

Lesson 10

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	

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, turbulency, 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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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

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|-------|-----|------------|----|-------------------------------------|
| _____ | 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

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|-------|-----|---------------|----|--------------------------------------|
| _____ | 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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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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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.