

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, DYOOOP	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					

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, preemptions		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 dok	conforming to established standards, conventional		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> unconventional	
	The church is founded upon a set of orthodox views.				
	Derivatives >>	orthodoxness, orthodoxical, orthodoxy, orthodoxy, 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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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. 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

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| _____ 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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Sentence Completion



abstemious	admonish	amity	bastion
callous	clemency	debunk	diffused
dupe	exorcise	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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imperious	larceny	mirth	mollify	neologisms
orthodox	plight	repertoire	rupture	solicitous
stolid	tempestuous	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.