

Lesson 40

Definitions



1.	append	uh PEND	to add in a supplementary manner
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to detach, to delete
	His long-winded discourse was appended by a final summary of important points.		
	Derivatives >>	appendage, appendant, appendance, appended	
2.	apprise	uh PRIZE	to inform or to give notice
	Synonyms >>	acquaint, notify	Antonym >> to fail to inform
	People who are arrested have to be apprised of their rights.		
	Derivatives >>	apprised, apprising, apprizer	
3.	ardent	AR dunt	expressing strong feelings, impassioned, zealous
	Synonyms >>	fervent, fervid, passionate, perfervid	Antonym >> unmoved; perfunctory
	He was ardent in his support of civil rights.		
	Derivatives >>	ardently	
4.	cloister	KLOI stur	to seclude or to confine
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to display; to exhibit; to make
	The wealthy magnate led a cloistered life in his retirement.		
	Derivatives >>	cloistered, cloisterlike, cloistering	
5.	constrict	kun STRIKT	to tighten or to make narrow
	Synonyms >>	compress, condense, contract, deflate	Antonym >> to distend
	Strangling constricts the windpipe and keeps air from reaching the lungs.		
	Derivatives >>	constriction, constrictive, constrictor, constricted, constricting	
6.	disentangle	dis en TANG gul	to unravel, extricate
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to enmesh; to tie up
	The referee tried to disentangle the players to see who had the ball.		
	Derivatives >>	disentanglement, disentangler	
7.	fanaticism	fuh NAT eh siz um	enthusiasm or zeal that is excessively irrational
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> apathy; lack of zeal
	The Nazis engendered fanaticism among their followers.		
	Derivatives >>	fanatical, fanatic, fanatically, fanaticalness	
8.	feint	FAYNT	a false appearance, a fake punch to occupy defenses allowing a real blow.
	Synonyms >>	artifice, ruse, stratagem, trick, wile	Antonym >>
	Fooled by his opponent's feint, the boxer dropped his guard and was knocked down.		
	Derivatives >>	feign, feigned, feigning, feignedly, feigner	
9.	ferment	FUR ment	state of agitation, commotion
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> peace; calm
	During the Civil War, much of the country was in a state of ferment.		
	Derivatives >>	fermentability, fermentable, fermental, fermentation, fermentative, fermenter	
10.	forestalled	fore STAWLD	prevented or delayed beforehand
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> assisted
	The sandbag dam forestalled the advance of the water.		
	Derivatives >>	forestall, forestaller, forestallment	
11.	gnarl	NARL	to twist extensively
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> smooth and straighten
	After riding the motorcycle all day, her hair was so gnarled by the wind that it was difficult to comb.		
	Derivatives >>	gnarled, gnarly	

12.	hoary	HORE ee	white with age		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	young
		The hoary old man had many wrinkles.			
	Derivatives >>	hoarier, hoariest			
13.	infernal	in FER nul	relating to hell		
	Synonyms >>	hellish, diabolical, fiendish		Antonym >>	heavenly
		It is not nice to wish that someone go to the infernal regions.			
	Derivatives >>	infernally, inferno			
14.	jaunty	JON tee	stylish and lively in manner or appearance		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	depressed
		The woman walked with a jaunty step that gave clear evidence to her sprightly personality.			
	Derivatives >>	jauntily, jauntiness, jauntingly			
15.	malefactor	MAL uh fak tur	a criminal		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	law-abiding citizen
		The candidate for attorney general said that he will see that all malefactors are locked up.			
	Derivatives >>	malefaction, malefactress, maleficence, malefice, maleficent			
16.	matriarchy	MAY tree ar kee	a family or state headed or ruled by a female		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	patriarchy
		The old woman is the matriarch of the family.			
	Derivatives >>	matriarch, matriarchal, matriarchate			
17.	multifarious	mul tuh FARE ee us	great in variety, diverse		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	limited in variety
		He is valuable because of his multifarious talents.			
	Derivatives >>	multifariously, multifariousness			
18.	musty	MUS tee	smelling of damp or decay, malodorous		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	fragrant
		The old house was pervaded by an offensive, musty odor.			
	Derivatives >>	mustily, mustiness			
19.	obstreperous	ub STREP ur us	marked by aggressive noisiness; stubbornly defiant		
	Synonyms >>	vociferous, clamorous, strident, boisterous		Antonym >>	quiet and docile
		The obstreperous blaring of the radio was quite annoying.			
	Derivatives >>	obstreperousness, obstreperously			
20.	precipice	PRES uh pis	a very steep cliff or mass of rock, the brink of something dangerous		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	cavern
		Some mountain climbers enjoy climbing a steep precipice.			
	Derivatives >>	precipices			
21.	precipitous	preh SIP eh tus	marked by great rapidity, haste, or lack of caution		
	Synonyms >>	hasty, sudden, rash; steep, sheer		Antonym >>	gradual
		Her precipitous behavior led her to make silly mistakes. The precipitous slope rose before us.			
	Derivatives >>	precipitously, precipitousness, precipice			
22.	progeny	PROJ uh nee	children, descendants, offspring		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
		He was proud of all his progeny, but he loved the oldest child the most.			
	Derivatives >>	progenitor, progenitorial, progenitorship, progeniture			
23.	replicate	REP luh kate	to repeat, to copy, or to duplicate		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to make an original
		I always try to replicate the moves of my tennis pro when I am taking a lesson.			
	Derivatives >>	replication, replica, repliant			
24.	ruminare	ROO muh nate	to consider for a long time at a slow pace, to ponder		
	Synonyms >>	meditate, muse, ponder		Antonym >>	to consider fleetingly
		We will have to go elsewhere if you ruminate about your decision for a long period.			
	Derivatives >>	ruminatingly, ruminator, ruminative, ruminant, ruminantly			
25.	unobtrusive	un ob TRUE siv	not readily noticeable, inconspicuous		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	noticeable; obvious
		He is very unobtrusive sitting over there in the corner.			
	Derivatives >>	unobtrusiveness, unobtrusively			

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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. | append | a. | state of agitation; commotion |
| _____ | 2. | apprise | b. | a false appearance |
| _____ | 3. | ardent | c. | to tighten or to make narrow |
| _____ | 4. | cloister | d. | to unravel; to extricate |
| _____ | 5. | constrict | e. | prevented; delayed beforehand |
| _____ | 6. | disentangle | f. | expressing strong feelings; impassioned |
| _____ | 7. | fanaticism | g. | to seclude or to confine |
| _____ | 8. | feint | h. | to twist extensively |
| _____ | 9. | ferment | i. | to inform or to give notice |
| _____ | 10. | forestalled | j. | white with age; very old |
| _____ | 11. | gnarl | k. | excessive, irrational enthusiasm |
| _____ | 12. | hoary | l. | to add in a supplementary manner |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|--------------|----|-----------------------------------|
| _____ | 1. | infernal | a. | to repeat; to copy; to duplicate |
| _____ | 2. | jaunty | b. | relating to hell |
| _____ | 3. | malefactor | c. | aggressively noisy; defiant |
| _____ | 4. | matriarchy | d. | smelling of damp or decay |
| _____ | 5. | multifarious | e. | inconspicuous |
| _____ | 6. | musty | f. | marked by great haste; sudden |
| _____ | 7. | obstreperous | g. | criminal |
| _____ | 8. | precipice | h. | great variety; diverse |
| _____ | 9. | precipitous | i. | to ponder |
| _____ | 10. | progeny | j. | a very steep cliff |
| _____ | 11. | replicate | k. | stylish or lively in appearance |
| _____ | 12. | ruminant | l. | children; descendants; offspring |
| _____ | 13. | unobtrusive | m. | state or family ruled by a female |

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Sentence Completion



appended	apprised	ardent	cloistered
constricted	disentangle	fanaticism	feint
fermented	hoary	infernal	musty

1. The nun had been secluded for a long time, _____ from early youth until her hair was _____ with age.
2. _____ to the end of the report about the terrorists' _____ was a note describing how they became so excessively zealous.
3. I _____ my husband of the situation, informing him of how our baby had gotten caught in the barbed wire and how I managed to _____ her.
4. Many prohibitionists believed that brandy was the work of the devil, but what they thought to be an _____ drink was just the further distillation of _____ wine.
5. The minister entered his religious service because of an _____ and zealous desire to help to improve other people's lives.
6. Because the flow of air into the basement was _____ when we closed the vent, the room soon became permeated with that _____ pungent smell of things slightly damp.
7. The fighter viewed every movement of his opponent as a possible _____ and was prepared for such false appearances; consequently, he was not fooled by any fake punches and was able to win the fight.

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forestalled	gnarled	jaunty	malefactor	matriarchs
multifarious	obstreperous	precipice	precipitously	progeny
replicate	ruminant	unobtrusive		

8. The _____ group of men varied in the extreme; some showed the _____ appearance of the newest and most fashionable style, while others had the slovenly look of skid row bums.
9. In many societies, households are headed by women, and these _____ make most of the decisions for their _____, especially for those children too young to make their own decisions.
10. A wise chess player will _____ over move, sometimes pondering for more than an hour on one single play.
11. The difference between the original painting and the forgery was _____ and hard to see; to _____ such a work involved copying even the style of brush strokes.
12. It would be rather ill-considered to jump over the edge of a mountain without knowing whether there was a ledge on the other side or a _____ extending downward thousands of feet.
13. Though a criminal for most of his life, the _____ had a sudden change of heart and was working to redeem himself in the hearts of his earlier victims.
14. With a total lack of caution, the diver hastily jumped _____ from the rocky ledge into the tiny pool far below.
15. The _____ crowd became more aggressive and more defiant as every moment passed; I knew there would be a riot soon.
16. We _____ the bulldozers by draining them of gas, effectively slowing them down; and as they blocked the road, traffic was _____ behind them in furious knots.