

Lesson 42

Definitions



1.	abnegate	AB nuh gayt	to surrender or to relinquish (a right, belief, or idea)
	Synonyms >>	forgo	Antonym >> to admit, to accept
	He asked the committee to abnegate its right to rule on the issue.		
	Derivatives >>	abnegated, abnegating, abnegates, abnegation, abnegator	
2.	chronic	KRON ik	marked by long duration or by frequent recurrence over a long period
	Synonyms >>	unending, habitual, inveterate	Antonym >> transitory
	The chain smoker is often plagued by a chronic cough.		
	Derivatives >>	chronical, chronically, chronicity	
3.	forsake	fore SAKE	to quit or to leave entirely; to depart or to withdraw from
	Synonyms >>	leave, desert, abandon	Antonym >>
	The father was not about to forsake his children in their time of need.		
	Derivatives >>	forsaken, forsook, forsaking, forsakes, forsakenly, forsakenness, forsaker	
4.	frugal	FROO gul	avoiding spending money unnecessarily
	Synonyms >>	thrifty, economical	Antonym >> wasteful
	He is so frugal because he is trying to save money for college.		
	Derivatives >>	frugality, frugality, frugally	
5.	gravitate	GRAV eh tate	to move toward something
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to move away from something
	People tend to gravitate toward others with similar interests.		
	Derivatives >>	grivated, gravitating, gravitation, gravitater, gravitational, gravitationally, gravity	
6.	guise	GIZE	costume or outward appearance
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> true appearance
	In the guise of a banker, the FBI agent investigated a counterfeit money case.		
	Derivatives >>	guised, guising	
7.	illicit	eh LIS it	illegal
	Synonyms >>	unlawful, illegitimate	Antonym >> legal
	Gambling is an illicit activity in many states.		
	Derivatives >>	illicitness, illicitly	
8.	impregnable	im PREG nuh bul	incapable of being taken by assault, of being broken into or escaped from
	Synonyms >>	unconquerable, unassailable	Antonym >> easily conquered
	The warriors felt secure in the impregnable fortress.		
	Derivatives >>	impregnability, impregnableness, impregnably	
9.	incensed	in SENS D	really mad
	Synonyms >>	enraged, infuriated, angered	Antonym >> pleased
	The teacher was incensed when she found out that some of her trusted students had cheated on the exam.		
	Derivatives >>	incense, incensing, incensement	
10.	indigent	IN deh junt	very poor, impoverished
	Synonyms >>	destitute, impecunious	Antonym >> affluent, wealthy
	It is hard to believe that Joe is homeless and indigent when he used to be president of a savings and loan thrift.		
	Derivatives >>	indigence, indigently	
11.	insuperable	in SOO pur uh bul	incapable of being surmounted; incapable of being vanquished
	Synonyms >>	unsurpassable, impassable, invincible	Antonym >> easily overcome, surmountable
	These are the insuperable heroes who fought for our country.		
	Derivatives >>	insuperability, insuperableness, insuperably	

12.	intuitive	in TOO eh tiv	known without rational thought
	Synonyms >>	instinctive	Antonym >>
	Her feelings that something bad was about to happen were strictly intuitive; she had no basis for them.		
	Derivatives >>	intuitively, intuitiveness, intuitivism, intuitivist, intuition, intuitionless, intuitional, intuitually, intuitionalism	
13.	irreverent	eh REV ur unt	showing a lack of respect
	Synonyms >>	disrespectful	Antonym >> respectful
	It is irreverent to wear a hat inside of a church.		
	Derivatives >>	irreverence,irreverently	
14.	malfeasant	mal FEE zunt	one who is guilty of misbehavior or wrongdoing
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> law-abiding citizen
	The criminal had been a malfeasant since early childhood.		
	Derivatives >>	malfeasance	
15.	malign	muh LINE	to utter injuriously misleading reports about
	Synonyms >>	traduce, asperse, vilify, calumniate, defame	Antonym >> to extol
	Several old gossips in the neighborhood had maligned the woman.		
	Derivatives >>	malignance, malignancy, malignant, malignantly	
16.	maverick	MAV er ik	an independent individual who does not go along with the group
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> conformist
	Eccentric billionaire Howard Hughes was a maverick in the fields of movie-making and airplane construction.		
	Derivatives >>		
17.	plunderer	PLUN dur ur	one who robs or loots or otherwise takes things by force
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	In a war situation, invading armies are sometimes seen as little more than plunderers.		
	Derivatives >>	plunder,plunderable,plunderingly, plunderous, plunderage	
18.	predator	PRED uh tur	one that preys, plunders, or destroys
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	A hawk is a predator because it survives by attacking other animals.		
	Derivatives >>	predatism, predatory, predatorily, predatoriness	
19.	revelry	REV ul ry	loud and boisterous partying or merrymaking
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	On the night of the election, there was much revelry at the governor's victory party.		
	Derivatives >>	revelries	
20.	sanguine	SANG gwin	very confident
	Synonyms >>	optimistic, hopeful, sure	Antonym >> afraid
	The candidate had sanguine expectations for his election to the senate.		
	Derivatives >>	sanguineness,sanguineous, sanguinary	
21.	taut	TAUT	tightly drawn, having no slack
	Synonyms >>	tight	Antonym >>
	As the convicted man fell from the scaffold, the rope became taut around his neck.		
	Derivatives >>	tautly, tautness, tauten	
22.	thwart	THWART	to effectively oppose or to stop
	Synonyms >>	foil, frustrate, baffle, balk, circumvent	Antonym >>
	We were able to thwart the invading forces with bombing by our superior air force.		
	Derivatives >>	thwarted, thwartedly, thwarter, thwarting	
23.	timorous	TIM ur us	apprehensive, worried, or fearful
	Synonyms >>	timid	Antonym >>
	If one has to walk through a mine field, he should do so with timorous steps.		
	Derivatives >>	timorously, timorousness	
24.	vitriolic	vi tree OL ik	very caustic and sarcastic
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> kind; harmless
	A teacher should avoid vitriolic remarks in the classroom.		
	Derivatives >>		
25.	vulnerable	VUL nur uh bul	susceptible to injury or attack
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> protected
	A fighter is vulnerable if he does not keep up his guard.		
	Derivatives >>	vulnerability, vulnerableness, vulnerably	

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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. | abnegate | a. | showing lack of respect |
| _____ | 2. | chronic | b. | incapable of being surmounted |
| _____ | 3. | forsake | c. | to move toward something |
| _____ | 4. | frugal | d. | to depart; to withdraw from |
| _____ | 5. | gravitate | e. | illegal |
| _____ | 6. | guise | f. | to surrender or to relinquish |
| _____ | 7. | illicit | g. | one who takes things by force |
| _____ | 8. | incensed | h. | costume or outward appearance |
| _____ | 9. | indigent | i. | very poor; impoverished |
| _____ | 10. | insuperable | j. | really angry |
| _____ | 11. | irreverent | k. | marked by a long duration |
| _____ | 12. | plunderer | l. | avoid spending money needlessly |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|-------------|----|------------------------------------|
| _____ | 1. | intuitive | a. | incapable of being broken into |
| _____ | 2. | impregnable | b. | loud and boisterous partying |
| _____ | 3. | malfeasant | c. | to oppose or stop effectively |
| _____ | 4. | malign | d. | to speak evil of; to slander |
| _____ | 5. | maverick | e. | very caustic; sarcastic |
| _____ | 6. | predator | f. | knowing without rational thought |
| _____ | 7. | revelry | g. | tightly drawn; having no slack |
| _____ | 8. | sanguine | h. | apprehensive; worried; fearful |
| _____ | 9. | taut | i. | one who is guilty of misbehavior |
| _____ | 10. | thwart | j. | susceptible to injury or attack |
| _____ | 11. | timorous | k. | one who preys or destroys |
| _____ | 12. | vitriolic | l. | very confident |
| _____ | 13. | vulnerable | m. | one not going along with the group |

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Sentence Completion



abnegated	chronic	forsake	frugal
gravitate	guise	illicit	incensed
indigent	maverick	plunderer	revelry

1. The young woman seemed to _____ toward men who were independent-minded; she often found herself moving toward a _____ who did not go along with the group.
2. When the _____ at the party continued to grow in volume, the neighbor became very angry; she was _____ that such loud and boisterous partying was keeping her awake.
3. Because the family is practically _____, each member is extremely _____; being so poor makes it critical for them to avoid spending money unnecessarily.
4. The old man legally _____ his right to manage his own affairs and surrendered it to his son.
5. It would be nice if you would _____ your _____ complaining; in other words, give up your incessant griping!
6. Dressed in the _____ of a pumpkin, the young man won the award for best costume.
7. The criminal was finally caught and put into jail as a result of his many _____ acts; he was guilty of engaging in fifteen different illegal activities.
8. Genghis Khan, leader of the Mongols, was a _____; he and his men invaded many villages, stealing, destroying and ravaging.

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impregnable	insuperable	intuitively	irreverent	malfasant
malign	predator	sanguine	taut	thwart
timorous	vitriolic	vulnerable		

9. The _____ seemed to know _____ on which animals he could prey and destroy; this he knew without experience, without rational thought.
10. The king had absolute confidence in his _____ castle and his _____ army; the former could never be taken by assault, and the latter could never be vanquished.
11. For you to _____ his character by calling him a _____ is misleading; he has never been found guilty of any wrongdoing, and you are wrong to injure his reputation.
12. It was useless to try to _____ the unruly group's actions; they were _____ in the church, and we could not effectively stop them from showing a lack of respect.
13. The woman's _____ appearance was a reflection of her absolute confidence in the man's ability to do the job effectively; she remained optimistic and hopeful to the end.
14. The girl was _____ to the group's _____ attack; because she was shy, she was especially susceptible to their sarcastic remarks.
15. As the terrorist drew the rope _____ in his hands, the young girl burst into _____ sobs, afraid that he would put the tightly drawn rope around her neck.