

Lesson 31

Definitions



1.	alloy	AL oh ee	a substance that is a mixture of metals
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	This alloy is less expensive than pure gold since it is composed of a mixture of metals.		
	Derivatives >>	alloyed, alloying, alloyage	
2.	altercation	al ter KAY shun	a heated or angry dispute; noisy argument or controversy
	Synonyms >>	quarrel, contention	Antonym >> accord; agreement
	We were not surprised at the altercation of the two enemies; they often fought in public.		
	Derivatives >>	altercate, altercated, altercating	
3.	blighted	BLIE ted	destroyed or caused by decline or decay
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> good; healthy; wholesome
	The blighted fruit had to be separated from the rest.		
	Derivatives >>	blight	
4.	charismatic	care iz MAT ic	having special qualities or powers that are used for healing or prophecy
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	Many charismatic religions believe in faith healing.		
	Derivatives >>	charisma, charism	
5.	chary	SHAR ee	careful, cautious
	Synonyms >>	circumspect, wary	Antonym >> trustful; uncritical
	He is chary when he meets a new person.		
	Derivatives >>	charier, chariest	
6.	convoke	kun VOKE	to summon or to call together
	Synonyms >>	convene, muster	Antonym >> to revoke; to disassemble
	The meeting of the board was convoked to discuss the chairman's resignation.		
	Derivatives >>	convocation, convoke, convoker	
7.	despicable	des PIK uh bul	very bad, contemptible
	Synonyms >>	pitiable, scurvy	Antonym >> likable
	Acting like a bully is despicable.		
	Derivatives >>	despicability, despicableness, despicably	
8.	embed	em BED	to enclose firmly in some mass
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to extract
	The fossil has been embedded in the rock for millions of years.		
	Derivatives >>	embedment	
9.	embolden	em BOL dun	to encourage one to be bold or to have courage
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to discourage
	The general tried to embolden his men before battle.		
	Derivatives >>	emboldened, emboldening, emboldens	
10.	florid	FLOR id	flowery, flushed with color
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> plain; simple; pale
	His face becomes florid when he gets angry.		
	Derivatives >>	floridity, floridly, floridness	
11.	hiatus	high ATE us	gap, pause, interruption in time
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> continuation
	Our vacation will be a short hiatus from our work.		
	Derivatives >>	hiatuses	

12.	incurious	in KYOOR ee us	uninterested, lacking normal curiosity
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> interested; curious
	I was surprised at his incurious reaction when I told him that the prom queen was interested in him.		
	Derivatives >>	incuriosity, incuriously, incuriousness	
13.	insubordination	in suh bor duh NAY	disobedience to authority
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> obedience
	The student was reprimanded for his insubordination to the teacher.		
	Derivatives >>	insubordinate, insubordinately	
14.	lassitude	LAS eh tood	feeling of weariness; fatigue
	Synonyms >>	languor, lethargy, stupor, torpor	Antonym >> restlessness
	The hot weather in some parts of Mexico probably created the lassitude that led to the siesta.		
	Derivatives >>	lassitudes	
15.	montage	mon TAZH	any combination of disparate elements that form a unified, single image
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	His memory was a montage of varied experiences.		
	Derivatives >>		
16.	officious	uh FISH us	overly dutiful or obliging, insisting on providing a service not requested
	Synonyms >>	impertinent, intrusive, meddlesome, obtrusive	Antonym >> disinterested
	The boss is not pleased with that employee's officious conduct.		
	Derivatives >>	officiously, officiousness	
17.	premature	pree muh TOOR	occurring or existing earlier than what is normal
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> overdue
	Premature children need special care because their vital systems are not fully developed.		
	Derivatives >>	prematurely, prematureness, prematurity	
18.	presumptuous	preh ZUMP choo us	brazenly overstepping bounds, arrogant
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> humble
	It was presumptuous of him to think that I would loan him the money.		
	Derivatives >>	presume, presumer, presumption, presumptive, presumptively, presumptuously, presumptuousness	
19.	relegate	REL uh gate	to assign to an inferior position
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to promote
	The veteran ball player knew it was time to retire when he was relegated to sitting on the bench.		
	Derivatives >>	relegation, relegable, relegates, relegated, relegating	
20.	rescind	reh SEND	to cancel
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to restore
	He said that he will have to rescind his offer if he does not hear from us by Tuesday.		
	Derivatives >>	rescindable, rescinder, rescindment	
21.	saturate	SACH uh rate	to soak, to completely fill
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to desiccate; to dry out
	Floods sometimes occur when the ground becomes saturated from a heavy rain and can absorb no more water.		
	Derivatives >>	saturation, saturated, saturating	
22.	sterile	STER ul	incapable of reproducing
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> productive
	Since the woman was sterile, she and her husband decided to adopt children.		
	Derivatives >>	sterilely, sterility, sterilizable, sterilizability, sterilization, sterilize	
23.	tumultuous	too MUL choo us	marked by disturbance and uproar; raising a great clatter and commotion
	Synonyms >>	uproarious, turbulent, violent, boisterous, unquiet	Antonym >> calm; quiet; peaceful
	Our class reunion had a tumultuous celebration.		
	Derivatives >>	tumult, tumultuary, tumultuously, tumultuousness	
24.	unimpeachable	un im PEE chuh bul	not to be called into question, exempt from liability
	Synonyms >>	irreproachable, blameless	Antonym >> liable; full of blame
	The man had an unimpeachable reputation and was considered by all to be extremely trustworthy.		
	Derivatives >>	unimpeachableness, unimpeachably, unimpeached	
25.	voracious	voe RAY shus	having a large appetite, ravenous
	Synonyms >>	gluttonous, rapacious	Antonym >> temperate
	Henry the VIII allegedly had a voracious appetite.		
	Derivatives >>	voraciously, voraciousness, voracity	

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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. | alloy | a. | flowery; flushed with color |
| _____ | 2. | altercation | b. | careful; cautious |
| _____ | 3. | blighted | c. | heated or angry dispute |
| _____ | 4. | charismatic | d. | uninterested |
| _____ | 5. | chary | e. | decayed; unhealthy |
| _____ | 6. | convoke | f. | very bad; contemptible |
| _____ | 7. | despicable | g. | to summon or to call together |
| _____ | 8. | embed | h. | to encourage one to be bold |
| _____ | 9. | embolden | i. | substance of mixed metals |
| _____ | 10. | florid | j. | pause; interruption in time |
| _____ | 11. | hiatus | k. | having qualities for healing |
| _____ | 12. | incurious | l. | to enclose firmly in some mass |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|-----------------|----|--|
| _____ | 1. | insubordination | a. | disobedience to authority |
| _____ | 2. | lassitude | b. | overly dutiful or obliging |
| _____ | 3. | montage | c. | arrogant; rash; insolent |
| _____ | 4. | officious | d. | having a large appetite |
| _____ | 5. | premature | e. | occurring earlier than normal |
| _____ | 6. | presumptuous | f. | exempt from liability |
| _____ | 7. | relegate | g. | incapable of reproducing |
| _____ | 8. | rescind | h. | marked by disturbance and uproar |
| _____ | 9. | saturate | i. | to cancel |
| _____ | 10. | sterile | j. | feeling of weariness |
| _____ | 11. | tumultuous | k. | to assign to an inferior position |
| _____ | 12. | unimpeachable | l. | to soak; to fill completely |
| _____ | 13. | voracious | m. | disparate elements that come together in some form |

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Sentence Completion



alloy	altercation	blighted	charismatic
chary	convoke	despicable	embedded
emboldened	florid	hiatus	incurious

1. Even people who were interested became _____ after five minutes of his boring lecture.
2. Trying to show how contemptible it was, the man pleaded with the factories to stop the _____ practices of polluting the rivers with the chemical waste products.
3. It seemed that all the plants had been _____ with disease and were dying.
4. The family decided to _____ a meeting after her death, coming together to discuss the will.
5. An _____ is more than a combination of two metals; an aggregate implies that two or more elements are mixed together, but it does not suggest that the resulting metal will have properties different from each constituent.
6. The once cowardly jackets now had the courage of lions, having been _____ by the smell of food.
7. The coin was securely _____ in the stone; to remove it we had to use a chisel.
8. The people were confused by the _____; the temporary pause in action caused much disorientation.
9. I was shocked to see the couple arguing like that; if they wanted an _____, they should have it at home behind closed doors.
10. After running in the marathon, the runner's face was _____; it was several minutes before the flushed coloring left.
11. Faith healing is an accepted practice in many _____ religions.
12. In all his endeavors he is _____, sometimes caution to an extreme.

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insubordination	lassitude	montage	officious	premature
presumptuous	relegated	rescind	saturate	sterile
tumultuous	unimpeachable	voracious		

13. The hot weather in some parts of Mexico probably created the _____ that led to the siesta; a sense of fatigue makes the people sleepy.
14. The soldier's disrespectful comment to the captain caused the officer to _____ the pass, canceling a well-earned vacation.
15. When it rains enough to _____ the ground, construction must stop; otherwise the heavy equipment will get stuck in the mud.
16. The _____ host spoiled the casual dinner party by waiting on his guests hand and foot.
17. After he disobeyed the orders, the corporal was tried for _____.
18. To say that we will win the championship is _____, for it is far too early in the season to predict an outcome.
19. She may be the most attractive girl in the class, but her arrogance also makes her the most _____; she frequently oversteps her bounds.
20. A new means of insect control uses chemicals to render insects incapable of reproducing; once they are _____, no new generations can be bred.
21. Seth is a _____ eater who satisfies his ravenous appetite at every chance he gets.
22. The new employee had hoped to be made vice president; instead, he was _____ to a much lower position in the mail room.
23. The doctor's credentials were _____; they were simply not to be called into question.
24. The picture can be called a _____ since so many different elements seem to form a single image.
25. We were disturbed by the _____ celebration next door; the neighbors were raising such a great clatter and commotion that we couldn't sleep.