

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, ennoblise	

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 >>	inopportunately, 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 >>	inviolate, inviolability, invioableness, invioably, inviolacy, inviolateness, inviolately, inviolated, 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, remonstrations, 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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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. | 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

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|-------|-----|---------------|----|--|
| _____ | 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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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 found that new novel completely _____; the language was repugnant, and the scenes that the author described were loathsome.

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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.