

# Lesson 20

## Definitions



1.	<b>affluent</b>	uh FLU unt	abounding in wealth; prosperous; flowing freely
	Synonyms >>	rich, teeming	Antonym >> impoverished
	Because the man was so affluent, he was able to donate large sums of money to the organization.		
	Derivatives >>	affluence, affluently	
2.	<b>antiquity</b>	an TIK wuh tee	the quality of being ancient; ancient times
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	Many scholars spend years studying the records left from antiquity.		
	Derivatives >>	antiquities, antiquarian	
3.	<b>blandishment</b>	BLAN dish munt	flattery
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	Due to the salesman's blandishments, the customer bought the jacket.		
	Derivatives >>	blandish, blandisher, blandished	
4.	<b>chasten</b>	CHAY sun	to discipline, to use punishment to correct behavior
	Synonyms >>	admonish, castigate, chastise, chide, rebuke, reproach	Antonym >> to reward
	I was chastened by my mother for not cleaning up my room.		
	Derivatives >>	chastened, chastening, chastener	
5.	<b>civility</b>	suh VIL uh tee	polite and courteous behavior
	Synonyms >>	mannerly behavior	Antonym >> rudeness, boorishness, impoliteness
	Diplomats are expected to display a great deal of civility in their interactions with one another.		
	Derivatives >>	civil, civilities, civilize, civilizatory, civilizedness	
6.	<b>congenial</b>	kun JEEN yul	characterized by friendly sociability
	Synonyms >>	compatible, consonant, genial, pleasant, attractive	Antonym >>
	The family decided to settle in the congenial little town.		
	Derivatives >>	congeniality, congenially, congenialness	
7.	<b>deft</b>	DEFT	skillful, adroit
	Synonyms >>	clever, cunning, dexterous, ingenious	Antonym >> clumsy
	He was very deft in handling the questions from the reporter.		
	Derivatives >>	deftness, deftly	
8.	<b>dispatch</b>	deh SPATCH	to send away with promptness or speed; speed, quickness
	Synonyms >>	haste, expediency	Antonym >> to delay; slowness, inefficiency
	The officer dispatched his troops to the scene of conflict.		
	Derivatives >>	dispatched, dispatching, dispatches	
9.	<b>embroil</b>	em BROIL	to entangle, to throw into confusion or strife
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to unhamper; to free
	The senators are embroiled in an argument over raising taxes.		
	Derivatives >>	embroiled, embroiling, embroiler, embroilment, embroils	
10.	<b>expurgate</b>	EK spur gate	to remove obscene or objectionable material usually before publication
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to include
	The censors felt that certain words needed to be expurgated from the book.		
	Derivatives >>	expurgation, expurgator, expurgatorial, expurgatory	
11.	<b>garner</b>	GAR nur	to gather together, to store up
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to disperse
	I will need to garner all of my allies in order to win this vote.		
	Derivatives >>	garnering, garnered	

12.	<b>heretical</b>	huh RET eh kul	contrary to church doctrine or accepted beliefs or standards	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	sacred
	His heretical statements were offensive to many believers.			
	Derivatives >>	heretic, heretically, hereticalness, hereticate, heretication, hereticator		
13.	<b>iconoclast</b>	eye KON uh klast	one who attacks established beliefs or institutions	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	disciple
	The church is constantly under attack by iconoclasts.			
	Derivatives >>	iconoclasm, iconoclastic, iconoclastically		
14.	<b>irreproachable</b>	ear eh PRO chuh bul	faultless, not discreditable	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	wrong; faulty
	The woman's morals are so high that she is irreproachable.			
	Derivatives >>	irreproachability, irreproachableness, irreproachably		
15.	<b>mercurial</b>	mur KYOOR ee ul	changing unpredictably, fickle	
	Synonyms >>	capricious, inconstant, unstable	Antonym >>	stolid
	Due to his mercurial temperament, employees always approached him carefully, unsure of what his mood would be.			
	Derivatives >>	mercuriality, mercurially		
16.	<b>nuance</b>	NOO awns	a subtle distinction or difference	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	
	The nuance of flavor cannot be described adequately.			
	Derivatives >>	nuances, nuanced, nuancing		
17.	<b>partisan</b>	PAR ti zen	one who exhibits extreme or possibly blind allegiance to a group or cause	
	Synonyms >>	adherent, disciple, follower	Antonym >>	antagonist
	The cause was supported by a small group of partisans.			
	Derivatives >>	partisanism, partisanry, partisanship		
18.	<b>pious</b>	PIE us	marked by showing zealous devotion to the rites of religion	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	
	He engages in many pious practices such as attending mass.			
	Derivatives >>	piety, piously		
19.	<b>raucous</b>	RAH kus	loud and boisterous, harsh, disorderly	
	Synonyms >>	stentorian, strident	Antonym >>	quiet; mild
	The raucous crowd at the fight threw chairs into the ring to show disagreement with the decision.			
	Derivatives >>	raucously, raucousness, raucid, raucity		
20.	<b>repugnant</b>	reh PUG nunt	disgusting, offensive	
	Synonyms >>	abhorrent, invidious, obnoxious, repellent	Antonym >>	appealing
	It is repugnant to spit on the sidewalk.			
	Derivatives >>	repugnancy, repugnantly, repugnatorial, repugnance		
21.	<b>satiric</b>	suh TER ik	characterized by satire (a branch of literature ridiculing vice or folly)	
	Synonyms >>	sarcastic, sardonic, ironic	Antonym >>	
	The political cartoonist was known for his satiric drawings.			
	Derivatives >>	satire, satirical, satirically, satirism, satirist, satirize, satirizer		
22.	<b>sporadic</b>	spo RAD ik	occasionally occurring	
	Synonyms >>	infrequent, rare, scarce, uncommon	Antonym >>	constant
	While there are sporadic showers, the summers in the western part of Texas are usually hot and dry.			
	Derivatives >>	sporadically, sporadicity		
23.	<b>succulent</b>	SUK yuh lunt	very juicy	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	dry
	An orange is an example of a succulent fruit.			
	Derivatives >>	succulency, succulence		
24.	<b>terrestrial</b>	teh RES tree ul	of the earth or pertaining to the earth	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	heavenly
	Humans are terrestrial beings.			
	Derivatives >>	terrestrially, terrain		
25.	<b>ungainly</b>	un GANE lee	awkward	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	agile
	Boys who grow very fast are sometimes ungainly.			
	Derivatives >>	ungainliness		

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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.  | affluent     | a. | to gather up; to store up            |
| _____ | 2.  | antiquity    | b. | to remove obscene material           |
| _____ | 3.  | blandishment | c. | to discipline                        |
| _____ | 4.  | chasten      | d. | to send away with speed              |
| _____ | 5.  | civility     | e. | flattery                             |
| _____ | 6.  | congenial    | f. | contrary to church doctrine          |
| _____ | 7.  | deft         | g. | to entangle; to throw into confusion |
| _____ | 8.  | dispatch     | h. | abounding in wealth                  |
| _____ | 9.  | embroil      | i. | polite and courteous behavior        |
| _____ | 10. | expurgate    | j. | quality of being ancient             |
| _____ | 11. | garner       | k. | skillful; adroit                     |
| _____ | 12. | heretical    | l. | friendly; sociable                   |

### Exercise B

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|-------|-----|----------------|----|-------------------------------------|
| _____ | 1.  | iconoclast     | a. | loud and boisterous                 |
| _____ | 2.  | irreproachable | b. | one who shows blind allegiance      |
| _____ | 3.  | mercurial      | c. | of or pertaining to earth           |
| _____ | 4.  | nuance         | d. | without fault                       |
| _____ | 5.  | partisan       | e. | sarcastic                           |
| _____ | 6.  | pious          | f. | very juicy                          |
| _____ | 7.  | raucous        | g. | zealous toward religion             |
| _____ | 8.  | repugnant      | h. | subtle distinction                  |
| _____ | 9.  | satiric        | i. | disgusting; offensive               |
| _____ | 10. | sporadic       | j. | changing unpredictably; fickle      |
| _____ | 11. | succulent      | k. | awkward                             |
| _____ | 12. | terrestrial    | l. | occurring irregularly               |
| _____ | 13. | ungainly       | m. | one who attacks established beliefs |

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### Sentence Completion



affluent	antiquity	blandishments	chasten
civility	congenial	deft	dispatched
embroiled	expurgate	garner	heretical

1. The man is both sociable and \_\_\_\_\_; his friendship is sought by all.
2. The king promptly \_\_\_\_\_ his trusty messenger on a secret errand.
3. The city's \_\_\_\_\_ was not fully realized until the archeologists ran some sophisticated tests in order to reveal just how old the remains actually were.
4. It was a pleasure to meet with someone who was polite and courteous; such \_\_\_\_\_ in people is pleasing, and it creates a favorable impression.
5. Even though the two people met with \_\_\_\_\_ to flatter each other, they were still mortal enemies.
6. Because I will need to \_\_\_\_\_ all of my money in order to buy that house, I should start saving now.
7. Editors often try to \_\_\_\_\_ objectionable material in stories before they go to the publisher.
8. Since the child was so good, the mother rarely needed to \_\_\_\_\_ him for bad behavior; consequently, he was seldom scolded.
9. The priest's statements were considered \_\_\_\_\_ by many members of the church; what he was saying was totally against established doctrine.
10. With his \_\_\_\_\_ hands, the craftsman began to fashion a gorgeous piece of jewelry; he was truly skilled in his craft.
11. The senators were \_\_\_\_\_ in an argument; because both men refused to change their opinions, they were involved for several hours.
12. These houses belong to the more \_\_\_\_\_ people of the city, people who abound in wealth.

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iconoclast	irreproachable	mercurial	nuance	partisans
pious	raucous	repugnant	satiric	sporadic
succulent	terrestrial	ungainly		

13. The \_\_\_\_\_ of flavor cannot be described adequately; the distinction is so subtle that it eludes description.
14. The woman's \_\_\_\_\_ moods annoyed her husband, who, unlike her, was so stable that he seemed almost static at times.
15. The revolution was instigated by a small group of \_\_\_\_\_ who exhibited extreme and blind allegiance to the cause.
16. My little brother is loud and boisterous at home, but his \_\_\_\_\_ behavior is not tolerated at school.
17. His \_\_\_\_\_ behavior is so disgusting that I cannot stand to be around him.
18. The young social worker was an \_\_\_\_\_ who attacked the institutions of government and finance with equal fervor.
19. Of all the juicy fruits that we have, watermelon is one of the most \_\_\_\_\_.
20. Unable to fly, the kiwi is a \_\_\_\_\_ bird, which is confined to earth.
21. My interest in school is \_\_\_\_\_; it occurs just before each grading period ends.
22. The \_\_\_\_\_ young horse wobbled about as he tried to stand; even when he finally made it, he was so awkward that he was laughable.
23. The actor's sarcastic monologue ridiculed all of the political candidates; however, none of them seemed to take offense at the \_\_\_\_\_ comments.
24. The standards of that woman are so high that she is \_\_\_\_\_ and is practically faultless.
25. Some people are annoyed by his \_\_\_\_\_ attitude, but he is simply devoted to his religion and does not really intend to offend anyone with his zeal.