

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, impedient, 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			

12.	invective	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, rigoristic, rigorous, rigorously, rigorousness	
18.	somnambulist	som NAM byuh list	a sleepwalker
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	Many people with sleeping disorders are classified as somnambulists.		
	Derivatives >>	somniaambulic, somniaambulant, somniaambular, somniaambulation, somniaambule, somniaambulism, somniaambulistic	
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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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. | 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

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|-------|-----|----------------|----|-----------------------------------|
| _____ | 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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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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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 _____, multi-colored 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.