

Lesson 49

Definitions



1.	adage	AD ij	a wise saying		
	Synonyms >>	proverb, maxim, motto		Antonym >>	
		"The early bird catches the worm" is an old adage.			
	Derivatives >>	adagial			
2.	bovine	BO vine	dull or sluggish like an ox or cow, relating to an ox or cow		
	Synonyms >>	indolent, slothful		Antonym >>	animated; energetic
		Get out of bed and quit being so bovine.			
	Derivatives >>	bovinely, bovinity			
3.	cognate	KOG nate	having a common ancestor, related in origin		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	unrelated
		Cognate languages are those that developed from a common language.			
	Derivatives >>	cognition			
4.	corporeal	kor POR ee ul	relating to a physical, material body; tangible and palpable		
	Synonyms >>	bodily, material, substantial		Antonym >>	immaterial; not tangible
		The lawyers asked the man to list all his corporeal properties, his material assets which are visible or tangible.			
	Derivatives >>	corporealist, corporeality, corporealize, corporeally			
5.	cumbersome	KUM bur sum	difficult to handle, unwieldy		
	Synonyms >>	cumbrous, ponderous		Antonym >>	easily handled
		Carrying all of these books is a cumbersome task.			
	Derivatives >>	cumbersomely, cumbersomeness, cumbrous, cumbrously, cumbrousness			
6.	deterrent	deh TUR unt	something that discourages or keeps something from happening		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	incentive
		Some think that the death penalty is a deterrent to crime.			
	Derivatives >>	deterrently, deterrence, deterring, deter			
7.	disinterment	dis in TUR munt	removal from a grave or tomb		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	burial
		The family signed a court order for the relative's disinterment.			
	Derivatives >>	disinter			
8.	fluid (adj.)	FLOO id	smooth and effortless		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	jerky
		Most good golfers have a very fluid swing.			
	Derivatives >>	fluidify, fluidity, fluidization, fluidize			
9.	import	IM port	relative importance, significance		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	meaninglessness
		The full import of today's events will not be realized for years.			
	Derivatives >>	importance			
10.	inimical	eh NIM eh kul	having the disposition or temper of an enemy		
	Synonyms >>	hostile, unfriendly, harmful, adverse		Antonym >>	hospitable
		The child shuddered under the inimical glare of his father.			
	Derivatives >>	inimicable, inimically, inimicalness, inimicous			
11.	insentient	in SEN she unt	without sensation, lacking animation		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	capable of feeling
		The insentient woman sat immobilized when she heard of the girl's death.			
	Derivatives >>	insentience			

12.	integral	IN tuh grul	essential for completeness	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> nonessential
		We will not trade him because he is an integral part of our team.		
	Derivatives >>	integrality		
13.	lampoon	lam POON	a light and mocking satire; writing that ridicules in a malicious way	
	Synonyms >>	satire, ridicule		Antonym >> to glorify
		The politician was lampooned by the cartoonists.		
	Derivatives >>	lampooner, lampoonery, lampoonist, lampooned, lampooning, lampoons		
14.	masochist	MAS uh kist	one who derives satisfaction from suffering pain	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> sadist
		Masochists enjoy inflicting pain on themselves, and sadists enjoy inflicting pain on others.		
	Derivatives >>	masochism, masochistic, masochistically		
15.	palisade	pal eh SADE	a fence made of stakes	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>
		The soldiers built palisades for protection from the enemy.		
	Derivatives >>	palisading, palisado		
16.	phlegmatic	fleg MAT ik	not easily excited to action or emotion; apathetic; sluggish	
	Synonyms >>	stoical, cool, cold, uninterested, dull, torpid; unruffled,		Antonym >> volatile; not sluggish
		Not taking part in the boisterous activities was typical of his phlegmatic behavior.		
	Derivatives >>	phlegmatical, phlegmatically, phlegmaticalness, phlegmaticness		
17.	preface	PREF is	an introductory statement or part; something preliminary or introductory	
	Synonyms >>	introduction, preamble, prologue		Antonym >> epilogue
		The accident was a preface to a great scientific discovery.		
	Derivatives >>	prefaced, prefacing, prefacer		
18.	quake	KWAKE	to shake from shock or instability	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> to remain motionless
		I began to quake in my boots when he pulled a gun.		
	Derivatives >>	quaked, quaking		
19.	reputable	REP yuh tuh bul	having a good reputation	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> disreputable; notorious; infamous
		The Better Business Bureau said that the company was reputable.		
	Derivatives >>	reputability, reputably, reputation, reputative, reputatively, repute, reputed, reputedly, reputeless		
20.	retraction	reh TRAK shun	the act of taking back or disavowing	
	Synonyms >>	abjure, forswear, recant, renounce		Antonym >> reaffirmation
		He maintained that his story was true and refused to offer a retraction.		
	Derivatives >>	retractable, retract, retractile, retractor		
21.	seasoned	SEE zond	experienced	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> inexperienced
		This team needs a seasoned veteran to provide some leadership.		
	Derivatives >>	seasonable, seasonableness, seasonably		
22.	stagnant	STAG nunt	not flowing, foul from not moving	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> flowing
		The stagnant pond had a foul odor.		
	Derivatives >>	stagnate, stagnation, stagnantly, stagnancy, stagnance		
23.	synthetic	sin THET ik	artificial	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> authentic
		Many synthetic substances are better than the natural substances that they replaced.		
	Derivatives >>	synthetical, synthetically		
24.	vicissitude	veh SIS eh tood	a passing from one thing to another, change of luck	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>
		One can never get used to life's vicissitudes.		
	Derivatives >>	vicissitudinous		
25.	wispy	WIS pee	small in amount, fragile, or slight	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> substantial
		A baby hummingbird is a wispy little creature.		
	Derivatives >>	wispily, wispiness, wispish, wisps		

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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. | adage | a. | difficult to handle; unwieldy |
| _____ | 2. | bovine | b. | essential for completeness |
| _____ | 3. | cognate | c. | something that discourages |
| _____ | 4. | corporeal | d. | acting sluggishly like an ox or a cow |
| _____ | 5. | cumbersome | e. | hostile; unfriendly; harmful |
| _____ | 6. | deterrent | f. | removal from a grave or tomb |
| _____ | 7. | disinterment | g. | proverb; wise saying; maxim |
| _____ | 8. | fluid | h. | without sensation or animation |
| _____ | 9. | import | i. | relating to a physical, material body |
| _____ | 10. | inimical | j. | importance; significance |
| _____ | 11. | insentient | k. | smooth and effortless |
| _____ | 12. | integral | l. | having a common ancestor; related |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|-------------|----|---|
| _____ | 1. | lampoon | a. | having a good reputation |
| _____ | 2. | masochist | b. | not flowing; foul from not moving |
| _____ | 3. | palisade | c. | to shake from shock or instability |
| _____ | 4. | phlegmatic | d. | fence made of stakes |
| _____ | 5. | preface | e. | artificial |
| _____ | 6. | quake | f. | experienced |
| _____ | 7. | reputable | g. | light and mocking satire; to ridicule |
| _____ | 8. | retraction | h. | small in amount; fragile; slight |
| _____ | 9. | seasoned | i. | apathetic; sluggish |
| _____ | 10. | stagnant | j. | introductory statement |
| _____ | 11. | synthetic | k. | the act of taking back; disavowing |
| _____ | 12. | vicissitude | l. | change of luck |
| _____ | 13. | wispy | m. | one who gets satisfaction from suffering pain |

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Sentence Completion



adage	bovine	cognate	corporeal
cumbersome	deterrent	disinterred	fluid
import	inimical	insentient	integral

1. The _____ of the meeting could not be overemphasized; the company's future would be determined by the outcome of this important event.
2. You will have little difficulty learning these _____ languages since they all originated from the same tongue and are related to each other.
3. Hoping to discourage criminals, some people view capital punishment as a _____ to crime, but others do not feel that it is effective in preventing crime.
4. The girl was a _____ dancer, moving smoothly to the sound of the melody.
5. Because the casket was accidentally buried in the wrong spot, it later had to be _____ so that it could be moved.
6. The local anesthetic rendered the man _____, incapable of feeling or movement.
7. The man's _____ movements were not conducive to haste; he was slow and sluggish, much like a cow might be on a hot summer day.
8. I found the bundle of books _____ and difficult to handle.
9. His ten years of experience make that quarterback an _____ part of the team, essential to its success.
10. The monks were not interested in their _____, physical bodies; their main concern was their spiritual lives.
11. The child shuddered under the _____ glare of his father, quite aware that the man had a disposition of an enemy.
12. I love the old _____ "When in doubt, do nothing;" it is a wise saying that has often kept me from making hasty decisions.

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lampoon	masochistic	palisade	phlegmatic	preface
quake	reputable	retraction	seasoned	stagnant
synthetic	vicissitudes	wispy		

13. The horror movie made me _____ in my shoes; it was so terrifying that I could not stop shaking.
14. Although the lady had a _____ job by day, gaining her much respect in the people's eyes, in the evening she frequently engaged in secret, _____ acts, deliberately inflicting pain upon herself.
15. In fear of an Indian attack, the colonists quickly cut down trees and built a protective _____ as a fort, encircling their community with the tall fence.
16. A few _____ clouds, slight and fragile, passed across the autumn moon.
17. The newspaper's _____ took back all of the information printed in yesterday's erroneous article.
18. The man was a _____ veteran and, as such, was extremely valuable to us; anyone with that much experience is essential.
19. The water level is so low that the creek has ceased to flow and has become foul and _____.
20. One of the by-products of space exploration is the creation of many _____ materials that we use in our daily lives; whereas we used to use only natural products, today we also make use of the artificial.
21. One mark of maturity is accepting life's _____; not everyone is able to accept changing situations very gracefully.
22. With his humorous, satiric personality, he is a great editor for the class _____.
23. The _____ attitude of some of these students is a perfect example of the apathy in our classrooms today; it is difficult to excite them to any action or emotion.
24. Be sure you read the _____ to the book before you begin the first chapter; it has some pertinent introductory information.