

Lesson 38

Definitions



1.	abrogate	AB ruh gayt	to abolish, to do away with
	Synonyms >>	annul, invalidate, negate, nullify	Antonym >> to establish
	The king abrogated the law passed by the parliament.		
	Derivatives >>	abrogable, abrogation, abrogative, abrogator, abrogated, abrogating	
2.	adamant	AD uh munt	inflexible, immovable, obstinate
	Synonyms >>	inexorable, obdurate	Antonym >> pliant
	The man was adamant in his decision to seek a political office.		
	Derivatives >>	adamantine, adamantive, adamancy, adamantly	
3.	barbarism	BAR buh riz um	the incorrect usage of words or forms of language
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> acceptable diction
	The English teacher cringed at the gross barbarism in the paper.		
	Derivatives >>	barbarous, barbarously, barbarousness	
4.	colloquial	kuh LOW kwee ul	informal (speech)
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> formal
	Term papers are not to contain colloquial expressions.		
	Derivatives >>	colloquially, colloquy	
5.	compatriot	kum PAY tree ut	a fellow countryman
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> traitor
	The Lewis and Clark expedition was a journey of two compatriots exploring the unknown regions.		
	Derivatives >>	compatriotism	
6.	defuse	dee FYOOZ	to remove or to lessen danger or hostility
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to intensify, to escalate
	The crisis was defused when the army pulled back.		
	Derivatives >>	defused, defusing	
7.	effrontery	eh FRUN tuh ree	extreme boldness, audacity
	Synonyms >>	cheek, chutzpah, gall, hardihood, nerve, temerity	Antonym >> diffidence
	I can't believe you had the effrontery to say such a rude thing to your parents.		
	Derivatives >>	effronteries	
8.	egregious	eh GREE jus	very bad, shocking, conspicuously bad
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> good
	Skipping class is an egregious error.		
	Derivatives >>	egregiously, egregiousness	
9.	gambol	GAM bul	to playfully skip or leap
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to trudge
	The young child laughed with glee as he began to gambol around the room.		
	Derivatives >>	gamboled, gamboling	
10.	hemophilia	hee muh FIL ee uh	a hereditary disease where blood does not coagulate to stop bleeding
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	Getting a slight cut is dangerous for him because of his hemophilia; a small cut can cause him to bleed to death.		
	Derivatives >>	hemophile, hemophiliac, hemophilic, hemophiloid	
11.	immunity	eh MYOO neh tee	resistance (usually to a disease)
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> lack of resistance
	One's immunity to disease is lowered when one is fatigued.		
	Derivatives >>	immunities, immunist, immune, immuned, immunization, immunize, immunizing	

12.	impale	im PALE	to pierce, to fix on a pointed instrument	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	
	Shish kebab can be prepared by impaling meat and vegetables on a skewer.			
	Derivatives >>	impaled, impalement		
13.	knotty	NOT ee	so complicated that it can probably not be solved; full of knots	
	Synonyms >>	abstruse, complex, intricate, recondite	Antonym >>	easy to solve; uncomplicated
	A contest's knotty problems leave contestants disheartened. The knotty trees added an eerie feeling to the night.			
	Derivatives >>	knotted, knoter, knottily		
14.	libertarian	lib ur TAR ee un	one who favors absolute liberty and free will	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	
	Libertarians want less governmental control over their lives.			
	Derivatives >>	libertarianism		
15.	mired	MYRD	stuck or entangled	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	unhampered
	Teachers seem to be mired with excessive paperwork.			
	Derivatives >>	mire		
16.	noxious	NOK shus	harmful, unwholesome	
	Synonyms >>	baneful, deleterious, detrimental, pernicious	Antonym >>	harmless; wholesome
	Is that noxious odor coming from that noisome outhouse?			
	Derivatives >>	noxiously, noxiousness		
17.	palatable	PAL uh tuh bul	agreeable to the taste, acceptable	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	distasteful
	I have never found it very palatable that girls in school can wear miniskirts but not shorts.			
	Derivatives >>	palatableness, palatability, palatably		
18.	palliate	PAL ee ate	to ease pain, guilt or intensity	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	to intensify
	The doctor attempted to palliate the patient's suffering by prescribing drugs.			
	Derivatives >>	palliated, palliating, palliation, palliative, palliator, palliatory		
19.	pallor	PAL ur	extreme paleness usually relating to the face	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	ruddy color
	The strange disease left the man with a sickly pallor.			
	Derivatives >>	pallors		
20.	pernicious	pur NISH us	very destructive or harmful, deadly	
	Synonyms >>	baneful, deleterious, detrimental, noxious	Antonym >>	harmless, benign
	Shooting heroin is a pernicious habit.			
	Derivatives >>	perniciously, perniciousness		
21.	skulk	SKULK	to move in a sneaky, furtive, or stealthy manner	
	Synonyms >>	lurk, slink, sneak	Antonym >>	to be open; to lack secrecy
	The burglar skulked about on the balcony.			
	Derivatives >>	skulker, skulked, skulking, skulks		
22.	tarry	TARE ee	to delay in coming or going, to linger	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	to depart promptly
	Please do not tarry; I want you to be here on time.			
	Derivatives >>	tarriness, tarried, tarries		
23.	tawdry	TAH DREE	cheap and gaudy in appearance	
	Synonyms >>	garish, meretricious	Antonym >>	refined
	It was in bad taste to wear such tawdry jewelry to the funeral.			
	Derivatives >>	tawdriness, tawdrily		
24.	temerity	tuh MER uh tee	boldness that is foolhardy	
	Synonyms >>	audacity, cheek, chutzpah, effrontery, gall, hardihood, nerve	Antonym >>	reserve
	I can't believe that he has the temerity to talk back to his commanding officer.			
	Derivatives >>	temerariousness, temerarious, temerariouly		
25.	utopian	yoo TOE pee un	having the characteristics of an ideally perfect place	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	
	Dorothy thought that Oz was a utopian place until she found out that the Wizard was a fake.			
	Derivatives >>	utopianism, utopianist, utopianize, utopia		

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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. | abrogate | a. | a fellow countryman |
| _____ | 2. | adamant | b. | to abolish; to do away with |
| _____ | 3. | barbarism | c. | very bad; shocking |
| _____ | 4. | colloquial | d. | resistance |
| _____ | 5. | compatriot | e. | inflexible; immovable |
| _____ | 6. | defused | f. | to pierce; to fix on a pointed instrument |
| _____ | 7. | effrontery | g. | incorrect usage of words |
| _____ | 8. | egregious | h. | extreme boldness; audacity |
| _____ | 9. | gambol | i. | disease of uncontrolled bleeding |
| _____ | 10. | hemophilia | j. | informal (speech) |
| _____ | 11. | immunity | k. | to run; to frolic; to leap about; to hop |
| _____ | 12. | impale | l. | removed; lessened danger or hostility |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|-------------|----|---------------------------------------|
| _____ | 1. | pernicious | a. | stuck or entangled |
| _____ | 2. | knotty | b. | to linger; to delay in coming |
| _____ | 3. | libertarian | c. | to move in a furtive or sneaky manner |
| _____ | 4. | mired | d. | harmful; unwholesome |
| _____ | 5. | noxious | e. | extreme paleness in the face |
| _____ | 6. | palatable | f. | like an ideally perfect place |
| _____ | 7. | palliate | g. | one who favors absolute liberty |
| _____ | 8. | pallor | h. | boldness that is foolhardy |
| _____ | 9. | skulk | i. | agreeable to the taste |
| _____ | 10. | tarry | j. | very destructive; deadly |
| _____ | 11. | tawdry | k. | to ease pain, guilt, or intensity |
| _____ | 12. | temerity | l. | cheap and gaudy in appearance |
| _____ | 13. | utopian | m. | so complicated that it is unsolvable |

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Sentence Completion



abrogate	adamant	barbarism	colloquial
compatriot	defused	effrontery	egregious
gambol	hemophilia	immunity	impaled

1. The teacher was _____ and inflexible about not letting the student _____ about the room since his movements were a great distraction to the other students.
2. The boy made an _____ error when he used such _____ in his English paper; his shocking mistake stemmed from the incorrect use of words in his writing.
3. The council decided to _____ the law immediately; by doing away with it at that time, they would avoid problems later.
4. Because term papers require formal writing, English teachers do not accept papers that contain _____ expressions.
5. When the man fell on the picket fence, he was _____ by one of the wooden slats as it pierced his body.
6. Hopefully these shots will grant you _____ to the disease, and you will have more resistance to illnesses.
7. We could not tolerate the _____ of the child; he was rude, audacious and bold.
8. The _____ would not stay long in the small village; he was anxious to get to the capital and engage in the affairs of government, his first love.
9. The man's death was caused by his _____; he bled to death from a small cut because his blood could not coagulate.
10. The insurrection was effectively _____ when the authorities decided to listen to the prisoners' grievances; after that, all danger of hostility was removed.

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knotty	libertarian	mired	noxious	palatable
palliate	pallor	pernicious	skulk	tarry
tawdry	temerity	utopian		

11. The _____ envisioned a world where government was not needed at all; the _____ society would be so ideally perfect that men would not need to be ruled.
12. The woman did not _____ in the park; she stayed only five minutes before she left.
13. The man tried to _____ the woman's anger by listening to her grievances, but instead of lessening her hostility, he merely aggravated it.
14. I was appalled that she had the _____ to wear such a _____ dress to church; I didn't think she was so bold as to wear such cheap and gaudy attire.
15. We were sickened by the _____ fumes and tried to escape the repulsive odor as quickly as possible.
16. The food set before us was not _____; it certainly was not acceptable to my taste.
17. The king revoked the _____ law passed by Parliament because he realized the harm that it could cause.
18. The man's death had been expected; his flesh had turned a pale color, assuming the _____ consistent with blood loss.
19. Unable to move, the prince's horse was _____ in the thicket, entangled in vines up to his neck. The rider could see no solution to the _____ problem of freeing it.
20. The man surrounded himself with sneaky spies whose job was to _____ about, looking for traitors.