

Lesson 30

Definitions



1.	affront	uh FRONT	an offensive act or word; an offense to one's dignity or self-respect	
	Synonyms >>	impertinence, contumely, scorn, indignity, abuse, outrage,	Antonym >>	
	I considered his rude remarks a personal affront.			
	Derivatives >>	affrontedly, affrontedness, affronter, affrontingly, affrontiveness		
2.	alcove	AL kove	a partially enclosed extension of a room or part of a room	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	
	An alcove is to a room as an inlet is to a lake.			
	Derivatives >>	alcoves		
3.	blanch	BLANCH	to take the color out of, to bleach, to make white	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	to color
	It is popular to blanch new blue jeans before wearing them.			
	Derivatives >>	blancher, blanched		
4.	champion	CHAM pee un	to defend or to support	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	to persecute
	The senator championed the cause of the homeless.			
	Derivatives >>	championship, championless, championlike, championed, championing		
5.	compress	kum PRESS	to contract, to reduce in size or volume	
	Synonyms >>	condense, constrict, contract, deflate	Antonym >>	to expand
	Farmers now have machines to compress hay into bales.			
	Derivatives >>	compressible, compressibility, compressed, compression, compressive, compressor, compressively,		
6.	convivial	kun VIV ee ul	fond of good company and of festivity	
	Synonyms >>	friendly, sociable	Antonym >>	unsociable
	He was of the convivial sort, fond of people, parties, and pleasures.			
	Derivatives >>	conviviality, convivially, convivium, convivia		
7.	dilation	die LAY shun	expansion	
	Synonyms >>	amplification, distention, inflation, swelling	Antonym >>	constriction
	Some drugs will cause the dilation of the pupil of the eye.			
	Derivatives >>	dilate, dilated, dilatedly, dilatedness, dilative		
8.	elegiac	el uh JEE uk	mournful, expressing sorrow	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	rejoicing
	His elegiac poem about the war deaths moved everyone.			
	Derivatives >>	elegiacal, elegy		
9.	exculpate	EK skul pate	to clear from blame or guilt	
	Synonyms >>	absolve, acquit, exonerate, vindicate	Antonym >>	to convict
	The governor was petitioned to exculpate the prisoner.			
	Derivatives >>	exculpation, exculpatory		
10.	fiasco	fee AS ko	a total failure and a mess	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	unqualified success
	The man's attempt to run the business was such a fiasco that a small fortune was lost because of his failure.			
	Derivatives >>	fiascoes, fiascos		
11.	heedless	HEED les	disregarding, thoughtless	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	aware; concerned; attentive
	He walked on, heedless of the signs warning about the mine field.			
	Derivatives >>	heed, heeded, heeding, heeds, heedlessly, heedful, heedfully		

12.	incisive	in SIE siv	very perceptive, clear and to the point
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> obtuse
	His incisive remarks swayed the crowd.		
	Derivatives >>	incisively, incisiveness	
13.	instigation	in stuh GAY shun	urging, provocation; initiation
	Synonyms >>	abetment, fomentation, incitement	Antonym >> dissuasion
	This project would never have been attempted without his instigation.		
	Derivatives >>	instigate, instigatingly, instigative, instigator	
14.	interloper	IN tur lope ur	one who interferes in the affairs or with the rights of others
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> ascetic; hermit
	As the man tried to work out his difficulties a busy-body interloper jumped in and made matters worse.		
	Derivatives >>	interlope	
15.	labyrinthine	lab uh RIN thin	like a maze, very convoluted and intricate
	Synonyms >>	mazy	Antonym >>
	The senator vowed to unravel the labyrinthine welfare bureaucracy.		
	Derivatives >>	labyrinth, labyrinthal, labyrinthical, labyrinthian, labyrinthic, labyrinthically	
16.	molt	MOLT	to shed an outer covering such as feathers or skin periodically
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	Feathers are everywhere since my birds are molting.		
	Derivatives >>	molts, molted, molting	
17.	pariah	puh RIE uh	an outcast
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> accepted citizen
	He became a pariah among his friends when he admitted being a Nazi during the war.		
	Derivatives >>	pariahdom, pariahism	
18.	philanderer	feh LAN dur ur	one who engages in love affairs lightly or insincerely
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	I asked my daughter how she could fall in love with a playboy and a philanderer.		
	Derivatives >>	philander, philandered, philandering	
19.	predisposed	pree deh SPOZD	inclined toward something in advance
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> objective or neutral
	I believe that the judge was predisposed to freeing the man.		
	Derivatives >>	predispose, predisposition	
20.	quench	KWENCH	to extinguish, to put out; to relieve with liquid
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to stir up
	He quenched the hot coals in the barbecue pit with water.		
	Derivatives >>	quencher, quenched, quenching, quenchable, quenchableness	
21.	reprobate	REP ruh bate	to disapprove of; a person with no moral principles, a depraved individual
	Synonyms >>	blame, censure, condemn, denounce, reprehend	Antonym >> saint
	Some thought that the ax murderer was a reprobate who deserved to die.		
	Derivatives >>	reprobation, reprobative, reprobator, reprobatory	
22.	salutary	SAL yuh ter ee	promoting good health or beneficial effects
	Synonyms >>	salubrious, wholesome	Antonym >> harmful
	Your talk has had a salutary effect on your child. His class behavior has really improved.		
	Derivatives >>	salutarily, salutariness	
23.	tenacious	teh NAY shus	persistent, holding fast to a position
	Synonyms >>	mettlesome, resolved	Antonym >> fickle
	England was tenacious in its desire not to fall to the Germans.		
	Derivatives >>	tenaciously, tenaciousness, tenacity	
24.	tenuous	TEN yoo us	flimsy, barely attached
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> firm or substantial
	His position with the law firm became tenuous when he objected to hiring women.		
	Derivatives >>	tenuously, tenuousness, tenuity	
25.	unfrock	un FROK	to deprive the right to be in a profession (usually applies to a priest)
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to decorate
	The priest was unfrocked as a result of his moral depravity.		
	Derivatives >>	unfrocked	

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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. | affront | a. | partly enclosed extension of a room |
| _____ | 2. | alcove | b. | to clear from blame or guilt |
| _____ | 3. | blanch | c. | to reduce in size or volume |
| _____ | 4. | champion | d. | disregarding; thoughtless |
| _____ | 5. | compress | e. | expansion |
| _____ | 6. | convivial | f. | to bleach; to remove color |
| _____ | 7. | dilation | g. | mournful; sorrowful |
| _____ | 8. | elegiac | h. | a personally offensive act or word |
| _____ | 9. | exculpate | i. | to defend or to support |
| _____ | 10. | fiasco | j. | a total failure and a mess |
| _____ | 11. | heedless | k. | friendly; sociable |
| _____ | 12. | incisive | l. | perceptive, clear, to the point |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|--------------|----|---|
| _____ | 1. | instigation | a. | flimsy; barely attached |
| _____ | 2. | interloper | b. | inclined to something in advance |
| _____ | 3. | labyrinthine | c. | persistent |
| _____ | 4. | molt | d. | to extinguish; to put out |
| _____ | 5. | pariah | e. | to shed an outer covering |
| _____ | 6. | philanderer | f. | to deprive the right of profession |
| _____ | 7. | predisposed | g. | like a maze; convoluted |
| _____ | 8. | quench | h. | one who interferes in affairs of others |
| _____ | 9. | reprobate | i. | one who engages in love affairs |
| _____ | 10. | salutary | j. | a depraved individual |
| _____ | 11. | tenacious | k. | an outcast |
| _____ | 12. | tenuous | l. | promoting good; beneficial |
| _____ | 13. | unfrock | m. | initiation; beginning of action; urging |

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Sentence Completion



alcove	blanching	champion	compress
convivial	dilation	elegiac	exculpate
fiasco	heedless	incisive	instigation

1. His favorite hiding place was in the _____; a partly enclosed extension to the room.
2. The song writer tends to write _____ songs; they always deal with death or sorrow.
3. The doctor had to wait for the _____ of the patient's eyes before he could make a thorough exam; in order to see the entire eye, the pupil had to expand.
4. The soldiers were _____ about the warning they received that there might be mines in the field; because they did not pay attention, they lost three men.
5. I look forward to your _____ of this new project; it takes special people to "get the ball rolling" and start things moving.
6. The woman was able to be _____ and jolly even in the middle of such a _____; it was the biggest mess I've ever seen, but through it all she was friendly and sociable.
7. With his _____ intelligence, he is never at a loss for words; he is always clear and to the point.
8. _____ will remove the color from the skin of vegetables, while keeping the taste intact.
9. If this witness will _____ me in the crime, then the charges against me will be dropped and I will not be blamed.
10. It is simplistic to think we can _____ into one sentence a problem so complicated that the original statement required three pages of text; nothing can be reduced that much.
11. We expect our heroes to _____ the weak and defenseless by coming to their aid and defending them.

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interloper	labyrinthine	molt	pariah	philanderer
predisposed	quench	reprobate	salutary	tenaciously
tenuous	unfrock	validate		

12. Forced out of the community, he was considered a _____, an outcast of society.
13. Because it is one of the rules of the park to extinguish all camp fires, we decided to _____ the fire with water.
14. Your talk has had a _____ effect on the child; his class behavior has really improved.
15. The _____ constantly sought the love of one girl after another, not really concerned that his insincerity was obvious.
16. The solution to the problem was not straightforward; instead, it was a _____ maze of false starts and turns.
17. The group would have worked very well during the week except for an _____ who slowed them down; he kept trying to interfere with the actions of the others.
18. The old _____ had the morals of an alley cat; in other words, he had none.
19. In the spring we sometimes find the feathers of a bird that has begun to _____, but we know that in place of the feathers he has shed, new ones grow.
20. Holding on tightly for his life, the man _____ gripped the rocks until his rescuers arrived.
21. Barely attached by a single thread, the button on his ragged shirt finally lost its _____ and fell off.
22. Having decided in advance, I am _____ to buying that new car.
23. The bishop has decided to _____ the priest, formally dismissing him from the priesthood.
24. My university i.d. card will not be made official until you _____ it.