____ 11.
tumultuous
k.
to assign to an inferior position

_____ 12.
unimpeachable

l.
to soak; to fill completely

_____ 13.
voracious

m. disparate elements that come

together in some form

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Lesson 31

Sentence Completion

alloy altercation blighted
charismatic

chary convoke despicable
embedded

emboldened florid
hiatus
incurious

1. Even people who were interested became _____ after five minutes of his boring lecture.
2. Trying to show how contemptible it was, the man pleaded with the factories to stop the _____ practices of polluting the rivers with the chemical waste products.
3. It seemed that all the plants had been _____ with disease and were dying.
4. The family decided to _____ a meeting after her death, coming together to discuss the will.
5. An _____ is more than a combination of two metals; an aggregate implies that two or more elements are mixed together, but it does not suggest that the resulting metal will have properties different from each constituent.
6. The once cowardly jackets now had the courage of lions, having been _____ by the smell of food.
7. The coin was securely _____ in the stone; to remove it we had to use a chisel.
8. The people were confused by the _____; the temporary pause in action caused much disorientation.
9. I was shocked to see the couple arguing like that; if they wanted an _____, they should have it at home behind closed doors.
10. After running in the marathon, the runner's face was _____; it was several minutes before the flushed coloring left.
11. Faith healing is an accepted practice in many _____ religions.
12. In all his endeavors he is _____, sometimes caution to an extreme.



Lesson 31

insubordination lassitude
montage
officious
premature

presumptuous relegated
rescind
saturate sterile

tumultuous unimpeachable
voracious

13. The hot weather in some parts of Mexico probably created the _____ that led to the siesta; a sense of fatigue makes the people sleepy.

14.
The soldier's disrespectful comment to the captain caused the officer to _____ the pass, canceling a well-earned vacation.

15. When it rains enough to _____ the ground, construction must stop; otherwise the heavy equipment will get stuck in the mud.

16. The _____ host spoiled the casual dinner party by waiting on his guests hand and foot.

17. After he disobeyed the orders, the corporal was tried for _____.

18. To say that we will win the championship is _____, for it is far too early in the season to predict an outcome.

19. She may be the most attractive girl in the class, but her arrogance also makes her the most _____; she frequently oversteps her bounds.

20. A new means of insect control uses chemicals to render insects incapable of reproducing; once they are _____, no new generations can be bred.

21. Seth is a _____ eater who satisfies his ravenous appetite at every chance he gets.

22. The new employee had hoped to be made vice president; instead, he was _____ to a much lower position in the mail room.

23. The doctor's credentials were _____; they were simply not to be called into question.

24. The picture can be called a _____ since so many different elements seem to form a single image.

25. We were disturbed by the _____ celebration next door; the neighbors were raising such a great clatter and commotion that we couldn't sleep.

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Definitions

1. amenity

uh MEN uh tee

agreeable ways or manners; the quality of being agreeable or pleasant

Synonyms >>

courtesies, civilities

Antonym >> unpleasant feature

The woman was adored for her social amenities.

Derivatives >>

amenities

2. anathema

uh NATH uh muh

a vigorous denunciation; one who is intensely disliked

Synonyms >>

imprecation, curse

Antonym >>

The rebellious boy continued in his wayward actions despite the anathema pronounced by his father.

Derivatives >>

anathemas, anathematic, anathematical, anathematically, anathemation, anathematize, anathemize

3. atypical

a TIP uh kul

unusual or abnormal; odd

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> usual

Screaming at the referee is atypical for that normally calm coach.

Derivatives >>

atypic, atypically

4. balky

BALL kee

refusing to proceed in an expected direction

Synonyms >>

contrary, perverse, restive, wayward

Antonym >> easily led

When he refused to move he acted just like a balky mule.

Derivatives >>

balkily, balkiness, balkingly

5. bourgeois

BOOR zhwah

a person with the traits or viewpoints of the bourgeoisie

Synonyms >>

middle class, mediocre

Antonym >>

Your outdated ideas are so bourgeois.

Derivatives >>

bourgeoisie

6. concert

KON surt

agreement in purpose or feeling, consensus

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> discord

My wife and children were in concert together to destroy me.

Derivatives >>

concerted, concertedly

7. confluence

KON floo uns

a coming together

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> divergence

What is the name of the town that sits at the confluence of the Missouri and Mississippi rivers?

Derivatives >>

confluent

8. corpulence

KOR pyuh luns

state of being very fat

Synonyms >>

obesity

Antonym >> emaciation

Overeating will lead to corpulence.

Derivatives >>

corpulent, corpulently

9. dirge

DURJ

funeral hymn, lament

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> dance

The music was so morose and solemn that it sounded like a dirge.

Derivatives >>

dirgeful, dirges

10. disconcerting dis kun SUR ting
upsetting, frustrating

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> refreshing; calming

That he has not responded to the medicine is disconcerting.

Derivatives >>

disconcert, disconcerted, disconcertedness, disconcerting, disconcertingly,
disconcertingness, disconcertment **11. endemic**

en DEM ik

peculiar to or a trait of a group or area

Synonyms >>

aboriginal, indigenous, native

Antonym >> alien

Great height is endemic to members of that African tribe.

Derivatives >>

endemical, endemically, endemicity, endemism

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FOE kus

to concentrate

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to scatter

We need to focus our attention on today's topic and not on extraneous matters.

Derivatives >>

focused, focusing, focuses, focusable, focuser, focusless

13. hilarity

heh LAR eh tee

boisterous merriment, mirth

Synonyms >>

glee, jollity

Antonym >> gloominess

The party was marked by great hilarity.

Derivatives >>

hilarious, hilariously, hilariousness

14. indict

in DITE

to charge or to accuse

Synonyms >>

incriminate, blame, impeach

Antonym >> to absolve, to exonerate, to acquit

If the Grand Jury indicts the man, he will be tried for murder.

Derivatives >>

indicter, indictor, indictable, indictably, indictment

15. latent

LATE unt

not visible, dormant

Synonyms >>

abeyant, quiescent

Antonym >> obvious

Sometimes a teacher can cause latent talents to emerge.

Derivatives >>

latency

16. monumental

mon yuh MEN tul

massive, very great, very important

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> trivial

Sending man to the moon was a monumental achievement.

Derivatives >>

monumentalism, monumentality, monumentally

17. myriad

MIR ee id

a very large and indefinite number

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> small number

The myriad of races and cultures that make up America is said to resemble a mosaic.

Derivatives >>

myriadfold, myriadly

18. oscillating

OS uh lay ting

moving back and forth, swinging, varying

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> remaining steady

The oscillating pendulum was beginning to unnerve me.

Derivatives >>

oscillate, oscillates, oscillated, oscillation, oscillator, oscillatory

19. pithy

PITH ee

concise and meaningful

Synonyms >>

compendious, laconic, succinct, summary, terse

Antonym >> long and drawn out

Due to great demands on his time, the President needs memos that he must read to be pithy.

Derivatives >>

pithier, pithiest, pith

20. premeditated pree MED eh tay ted
thought out beforehand

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> spontaneous

Premeditated murder is punishable by the death penalty in Texas.

Derivatives >>

premeditate, premeditatedly, premeditatedness, premeditatingly, premeditation,
premeditative **21. presage**

PRES ij

something that foreshadows a future event; foreknowledge of the future

Synonyms >>

omen, foreboding, presentiment, prediction

Antonym >>

Many view a rainbow as a presage of good fortune.

Derivatives >>

presageful, presagement, presager, presaging, presagingly, presagious

22. quixotic

kwik SOT ik

idealistic but impractical

Synonyms >>

chimera, fanciful, fantastic, visionary

Antonym >> practical

It is usually quixotic for a commoner to pursue a relationship with a member of the royal
family.

Derivatives >>

quixote, quixotical, quixotically, quixotism, quixotize, quixotry

23. reserve

reh ZURV

self-restraint

Synonyms >>

reticence

Antonym >> lack of restraint

He showed a lot of reserve in dealing with the harsh critics at the meeting.

Derivatives >>

reserved, reservedly, reserveless

24. stasis

STAY sis

motionlessness, stagnation

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> flux

At a particular point of stasis, one cannot advance in growth or understanding.

Derivatives >>

stases

25. warranted

WOR un ted
justified

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> unjustified

The jury felt that the death penalty was warranted because of the heinous nature of the crime.

Derivatives >>

warrant, warrantable, warrantableness, warrantably

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Lesson 32

Matching Test

Directions: Choose the definition that best matches the meaning of the vocabulary word.
Place the answer of your choice in the space provided.

Exercise A

- _____ 1.
amenity
a.
native; indigenous
_____ 2.
anathema
b.
state of being very fat
_____ 3.
atypical
c.
agreement in purpose or feeling
_____ 4.
balky
d.
middle class; mediocre
_____ 5.
bourgeois
e.
not usual or normal
_____ 6.
concert
f.
funeral hymn; lament
_____ 7.
confluence
g.
vigorous denunciation
_____ 8.
corpulence
h.
to concentrate
_____ 9.
dirge
i.
an agreeable manner; a courtesy
_____ 10. disconcerting
j.
a coming together
_____ 11. endemic
k.
upsetting; frustrating
_____ 12. focus

1.
refusing to proceed in an expected

manner

Exercise B

_____ 1.

hilarity

a.

foreknowledge of the future

_____ 2.

indict

b.

concise and meaningful

_____ 3.

latent

c.

very large indefinite number

_____ 4.

monumental

d.

self-restraint

_____ 5.

myriad

e.

not visible; dormant

_____ 6.

oscillating

f.

justified

_____ 7.

pithy

g.

boisterous merriment

_____ 8.

premeditated

h.

to charge or to accuse

_____ 9.

presage

i.

motionlessness; stagnation

_____ 10.

quixotic

j.

very great; very important

_____ 11.

reserve

k.

idealistic but impractical

_____ 12.

stasis

l.

moving back and forth

_____ 13.

warranted

m. thought out beforehand

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Lesson 32

Sentence Completion

amenity anathema atypical balky

bourgeois concert
confluence corpulence

dirge disconcerting
endemic
focused

1. The traitor's name became an _____ to his countrymen; he was vigorously denounced by all.

2. The _____ man refused to go shopping with his wife, and nothing she said could make him change his mind.

3. Once, fat men regarded their _____ as a sign of success; today, they worry that being overweight will lead to a heart attack

4. The secret documents proved that an agreement had been reached for the two countries to work in _____ with each other.

5. It was _____ for me to listen to the _____; the funeral song upset me considerably.

6. John is _____ because, unlike most people, he writes with his left hand.

7. I was not impressed with his _____ behavior; his manners quickly labeled him as a common, middle-class citizen.

8. The teacher handed out the lenses to the class, giving the students a means to study the effects of concentrated light _____ on paper.

9. Throughout the region the _____ condition of poverty existed everywhere.

10. Three major rivers meet at the same point; their _____ makes the resulting river one of the world's largest.

11. Having the table decorated according to her color scheme is an _____ we didn't expect; but she always does things in a most agreeable way.

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Lesson 32

hilarity indict

latent monumental
myriad

oscillating pithy
premeditated
presage
quixotic

reserve stasis
warranted

12. It is usually _____ for a commoner to pursue a relationship with a member of the royalty; it is impractical and not likely to happen.

13. The _____ of the clown's skit caused us to laugh so hard we fell over.

14. This battle will go down in history as one of _____ importance, for it was the turning point of the war.

15. The fan's _____ blades moved back and forth, blowing the cool air first to the left and then to the right.

16. Your comments about the book are quite _____; you say things in a very concise and direct manner.

17. Since he had carefully planned his crime for eight months, the suspect was found guilty of _____ murder.

18. The mother of the juvenile urged the judge not to _____ her son, but he still charged the boy with assault.

19. Claiming a knowledge of future events, the gypsy sought to _____ things to come.

20. Jane's extensive travels have helped her become acquainted with _____ foreign countries and customs.

21. His success, which did not come until later in life, was attributed to his _____ talents.

22. Ted is a man of great _____, but his self-restraint was really tested by the lawsuit filed against him.

23. Your excessive anger is neither _____ nor justified.

24. Suspended animation is a form of _____ in which people lie motionless for hundreds or even thousands of years.

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Definitions

1. anchor

ANG kur

to secure firmly

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to release from restraint

Anchor the boat to the dock.

Derivatives >>

anchored, anchoring, anchors

2. antediluvian

an tuh duh LEW vee un very, very old (it literally means "before the Flood") **Synonyms**

>>

Antonym >> ultramodern

The natives' antediluvian marriage rituals had not changed in thousands of years.

Derivatives >>

antediluvial

3. denigrate

DEN uh grate

to belittle, to run down, to deny the importance of something

Synonyms >>

aspere, calumniate, defame, malign, slander, traduce, vilify **Antonym** >> to praise; to laud; to acclaim To denigrate someone's reputation merely on hearsay is wrong.

Derivatives >>

denigration, denigrator, denigratory, denigrated, denigrating

4. doleful

DOL ful

having great sorrow

Synonyms >>

melancholy, plaintive, lugubrious, mournful

Antonym >> cheerful

By her doleful expression, I knew that she did not make the cheerleader squad.

Derivatives >>

dolefully, dolefulness

5. epilogue

EP uh log

a short addition to a literary work, a short speech given at the end of a play **Synonyms**

>>

Antonym >>

The author's intent in writing the novel can be found in the epilogue.

Derivatives >>

epilog, epilogist, epilogues, epologuize

6. epitaph

EP uh taf

an inscription in memory of a dead person (usually on a tombstone)

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

She wants to write her own epitaph before she dies, rather than have someone else write it later.

Derivatives >>

epitaphial, epitaphless, epitaphic

7. foible

FOI bul

slight fault, minor weakness of character

Synonyms >>

failing, fragility, vice

Antonym >> strong point

His character is weakened only by a slight foible.

Derivatives >>

foibles

8. garish

GAR ish

crudely or tastelessly colorful or showy; excessively ornate or elaborate

Synonyms >>

loud, tawdry, gaudy

Antonym >> austere; modest

Her garish clothes made her look out of place in the conservative setting.

Derivatives >>

garishly, garishness

9. homage

HOM ij

a reverential regard; respect shown by external action

Synonyms >>

honor, reverence, deference, obeisance

Antonym >> disrespect

The people went to pay homage to their respected leader.

Derivatives >>

homages, homager

10. importune

im por TOON

to beg in earnest

Synonyms >>

entreat, implore, supplicate, adjure

Antonym >>

Although he importuned for one more chance, his former boss would not rehire him.

Derivatives >>

importuned, importuning, importunately, importuner, importunity, importunacy, importunate, importunateness **11. intangibles**

in TAN juh buls

things that cannot be realized or defined

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> things that can be realized

The coach said that he had the best team and that they should win, but one never knows about intangibles.

Derivatives >>

intangibility, intangibleness, intangibly

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www.layingthefoundation.org **12. lecher**

LECH ur

one who indulges excessively in sexual activity or in lasciviousness

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> ascetic

The young woman was repulsed by the unwanted sexual advances of the lecher.

Derivatives >>

lechery, lecherous, lecherously, lecherousness

13. morbidity

mor BID eh tee

unwholesomeness and gloominess, gruesomeness

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> wholesomeness

The boy talked about dead people and gruesome things. He soon frightened me with his morbidity.

Derivatives >>

morbid, morbidity

14. ostracize

OS truh size

to exclude by general consent from society or privileges

Synonyms >>

exile, disenfranchise, excommunicate

Antonym >> to accept; to condone

Her friends ostracized her after her husband's arrest.

Derivatives >>

ostracized, ostracizing, ostracization, ostracizable, ostracizer

15. patronizing

PAY truh niz ing
having a condescending attitude

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> accepting

She hugged the poor children in the streets and flashed them patronizing smiles.

Derivatives >>

patronize, patronization, patronizer, patronizingly

16. plenitude

PLEN eh tood
abundance, a lot

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> dearth; scarcity

I can always find a plenitude of advice but rarely a plausible solution.

Derivatives >>

plenitudinous

17. raconteur

rak on TUR
one who is skillful at telling stories and anecdotes

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

One of the reasons that most Americans loved Will Rogers was that he was a wonderful raconteur.

Derivatives >>

raconteuse

18. resonant

REZ uh nunt
echoing, continuing to sound

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

The resonant sounds of the cello make it a pleasing instrument.

Derivatives >>

resonance, resonate, resonantly, resonator

19. sentinel

SEN tuh nul
one who keeps guard as a sentry

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

The oak trees hovered over the house as sentinels.

Derivatives >>

sentineled, sentineling, sentinels

20. sequester

seh KWES tur
to seclude

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to allow to mingle freely

Because of the publicity about the case and the defendant, the judge decided to sequester the jury.

Derivatives >>

sequestered, sequestrable, sequestrant, sequestration, sequestrator

21. slag

SLAG

the residue or mass of metal left after smelting; worthless matter

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

The bottom of the pit was full of slag.

Derivatives >>

slagger

22. sumptuous

SUMP choo us

lavish, luxurious

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> paltry

I like to go to my mother's house on Thanksgiving Day because we always have a sumptuous feast.

Derivatives >>

sumptuously, sumptuosity, sumptuousness

23. tinge

TINJ

to add a bit of color; to affect slightly; a slight coloration

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to blanch

I wanted to add a tinge of red to the picture. The roses tinged the air with their fragrance.

Derivatives >>

tingent, tinged, tinging, tinges

24. unpalatable

un PAL eh tuh bul

distasteful, unpleasant, disagreeable

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> agreeable; tasty

The speaker made harshly unpalatable but honest statements.

Derivatives >>

unpalatableness, unpalatably

25. workaday

WUR kuh day

ordinary, commonplace

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> extraordinary

Because the novelist included workaday settings in her book, she was able to appeal to the ordinary man.

Derivatives >>

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Lesson 33

Matching Test

Directions: Choose the definition that best matches the meaning of the vocabulary word. Place the answer of your choice in the space provided.

Exercise A

- _____ 1.
anchor
- a.
having great sorrow
_____ 2. antediluvian
- b.
reverential regard; honor
_____ 3.
denigrate
- c.
excessively ornate; elaborate
_____ 4. doleful
- d.
slight fault; minor weakness
_____ 5. epilogue
- e.
to belittle; to run down
_____ 6. epitaph
- f.
to secure firmly
_____ 7. foible
- g.
to beg in earnest
_____ 8. garish
- h.
an inscription on a tombstone
_____ 9. homage
- i.
things that cannot be realized
_____ 10. importune
- j.
very old; before the Flood
_____ 11. intangibles
- k.
short addition to literary work
_____ 12. lecher
- l.
an indulger in excessive sexual acts

Exercise B

- _____ 1.
moribidity
- a.

costly and magnificent; lavish

_____ 2.

ostracize

b.

skillful storyteller

_____ 3.

patronizing

c.

to seclude

_____ 4.

plentitude

d.

gloominess; gruesomeness

_____ 5.

raconteur

e.

one who keeps guard

_____ 6.

resonant

f.

residue of metal after smelting

_____ 7.

sentinel

g.

to exclude from society

_____ 8.

sequester

h.

abundance

_____ 9.

slag

i.

echoing; continuing to sound

_____ 10. sumptuous

j.

distasteful; unpleasant

_____ 11. tinge

k.

ordinary; commonplace

_____ 12. unpalatable

l.

to add a bit of color

_____ 13. workaday

m. having a condescending attitude



Lesson 33

Sentence Completion

anchor antediluvian
denigrate
doleful

epilogue epitaph
foible
garish

homage importune intangibles
lecher

1.
It was clear from the sorrow on his face that Jon did not win the election to represent his class; his _____ expression was evidence that he had lost.

2.

The patient began to _____ the doctor not to amputate his leg, but his pleas were unheeded because the operation was necessary to save his life.

3.

Some things cannot be realized or defined; understanding the _____ can be difficult.

4.

The congregation's reverent regard was evident as they paid _____ to the departing pastor through many gifts that were showered upon him.

5.

Stan's 1940 Chevrolet looks positively _____; a car that is a few years old is one thing, but one is older than ten years is ancient!

6.

The teacher began to _____ the unruly student by belittling him in front of the entire class.

7.

The book contained an _____, probably because readers reaching the end wanted to know what happened to the characters later in their lives.

8. Although I think he has many character defects, he admits to having only one slight _____.

9.

I would like to write my own _____, although I don't want it inscribed on my tombstone for a long time to come.

10. The man's rapid state of moral decline soon turned him into a _____.

11. The woman's _____ attire made her look like a clown. Her clothes were tastelessly colorful and showy.

12. We tried to _____ the boat to the dock, but it was difficult to tie up securely to the shore.

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Lesson 33

morbidity ostracize
patronizing plenitude raconteur

resonant sentinel

sequester slag
sumptuous

tinge unpalatable
workaday

13. I couldn't believe the _____ being displayed in the experiments.
The whole scene was gruesome and cruel.

14. Her husband's _____ smile merely enraged the woman more.
She did not appreciate his condescending attitude at all.

15. Although the slight _____ of pink appeared to be a sign of
health, the color deceived the doctor, and he thought his patient was well.

16. The farmer used a _____ solution for a commonly occurring
problem.

17. The _____ that results from American agriculture is evident in a yearly surplus of most food items.

18. We knew that the opera was about to begin when we heard the _____ sounds of the orchestra's overture echoing throughout the hall.

19. In order to _____ the witness and seclude him during the trial, a police _____ was hired to guard him.

20. When the man continually disobeyed the laws of the tribe, the council decided to _____ him and insist that he move away to another village.

21. The food we had to eat during the camp was practically _____; it was so bad I couldn't force myself to swallow it.

22. Thanksgiving Day is a time my family joins together for a _____ feast; everyone brings something special, and no one goes away hungry.

23. The swimmers were careful to avoid the _____ in the bottom of the tank. It was difficult to tell what debris had accumulated there.

24. The _____ was honored with many awards for his skill in story telling.

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Definitions

1. addendum uh DEN dum

something added, usually to a book

Synonyms >>

addition, supplement

Antonym >>

The next edition of the book will have an addendum containing new information.

Derivatives >>

addend, addenda, addendums

2. anthology

an THAH luh gee

an assortment or collection of selected pieces of literature or art

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> novel

The anthology we are using as a text contains many poems of various authors.

Derivatives >>

anthological, anthologist, anthologize, anthologies

3. bellicose

BELL uh kose

inclined or eager to fight; aggressively hostile

Synonyms >>

belligerent, pugnacious

Antonym >> peaceful

The bellicose young man was always trying to start a fight.

Derivatives >>

bellicosely, bellicosity, bellicoseness

4. bizarre

buh ZAR

out of the ordinary, odd

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> ordinary

Snow in May is a bizarre occurrence for Texans.

Derivatives >>

bizarrely, bizarreness

5. cognizant

KOG nuh zunt

aware, having knowledge

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> ignorant

I am cognizant of the importance of this situation.

Derivatives >>

cognition, cognizable, cognizably, cognizance, cognize, cognized, cognizing **6. declaim**
deh KLAME

to harangue, to speak bombastically or vehemently

Synonyms >>

bombast, fustian, rant, rodomontade

Antonym >> to mention

He declaimed his opponents with oratorical vigor.

Derivatives >>

declaimer, declamation, declamatory, declaimed, declaiming

7. equanimity

ee kwuh NIM uh tee

a calm temper, an even disposition

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> lack of composure

The rude behavior of the students did not disturb his equanimity.

Derivatives >>

equanimous, equanimously

8. eschew

es CHOO

to avoid or to shun

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to confront

He eschewed situations in which there would be drinking.

Derivatives >>

eschewed, eschewal

9. exigent

EK seh junt

urgent, requiring immediate attention

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> lacking urgency

The exigent situation required immediate attention.

Derivatives >>

exigency, exigencies, exigence, exigently

10. hone

HONE

to sharpen, to make more intense, to make more effective

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to dull

I am going to the golf course to hone my putting skills.

Derivatives >>

honer

11. imbue

im BYOO

to impregnate or to inspire with feelings or opinions

Synonyms >>

charge, infect, fire; permeate, infuse, tincture, soak

Antonym >> to drain

The scholar was imbued with the teachings of the philosopher.

Derivatives >>

imbued, imbuing, imbuement

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lack of moderation (usually relating to drinking alcohol)

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> temperance; moderation

Some fraternity members are known for their intemperance.

Derivatives >>

intemperate, intemperancy, intemperately, intemperateness

13. intrepid

in TREP id

fearless

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> afraid

The intrepid fireman rushed into the burning house and saved the baby.

Derivatives >>

intrepidity, intrepidly, intrepidness

14. levitate

LEV eh tate

to rise or to float in the air in seeming defiance of gravity

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to cause to fall, to descend

The magician began his show by making a volunteer from the audience levitate.

Derivatives >>

levitated, levitating, levitation, levitational, levitative

15. moribund

MORE eh bund

close to death

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

The moribund man asked to see a priest.

Derivatives >>

moribundity

16. pluralism

PLOOR uh liz um

condition when many cultures coexist in one society

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> segregation

Having many ethnic groups and different religions, the United States is a pluralistic country.

Derivatives >>

pluralistic, pluralist, pluralistically, plurally, pluralization, pluralize **17. portly**

PORT lee

heavy or rotund in a stately manner, stout

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> lean; slender; angular

Winston Churchill was the portly prime minister of England during World War II.

Derivatives >>

portliness

18. resplendent

reh SPLEN dunt

brilliant, shining

Synonyms >>

sublime, superb

Antonym >> dim

The resplendent fireworks display pleased the Fourth of July crowd.

Derivatives >>

resplendence, resplendency, resplendently

19. retrogress

REH truh gres

to move backward, to degenerate

Synonyms >>

recede, retract, retreat

Antonym >> moving forward

Some ministers believe that society's morals have retrogressed.

Derivatives >>

retrogressed, retrogressing, retrogression, retrogressive, retrogressively **20. snippet**

SNIP it

a small amount, morsel

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> large amount

The professor learned mere snippets about the tribes he had visited.

Derivatives >>

snippiness, snippety, snippy

21. subvert

sub VURT

to destroy or to impair by insidious undermining

Synonyms >>

raze, demolish, alienate, overturn, defeat

Antonym >>

The revolution began when several citizens joined together in an effort to subvert their own government.

Derivatives >>

subverter, subverted, subvertible, subversion, subversive, subversively, subversiveness,

subverse **22. sybarite**

SIB uh rite

a person devoted to luxury

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> ascetic

He is a sybarite and a hedonist and is quite different from his brother, the monk.

Derivatives >>

sybaritic, sybaritical, sybaritically, sybaritish, sybaritism

23. toady

TOE dee

a flatterer; an obsequious sycophant

Synonyms >>

fawner, yes-man, parasite

Antonym >>

The man flattered the woman so much that he appeared like a toady.

Derivatives >>

toadied, toadying, toadyish, toadyism

24. upbraid

up BRADE

to scold harshly, to reproach

Synonyms >>

berate, rail at, revile, vituperate

Antonym >> to praise

I must upbraid my son for staying out past his curfew.

Derivatives >>

upbraided, upbraider, upbraiding, upbraidingly

25. willful

WIL ful

unruly, self-willed in an obstinate manner

Synonyms >>

intractable, recalcitrant, refractory

Antonym >> obedient

The teacher did not like his willful behavior of violating class rules.

Derivatives >>

wilful, willfully, wilfully, willfulness, wilfulness
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Lesson 34

Matching Test

Directions: Choose the definition that best matches the meaning of the vocabulary word.
Place the answer of your choice in the space provided.

Exercise A

_____ 1.

addendum

a.

to speak bombastically

_____ 2.

anthology

- b.
to sharpen
_____ 3.
bellicose
- c.
to avoid or shun
_____ 4.
bizarre
- d.
inclined and eager to fight; hostile
_____ 5.
cognizant
- e.
out of the ordinary; odd
_____ 6.
declaim
- f.
something added
_____ 7.
equanimity
- g.
to inspire with feelings
_____ 8.
eschew
- h.
calm temper; even disposition
_____ 9.
exigent
- i.
aware; having knowledge
_____ 10. hone
- j.
lack of moderation
_____ 11. imbue
- k.
urgent
_____ 12. intemperance
- l.
assortment of selected literature

Exercise B

- _____ 1.
intrepid

a.
heavy or rotund
_____ 2.
levitate

b.
fearless
_____ 3.
moribund

c.
to destroy; to raze
_____ 4.
pluralism

d.
excessive flatterer; sycophant
_____ 5.
portly

e.
a small amount; morsel
_____ 6.
resplendent

f.
to rise in defiance of gravity
_____ 7.
retrogress

g.
to scold harshly; to reproach
_____ 8.
snippet

h.
a person devoted to luxury
_____ 9.
subvert

i.
to move backward
_____ 10.
sybarite

j.
close to death
_____ 11.
toady

k.
brilliant; shining
_____ 12.
upbraid

l.
unruly

_____ 13.

willful

m. many cultures coexisting in one society

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Lesson 34

Sentence Completion

addendum anthology bellicose bizarre

cognizant declaim
equanimity
eschew

exigent hone
imbue

1. While many novelists write about everyday things, this author is preoccupied with the odd and unusual, concentrating on the most _____ happenings.

2. The scientist was _____ of the fact that the test results left no room for doubt, but he had trouble accepting the truth.

3. This is one situation to _____ if at all possible; some things are best left alone and avoided.

4. This _____ is a collection of several short stories.

5. The man started to _____ his opponents in a loud, vehement voice; his bombastic speech was enough to capture everyone's attention.

6. The rude behavior of the students did not disturb the teacher's _____; he remained calm and composed during the entire time.

7. If you want to impress the committee, you should _____ your speaking skills; they need to be sharpened.

8. His _____ injury required the immediate attention of the paramedics.

9. Jeff was guilty of great _____, frequently drinking to excess.

10. The professor attempted to _____ his students with a love for the literature; he did whatever he could to inspire them with feelings and opinions.

11. We seemed to have walked into a room full of _____ ruffians; everyone in the room wanted to fight.

12. I enjoyed the story so much that I wished for an _____; with the addition to the book, I could continue reading about my favorite characters.

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intrepid levitate
moribund pluralistic portly

resplendent retrogress

snippet
subvert
sybarite

toady upbraided willful

13. We must learn to live in a _____ society of many cultures if we are not to _____ to an earlier, intolerant era.

14. Just after stuffing myself at the banquet, I looked down at my _____, stout body and swore to begin a diet the next day.

15. Always requiring an abundance of everything, the Roman emperor Nero was a notorious _____ who was totally devoted to luxury.

16. Because no one can really make someone else float in mid-air, we figured that the magician's ability to _____ the girl must be a skillful trick.

17. For trying to _____ the government and undermine its power, the man was convicted of treason.

18. The queen's crown was _____ with the jewels shining like a thousand points of light.

19. All we heard of the lecture was a mere _____; had we been there earlier, we could have heard the entire speech rather than only a small portion of it.

20. The drowning man was saved by an _____ passerby who fearlessly jumped into the rushing waters to rescue him.

21. Because the man was easily flattered, the job of making the proposition was given to a _____, one skilled in the art of flattery.

22. The woman felt a sense of grief when she learned of the _____ condition of her dog; knowing that her pet was close to death deeply saddened her.

23. The stubborn, _____ child never obeyed his parents; he had a mind of his own, and he let everyone know it.

24. Because she had been warned that further misbehaving would result in a scolding, the young girl was severely _____ by her mom.

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Lesson 35

Definitions

1. abandon (noun) uh BAN dun
act of unrestrained behavior disregarding consequences

Synonyms >>
license, laxity

Antonym >> caution, self-restraint

Some say Teddy Roosevelt charged up San Juan Hill with reckless abandon.

Derivatives >>
abandonable, abandoner, abandonment, abandoned, abandonedly

2. bemuse

buh MUZE

to confuse or to bewilder

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to enlighten

He did not intend to bemuse the class with his ambiguous remarks.

Derivatives >>

bemused

3. collage

kuh LAHZ

an assembly of diverse things to make an artistic composition

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

My girlfriend gave me a collage representing the time that we have dated.

Derivatives >>

collages

4. decorousness DEK ur us ness

proper behavior

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> lack of propriety

A gentleman's behavior is known for its decorousness.

Derivatives >>

decorous, decorously, decorum

5. equilibrium

ee kwuh LIB ree um

a state of balance between opposing forces

Synonyms >>

balance, poise

Antonym >> imbalance

The acrobats need a good sense of equilibrium in order to perform the tricks.

Derivatives >>

equilibriums, equilibriize, equilibrate

6. ethos

EE thos, ETH os

the distinguishing character or values of a specific people or culture

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

In the Indian ethos, the young brave was encouraged into manhood.

Derivatives >>

ethoses

7. explicate

EK spluh kate

to explain, to clarify the meaning

Synonyms >>

elucidate, expound

Antonym >> to fail to clarify

He could not explicate the actions of his son.

Derivatives >>

explication, explicative, explicator, explicatory

8. fold (noun)

FOLD

a group bound together by common beliefs; fenced enclosure for sheep

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> individuals

We need to convince him to return to the fold.

Derivatives >>

folds

9. impudent

IM pyuh dunt

disrespectful, characterized by improper bold behavior

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> respectful

The student's impudent act of using profanity toward Mrs. Dove caused him to be expelled.

Derivatives >>

impudence, impudency, impudently, impudentness, impudicity

10. intensify

in TEN suh fie

to strengthen

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to weaken

We will intensify our position by getting more documentation to support our views.

Derivatives >>

intensification, intensifier, intensified, intensifying, intensifies

11. interred

in TURD

buried

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> exhumed; disinterred

He was interred by the avalanche.

Derivatives >>

inter, interment

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www.layingthefoundation.org **12. lionize**

LIE uh nize

to treat one with importance or as a celebrity

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to spurn

The newspapers often lionize a celebrity who visits the city.

Derivatives >>

lionism, lionization

13. mosaic

mow ZAY ik

a picture made by using various small pieces of multicolored material

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

The myriad of races and cultures that make up America is said to resemble a mosaic.

Derivatives >>

mosaicist, mosaically, mosaical

14. pedestrian

puh DES tree un

ordinary, unimaginative

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> extraordinary; unusual

There will not be much progress as long as the school board maintains its pedestrian attitude.

Derivatives >>

pedestrianate, pedestrianize, pedestrianism

15. polarization

poe lur eh ZAY shun

division into two opposite positions

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> consolidation

There is a polarization in the school district between those who want a smoking area and those who do not.

Derivatives >>

polarize, polarizing, polarizer, polarizable, polarizability

16. reciprocal

reh SIP ruh kul

mutual, interacting

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

We have made a reciprocal trade agreement whereby we will sell the country grain and it will sell us copper.

Derivatives >>

reciprocality, reciprocally, reciprocating, reciprocation, reciprocative, reciprocator, reciprocatory, reciprocity **17. rejoinder**

reh JOIN dur
an answer to a reply

Synonyms >>

reply

Antonym >> a question

Her remarks drew a sharp rejoinder from the man.

Derivatives >>

rejoin, rejoinders

18. restive

RES tiv

unwilling to yield or to adjust

Synonyms >>

contrary, perverse, balky, wayward, persistent, stubborn

Antonym >> pliable; willing to change

The man was unable to persuade the restive crowd.

Derivatives >>

restively, restiveness

19. revile

reh VILE

to subject to verbal abuse

Synonyms >>

upbraid, berate, rail at, vituperate, scold

Antonym >> to praise; to acclaim

The woman began to revile her husband in a fit of anger.

Derivatives >>

reviled, reviling, revilement, reviler, revilingly

20. revulsion

reh VUL shun

a strong feeling of disgust or repugnance

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> attraction; appreciation

Everyone should have a revulsion for child abuse.

Derivatives >>

revulsant, revulsionary, revulsive

21. sever

SEV ur

to cut or to separate

Synonyms >>

divorce, sunder

Antonym >> to connect

I decided to sever my relationship with that organization when I found out the true nature of it.

Derivatives >>

severs, severed, severing, severability, severance, severable

22. surplus

SUR plus
an amount that is more than what is needed

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> shortage

The government purchases surplus wheat so that it is not thrown away.

Derivatives >>

surplusage

23. topple

TOP ul

to overturn

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to stabilize

The rebels were able to topple the government.

Derivatives >>

toppled, toppling

24. vanquished

VAN kwishd

conquered, overpowered

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> submitted

Hitler's armies vanquished Poland with aid from Russia.

Derivatives >>

vanquishable, vanquisher, vanquishment

25. whim

HWIM

a sudden and impulsive action

Synonyms >>

caprice, crotchet, vagary

Antonym >>

Our trip to Washington was a mere whim.

Derivatives >>

whims, whimmed, whimming

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Lesson 35

Matching Test

Directions: Choose the definition that best matches the meaning of the vocabulary word.
Place the answer of your choice in the space provided.

Exercise A

_____ 1.

abandon

a. to cut or to separate

_____ 2.

bemuse

b. proper behavior

_____ 3.

collage

c. group bound together by beliefs

- _____ 4.
decorousness
d. distinguishing traits of people
- _____ 5.
equilibrium
e. artistic assembly of diverse things
- _____ 6.
ethos
f. buried
- _____ 7.
explicate
g. to confuse, bewilder, or stupefy
- _____ 8.
fold
h. disrespectful; improper; insolent
- _____ 9.
impudent
i. to strengthen
- _____ 10. intensify
j. a state of balance; poise
- _____ 11. interred
k. to explain; to clarify the meaning
- _____ 12. sever
l. unrestrained behavior disregarding
- consequences

Exercise B

- _____ 1.
lionize
a. to treat one as a celebrity
- _____ 2.
mosaic
b. to subject one to verbal abuse
- _____ 3.
pedestrian
c. picture made with colored pieces
- _____ 4.
polarization
d. an amount more than needed
- _____ 5.
reciprocal

e. unwilling to yield; contrary; balky

_____ 6.

rejoinder

f. an answer to a reply

_____ 7.

restive

g. ordinary; unimaginative

_____ 8.

revile

h. to overturn

_____ 9.

revulsion

i. conquered; overpowered

_____ 10.

surplus

j. mutual; interacting

_____ 11.

topple

k. sudden and impulsive action

_____ 12.

vanquished

l. strong feeling of disgust

_____ 13.

whim

m. division into two opposite positions

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Lesson 35

Sentence Completion

abandon bemused collage
decorousness

equilibrium ethos
explicate
fold

impudent intensify
interred
lionize

1. The American _____ of freedom for all has led to immigration from all over the world; the belief that all men should be free is attractive to men of all races.

2. The woman left the group to find new experiences, but she soon returned to the _____ when she realized that her people were bound together by common beliefs that were precious to her.

3. The child's _____, disrespectful remark to his father resulted in severe punishment.

4. In order to make the _____ for my art class, I gathered an assembly of diverse things and placed them at random places on the canvas.

5. The volcanic eruption _____ Pompeii, burying it under tons of ash and lava.

6. The woman loved with utter _____, with unrestrained behavior and no regard for the consequences of such intense feelings.

7. The swimmer, trapped in the whirlpool, quickly lost his _____, and after swimming to the shore could hardly regain his balance.

8. By the time I reached the fifth chapter, I was totally _____ by the confusing and bewildering arrangement of characters and plots.

9. For once the newspaper did not try to abase the young scientist and his work; on the contrary, it finally began to _____ him for his discoveries.

10. Until I fully _____ the topic, you may not understand; however, I'm certain that after I explain it, the concept will be clear to you.

11. The pressure on the coach began to build and to _____ as his team continued to lose game after game.

12. We were all impressed by the man's _____; such proper behavior is becoming to a gentleman.

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Lesson 35

mosaic pedestrian polarization reciprocal
rejoinder

restive revile
revulsion
severed
surplus

topple vanquished

whim

13. The student replied to the teacher's question with a witty _____.
14. Verbal abuse is one thing that is terrible to witness; when I hear one person _____ another, I am disgusted.
15. Because the _____ horse was unwilling to go forward on the mountainous slopes, he was extremely hard to control.
16. The woman felt total _____ for the man; she had never had such a strong feeling of disgust or repugnance for anyone before.
17. James often eats merely on a _____, impulsively deciding to dine at all hours of the night.
18. With such an abundance of wheat, the country had to decide what to do with the _____.
19. The cut in my hand was so deep that it _____ a nerve.
20. The stack of blocks began to _____ when the girl brushed past and accidentally overturned them.
21. The poor country had finally been _____; economic sanctions had overpowered the people, conquering the nation for the enemy.
22. The _____ that existed between the two factions could not be reconciled; their differences were so great that they would never come to agreeable terms.
23. The artist was anxious to exhibit his _____; the multi-colored glass pieces made a delightful work of art.
24. This novel could accurately be described as _____; it is the most ordinary, unimaginative attempt at writing I have ever read.
25. The _____ agreement offered mutual advantages to both signers.



Lesson 36

Definitions

1. ardor

AR dur

warmth or heat of emotion; extreme force, vigor, or energy

Synonyms >>

passion, intensity, fervor, enthusiasm, zeal

Antonym >> lack of energy or enthusiasm

His ardor for the revolution cooled off during the course of the war.

Derivatives >>

ardour, ardors

2. assiduous

uh SIJ you us

marked by careful and unremitting attention, constant in application

Synonyms >>

industrious, sedulous, diligent

Antonym >> desultory; lazy

He worked assiduously at studying geometry for weeks before he felt prepared to take the final exam.

Derivatives >>

assiduously, assiduousness

3. bestial

BES chul

brutal without reason, having the attributes of a savage

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> civilized

The bestial traits of the man were offensive to refined ladies.

Derivatives >>

bestiality, bestialize, bestialized, bestializing

4. concord

KON kord

agreement; concurrence in attitudes, consensus

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> lack of harmony

There was complete concord among the delegates.

Derivatives >>

concordal, concordance, concordant, concordatory

5. confound

kon FOUND

to cause one to become confused

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to distinguish between

I am confounded by the tax forms of the IRS.

Derivatives >>

confounded, confoundedly, confounding, confounds

6. defer

deh FUR

to put off action until a future time; to delay

Synonyms >>

postpone, procrastinate

Antonym >> to begin immediately

The decision has been deferred by the board until next week.

Derivatives >>

deferred, deferring, deferrable

7. dissected

deh SEK tid

divided into numerous segments or parts

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> whole

In biology today I dissected a frog.

Derivatives >>

dissect, dissecting, dissection, dissectional, dissective, dissector

8. evince

eh VINS

to show clearly

Synonyms >>

manifest, evidence

Antonym >> to suppress, to hide, to conceal

By making a 27 on the test, he evinced his lack of knowledge of the material.

Derivatives >>

evinced, evincing, evincible, evincive

9. husband

HUZ bund

to manage prudently and in a conservative manner

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to ignore; to slight

A farmer must husband his animals if they are to remain healthy.

Derivatives >>

husbandry, husbandman, husbandly, husbander, husbandland

10. impertinent

im PUR tuh nunt

insolently rude, not within the proper bounds of good taste or manners

Synonyms >>

intrusive, meddlesome, obtrusive, officious

Antonym >> reverent; respectful

His impertinent remarks did not help his case in the eyes of the jury.

Derivatives >>

impertinence, impertinency, impertinently, impertinentness

11. inanimate

in AN uh mit

without life

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> alive

A rock is an inanimate object.

Derivatives >>

inanimately, inanimateness

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www.layingthefoundation.org **12. lithe**

LIETH

flexible and graceful

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> inflexible

Ballet is a dance for lithe dancers.

Derivatives >>

lithely

13. maladroit

mal uh DROIT

inept, awkward

Synonyms >>

gauche, clumsy, ungainly

Antonym >> adept, adroit, skillful

His maladroitness attempts to repair the situation only made it worse.

Derivatives >>

maladroitly, maladroitness

14. muted

MYOO tid

toned down or silenced

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> amplified

The conductor wanted the music to be muted at one spot in the performance.

Derivatives >>

mute, mutedly, mutely, muteness

15. paradigm

PAIR uh dim, -dime

a very good example or model

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> a bad example

The English teacher gave the students a sample outline as a paradigm of good work.

Derivatives >>

paradigmatic, paradigmatical, paradigmatically, paradigmaticize

16. perfidious

pur FID ee us

calculated to deceive; deceitful; treacherous

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> honest; trustworthy

You show a lack of character by spreading perfidious stories about your brother.

Derivatives >>

perfidiously, perfidiousness, perfidy

17. potable

POE tuh bul

something drinkable

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> unfit to drink

The show "Jeopardy" used to have a category called "Pot & Potables" that concerned all kinds of drinks.

Derivatives >>

potability, potableness

18. redundant

reh DUN dunt

repetitious, superfluous

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> concise

She is boring because she is a rambling and redundant speaker.

Derivatives >>

redundancy, redundance, redundantly

19. retinue

RET uh noo

a body of retainers who follow a prince or other distinguished person

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

It was the largest retinue ever to accompany the president on a trip.

Derivatives >>

retinued

20. sinuous

SIN yoo us

bending in and out in a serpentine or wavy form

Synonyms >>

winding, intricate, complex

Antonym >> straight

The land was covered with a sinuous system of canals and irrigation ditches.

Derivatives >>

sinuosity, sinuously, sinuousness

21. subjugate

SUB juh gate

to bring under one's control

Synonyms >>

Antonym >>

It was the intent of the dictator to subjugate all the people in the land and control them.

Derivatives >>

subjugable, subjugation, subjugator

22. totter

TOT ur

to stagger as if about to fall

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to walk steadily

Drinking heavily will usually cause one to totter.

Derivatives >>

tottered, tottering, totteringly, tottery, totters

23. usurp

yoo SURP

to take possession or authority over something without right

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> to acquiesce

The younger son tried to usurp the throne from the rightful heir.

Derivatives >>

usurpation, usurpative, usurpatory, usurpature

24. vicarious

via KARE ee us

experienced through imagined participation in another's activity

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> firsthand

Many people who watch football experience a vicarious release of aggression.

Derivatives >>

vicariate, vicarism, vicariously, vicariousness

25. woe

WOE

great sorrow, grief, or misfortune

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> happiness

The woe she suffered at his death continued through months of depression.

Derivatives >>

woes, woebegone, woeful, woebegoneness, woefully, woefulness

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Lesson 36

Matching Test

Directions: Choose the definition that best matches the meaning of the vocabulary word.
Place the answer of your choice in the space provided.

Exercise A

- _____ 1.
ardor
a. diligent; constant in application
- _____ 2.
assiduous
b. to cause to become confused
- _____ 3.
bestial
c. agreement
- _____ 4.
concord
d. flexible and graceful
- _____ 5.
confound
e. having attributes of a savage
- _____ 6.
defer
f. rude; insolent
- _____ 7.
dissected
g. to show clearly
- _____ 8.
evince
h. to delay
- _____ 9.
husband
i. warmth or heat of emotion
- _____ 10. impertinent
j. without life
- _____ 11. inanimate

- k. to manage conservatively
_____ 12. lithe
l. divided into numerous segments

Exercise B

- _____ 1.
maladroit
a. drinkable
_____ 2.
muted
b. great sorrow, grief, or misfortune
_____ 3.
paradigm
c. inept; awkward
_____ 4.
perfidious
d. through imagined participation
_____ 5.
potable
e. to bring under one's control
_____ 6.
redundant
f. toned down or silenced
_____ 7.
retinue
g. intricate; complex; winding
_____ 8.
sinuous
h. to take possession without the right
_____ 9.
subjugate
i. deceptive; deceitful
_____ 10.
totter
j. to stagger as if about to fall
_____ 11.
usurp
k. repetitious; superfluous
_____ 12.
vicarious
l. a very good example; model
_____ 13.
woe

m. a body of attendants who follow

a distinguished person

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Lesson 36

Sentence Completion

ardor assiduous bestial concord

confound defer
dissected evince

husband impertinent inanimate lithe

1. The shepherd was told to _____ his herd, but he soon found that managing sheep was not as easy as he had imagined.

2. Calculus is so difficult that it can be _____ even very intelligent people who are not easily confused.

3. His _____ for the woman would never cool; he loved her more than life itself.

4. However sickening the _____ behavior of the savage is, most people can understand his uncivilized traits by identifying with his circumstances.

5. After the students had _____ the frog, they asked permission to bury him in the courtyard.

6. Above all, the council wanted _____ among its members; if they had agreement within the group, they could face many problems.

7. We may have to ask the bank officials to _____ our payment date since we can't pay the bill this week; they will sometimes delay a deadline if they are asked.

8. The _____ movements of the ballerina were astounding; her flexibility allows her to perform extraordinary feats.

9. The man looked at the _____ body and saw that there was no life left in it.

10. The young man annoyed me with his _____ comments; frankly, he sounded like a rude snob.

11. If you can _____ your capability for handling the job, you will be hired, but you must show clearly that you are qualified for such work.

12. The student was _____ in studying for the test; because of his diligence, he made a good grade.

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Lesson 36

maladroit muted
paradigm perfidious
potable

redundant retinue
sinuous
subjugate
tottered

usurp vicarious
woe

13. The student's essay was nicely written except that he was _____ much of the time; he said the same things over and over.
14. Because the water was not _____, we had to search for something else that we could drink.
15. The winding, _____ road stretched in complex turns for miles into the mountains, looking much like a path of a snake.
16. Members of the audience indulged in a _____ experience of watching the youthful dancer and imagining themselves on stage with her.
17. Jim is so _____ that he can hardly hammer a nail without injuring himself; he is the most awkward person I know.
18. The music was _____ by the closed doors of the auditorium, but we still managed to hear a few of the muffled sounds.
19. Hitler's goal was to _____ Europe, bringing the entire continent under his control.
20. Afraid of losing my balance, I _____ unsteadily on the edge of

the pit.

21. His performance was truly a _____ of musical perfection; it was a magnificent example of great artistry.

22. The wicked queen sought to _____ the king's power and steal the throne from him.

23. My reputation was nearly ruined by the deceitful reporter and his treacherous, _____ stories.

24. Chaucer's "The Pardoner's Tale" is a tale of the _____ and misfortune that money can cause.

25. The king was accompanied by his _____ on the journey; his body of attendants always followed him wherever he went.

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Matching Tests

Answers

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**Matching Tests
Answers**

Lesson 1

Lesson 2

Lesson 3

Ex. A Ex. B

Ex. A Ex. B

Ex. A Ex. B

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Lesson 4

Lesson 5

Lesson 6

Ex. A Ex. B

Ex. A Ex. B

Ex. A Ex. B

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Lesson 7

Lesson 8

Lesson 9

Ex. A Ex. B

Ex. A Ex. B

Ex. A Ex. B

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Matching Tests
Answers

Lesson 10
Lesson 11

Lesson 12
Ex. A Ex. B
Ex. A Ex. B
Ex. A Ex. B

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Lesson 13

Lesson 14

Lesson 15

Ex. A Ex. B

Ex. A Ex. B

Ex. A Ex. B

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Lesson 16

Lesson 17

Lesson 18

Ex. A Ex. B

Ex. A Ex. B

Ex. A Ex. B

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**Matching Tests
Answers**

**Lesson 19
Lesson 20**

**Lesson 21
Ex. A Ex. B
Ex. A Ex. B
Ex. A Ex. B**

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Lesson 22

Lesson 23

Lesson 24

Ex. A Ex. B

Ex. A Ex. B

Ex. A Ex. B

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Lesson 25
Lesson 26
Lesson 27
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Ex. A Ex. B
Ex. A Ex. B
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Answers

Lesson 28
Lesson 29

Lesson 30
Ex. A Ex. B

Ex. A Ex. B

Ex. A Ex. B

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Lesson 31
Lesson 32
Lesson 33
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Ex. A Ex. B
Ex. A Ex. B
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Lesson 34

Lesson 35

Lesson 36

Ex. A Ex. B

Ex. A Ex. B

Ex. A Ex. B

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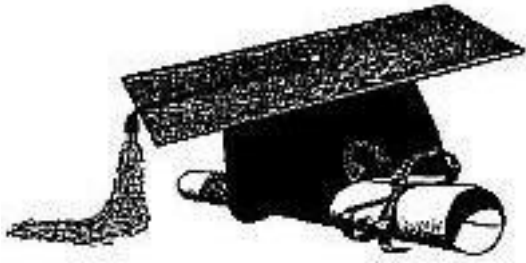
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Sentence Completion

Answers

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Lesson 2

Lesson 3

1.
disparate
1.
defamation
1.
audacity
2.
angular
2.
extolled
2.
erudite
3.
altruistic
3.
benign
3.
deprecates
- 4.

discern
4.
austere
4.
credulous
5.
innocuous
5.
capricious
5.
affable
6.
ambivalent
6.
ascend
6.
depravity
7.
aversion
7.
banal
7.
contrite
8.
disparaging
8.
esoteric
8.
dormant
9.
subtle, disdain
9.
exacerbate
9.
fuse
10.
embellish
10.
dawdle
10.
abstruse
11.
arrogant
11.
antithesis
11.

exotic
12.
obscure
12.
autonomous
12.
didactic
13.
prodigal
13.
hypocrite
13.
pacifistic
14.
insipid
14.
tranquil
14.
prologue
15.
lament
15.
innate
15.
loathe
16.
revere
16.
melancholy
16.
incorrigible
17.
superfluous
17.
symmetry
17.
pretentious
18.
engender
18.
fastidious
18.
nullify
19.
laud
19.

lethargic
19.
servile
20.
reticence
20.
furtive
20.
recant
21.
taciturn
21.
opaque
21.
immutable
22.
repudiate
22.
prolific
22.
vilify
23.
ostentatious
23.
gregarious
23.
trepidation
24.
serene
24.
reprove
24.
mitigate

25.
venerate
25.
enigmatic

Lesson 4

Lesson 5
Lesson 6

1.
aesthetic
1.
debase
1.
antiquated
2.
dissemination
2.
elucidate
2.
derision
3.
contentious
3.
inscrutable
3.
forbearance
4.
daunted
4.
ameliorate
4.
atrophy
5.
discord
5.
efface
5.
ascendancy
6.
archaic
6.
cajole
6.
extricate
7.
egocentric
7.
amenable
- 7.

frivolous
8.
aloof
8.
buoyant
8.
clandestine
9.
debilitated
9.
amorphous
9.
arable
10.
belied
10.
ferocity
10.
conciliate
11.
assuage
11.
calamity
11.
enmity
12.
dogmatic
12.
acrimonious
12.
cursory
13.
slothful
13.
oblique
13.
vivid
14.
gluttonous
14.
infallible
14.
insolence
15.
pompous
15.

opulence
15.
paradoxical
16.
verbose
16.
impervious
16.
oblivion
17.
precocious
17.
flourish
17.
industrious
18.
virulent
18.
haughty
18.
perjury
19.
mundane
19.
perfunctory
19.
infamous
20.
volatile
20.
languid
20.
vacillating
21.
trivia
21.
inane
21.
rancor
22.
ominous
22.
malice
22.
levity
23.

petulant
23.
indolence
23.
sycophant
24.
duplicity
24.
penitent
24.
impetuous
25.
euphemism
25.
ephemeral
25.
garrulous

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Lesson 9

1.
charlatan, guile
1.
empirical
1.
induce
2.
accolades
2.
extraneous
2.
amiable
3.
dearth
3.
fallow
3.
ambiguous
4.
diffidence

4.
affinity
4.
hypothesize
5.
expunge
5.
corroboration
5.
docile
6.
effervescence
6.
despotic
6.
intractable
7.
bequeath
7.
acquiesce
7.
exonerate
8.
ethereal
8.
blasphemous
8.
discursive
9.
ascetic
9.
emaciated
9.
gratuitous
10.
conflagration
10.
circumspect
10.
crass
11.
abhor
11.
deplete
11.
estranged

12.
reiterate
12.
buttress
12.
indignation
13.
placate
13.
hyperbole
13.
meticulous
14.
insularity
14.
homogeneous
14.
lucid
15.
poignant
15.
laconic
15.
plagiarize
16.
spontaneous
16.
sublime
16.
terse
17.
vigilant
17.
surreptitious
17.
munificent
18.
morose
18.
zeal
18.
introspective
19.
provincial
19.
proliferation

19.
transient
20.
implausible
20.
irascible
20.
recluse, misanthrope
21.
voluble
21.
scrupulous
21.
sated
22.
toxic
22.
obsequious
22.
stupefy
23.
synthesis
23.
magnanimity
23.
profuse
24.
incongruity
24.
veracity
24.
virtuoso

25.
incontrovertible

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Lesson 11
Lesson 12

1.
fatuous
1.
desolate
1.
alacrity
2.
burgeon
2.
din
2.
euphonious
3.
ineptness
3.
eulogy
3.
augment
4.
chimera
4.
agility
4.
eclectic
5.
abstracted
5.
abetting
5.
bombastic
6.
indulgent
6.
benevolence
6.
impecunious
7.
adulation
7.
dissuade

7.
ingratiating
8.
decadent
8.
distend
8.
abridged
9.
entreaty
9.
enervation
9.
decry
10.
adversity
10.
fitful
10.
enhance
11.
humane
11.
antidote
11.
fervid
12.
culpable
12.
ascertain
12.
antipathy
13.
transparent
13.
ornate
13.
luxuriant
14.
suffrage
14.
piety
14.
placid
15.
nefarious

15.
scintillating
15.
secular
16.
inundated
16.
squalid, vexation
16.
static
17.
prattle
17.
malevolence
17.
vindictive, vindicated
18.
summon, turbulence
18.
indelible
18.
torpid
19.
predilection
19.
quiescence
19.
preclude
20.
stoic
20.
inert
20.
promontory
21.
viable
21.
precarious
21.
raze
22.
procrastinate
22.
prosaic
22.
pedantry

23.
miser
23.
paucity
23.
paltry
24.
ingrate
24.
obliterate
24.
tact

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caricature
1.
animosity
1.
impeccable
2.
ecstasy
2.
coalesce
2.
cynical
3.
apathetic
3.
edifying
3.
dexterous
4.
empathy
4.
adulterate
4.
exalt

5.
discrepant
5.
cryptic
5.
arid
6.
auspicious
6.
dissipation
6.
dour
7.
cosmopolitan
7.
avarice
7.
felicitous, beleaguered
8.
cordial
8.
equivocate
8.
antecedent
9.
expeditious
9.
apocryphal
9.
baneful
10.
equivocal
10.
collaborate
10.
abate
11.
allure
11.
espousing
11.
contempt
12.
deplore
12.
desultory

12.
pugnacious
13.
inimitable
13.
prodigious
13.
supercilious
14.
galvanize
14.
peripheral
14.
savory
15.
implacable
15.
respite
15.
platitudes, trite
16.
soporific
16.
hedonists
16.
imperturbable
17.
strident
17.
interminable
17.
malleable, obdurate
18.
odious
18.
parody
18.
mortified
19.
parochial
19.
profane
19.
profligate
20.
mutability

20.
portent
20.
spurn
21.
penchant
21.
surfeited
21.
vociferous, vulgarity
22.
replete
22.
sordid

23.
ponderous
23.
trifling

24.
protract
24.
indefatigable

25.
treachery
25.
naive

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Lesson 17
Lesson 18

1.

banter

1.

amity

1.

carping

2.

commensurate

2.

clemency

2.

accord

3.

amass

3.

abstemious

3.

fortuitous

4.

cacophonous

4.

exorcise

4.

guileless

5.

desiccate

5.

finesse

5.

desecrate

6.

anarchist

6.

bastion

6.

annulment

7.

complacency, elicit

7.

debunk

7.

astute

8.

acclaim

8.

diffused

8.

covert
9.
incessant, blithe
9.
dupe
9.
expatriate
10.
diminution
10.
humility
10.
esteem
11.
pliable
11.
admonish
11.
dilatory
12.
rectify
12.
callous
12.
arduous
13.
stealthy
13.
plight
13.
illustrious
14.
rue
14.
larceny
14.
loquacious
15.
jollity
15.
mollify
15.
hackneyed
16.
succinct, voluminous
16.

orthodox

16.

insatiable

17.

sluggard

17.

mirth

17.

reconcile

18.

parsimony

18.

rupture

18.

sonorous

19.

kindle

19.

solicitous

19.

utility

20.

perspicacious

20.

repertoire

20.

tentative

21.

quell, penury

21.

stolid

21.

rancid

22.

neologisms

22.

neurotic

23.

tempestuous

23.

saccharine

24.
untenable
24.
parch

25.
imperious
25.
porous

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1.
galling
1.
congenial
1.
disputatious
2.
incantation
2.
dispatched
2.
deleterious
3.
censure
3.
antiquity
3.
contaminants
4.
defile
4.
civility
4.
boon
5.
heralded
5.

blandishments

5.

giddy

6.

belligerent

6.

garner

6.

chicanery

7.

diligent

7.

expurgate

7.

emend

8.

flout

8.

chasten

8.

buffoon

9.

compliance

9.

heretical

9.

aggregate

10.

anomalous

10.

deft

10.

archipelago

11.

adjunct

11.

embroiled

11.

corrugated

12.

expedient

12.

affluent

12.

fetter

13.

tangential
13.
nuance
13.
rebuffed
14.
ratify
14.
mercurial
14.
resilient
15.
sagacious
15.
partisans
15.
prodigy
16.
slovenly
16.
raucous
16.
spurious
17.
precipitate
17.
repugnant
17.
vivacious
18.
luscious
18.
iconoclast
18.
scapegoat
19.
taper
19.
succulent
19.
indomitable
20.
indigenous
20.
terrestrial
20.

metaphorically

21.

parry

21.

sporadic

21.

tractable

22.

vagrant

22.

ungainly

22.

irresolute

23.

nomadic

23.

satiric

23.

peruse

24.

spiteful

24.

irreproachable

24.

heterogeneity

25.

pungent

25.

pious

25.

panacea

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Lesson 23

Lesson 24

1.

gravity

1.

fledgling

1.

decorum

2.
fickle
2.
ambulatory
2.
abase
3.
dissemble
3.
demagogue
3.
abdicate
4.
approbation
4.
facilitate
4.
deference
5.
copious
5.
circumscribed
5.
enunciated, caustic
6.
indigence
6.
dissonant
6.
commiserate, girth
7.
homely
7.
breadth
7.
brazen
8.
boorish
8.
cant
8.
drone
9.
delineated
9.
congeal

9.
grandiose
10.
circumlocution
10.
dubious
10.
obtuse
11.
emulate
11.
anarchy
11.
neophyte
12.
jingoist
12.
engrossed
12.
ineffable
13.
assent
13.
graphic
13.
vapid, stultifying
14.
prostration
14.
introvert
14.
troupe
15.
migratory
15.
obstinate
15.
reproach, rant
16.
tacit
16.
misnomer
16.
savant, parable
17.
sectarian

17.
jocular
17.
syllabus
18.
stalwart
18.
malcontent
18.
unequivocal
19.
transcended
19.
gilded
19.
inception
20.
whets
20.
prevalent
20.
nebulous
21.
resolute
21.
tactile

22.
obfuscating
22.
steadfastness
23.
proclivity
23.
pulverize
24.
recalcitrant
24.
prudent
25.
virtuous
25.
recapitulation

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Lesson 26

Lesson 27

1.
invective, indubitable

1.
fecund

1.
inordinate

2.
countenance

2.
comatose

2.
grate

3.
callow, clamor

3.
castigate

3.
cataclysmic

4.
dilettante, hack

4.
eddy

4.
edifice

5.
impede

5.
abscond

5.
enumerate

6.
artifacts, arcane

6.
capitulate

6.
inertia
7.
atone
7.
enfranchisement,
7.
acid
8.
foreboding

consolidate
8.
acuity
9.
vehement, stymie
8.
despondent, destitution
9.
dogma
10.
unkempt, variegated
9.
ennobled
10.
catharsis
11.
vacuous, rhetoric
10.
abominable
11.
baleful
12.
zealot, tepid
11.
inebriation
12.
abyss
13.
rigors
12.
inviolable
13.
propensity
14.
relished

13.
tantamount
14.
luminous
15.
philanthropist
14.
remonstrate
15.
maudlin
16.
somnambulist
15.
nonchalance
16.
novice
17.
precursor
16.
sonnet
17.
remuneration

17.
prevarication
18.
purse

18.
primordial
19.
supple

19.
punctilious
20.
pique

20.
turgid
21.
understate

21.
inopportune
22.

refute

22.
rudimentary

23.
vibrant

23.
vestigial

24.
travail

25.
soothsayer

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Lesson 30

1.
compilation, chagrin

1.
harbored, chided

1.
alcove

2.
contest

2.
squandered, cache

2.
elegiac

3.
fervent

3.
adherent

3.
dilation

4.
coagulate

4.
converged
4.
heedless
5.
defoliate
5.
dictum
5.
instigation
6.
ingenuity
6.
advent
6.
convivial, fiasco
7.
eons
7.
celestial
7.
incisive
8.
abeyance
8.
certitudes
8.
blanching
9.
cavalier
9.
effusion
9.
exculpate
10.
effigy
10.
affront
10.
compress
11.
burly
11.
impermeable
11.
champion

12.
myopic
12.
salubrious
12.
pariah
13.
plethora
13.
tenets
13.
quench
14.
quack
14.
exacting, excise
14.
salutary
15.
insidious
15.
fetid
15.
philanderer
16.
propitious
16.
incipient
16.
labyrinthine
17.
protrusion, truncated
17.
vista
17.
interloper
18.
rustic
18.
insolvent
18.
reprobate
19.
sovereign
19.
quandary

19.
molt
20.
viscosity
20.
jettison
20.
tenaciously
21.
undulant
21.
obtrude
21.
tenuous
22.
querulous
22.
repentant
22.
predisposed
23.
temperance

23.
unfrock

24.
validate

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Lesson 33

1.

incurious

1.

anathema

1.

doleful

2.

despicable

2.

balky

2.

importune

3.

blighted

3.

corpulence

3.

intangibles

4.

convoke

4.

concert

4.

homage

5.

alloy

5.

disconcerting, dirge

5.

antediluvian

6.

emboldened

6.

atypical

6.

denigrate

7.

embedded

7.
bourgeois
7.
epilogue
8.
hiatus
8.
focused
8.
foible
9.
altercation
9.
endemic
9.
epitaph
10.
florid
10.
confluence
10.
lecher
11.
charismatic
11.
amenity
11.
garish
12.
chary
12.
quixotic
12.
anchor
13.
lassitude
13.
hilarity
13.
morbidity
14.
rescind
14.
monumental
14.
patronizing

15.
saturate
15.
oscillating
15.
tinge
16.
officious
16.
pithy
16.
workaday
17.
insubordination
17.
premeditated
17.
plentitude
18.
premature
18.
indict
18.
resonant
19.
presumptuous
19.
presage
19.
sequester
20.
sterile
20.
myriad
20.
sentinel
21.
voracious
21.
latent
21.
ostracize
22.
relegated
22.
reserve

22.
unpalatable
23.
unimpeachable
23.
warranted
23.
sumptuous
24.
montage
24.
stasis
24.
slag
25.
tumultuous

25.
raconteur

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Lesson 35
Lesson 36

1.
bizarre
1.
ethos
1.
husband
2.
cognizant
2.
fold
2.
confound
3.
eschew

3.
impudent
3.
ardor
4.
anthology
4.
collage
4.
bestial
5.
declaim
5.
interred
5.
dissected
6.
equanimity
6.
abandon
6.
concord
7.
hone
7.
equilibrium
7.
defer
8.
exigent
8.
bemused
8.
lithe
9.
intemperance
9.
lionize
9.
inanimate
10.
imbue
10.
explicate
10.
impertinent

11.
bellicose
11.
intensify
11.
evinced
12.
addendum
12.
decorousness
12.
assiduous
13.
pluralistic
13.
rejoinder
13.
redundant
14.
retrogress
14.
revile
14.
potable
15.
portly
15.
restive
15.
sinuous
16.
sybarite
16.
revulsion
16.
vicarious
17.
levitate
17.
whim
17.
maladroit
18.
subvert
18.
surplus

18.
muted
19.
resplendent
19.
severed
19.
subjugate
20.
snippet
20.
topple
20.
tottered
21.
intrepid
21.
vanquished
21.
paradigm
22.
toady
22.
polarization
22.
usurp
23.
moribund
23.
mosaic
23.
perfidious
24.
willful
24.
pedestrian
24.
woe
25.
upbraided
25.
reciprocal
25.
retinue

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