

# Lesson 48

## Definitions



1.	<b>abject</b>	ab JEKT	utterly hopeless, humiliating, or wretched; contemptible	
	Synonyms >>	debasing, degrading, despicable; miserable	Antonym >>	exalted
	We were concerned about his health when we discovered that he was living in abject poverty.			
	Derivatives >>	abjection, abjectly, abjectness, abjectedness, abjective		
2.	<b>aperture</b>	AP uh ture	a hole or an opening	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	closure
	The farmer discovered an aperture in his fence that had allowed some cows to escape.			
	Derivatives >>	apertural, apertures, apertured		
3.	<b>array</b>	uh RAY	a large grouping of things; regular order or arrangement; to clothe	
	Synonyms >>	arrange, place; apparel, dress, attire; ornament, adorn,	Antonym >>	
	The group consisted of an impressive array of scholars.			
	Derivatives >>	arraying, arrays, arrayed, arrayal		
4.	<b>bolt</b>	BOLT	to move suddenly	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	to move sluggishly
	We were surprised when the horse suddenly bolted.			
	Derivatives >>	bolter, boltlike, bolted		
5.	<b>codicil</b>	KODD uh sil	a supplement or an amendment (usually to a will)	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	
	The boy was left a small inheritance by the codicil in his father's will.			
	Derivatives >>	codicillary		
6.	<b>crescendo</b>	kruh SHEN doe	a gradual increase in volume and intensity	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	decrescendo; decrease in sound
	The music began to crescendo into a loud blare.			
	Derivatives >>	crescendoeo, crescendoing		
7.	<b>endow</b>	en DOW	to provide with income or property, to supply with a talent or quality	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	
	I plan to endow a million dollars to my former college.			
	Derivatives >>	endowment, endowed		
8.	<b>flower</b>	FLOU ur	to develop fully	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	to wither
	Her intellectual spirit flowered after she went to college.			
	Derivatives >>	flowered, flowers, flowering		
9.	<b>genial</b>	JEAN yul, JEAN ee ul	cordial; pleasantly warm	
	Synonyms >>	friendly, hearty, pleasant, agreeable, kindly	Antonym >>	sullen
	The woman has such a genial disposition that people love to be around her.			
	Derivatives >>	genially, genialness		
10.	<b>germane</b>	jer MANE	important to the issue at hand, pertinent	
	Synonyms >>	applicable, apposite, apropos, material	Antonym >>	unimportant
	The judge ruled that the testimony was germane to the trial and allowed it to be entered into the record.			
	Derivatives >>	germanely, germaneness		
11.	<b>laggard</b>	LAG urd	slow, sluggish	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	animated
	When that coach tells you to do something, do not be laggard.			
	Derivatives >>	laggardly, laggardness		

12.	<b>martial</b>	MAR shul	relating to war or a warrior		
	Synonyms >>	warlike		Antonym >>	
		The martial tendencies of that hostile country are a concern to the people of the United States.			
	Derivatives >>	martialism, martialist, martially, martialness			
13.	<b>nimble</b>	NIM bul	quick in movement or resourcefulness		
	Synonyms >>	agile, spry		Antonym >>	slow in movement
		In the circus, tight-rope walkers and jugglers have to be very nimble.			
	Derivatives >>	nimbler, nimblest, nimbleness, nimbly			
14.	<b>palette</b>	PAL it	board on which a painter mixes paints		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
		The artist mixed her colors on the palette rather than on the canvas.			
	Derivatives >>	palettes			
15.	<b>philology</b>	feh LOL uh jee	study of literature, especially language used in literature		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
		The study of philology is common among English majors.			
	Derivatives >>	philologer, philological, philologist, philogaster, philogastery, philologically, philologist, philologize			
16.	<b>precognition</b>	pree kog NISH un	knowing something before it happens		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	recollection
		I wish that I had a precognition of whether she would accept a date with me.			
	Derivatives >>	precognitive, precognize			
17.	<b>quaint</b>	KWAYNT	unusual in character or appearance		
	Synonyms >>	eccentric, peculiar, queer, unique		Antonym >>	ordinary
		When we go to New England, we like to stay in a quaint old inn that gives us the flavor of the area.			
	Derivatives >>	quaintish, quaintly, quaintness			
18.	<b>refrain (noun)</b>	reh FRAIN	a recurring phrase or verse		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
		The congregation joined in singing the refrain of the hymn.			
	Derivatives >>	refrainment			
19.	<b>resurge</b>	reh SURJ	to rise again		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to remain quiescent
		Our football team's chances of a title will resurge if the coach drafts a good quarterback.			
	Derivatives >>	resurgence, resurgency, resurgent			
20.	<b>searing</b>	SEER ing	causing to wither or to dry up or to become scorched		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
		One could easily die in the searing heat of the Mojave desert.			
	Derivatives >>	sear, seared, searingly			
21.	<b>splice</b>	SPLISE	to join		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to sever
		For Christmas, I am going to give my father an instrument to help him splice his home movies if they break.			
	Derivatives >>	spliced, splicing			
22.	<b>syncopation</b>	sing kuh PAY shun	the accenting of musical beats not normally accented		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
		The syncopation in the music made dancing fun.			
	Derivatives >>	syncopated, syncopate, syncopative, syncopator			
23.	<b>trenchant</b>	TREN chunt	incisive or keen ; caustic, cutting		
	Synonyms >>	sharp, biting, acute		Antonym >>	soothing; kind
		His trenchant remarks can cut to the core.			
	Derivatives >>	trenchancy, trenchantly			
24.	<b>vestiges</b>	VES tij is	remnants, traces, remains		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
		The archaeologists were looking for vestiges of ancient Egyptian civilizations.			
	Derivatives >>	vestige, vestigial, vestigium			
25.	<b>winsome</b>	WIN sum	winning, engaging, or charming		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	repugnant; rude
		The young lady had a winsome smile that won her many friends.			
	Derivatives >>	winsomely, winsomeness			

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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

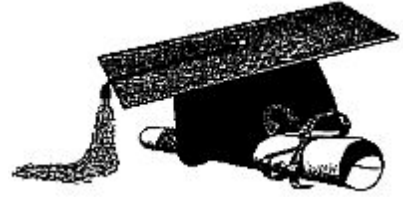
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|-------|-----|-----------|----|-------------------------------------|
| _____ | 1.  | abject    | a. | pertinent; important to the issue   |
| _____ | 2.  | aperture  | b. | an increase in sound                |
| _____ | 3.  | array     | c. | to move suddenly                    |
| _____ | 4.  | bolt      | d. | utterly hopeless; humiliating       |
| _____ | 5.  | codicil   | e. | to develop fully                    |
| _____ | 6.  | crescendo | f. | slow; sluggish                      |
| _____ | 7.  | endow     | g. | a large, impressive group of things |
| _____ | 8.  | flower    | h. | cordial; pleasantly warm            |
| _____ | 9.  | genial    | i. | a hole or opening                   |
| _____ | 10. | germane   | j. | relating to war or a warrior        |
| _____ | 11. | laggard   | k. | a supplement or amendment           |
| _____ | 12. | martial   | l. | to provide with income or property  |

### Exercise B

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|-------|-----|--------------|----|---------------------------------------|
| _____ | 1.  | nimble       | a. | board on which a painter mixes paints |
| _____ | 2.  | palette      | b. | unusual in character or appearance    |
| _____ | 3.  | philology    | c. | winning; engaging; charming           |
| _____ | 4.  | precognition | d. | to rise again                         |
| _____ | 5.  | quaint       | e. | remnants; traces; remains             |
| _____ | 6.  | refrain      | f. | to join                               |
| _____ | 7.  | resurge      | g. | study of language in literature       |
| _____ | 8.  | searing      | h. | an accent of the offbeat in music     |
| _____ | 9.  | splice       | i. | knowledge before something happens    |
| _____ | 10. | syncopation  | j. | withering; drying up; scorching       |
| _____ | 11. | trenchant    | k. | a recurring phrase or verse           |
| _____ | 12. | vestiges     | l. | incisive; keen; caustic; cunning      |
| _____ | 13. | winsome      | m. | quick in movement and resourcefulness |

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### Sentence Completion



abject	aperture	array	bolted
codicil	crescendo	endowed	flower
genial	germane	martial	nimble

- The facts that you just gave me do not appear to be \_\_\_\_\_ to the case, so perhaps you should explain to me just how they relate.
- Under the guidance of the new teacher, the musician began to \_\_\_\_\_, developing her talents beyond what we had hoped and blossoming into a great artist.
- The climax of the symphony was at the end when the music began to \_\_\_\_\_ to such a volume that we could feel the vibrations as the intensity grew.
- When I realized that the explosion was about occur, I \_\_\_\_\_ out of the room and ran down the hall as fast as I could.
- Because he was grateful, the elderly man wanted to add a \_\_\_\_\_ to his will, rewarding his nurse for her years of faithful service.
- We could see the action through an \_\_\_\_\_ in the fence; it wasn't a large hole, but it was big enough to see through.
- The university subsists largely from funds that were \_\_\_\_\_ by an anonymous benefactor; only a few people knew who gave the gift.
- In order to be efficient in \_\_\_\_\_ arts, the participants must be \_\_\_\_\_; these particular warriors have to move very quickly.
- It was no wonder that the small children suffered from malnutrition; they were living in wretched conditions of \_\_\_\_\_ poverty.
- We were amazed at the \_\_\_\_\_ of the stars in the sky; there seemed to be a much larger group of them than we normally see.
- It was pleasant visiting with the friendly woman; she was so \_\_\_\_\_ that liking her was easy.

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laggard	palette	philologists	precognition	quaint
refrain	resurge	searing	splice	syncopation
trenchant	vestiges	winsome		

12. The boy was not accepted on the track team because of his \_\_\_\_\_ movements; track is not a sport for someone who is slow and sluggish.
13. The artist mixed her colors on her \_\_\_\_\_ rather than on the canvas.
14. The \_\_\_\_\_ who study the literature of England pay particular attention to the hymns and understand that it is repetition of the \_\_\_\_\_ that unifies the songs.
15. We stayed in a \_\_\_\_\_ inn that was unique and unusual because of its old-world charm.
16. The \_\_\_\_\_ temperature of 110 degrees soon had all of the workers in a state of near heat exhaustion.
17. Many Europeans fear that a unified Germany will \_\_\_\_\_ to power, rising again as a dictator state.
18. The gypsy had a \_\_\_\_\_, foreknowledge that the peace of our valley would soon be shattered by war.
19. You should \_\_\_\_\_ the two reels of film so that they are joined together neatly.
20. Good jazz music has recognizable \_\_\_\_\_; the music characteristically accents beats not normally accented.
21. When these final \_\_\_\_\_ of the Cherokees vanish, the last traces of the tribe will be gone.
22. The woman's feelings were hurt by the \_\_\_\_\_ words shouted at her by the man; his caustic language cut her to the core.
23. You will certainly gain many friends with such a \_\_\_\_\_ smile; it is absolutely charming.