

# Lesson 41

## Definitions



1.	<b>amulet</b>	AM yew let	a charm or ornament worn to protect against evil	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> hex
The princess wore the amulet to protect herself.				
	Derivatives >>	amulets		
2.	<b>aviary</b>	A vee air ee	a place for keeping birds	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>
Many birds were in the aviary.				
	Derivatives >>	aviaries		
3.	<b>burnish</b>	BUR nish	to make shiny or to polish by rubbing	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> to tarnish
Burnished metal is usually very reflective.				
	Derivatives >>	burnisher, burnishes, burnished, burnishing		
4.	<b>circumvent</b>	SIR kum vent	to get around something, to outwit, to frustrate; to avoid	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> to confront
The witness tried unsuccessfully to circumvent the subject.				
	Derivatives >>	circumventer, circumventor, circumvention, circumventive, circumvented, circumventing		
5.	<b>epitome</b>	eh PIT uh mee	a summary or brief representation of something	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>
That student is the epitome of the successful graduate.				
	Derivatives >>	epitomator, epitomical, epitomic, epitomist, epitomize, epitomizer		
6.	<b>evanescent</b>	ev uh NES unt	fleeting; impermanent	
	Synonyms >>	ephemeral, fugitive, transient, transitory		Antonym >> permanent
The evanescent sounds of applause are not what keeps the artist performing.				
	Derivatives >>	evanescence, evanesce, evanescently		
7.	<b>fester</b>	FES tur	to cause increased poisoning, to inflame or to corrupt	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> to heal
The wound will fester if it is not given some medical attention.				
	Derivatives >>	festered, festering		
8.	<b>itinerant</b>	eye TIN ur unt	traveling from place to place	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> settled
The itinerant preacher ministered throughout the state.				
	Derivatives >>	itinerancy, itineracy, itinerantly, itinerarium, itinerary, itinerate, itineration		
9.	<b>knoll</b>	NOLE	a small round hill	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> mountain
The young deer stood upon the knoll and looked out over the pond that lay beneath him.				
	Derivatives >>	knolls		
10.	<b>magnate</b>	MAG nate	a person of power and influence	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> pauper
He was a film magnate who had great power to create a star.				
	Derivatives >>	magnateship		
11.	<b>mural</b>	MYOOR ul	a painting on a wall or ceiling	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>
The artist was commissioned to paint a mural on the wall.				
	Derivatives >>	muralist, murals		

12.	<b>omnipotent</b>	om NIP uh tunt	having unlimited power	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> limited
A President who feels that he is omnipotent is not serving the country.				
	Derivatives >>	omnipotence, omnipotency, omnipotently		
13.	<b>overt</b>	oh VURT	open to view	
	Synonyms >>	conspicuous		Antonym >> secret; hidden
In an overt attempt to take over the corporation, he offered \$50 per share for stock in the company.				
	Derivatives >>	overtly, overtness		
14.	<b>pinnacle</b>	PIN uh kul	the peak or highest point	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> low point
His career reached its pinnacle during the season when he hit sixty home runs.				
	Derivatives >>	pinnacled, pinnacing, pinnacles		
15.	<b>preeminence</b>	pree EM uh nuns	superiority to all others	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> inferiority
Receiving a Nobel prize signifies preeminence in a field.				
	Derivatives >>	preeminent, preeminency, preeminently		
16.	<b>prurient</b>	PROOR ee unt	arousing an unwholesome desire or interest (usually related to sex)	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> pure
Pornography arouses prurient interests.				
	Derivatives >>	prurience, pruriency, pruriently		
17.	<b>puritanical</b>	pyoor eh TAN eh kul	marked by severe or rigid morality	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> satanical
The girl's father was so puritanical he would not allow her to date until she was eighteen years old.				
	Derivatives >>	puritanic, puritan, puritanically, puritanicalness, puritanism, puritanize		
18.	<b>scale</b>	SKALE	to climb up or over	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> to climb down
Who was the first woman to scale Mt. Everest?				
	Derivatives >>	scaled, scaling		
19.	<b>staid</b>	STADE	reserved and upright in manner or behavior, sedate	
	Synonyms >>	earnest, grave, sober, solemn		Antonym >> boisterous
The staid and uninteresting old maid behaved with utmost decorum in all situations.				
	Derivatives >>	staidness		
20.	<b>subjective</b>	sub JEK tiv	coming from an individual's mind	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> objective
I scored poorly on the subjective essay exam because my teacher disagreed with my opinion.				
	Derivatives >>	subjectively, subjectiveness, subjectivism, subjectivity, subjectivize, subjectivization		
21.	<b>summary (adj.)</b>	SUM uh ree	condensed and concise	
	Synonyms >>	compendious, laconic, pithy, succinct, terse		Antonym >> detailed
The judge asked for a summary conclusion since time was short.				
	Derivatives >>	summarily, summability, summariness, summarize, summation, summational		
22.	<b>tenure</b>	TEN yur	the period of holding something	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>
Under his tenure at the space administration, not one astronaut was injured.				
	Derivatives >>	tenurial, tenorially		
23.	<b>unfathomable</b>	un FATH um uh bul	not capable of being understood	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> understandable
The solution to the mystery was unfathomable in the beginning.				
	Derivatives >>	unfathomableness, unfathomably, unfathomed		
24.	<b>valid</b>	VAL id	well-grounded, justifiable	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> unjustified
I found his reasons valid, and I accepted his statement.				
	Derivatives >>	validate, validation, validatory, validity, validly, validness		
25.	<b>wily</b>	WILE ee	cunning, crafty	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>
"Wily as a fox" is an expression that means a person is very crafty at some activity.				
	Derivatives >>	wile, wiled, wiling, wilier, wiliest		

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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. amulet       | a. to cause increased poisoning       |
| _____ | 2. aviary       | b. traveling from place to place      |
| _____ | 3. burnish      | c. brief representative of the whole  |
| _____ | 4. circumvent   | d. a place for keeping birds          |
| _____ | 5. epitome      | e. to make shiny by rubbing           |
| _____ | 6. evanescent   | f. a person of power and influence    |
| _____ | 7. fester       | g. marked by severe morality          |
| _____ | 8. itinerant    | h. fleeting; ephemeral; transient     |
| _____ | 9. knoll        | i. a painting on a wall or ceiling    |
| _____ | 10. magnate     | j. a small, round hill                |
| _____ | 11. mural       | k. charm to protect against evil      |
| _____ | 12. puritanical | l. to get around something; to outwit |

### Exercise B

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|-------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| _____ | 1. overt         | a. to climb up or over              |
| _____ | 2. pinnacle      | b. reserved; upright in manner      |
| _____ | 3. preeminence   | c. condensed and concise            |
| _____ | 4. prurient      | d. the peak or highest point        |
| _____ | 5. omnipotent    | e. well-grounded; justifiable       |
| _____ | 6. scale         | f. coming form an individual's mind |
| _____ | 7. staid         | g. open to view                     |
| _____ | 8. subjective    | h. not capable of being understood  |
| _____ | 9. summary       | i. superiority to all others        |
| _____ | 10. tenure       | j. having unlimited power           |
| _____ | 11. unfathomable | k. cunning; crafty                  |
| _____ | 12. valid        | l. period of holding something      |
| _____ | 13. wily         | m. arousing an unwholesome desire   |

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### Sentence Completion



amulet	aviary	burnished	circumvent
epitome	evanescent	fester	itinerant
knoll	magnate	mural	omnipotent

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ hung about the neck of the queen, and the copper sheen that reflected from its \_\_\_\_\_ surface sparkled in the sun.
2. On the \_\_\_\_\_ that overlooked the valley was an \_\_\_\_\_ that housed rare birds; it was an interesting concept to put a bird house on top of a small hill.
3. Pete Rose was the \_\_\_\_\_ of the American baseball player, representing the dreams of many young ball players behind him; yet his fame was fleeting and his fortune \_\_\_\_\_.
4. As discontent began to \_\_\_\_\_ in the crowd, authorities tried to \_\_\_\_\_ any trouble by breaking up the group; they wanted to avoid a crisis before the situation became any more inflamed.
5. The artistic \_\_\_\_\_ of our courthouse wall was painted by an \_\_\_\_\_ artist who left town as soon as he finished it.
6. The business \_\_\_\_\_ considered himself \_\_\_\_\_ because he had the power to fire any employee at all.

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overt	pinnacle	preeminence	prurient	puritanical
scale	staid	subjective	summary	tenure
unfathomable	valid	wily		

7. The \_\_\_\_\_ thief was too clever to steal in an \_\_\_\_\_ and open manner; instead he picked pockets.
8. In explaining why he wanted to climb Mt. Everest, the explorer said, "I wish to \_\_\_\_\_ this mountain because it is the world's highest \_\_\_\_\_."
9. The fact that he received the highest award possible conveys his \_\_\_\_\_ in the field; he is obviously superior to all others and is a most outstanding individual.
10. The old woman, upright, reserved and \_\_\_\_\_, had gained a great amount of wisdom through her years and experiences.
11. The President of the United States holds office for four years; then he must be reelected if he wishes another \_\_\_\_\_.
12. The woman's \_\_\_\_\_ speech made her sound extremely rigid and moral.
13. The young man's \_\_\_\_\_ interests in the girl are heightened by the skimpy clothes she wears; he is consumed with an unwholesome desire for her company.
14. The teacher made a \_\_\_\_\_ evaluation of the child's paper, to be reviewed again for a more comprehensive judgment; at the moment, though, she had to offer concise comments.
15. Your opinion is merely \_\_\_\_\_, not based on facts at all; it is just something you picked out of your mind, reflecting your emotions.
16. His statement about that theory is not \_\_\_\_\_; the facts that we have gathered point to a contrary conclusion and prove his words are not justifiable.
17. The fact that in some countries the AIDS virus infects more than 50% of the population is practically \_\_\_\_\_, but as hard as it is to believe, the fact is true.