

Lesson 33

Definitions



1.	anchor	ANG kur	to secure firmly		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to release from restraint
	Anchor the boat to the dock.				
	Derivatives >>	anchored, anchoring, anchors			
2.	antediluvian	an tuh duh LEW vee un	very, very old (it literally means "before the Flood")		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	ultramodern
	The natives' antediluvian marriage rituals had not changed in thousands of years.				
	Derivatives >>	antediluvian			
3.	denigrate	DEN uh grate	to belittle, to run down, to deny the importance of something		
	Synonyms >>	aspere, calumniate, defame, malign, slander, traduce, vilify		Antonym >>	to praise; to laud; to acclaim
	To denigrate someone's reputation merely on hearsay is wrong.				
	Derivatives >>	denigration, denigrator, denigratory, denigrated, denigrating			
4.	doleful	DOL ful	having great sorrow		
	Synonyms >>	melancholy, plaintive, lugubrious, mournful		Antonym >>	cheerful
	By her doleful expression, I knew that she did not make the cheerleader squad.				
	Derivatives >>	dolefully, dolefulness			
5.	epilogue	EP uh log	a short addition to a literary work, a short speech given at the end of a play		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
	The author's intent in writing the novel can be found in the epilogue.				
	Derivatives >>	epilog, epilogist, epilogues, epologuize			
6.	epitaph	EP uh taf	an inscription in memory of a dead person (usually on a tombstone)		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
	She wants to write her own epitaph before she dies, rather than have someone else write it later.				
	Derivatives >>	epitaphial, epitaphless, epitaphic			
7.	foible	FOI bul	slight fault, minor weakness of character		
	Synonyms >>	failing, fragility, vice		Antonym >>	strong point
	His character is weakened only by a slight foible.				
	Derivatives >>	foibles			
8.	garish	GAR ish	crudely or tastelessly colorful or showy; excessively ornate or elaborate		
	Synonyms >>	loud, tawdry, gaudy		Antonym >>	austere; modest
	Her garish clothes made her look out of place in the conservative setting.				
	Derivatives >>	garishly, garishness			
9.	homage	HOM ij	a reverential regard; respect shown by external action		
	Synonyms >>	honor, reverence, deference, obeisance		Antonym >>	disrespect
	The people went to pay homage to their respected leader.				
	Derivatives >>	homages, homager			
10.	importune	im por TOON	to beg in earnest		
	Synonyms >>	entreat, implore, supplicate, adjure		Antonym >>	
	Although he importuned for one more chance, his former boss would not rehire him.				
	Derivatives >>	importuned, importuning, importunely, importuner, importunity, importunacy, importunate, importunateness			
11.	intangibles	in TAN juh buls	things that cannot be realized or defined		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	things that can be realized
	The coach said that he had the best team and that they should win, but one never knows about intangibles.				
	Derivatives >>	intangibility, intangibleness, intangibly			

12.	lecher	LECH ur	one who indulges excessively in sexual activity or in lasciviousness
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> ascetic
	The young woman was repulsed by the unwanted sexual advances of the lecher.		
	Derivatives >>	lechery, lecherous, lecherously, lecherousness	
13.	morbidity	mor BID eh tee	unwholesomeness and gloominess, gruesomeness
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> wholesomeness
	The boy talked about dead people and gruesome things. He soon frightened me with his morbidity.		
	Derivatives >>	morbid, morbidity	
14.	ostracize	OS truh size	to exclude by general consent from society or privileges
	Synonyms >>	exile, disenfranchise, excommunicate	Antonym >> to accept; to condone
	Her friends ostracized her after her husband's arrest.		
	Derivatives >>	ostracized, ostracizing, ostracization, ostracizable, ostracizer	
15.	patronizing	PAY truh niz ing	having a condescending attitude
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> accepting
	She hugged the poor children in the streets and flashed them patronizing smiles.		
	Derivatives >>	patronize, patronization, patronizer, patronizingly	
16.	plenitude	PLEN eh tood	abundance, a lot
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> dearth; scarcity
	I can always find a plenitude of advice but rarely a plausible solution.		
	Derivatives >>	plenitudinous	
17.	raconteur	rak on TUR	one who is skillful at telling stories and anecdotes
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	One of the reasons that most Americans loved Will Rogers was that he was a wonderful raconteur.		
	Derivatives >>	raconteuse	
18.	resonant	REZ uh nunt	echoing, continuing to sound
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The resonant sounds of the cello make it a pleasing instrument.		
	Derivatives >>	resonance, resonate, resonantly, resonator	
19.	sentinel	SEN tuh nul	one who keeps guard as a sentry
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The oak trees hovered over the house as sentinels.		
	Derivatives >>	sentineled, sentineling, sentinels	
20.	sequester	seh KWES tur	to seclude
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to allow to mingle freely
	Because of the publicity about the case and the defendant, the judge decided to sequester the jury.		
	Derivatives >>	sequestered, sequestrable, sequestrant, sequestration, sequestrator	
21.	slag	SLAG	the residue or mass of metal left after smelting; worthless matter
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The bottom of the pit was full of slag.		
	Derivatives >>	slagger	
22.	sumptuous	SUMP choo us	lavish, luxurious
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> paltry
	I like to go to my mother's house on Thanksgiving Day because we always have a sumptuous feast.		
	Derivatives >>	sumptuously, sumptuosity, sumptuousness	
23.	tinge	TINJ	to add a bit of color; to affect slightly; a slight coloration
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to blanch
	I wanted to add a tinge of red to the picture. The roses tinged the air with their fragrance.		
	Derivatives >>	tingent, tinged, tinging, tinges	
24.	unpalatable	un PAL eh tuh bul	distasteful, unpleasant, disagreeable
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> agreeable; tasty
	The speaker made harshly unpalatable but honest statements.		
	Derivatives >>	unpalatableness, unpalatably	
25.	workaday	WUR kuh day	ordinary, commonplace
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> extraordinary
	Because the novelist included workaday settings in her book, she was able to appeal to the ordinary man.		
	Derivatives >>		

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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

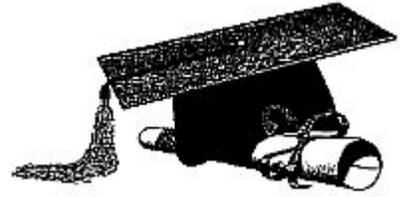
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|-------|-----|--------------|----|--------------------------------------|
| _____ | 1. | anchor | a. | having great sorrow |
| _____ | 2. | antediluvian | b. | reverential regard; honor |
| _____ | 3. | denigrate | c. | excessively ornate; elaborate |
| _____ | 4. | doleful | d. | slight fault; minor weakness |
| _____ | 5. | epilogue | e. | to belittle; to run down |
| _____ | 6. | epitaph | f. | to secure firmly |
| _____ | 7. | foible | g. | to beg in earnest |
| _____ | 8. | garish | h. | an inscription on a tombstone |
| _____ | 9. | homage | i. | things that cannot be realized |
| _____ | 10. | importune | j. | very old; before the Flood |
| _____ | 11. | intangibles | k. | short addition to literary work |
| _____ | 12. | lecher | l. | an indulger in excessive sexual acts |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|-------------|----|---------------------------------|
| _____ | 1. | morbidity | a. | costly and magnificent; lavish |
| _____ | 2. | ostracize | b. | skillful storyteller |
| _____ | 3. | patronizing | c. | to seclude |
| _____ | 4. | plentitude | d. | gloominess; gruesomeness |
| _____ | 5. | raconteur | e. | one who keeps guard |
| _____ | 6. | resonant | f. | residue of metal after smelting |
| _____ | 7. | sentinel | g. | to exclude from society |
| _____ | 8. | sequester | h. | abundance |
| _____ | 9. | slag | i. | echoing; continuing to sound |
| _____ | 10. | sumptuous | j. | distasteful; unpleasant |
| _____ | 11. | tinge | k. | ordinary; commonplace |
| _____ | 12. | unpalatable | l. | to add a bit of color |
| _____ | 13. | workaday | m. | having a condescending attitude |

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Sentence Completion



anchor	antediluvian	denigrate	doleful
epilogue	epitaph	foible	garish
homage	importune	intangibles	lecher

- It was clear from the sorrow on his face that Jon did not win the election to represent his class; his _____ expression was evidence that he had lost.
- The patient began to _____ the doctor not to amputate his leg, but his pleas were unheeded because the operation was necessary to save his life.
- Some things cannot be realized or defined; understanding the _____ can be difficult.
- The congregation's reverent regard was evident as they paid _____ to the departing pastor through many gifts that were showered upon him.
- Stan's 1940 Chevrolet looks positively _____; a car that is a few years old is one thing, but one is older than ten years is ancient!
- The teacher began to _____ the unruly student by belittling him in front of the entire class.
- The book contained an _____, probably because readers reaching the end wanted to know what happened to the characters later in their lives.
- Although I think he has many character defects, he admits to having only one slight _____.
- I would like to write my own _____, although I don't want it inscribed on my tombstone for a long time to come.
- The man's rapid state of moral decline soon turned him into a _____.
- The woman's _____ attire made her look like a clown. Her clothes were tastelessly colorful and showy.
- We tried to _____ the boat to the dock, but it was difficult to tie up securely to the shore.

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morbidity	ostracize	patronizing	plenitude	raconteur
resonant	sentinel	sequester	slag	sumptuous
tinge	unpalatable	workaday		

13. I couldn't believe the _____ being displayed in the experiments. The whole scene was gruesome and cruel.
14. Her husband's _____ smile merely enraged the woman more. She did not appreciate his condescending attitude at all.
15. Although the slight _____ of pink appeared to be a sign of health, the color deceived the doctor, and he thought his patient was well.
16. The farmer used a _____ solution for a commonly occurring problem.
17. The _____ that results from American agriculture is evident in a yearly surplus of most food items.
18. We knew that the opera was about to begin when we heard the _____ sounds of the orchestra's overture echoing throughout the hall.
19. In order to _____ the witness and seclude him during the trial, a police _____ was hired to guard him.
20. When the man continually disobeyed the laws of the tribe, the council decided to _____ him and insist that he move away to another village.
21. The food we had to eat during the camp was practically _____; it was so bad I couldn't force myself to swallow it.
22. Thanksgiving Day is a time my family joins together for a _____ feast; everyone brings something special, and no one goes away hungry.
23. The swimmers were careful to avoid the _____ in the bottom of the tank. It was difficult to tell what debris had accumulated there.
24. The _____ was honored with many awards for his skill in story telling.