

Lesson 45

Definitions



1.	appreciate	uh PREE she ate	to increase in value		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to decrease in value
	My home has appreciated in value by \$10,000.				
	Derivatives >>	appreciation, appreciator, appreciated, appreciating, appreciative, appreciatively, appreciativeness, appreciatory			
2.	bigot	BIG ut	one who is utterly intolerant of any creed or belief differing from his own		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	open-minded person
	He is such a bigot that he will not even listen to our point of view.				
	Derivatives >>	bigoted, bigotedly, bigotry, bigotries			
3.	chaff	CHAF	material separated from the seed after threshing, worthless matter		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
	Chaff is the residue from the threshing process of separating seed.				
	Derivatives >>	chaffless, chafflike			
4.	cliché	klee SHAY	an overworked expression, a trite statement		
	Synonyms >>	platitude		Antonym >>	unusual or original statement
	"That dog won't hunt" used to be a clever way to say that an idea was bad, but due to overuse, it is now a cliché.				
	Derivatives >>				
5.	couple	KUH pul	to join or to link together		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to separate
	If you will couple the beads, you will have a longer necklace.				
	Derivatives >>	coupled, couples, coupling			
6.	discretion	deh SKRESH un	ability to act on one's own power of individual decision		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
	The judge has wide discretion in the bail that he sets.				
	Derivatives >>	discretionary, discretionally, discretionarily			
7.	emollient	eh MOL yunt	something that soothes or softens		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	irritant
	Lotions are emollients used to ease the pain of sunburn.				
	Derivatives >>	emollient, emolliently			
8.	fatalistic	fate uh LIS tik	belief that events are predetermined and cannot be altered		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
	Giving up because you believe you're doomed to failure is a fatalistic attitude.				
	Derivatives >>	fatalist, fatalism, fatalistically			
9.	gamely	GAME lee	in a positive and spirited approach to a task, with unyielding spirit		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	without courage
	He approached the task with a gamely attitude, exhibiting his positive and unyielding spirit.				
	Derivatives >>	gameness			
10.	idiosyncrasy	id ee uh SING kruh see	a characteristic habit or mannerism that is peculiar to an individual		
	Synonyms >>	peculiarity, quirk		Antonym >>	
	Scratching his hand whenever he was nervous was an idiosyncrasy of the man.				
	Derivatives >>	idiosyncratic, idiosyncratically			
11.	ignominy	IG nuh min ee	disgraceful or dishonorable conduct		
	Synonyms >>	disgrace, disrepute, infamy		Antonym >>	honor
	Treason is an ignominy.				
	Derivatives >>	ignominious, ignominiously, ignominiousness			

12.	indices	IN deh seez	plural of index, guides		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
	There are many indices in the library for you to use in your research.				
	Derivatives >>	index, indexical, indexically, indexless			
13.	infidel	IN feh dul	a person who has no religious faith; unbeliever		
	Synonyms >>	atheist		Antonym >>	believer
	The lack of religious values in society today point to the great numbers of infidels.				
	Derivatives >>	infidelity			
14.	malingering	muh LING gur	to pretend or to feign illness to avoid work or duty		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to perform dutifully
	Soldiers sometimes malingering in order to avoid going into battle.				
	Derivatives >>	malingering, malingered, malingering			
15.	motley	MOT lee	exhibiting great diversity of elements; heterogeneous		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	homogenous
	The rally for environmental concerns drew a motley crowd.				
	Derivatives >>	motleys			
16.	ossify	OS uh fie	to change or to harden into bone, to be rigidly conventional		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to soften
	This particular type of tree ossifies with age.				
	Derivatives >>	ossified, ossifying, ossifier, ossificatory, ossification			
17.	pestilence	PES tuh lens	a deadly epidemic disease; something considered harmful or evil		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	something harmless
	The bubonic plague was a pestilence that killed thousands of people.				
	Derivatives >>	pestilent, pestilently, pestilential, pestilentially, pestilentialness			
18.	preciosity	pres ee OS eh tee	meticulousness, extreme fastidiousness		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	lack of concern; indifference
	English gentlemen are known for their preciosity.				
	Derivatives >>	preciosities			
19.	scurry	SKUR ee	to hurry about, to scamper		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to dawdle; to move slowly
	The robbers scurried when they heard the police siren.				
	Derivatives >>	scurried, scurrying			
20.	sophomoric	sof uh MORE ik	immature and poorly informed		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	profound
	Intentional crying is a sophomoric attempt to gain sympathy.				
	Derivatives >>	sophomorical, sophomorically			
21.	surly	SUR lee	churlishly rude or bad-tempered; unfriendly, hostile		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	courteous
	The discourteous boy had a surly manner of speaking.				
	Derivatives >>	surlier, surliest, surlily, surliness			
22.	transgression	trans GRESH un	violation of a law or command; sin		
	Synonyms >>	contravention, disobedience, trespass		Antonym >>	obedience; upholding of the law
	Breaking the law is a transgression.				
	Derivatives >>	transgress, transgressive, transgressively, transgressor			
23.	vent	VENT	to give utterance to		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to repress
	He vented his opinions only at the end of the speech.				
	Derivatives >>	vented, venting			
24.	verify	VER eh fie	to prove the truth of; to confirm; to substantiate		
	Synonyms >>	authenticate, validate		Antonym >>	
	You should verify your results before you present them.				
	Derivatives >>	verified, verifying, verifiability, verifiableness, verifiable			
25.	wheedle	HWEED ul	to try to convince by flattery, to coax, to cajole		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
	She is able to wheedle whatever she desires from the men she dates.				
	Derivatives >>	wheedling, wheedled, wheedles			

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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

- _____ 1. appreciate
- _____ 2. bigot
- _____ 3. chaff
- _____ 4. cliché
- _____ 5. couple
- _____ 6. discretion
- _____ 7. emollient
- _____ 8. fatalistic
- _____ 9. gamely
- _____ 10. idiosyncrasy
- _____ 11. ignominy
- _____ 12. indices

- a. something that smoothes
- b. to join or to link together
- c. trite, overworked expression
- d. dishonorable conduct
- e. ability to act on one's own
- f. belief that events are predetermined
- g. material separated from seed
- h. plural of index; guides
- i. to increase in value
- j. unyielding; spirited; positive
- k. peculiarity; quirk
- l. person who is intolerant of any creed of belief differing from his own

Exercise B

- _____ 1. infidel
- _____ 2. malinger
- _____ 3. motley
- _____ 4. ossify
- _____ 5. pestilence
- _____ 6. preciousity
- _____ 7. scurry
- _____ 8. sophomoric
- _____ 9. surly
- _____ 10. transgression
- _____ 11. vent
- _____ 12. verify
- _____ 13. wheedle

- a. violation of a law; a sin
- b. atheist; one who has no faith
- c. to hurry about; to scamper
- d. churlishly rude; unfriendly; hostile
- e. to confirm; to prove the truth of
- f. to pretend in order to avoid work
- g. to give utterance to
- h. something harmful or evil
- i. to try to convince by flattery
- j. heterogeneous
- k. meticulousness; fastidious refinement
- l. to change or to harden into bone
- m. immature; poorly informed

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Sentence Completion



appreciated	bigot	chaff	cliché
couple	discretion	emollient	fatalistic
gamely	idiosyncrasy	ignominy	indices

- Without even thinking of the danger involved, the fireman _____ rushed into the burning house to save the baby; his positive and spirited approach helped him to save the child.
- The lists of periodicals and of films are the _____ that are most frequently used by students in their research.
- The cost of that house has _____ greatly over the past few years; most of that increase in value can be attributed to inflation.
- Many of the prisoners of war never lost hope; they simply refused to accept their fates as inalterable or to adopt a _____ attitude.
- At the judge's _____ you are jailed or set free; he makes his own individual decisions about each case and is not easily influenced by other people.
- The famous politician's career was quickly ruined by the _____ of his spying against the United States; such disgraceful and dishonorable conduct blackens a reputation.
- To join the two links of chain, Joe said he would _____ them by welding one to the other.
- It is not a good idea to put a _____ into a formal essay for your English class; that teacher does not like trite expressions.
- After the men cleaned up the _____, they wanted an _____ for their rough hands; the material separated from the seed after threshing irritated their skin, and they needed something to soothe it.
- Do not expect any understanding from that _____; he is totally intolerant of any beliefs that differ from his own.
- The woman was teased because of her _____ of always whistling while she worked in the garden, a characteristic habit from her childhood.

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infidel	malingered	motley	ossify	pestilence
preciosity	scurry	sophomoric	surly	transgression
vent	verify	wheedle		

12. Pretending to be sick when he was actually quite fit, the man _____ at the hospital to avoid going to work.
13. The salesman continued to try to _____ me into buying his product long after I had tired of his flattery.
14. Many English gentlemen are known for their _____; they are extremely meticulous and fastidious about practically everything.
15. This old wood will _____ and will harden into what we call “petrified wood.”
16. When I turned on the light, rats began to _____ everywhere; they even scampered under our feet.
17. You have an immature, _____ sense of humor.
18. Because he has no religious faith, he can aptly be called an _____ or unbeliever.
19. His group of followers was a _____ crew, drawn from the rich as well as the poor, from the educated as well as the illiterate, from the beautiful as well as the ugly.
20. The entire country was plagued with a _____ that took the lives of one-third of the population; it was the most deadly epidemic in the century.
21. We found the boy’s _____ behavior to be disgustingly rude and bad tempered.
22. This document will _____ your eligibility for the contest; it will be sufficient proof for the authorities.
23. The young man was sent to prison for his violation of the law; his _____ was not viewed lightly by the judge or the jury.
24. Sometimes it is better to _____ one’s anger rather than to keep it bottled up inside; it is necessary to give utterance to some things.