

# Lesson 33

## Definitions



1.	<b>anchor</b>	ANG kur	to secure firmly	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> to release from restraint
	Anchor the boat to the dock.			
	Derivatives >>	anchored, anchoring, anchors		
2.	<b>antediluvian</b>	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 >>	antediluvial		
3.	<b>denigrate</b>	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.	<b>doleful</b>	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.	<b>epilogue</b>	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.	<b>epitaph</b>	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.	<b>foible</b>	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.	<b>garish</b>	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.	<b>homage</b>	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.	<b>importune</b>	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.	<b>intangibles</b>	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.	<b>lecher</b>	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.	<b>morbidity</b>	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.	<b>ostracize</b>	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.	<b>patronizing</b>	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.	<b>plenitude</b>	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.	<b>raconteur</b>	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.	<b>resonant</b>	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.	<b>sentinel</b>	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.	<b>sequester</b>	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.	<b>slag</b>	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.	<b>sumptuous</b>	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.	<b>tinge</b>	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.	<b>unpalatable</b>	un PAL eh tuh bul	distasteful, unpleasant, disagreeable
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> agreeable; tasty
	The speaker made harshly unpalatable but honest statements.		
	Derivatives >>	unpalatableness, unpalatably	
25.	<b>workaday</b>	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 >>		

**Lesson 33**  
**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**

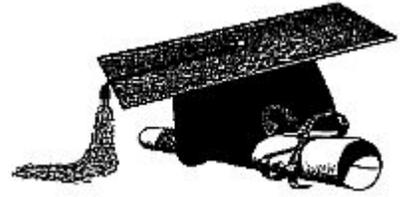
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|-------|-----|--------------|----|--------------------------------------|
| _____ | 1.  | anchor       | a. | having great sorrow                  |
| _____ | 2.  | antediluvian | b. | reverential regard; honor            |
| _____ | 3.  | denigrate    | 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

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. Some things cannot be realized or defined; understanding the \_\_\_\_\_ can be difficult.
4. The congregation's reverent regard was evident as they paid \_\_\_\_\_ to the departing pastor through many gifts that were showered upon him.
5. 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!
6. The teacher began to \_\_\_\_\_ the unruly student by belittling him in front of the entire class.
7. The book contained an \_\_\_\_\_, probably because readers reaching the end wanted to know what happened to the characters later in their lives.
8. Although I think he has many character defects, he admits to having only one slight \_\_\_\_\_.
9. I would like to write my own \_\_\_\_\_, although I don't want it inscribed on my tombstone for a long time to come.
10. The man's rapid state of moral decline soon turned him into a \_\_\_\_\_.
11. The woman's \_\_\_\_\_ attire made her look like a clown. Her clothes were tastelessly colorful and showy.
12. 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.