

Lesson 36

Definitions



1.	ardor	AR dur	warmth or heat of emotion; extreme force, vigor, or energy
	Synonyms >>	passion, intensity, fervor, enthusiasm, zeal	Antonym >> lack of energy or enthusiasm
	His ardor for the revolution cooled off during the course of the war.		
	Derivatives >>	ardour, ardors	
2.	assiduous	uh SIJ you us	marked by careful and unremitting attention, constant in application
	Synonyms >>	industrious, sedulous, diligent	Antonym >> desultory; lazy
	He worked assiduously at studying geometry for weeks before he felt prepared to take the final exam.		
	Derivatives >>	assiduously, assiduousness	
3.	bestial	BES chul	brutal without reason, having the attributes of a savage
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> civilized
	The bestial traits of the man were offensive to refined ladies.		
	Derivatives >>	bestiality, bestialize, bestialized, bestializing	
4.	concord	KON kord	agreement; concurrence in attitudes, consensus
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> lack of harmony
	There was complete concord among the delegates.		
	Derivatives >>	concordal, concordance, concordant, concordatory	
5.	confound	kon FOUND	to cause one to become confused
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to distinguish between
	I am confounded by the tax forms of the IRS.		
	Derivatives >>	confounded, confoundedly, confounding, confounds	
6.	defer	deh FUR	to put off action until a future time; to delay
	Synonyms >>	postpone, procrastinate	Antonym >> to begin immediately
	The decision has been deferred by the board until next week.		
	Derivatives >>	deferred, deferring, deferrable	
7.	dissected	deh SEK tid	divided into numerous segments or parts
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> whole
	In biology today I dissected a frog.		
	Derivatives >>	dissect, dissecting, dissection, dissectional, dissective, dissector	
8.	evince	eh VINS	to show clearly
	Synonyms >>	manifest, evidence	Antonym >> to suppress, to hide, to conceal
	By making a 27 on the test, he evinced his lack of knowledge of the material.		
	Derivatives >>	evinced, evincing, evincible, evincive	
9.	husband	HUZ bund	to manage prudently and in a conservative manner
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to ignore; to slight
	A farmer must husband his animals if they are to remain healthy.		
	Derivatives >>	husbandry, husbandman, husbandly, husbander, husbandland	
10.	impertinent	im PUR tuh nunt	insolently rude, not within the proper bounds of good taste or manners
	Synonyms >>	intrusive, meddlesome, obtrusive, officious	Antonym >> reverent; respectful
	His impertinent remarks did not help his case in the eyes of the jury.		
	Derivatives >>	impertinence, impertinency, impertinently, impertinentness	
11.	inanimate	in AN uh mit	without life
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> alive
	A rock is an inanimate object.		
	Derivatives >>	inanimately, inanimateness	

12.	lithe	LIETH	flexible and graceful		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	inflexible
	Ballet is a dance for lithe dancers.				
	Derivatives >>	lithely			
13.	maladroit	mal uh DROIT	inept, awkward		
	Synonyms >>	gauche, clumsy, ungainly		Antonym >>	adept, adroit, skillful
	His maladroit attempts to repair the situation only made it worse.				
	Derivatives >>	maladroitly, maladroitness			
14.	muted	MYOO tid	toned down or silenced		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	amplified
	The conductor wanted the music to be muted at one spot in the performance.				
	Derivatives >>	mute, mutedly, mutely, muteness			
15.	paradigm	PAIR uh dim, -dime	a very good example or model		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	a bad example
	The English teacher gave the students a sample outline as a paradigm of good work.				
	Derivatives >>	paradigmatic, paradigmatic, paradigmatically, paradigmaticize			
16.	perfidious	pur FID ee us	calculated to deceive; deceitful; treacherous		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	honest; trustworthy
	You show a lack of character by spreading perfidious stories about your brother.				
	Derivatives >>	perfidiously, perfidiousness, perfidy			
17.	potable	POE tuh bul	something drinkable		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	unfit to drink
	The show "Jeopardy" used to have a category called "Pot & Potables" that concerned all kinds of drinks.				
	Derivatives >>	potability, potableness			
18.	redundant	reh DUN dunt	repetitious, superfluous		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	concise
	She is boring because she is a rambling and redundant speaker.				
	Derivatives >>	redundancy, redundance, redundantly			
19.	retinue	RET uh noo	a body of retainers who follow a prince or other distinguished person		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
	It was the largest retinue ever to accompany the president on a trip.				
	Derivatives >>	retinued			
20.	sinuous	SIN yoo us	bending in and out in a serpentine or wavy form		
	Synonyms >>	winding, intricate, complex		Antonym >>	straight
	The land was covered with a sinuous system of canals and irrigation ditches.				
	Derivatives >>	sinuosity, sinuously, sinuousness			
21.	subjugate	SUB juh gate	to bring under one's control		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
	It was the intent of the dictator to subjugate all the people in the land and control them.				
	Derivatives >>	subjugable, subjugation, subjugator			
22.	totter	TOT ur	to stagger as if about to fall		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to walk steadily
	Drinking heavily will usually cause one to totter.				
	Derivatives >>	tottered, tottering, totteringly, tottery, totters			
23.	usurp	yoo SURP	to take possession or authority over something without right		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to acquiesce
	The younger son tried to usurp the throne from the rightful heir.				
	Derivatives >>	usurpation, usurpative, usurpatory, usurpature			
24.	vicarious	vie KARE ee us	experienced through imagined participation in another's activity		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	firsthand
	Many people who watch football experience a vicarious release of aggression.				
	Derivatives >>	vicariate, vicarism, vicariously, vicariousness			
25.	woe	WOE	great sorrow, grief, or misfortune		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	happiness
	The woe she suffered at his death continued through months of depression.				
	Derivatives >>	woes, woebegone, woeful, woebegoneness, woefully, woefulness			

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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. | ardor | a. | diligent; constant in application |
| _____ | 2. | assiduous | b. | to cause to become confused |
| _____ | 3. | bestial | c. | agreement |
| _____ | 4. | concord | d. | flexible and graceful |
| _____ | 5. | confound | e. | having attributes of a savage |
| _____ | 6. | defer | f. | rude; insolent |
| _____ | 7. | dissected | g. | to show clearly |
| _____ | 8. | evince | h. | to delay |
| _____ | 9. | husband | i. | warmth or heat of emotion |
| _____ | 10. | impertinent | j. | without life |
| _____ | 11. | inanimate | k. | to manage conservatively |
| _____ | 12. | lithe | l. | divided into numerous segments |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|------------|----|--|
| _____ | 1. | maladroit | a. | drinkable |
| _____ | 2. | muted | b. | great sorrow, grief, or misfortune |
| _____ | 3. | paradigm | c. | inept; awkward |
| _____ | 4. | perfidious | d. | through imagined participation |
| _____ | 5. | potable | e. | to bring under one's control |
| _____ | 6. | redundant | f. | toned down or silenced |
| _____ | 7. | retinue | g. | intricate; complex; winding |
| _____ | 8. | sinuous | h. | to take possession without the right |
| _____ | 9. | subjugate | i. | deceptive; deceitful |
| _____ | 10. | totter | j. | to stagger as if about to fall |
| _____ | 11. | usurp | k. | repetitious; superfluous |
| _____ | 12. | vicarious | l. | a very good example; model |
| _____ | 13. | woe | m. | a body of attendants who follow a distinguished person |

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Sentence Completion



ardor	assiduous	bestial	concord
confound	defer	dissected	evinced
husband	impertinent	inanimate	lithe

1. The shepherd was told to _____ his herd, but he soon found that managing sheep was not as easy as he had imagined.
2. Calculus is so difficult that it can be _____ even very intelligent people who are not easily confused.
3. His _____ for the woman would never cool; he loved her more than life itself.
4. However sickening the _____ behavior of the savage is, most people can understand his uncivilized traits by identifying with his circumstances.
5. After the students had _____ the frog, they asked permission to bury him in the courtyard.
6. Above all, the council wanted _____ among its members; if they had agreement within the group, they could face many problems.
7. We may have to ask the bank officials to _____ our payment date since we can't pay the bill this week; they will sometimes delay a deadline if they are asked.
8. The _____ movements of the ballerina were astounding; her flexibility allows her to perform extraordinary feats.
9. The man looked at the _____ body and saw that there was no life left in it.
10. The young man annoyed me with his _____ comments; frankly, he sounded like a rude snob.
11. If you can _____ your capability for handling the job, you will be hired, but you must show clearly that you are qualified for such work.
12. The student was _____ in studying for the test; because of his diligence, he made a good grade.

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redundant	retinue	sinuous	subjugate	tottered
usurp	vicarious	woe		

13. The student's essay was nicely written except that he was _____ much of the time; he said the same things over and over.
14. Because the water was not _____, we had to search for something else that we could drink.
15. The winding, _____ road stretched in complex turns for miles into the mountains, looking much like a path of a snake.
16. Members of the audience indulged in a _____ experience of watching the youthful dancer and imagining themselves on stage with her.
17. Jim is so _____ that he can hardly hammer a nail without injuring himself; he is the most awkward person I know.
18. The music was _____ by the closed doors of the auditorium, but we still managed to hear a few of the muffled sounds.
19. Hitler's goal was to _____ Europe, bringing the entire continent under his control.
20. Afraid of losing my balance, I _____ unsteadily on the edge of the pit.
21. His performance was truly a _____ of musical perfection; it was a magnificent example of great artistry.
22. The wicked queen sought to _____ the king's power and steal the throne from him.
23. My reputation was nearly ruined by the deceitful reporter and his treacherous, _____ stories.
24. Chaucer's "The Pardoner's Tale" is a tale of the _____ and misfortune that money can cause.
25. The king was accompanied by his _____ on the journey; his body of attendants always followed him wherever he went.