

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 ert, 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			

12.	guileless	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, reconciliation, 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, sonoriferous, 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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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. | 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

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