

Lesson 7

Definitions



1.	abhor	ab HOR	to regard with extreme repugnance; to detest utterly; to loathe
	Synonyms >>	despise, abominate	Antonym >> to admire
	If there is one particular food I abhor, it is hominy.		
	Derivatives >>	abhorred, abhorring, abhorrer, abhorrence, abhorrent, abhorrently	
2.	accolade	AK uh layd	praise, an award
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> censure
	He received many accolades for being an excellent teacher.		
	Derivatives >>	accolades	
3.	ascetic	uh SET ik	one who leads a life of self-denial and contemplation; absent of luxury
	Synonyms >>	austere, severe, stern	Antonym >> sensual
	The rich playboy could not understand the ascetic life led by the monk.		
	Derivatives >>	ascetical, asceticism, ascetically	
4.	bequeath	buh KWEETH	to hand down, to give or to leave in a will
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to keep; to horde
	I bequeathed my gym shorts to my brother after I graduated from high school.		
	Derivatives >>	bequeathal, bequest, bequeathed	
5.	charlatan	SHAR luh tun	one who claims to know something that he does not, a quack
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> a professional; authentic authority
	The side show featured a charlatan posing as a mind reader.		
	Derivatives >>	charlatanic, charlatanism, charlatanry	
6.	conflagration	kon fluh GRAY shun	a large fire
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> small flame
	Some believe that the earth will be destroyed by a large conflagration.		
	Derivatives >>	conflagrations, conflagrant, conflagrate, conflagrator, conflagratory	
7.	dearth	DERTH	a lack, a scarcity
	Synonyms >>	paucity	Antonym >> adequate supply
	The dearth of water in the arid country led to numerous deaths.		
	Derivatives >>	dearths	
8.	diffidence	DIF eh duns	shyness, reserve, unassertiveness
	Synonyms >>	bashfulness, modesty	Antonym >> confidence
	Because of his diffidence, he would not ask any girl to the prom.		
	Derivatives >>	diffidency, diffident, diffidently, diffidentness	
9.	effervescent	ef ur VES unt	showing high spirits
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	She put me in a good mood because she was always so effervescent.		
	Derivatives >>	effervesce, effervescence, effervescently, effervescingly, effervescible	
10.	ethereal	eh THER ee ul	heavenly, unusually delicate, light, lacking material substance, intangible
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> earthly; mundane
	The ethereal sounds of the music soothed and calmed the patient.		
	Derivatives >>	etherealness, ethereality, etherealization, etherealize	
11.	expunge	ik SPUNJ	to remove, to erase
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to add to
	Their names were expunged from the social register after they were convicted of selling cocaine.		
	Derivatives >>	expunged, expunging, expunction	

12.	guile	GILE	deceitfulness, duplicity		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	openness; candor
		The woman was the unfortunate victim of guile and deceit when she lost her money to that swindler.			
	Derivatives >>	guileful, guilefully, guilefulness, guileness, guilelessly, guilelessness, guilery			
13.	implausible	im PLAU zuh bul	not believable		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	believable
		His explanation of the accident is so implausible that no jury will believe him.			
	Derivatives >>	implausibility, implausibleness, implausibly			
14.	incongruity	in kon GROO eh tee	nonconformity, disagreement, incompatibility		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	agreement
		The incongruity between the two stories led me to doubt the accuracy of either report.			
	Derivatives >>	incongruent, incongruently, incongruence, incongruous, incongruously, incongruousness			
15.	insularity	in suh LAR eh tee	qualities of an island; narrow-mindedness of opinion		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	broad-mindedness
		The insularity of the president made it difficult to get a motion passed.			
	Derivatives >>	insularly, insular, insularize			
16.	morose	muh ROSE	being sullen or gloomy		
	Synonyms >>	crabbed, glum, saturnine, sulky, surly		Antonym >>	cheerful
		He was very morose after his wife left him.			
	Derivatives >>	morosely, moroseness, morosity			
17.	placate	PLAY kate	to appease or to pacify by making concessions		
	Synonyms >>	conciliate, mollification, propitiate		Antonym >>	to antagonize
		My wife is so angry at me that I cannot placate her.			
	Derivatives >>	placater, placating, placatingly, placation, placative, placatory			
18.	poignant	POIN yunt	piercing, incisive, and keen		
	Synonyms >>	piquant, pungent, racy		Antonym >>	dull
		The man's poignant words struck the very heart of the matter.			
	Derivatives >>	poignance, poignancy, poignantly			
19.	provincial	pruh VEN shul	lacking sophistication, narrow-minded		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	sophisticated
		Her parents are so provincial that they believe they should arrange her marriage.			
	Derivatives >>	provinciate, provincialism, provinciality, provincialization			
20.	reiterate	ree IT uh rate	to repeat		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to fail to repeat
		I hope that I am not becoming redundant by again reiterating the key facts.			
	Derivatives >>	reiteration, reiteratedly, reiterative, reiteratively			
21.	spontaneous	spou TAY nee us	having no external cause, acting on impulse		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	planned
		He knew exactly what I was thinking because my reaction was so spontaneous.			
	Derivatives >>	spontaneously, spontaneousness, spontaneity			
22.	synthesis	SIN thuh sis	combining parts into a whole		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	disjoining
		Before the project is complete, we need to establish synthesis.			
	Derivatives >>	synthesist, synthesize, synthesizer			
23.	toxic	TOK sik	poisonous		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	healthful; harmless
		Carbon monoxide is toxic to animal life.			
	Derivatives >>	toxic, toxicant, toxify, toxiferous, toxin, toxical, toxicity			
24.	vigilant	VIJ uh lunt	very alert, watchful		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	unconcerned; inattentive
		I have been vigilant in trying to find the thief.			
	Derivatives >>	vigilance, vigilantly, vigilantness, vigil			
25.	voluble	VOL yuh bul	ability to use words easily, fluent and glib		
	Synonyms >>	garrulous, loquacious		Antonym >>	taciturn
		A disc jockey needs to be a voluble speaker.			
	Derivatives >>	volubility, volubleness, volubly			

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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. abhor | a. quack; imposter |
| _____ | 2. accolade | b. to detest utterly; to loathe |
| _____ | 3. ascetic | c. very large fire |
| _____ | 4. bequeath | d. austere; self-denying |
| _____ | 5. charlatan | e. to hand down; to leave in a will |
| _____ | 6. conflagration | f. shyness; reserve |
| _____ | 7. dearth | g. narrow-mindedness |
| _____ | 8. diffidence | h. gay; lively; bubbling |
| _____ | 9. effervescent | i. praise; an award |
| _____ | 10. ethereal | j. heavenly; unusually delicate |
| _____ | 11. guile | k. lack; scarcity |
| _____ | 12. insularity | l. cunning; deceitfulness; duplicity |

Exercise B

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| _____ | 1. expunge | a. unsophisticated; narrow-minded |
| _____ | 2. implausible | b. not believable |
| _____ | 3. incongruity | c. combination of parts into a whole |
| _____ | 4. morose | d. piercing; incisive; keen |
| _____ | 5. placate | e. very alert; watchful |
| _____ | 6. poignant | f. to remove; to erase |
| _____ | 7. provincial | g. to pacify by making concessions |
| _____ | 8. reiterate | h. acting on impulse |
| _____ | 9. spontaneous | i. gloomy; bad-tempered; sullen |
| _____ | 10. synthesis | j. poisonous |
| _____ | 11. toxic | k. fluent; talkative; garrulous |
| _____ | 12. vigilant | l. to repeat |
| _____ | 13. voluble | m. disagreement; difference; incompatibility |

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Sentence Completion



abhor	accolades	ascetic	bequeath
charlatan	conflagration	dearth	diffidence
effervescence	ethereal	expunge	guile

1. The crowds were duped by the _____ who used deception and _____ to convince the people that the sugared water was really a potent medicine.
2. At the end of the year, the students attaining the highest academic achievement were presented awards and _____ for their diligent work.
3. Because they lack adequate medical care, there is a _____ of healthy natives in the region.
4. My mother's _____ would not allow her to question the waiter; she was too shy to argue about the final bill.
5. We found it necessary to _____ much of the text because of its bad language.
6. On Christmas morning all the children bubble with _____ over the gifts, food and fun.
7. The man intended _____ his entire fortune to his daughter so that upon his death, she would not have to worry about money.
8. We marveled at the _____ quality of the scene; it looked so heavenly that we never wanted to leave.
9. The monk's _____ lifestyle called for him to give up all food but that which was necessary for survival.
10. The San Francisco earthquake caused a _____ that burned many city blocks.
11. I absolutely _____ the thought of having to do this research; I can't think of anything I hate more.

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implausible	incongruity	insularity	morose	placate
poignant	provincial	reiterate	spontaneous	synthesis
toxic	vigilant	voluble		

12. If you want to make yourself clearly understood, you must _____ your statement so that what you have to say can be heard a second time.
13. The wild man would not be appeased, and only a visit from his wife served to _____ him into a more passive attitude.
14. The _____ of the rich and powerful often gives them a surprisingly narrow minded, isolated view of the real world.
15. It was a _____ movie, cutting to the truth with keen and incisive dialogue.
16. The drama teacher encouraged us to be _____ with our actions, not planning them out beforehand but instead acting almost on impulse.
17. Always alert, the _____ guard stood in front of the mayor's residence.
18. There is a decided difference between the two brothers; one is usually happy while the other is frequently _____.
19. The father's _____ attitude about his daughter's dating caused her to leave home prematurely, looking for the freedom she had never known.
20. Although her story seemed _____ to me, the jury believed enough of it to find the woman not guilty.
21. Because the committee was headed by the most _____ woman in the club, the meetings frequently ran overtime because it was difficult to get her to stop talking.
22. The _____ substance caused immediate sickness; it was extremely poisonous.
23. We need to establish _____ before we end this project; let's try to combine some of these diverse parts into a unified whole.
24. The _____ of one green sock in a drawer with white socks led to the conclusion that the green sock was there by mistake.