

Lesson 50

Definitions



1.	adroit	uh DROW it	skillful, adept		
	Synonyms >>	clever, cunning, deft, dexterous, ingenious, ingenuity		Antonym >>	inept
		The magician was especially adroit in making the lion disappear.			
	Derivatives >>	adroitly, adroitness			
2.	broach	BROCH	to open up for the first time		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to close
		The man was reluctant to broach the subject of money for fear of beginning an argument.			
	Derivatives >>	broacher, broaches, broached, broaching			
3.	commission	kuh MISH un	to authorize or order; to send on a mission; to give a commission to		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to refuse to authorize
		The owners commissioned a painting for the hotel's lobby.			
	Derivatives >>	commissional, commissive, commissively, commissionaire, commissioned, commissioner			
4.	cupidity	kyoo PID uh tee	greed		
	Synonyms >>	avarice		Antonym >>	benevolence
		The cupidity of a miser cannot be satisfied.			
	Derivatives >>	cupidities			
5.	disjunction	dis JUNGK shun	act of disjoining		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	union
		The train wreck was caused by a disjunction of the tracks.			
	Derivatives >>	disjunctional, disjunctive, disjunctivity			
6.	dynamic	die NAM ik	producing an effect of energetic movement or progression		
	Synonyms >>	forceful, energetic		Antonym >>	
		The man gave a dynamic speech to the audience.			
	Derivatives >>	dynamically, dynamical			
7.	ensconce	en SKONS	to settle comfortably		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to uproot
		Before the game started, he ensconced himself in the easy chair.			
	Derivatives >>	ensconced, ensconcing			
8.	facsimile	fak SIM uh lee	a reproduction or exact copy		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	original
		The artist was commissioned to paint a facsimile of the masterpiece.			
	Derivatives >>	facsimiles, facsimilist, facsimilize			
9.	fulsome	FUL sum	excess to the point of disgust, extreme lavishness		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
		The woman's fulsome praise of her grandchildren was beginning to irritate the guests.			
	Derivatives >>	fulsomely, fulsomeness			
10.	germinal	JUR muh nul	being in the earliest stage of development		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	fully developed
		The project was still in its germinal stages when it was cancelled.			
	Derivatives >>	germinability, germinable, geminally, germinate			
11.	impoundment	im POUND munt	the act of being seized and held in the custody of the law		
	Synonyms >>	confinement		Antonym >>	
		The man was not happy when he had to deal with the impoundment of his car.			
	Derivatives >>	impound, impounded, impounding, impoundable			

12.	insufferable	in SUF ur uh bul	not to be endured; intolerable; unbearable
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> tolerable; bearable
		The man's insufferable temper caused his wife to leave him.	
	Derivatives >>	insufferableness, insufferably	
13.	largess	lar JES, LAR jis	generous giving
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> miserliness
		The wealthy man was known by many charities for his largess.	
	Derivatives >>	largesse	
14.	pall	PAWL	to lose interest or attraction, to become wearisome
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
		After the comedian's first bad jokes, his routine began to pall.	
	Derivatives >>		
15.	phobia	FOE bee uh	fear of something or a situation
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
		I have a phobia of close spaces.	
	Derivatives >>	phobias, phobic, phobic	
16.	premonition	pree muh NISH un	a forewarning; a feeling of anxiety over a future event
	Synonyms >>	presentiment	Antonym >>
		He had a vague premonition of danger.	
	Derivatives >>	premonitory	
17.	quash	KWOSH	to set aside or to suppress forcibly
	Synonyms >>	annul, abrogate, void; crush, quell	Antonym >>
		The dictator was able to quash the rebellion by shooting those who opposed him.	
	Derivatives >>		
18.	restitution	res teh TOO shun	restoration of or compensation for something taken from a rightful owner
	Synonyms >>	redress, amends, reparation	Antonym >>
		He agreed to make restitution to his neighbor for the damage that his dog did to his neighbor's yard.	
	Derivatives >>	restitutive, restitutory	
19.	retrenchment	reh TRENCH munt	the act of cutting down or off as by the reduction of expenses
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
		Half of the workers were eliminated from the payroll by retrenchment.	
	Derivatives >>	retrench, retrenchable, retrencher	
20.	sedentary	SED un ter ee	characterized by a sitting posture
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> characterized by a standing position
		Because he could not stand, he looked for a sedentary occupation.	
	Derivatives >>	sedentarily, sedentariness	
21.	stand	STAND	a determined effort for or against something; a determined position taken
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
		We must take a stand on this political issue.	
	Derivatives >>		
22.	table	TAY bul	to put aside or to postpone (usually relates to parliamentary procedure)
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to consider immediately
		The Senate voted to table the bill that would raise taxes.	
	Derivatives >>	tabled, tabling, tables	
23.	turpitude	TUR puh tood	depravity
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> principles
		Our country is seeing a rise in moral turpitude.	
	Derivatives >>	turpitudes	
24.	vignette	vin YET	a short descriptive literary sketch or a short scene from a movie
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
		During the sesquicentennial, some television stations presented one-minute vignettes about the state's history.	
	Derivatives >>	vignetter, vignetting, vignettist	
25.	wistful	WIST ful	having unfulfilled longing or yearning
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> fulfilled; realistic
		It is a wistful dream for her to think that she can go to Hollywood and become a star.	
	Derivatives >>	wistfulness, wistfully	

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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

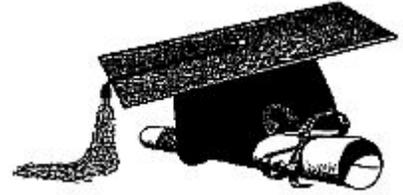
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|-------|-----|--------------|----|-----------------------------------|
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| _____ | 2. | broach | b. | act of disjoining |
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| _____ | 4. | cupidity | d. | to settle comfortably |
| _____ | 5. | disjunction | e. | a reproduction or exact copy |
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| _____ | 7. | ensconce | g. | excess to the point of disgust |
| _____ | 8. | facsimile | h. | greed |
| _____ | 9. | fulsome | i. | seizure by the law |
| _____ | 10. | germinal | j. | to authorize; to order |
| _____ | 11. | impoundment | k. | forceful; energetic |
| _____ | 12. | insufferable | l. | the earliest state of development |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|--------------|----|--|
| _____ | 1. | largess | a. | to lose interest; to become wearisome |
| _____ | 2. | pall | b. | depravity |
| _____ | 3. | phobia | c. | generous giving |
| _____ | 4. | premonition | d. | a cutting down to reduce expenses |
| _____ | 5. | quash | e. | an obsessive fear of something |
| _____ | 6. | restitution | f. | to put aside or to postpone |
| _____ | 7. | retrenchment | g. | forewarning; feeling of anxiety |
| _____ | 8. | sedentary | h. | determined effort for or against |
| _____ | 9. | stand | i. | characterized by a sitting posture |
| _____ | 10. | table | j. | to set aside or to suppress forcibly |
| _____ | 11. | turpitude | k. | having unfulfilled yearning |
| _____ | 12. | vignette | l. | descriptive scene or sketch |
| _____ | 13. | wistful | m. | restoring of something taken from rightful owner |

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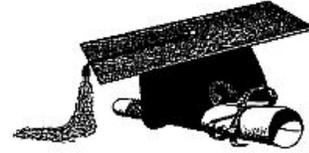
Sentence Completion



adroit	broach	commission	cupidity
disjunction	dynamic	ensconced	facsimile
fulsome	germinal	impoundment	insufferable

1. The aim of that _____ book was to energize people into movement toward their goals.
2. After the police towed the car away, the owner received a notice of its _____.
3. The man's _____ resulted in his imprisonment for theft; his love for money was so great that he was willing to steal.
4. Once Dad is settled, it is almost impossible to get him to move from his comfortable chair; he becomes so _____ in it that he would not even think of leaving it.
5. The _____ of the marriage was the result of two people growing apart from each other until they no longer wanted to stay joined.
6. The new concept was _____ barely taking hold in our imaginations as it was introduced.
7. I tried to _____ the subject of a loan to him, but I could not find the right words for discussing such an unpleasant topic.
8. The woman's _____ praise of the speaker disgusted me; I knew that she was insincere with her flattery.
9. When the woman lost the necklace, she had a _____ made, hoping that her husband would not notice the new one as a copy of the old.
10. I wish I were as _____ as that gymnast, but I can barely walk, much less jump about as he does.
11. The artist was given a _____ to paint a picture to hang in the building; the order was authorized by the bank's president himself.
12. We can no longer tolerate these _____ conditions; the filth is unbearable and cannot be endured.

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restitution	retrenchment	sedentary	stand	table
turpitude	vignettes	wistful		

13. The wealthy man was known by many charities for his _____; he was a major contributor to many organizations.
14. The committee decided to delay action on the bill by voting to _____ it.
15. The fear of dogs is a common _____.
16. His background of poverty is no excuse for his _____; many other people from the same conditions have resisted becoming as depraved as he is.
17. After a few jokes, the comedian's routine began to _____ on us; we quickly lost interest and began to grow weary of his humor.
18. *Spoon River Anthology* is a collection of poetic _____, giving brief verbal sketches of deceased characters.
19. She has many _____ dreams; among them is the longing to visit Australia.
20. If the country's leader is able to _____ the invasion, he intends to demand that the offending country make _____ for the damage done to the lane; they can restore some buildings and simply pay money for other damages.
21. I could not shake the _____ that something bad was about to happen; my feeling of anxiety turned out to be a forewarning of the future.
22. Because of the financial disaster, we are forced to make a _____; by cutting our payroll, we can reduce our expenses and pull out of this depression.
23. Since she has a bad back and cannot stand long, she needs to find a _____ job, an occupation where she can sit at a desk most of the time.
24. I intend to take a _____ on the issue as soon as she brings it up; I am determined to state my position about the policy.