

Lesson 21

Definitions



1.	aggregate	AG ruh git	sum total, whole amount		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	partial amount
		Although difficult to mine, the aggregate of mineral resources in Alaska are immense.			
	Derivatives >>	aggregative, aggregately, aggregation, aggregated, aggregating			
2.	archipelago	are kuh PEL uh go	a group of islands		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
		The sailors were excited when they reached the archipelago.			
	Derivatives >>	archipelagic			
3.	boon	BOON	favorable; a blessing, a benefit		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	curse
		Hiring that young man was a boon for our company.			
	Derivatives >>	boons, boonless			
4.	buffoon	buh FOON	a clown, a silly or stupid person		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
		Only a buffoon would stand on the table during the Christmas dinner.			
	Derivatives >>	buffoonery, buffoonish			
5.	chicanery	sheh KAY nuh ree	unethical methods, trickery		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	honesty; truthfulness
		The lawyer used chicanery to get the witness off guard in his testimony.			
	Derivatives >>	chicaner, chicane, chicaned, chicaning, chicaneries			
6.	contaminant	kun TAM uh nunt	something that causes impurity; something that defiles or pollutes		
	Synonyms >>	pollutant		Antonym >>	disinfectant
		The polluted water contained many dangerous contaminants.			
	Derivatives >>	contaminate, contaminated, contaminating, contaminator, contamination			
7.	corrugated	KOR uh gay ted	bent into folds		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	smooth
		A corrugated box absorbs shock and helps to protect its contents.			
	Derivatives >>	corrugate, corrugating			
8.	deleterious	del eh TEER ee us	harmful; dangerous; injurious		
	Synonyms >>	baneful, detrimental, noxious, pernicious		Antonym >>	harmless, benign
		Some chemicals have deleterious effects on those who must handle them.			
	Derivatives >>	deleter, deleteriously, deleteriousness			
9.	disputatious	dis pyoo TAY shus	inclined to fight, to argue, or to debate		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	conciliatory
		People avoided serious discussions with him because of his disputatious manner.			
	Derivatives >>	dispute, disputability, disputation, disputatiously, disputatiousness, disputative, disputatively, disputativeness			
10.	emend	eh MEND	to correct (usually by a critic)		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
		The newspaper had to emend the incorrect statement printed in the paper.			
	Derivatives >>	emendable, emendate, emendation, emendator, emendatory, emends, emending, emended			
11.	fetter	FET ur	to restrict by shackling or chaining		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to liberate
		The convict was fettered to prevent his escape.			
	Derivatives >>	fettered, fettering			

12.	giddy	GID ee	dizzy		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	levelheaded
	I became giddy after drinking the champagne at the reception.				
	Derivatives >>	giddify, giddily, giddiness			
13.	heterogeneity	het uh ro je NEE eh tee	state of being dissimilar, composition from unlike elements		
	Synonyms >>	disparateness, dissimilarity		Antonym >>	homogeneity
	Coming from many countries and cultures, students in my class are an example of heterogeneity.				
	Derivatives >>	heterogeneous, heterogenesis, heterogeneously, heterogeneousness			
14.	indomitable	in DOM eh tuh bul	incapable of being conquered		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	weak
	He was from a tribe that was thought to be indomitable but finally was forced to live on the reservation.				
	Derivatives >>	indomitability, indomitableness, indomitably			
15.	irresolute	eh REZ uh loot	indecisive, unsure of how to proceed		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	sure; decisive; certain
	The confused child stood irresolute, waiting for some instruction.				
	Derivatives >>	irresolutely, irresoluteness, irresolution			
16.	metaphorically	met uh FOR ik lee	compared nonliterally		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	literally
	Metaphorically speaking, he is drowning in oil.				
	Derivatives >>	metaphor, metaphorical, metaphoricalness, metaphorist, metaphorize			
17.	panacea	pan uh SEE uh	cure-all, remedy for all ills		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
	Love, not money, is the panacea for your problems.				
	Derivatives >>	panacean, panace			
18.	peruse	puh ROOZ	to read or to examine		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to skim
	My lawyer says he has not had time to peruse the contract.				
	Derivatives >>	perusal, perusable, perused, perusing			
19.	prodigy	PROD eh jee	one with exceptional talents or powers; an extraordinary accomplishment		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	ordinary occurrence
	Mozart was considered a child prodigy since he had great musical talents at a very early age.				
	Derivatives >>	prodigies			
20.	rebuff	reh BUFF	to snub or to refuse bluntly		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to accept
	The woman was not afraid to rebuff the man's inappropriate advances toward her.				
	Derivatives >>	rebuffed, rebuffing, rebuffs			
21.	resilient	reh ZIL yunt	ability to return to a former state		
	Synonyms >>	supple		Antonym >>	static
	There is a need for more resilient bumpers on cars that can withstand minor accidents.				
	Derivatives >>	resiliency, resiliently			
22.	scapegoat	SKAPE gote	one who takes the blame for others		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
	Since no one wanted to point a finger at the real culprit, the innocent man was made a scapegoat for the crime.				
	Derivatives >>				
23.	spurious	SPYOOOR ee us	false or deceitful		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	honest
	Cashing forged checks is a spurious activity.				
	Derivatives >>	spuriously, spuriousness			
24.	tractable	TRAK tuh bul	capable of being easily led, taught, or controlled; obedient		
	Synonyms >>	amenable, docile		Antonym >>	willful; unruly
	It is odd that the students in first period are so unruly, while those in second period are very tractable.				
	Derivatives >>	tractability, tractableness, tractably			
25.	vivacious	vi VAY shus	full of life, very animated		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	sluggish
	Game shows are looking for vivacious contestants who are fun to watch and who will liven up the show.				
	Derivatives >>	vivaciously, vivaciousness, vivacity			

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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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| _____ | 3. | boon | c. | to correct (usually by a critic) |
| _____ | 4. | buffoon | d. | bent into folds |
| _____ | 5. | chicanery | e. | dizzy |
| _____ | 6. | contaminant | f. | a group of islands |
| _____ | 7. | corrugated | g. | harmful; injurious |
| _____ | 8. | deleterious | h. | clown; a silly or stupid person |
| _____ | 9. | disputatious | i. | something favorable; a blessing |
| _____ | 10. | fetter | j. | to restrict by shackling |
| _____ | 11. | giddy | k. | argumentative; contentious |
| _____ | 12. | emend | l. | something that causes impurity |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|----------------|----|-------------------------------------|
| _____ | 1. | heterogeneity | a. | full of life; animated |
| _____ | 2. | indomitable | b. | person of exceptional talent |
| _____ | 3. | irresolute | c. | one who takes blame for others |
| _____ | 4. | metaphorically | d. | incapable of being conquered |
| _____ | 5. | panacea | e. | to snub or to refuse bluntly |
| _____ | 6. | peruse | f. | cure-all; remedy for all ills |
| _____ | 7. | prodigy | g. | compared nonliterally |
| _____ | 8. | rebuff | h. | capable of being easily led |
| _____ | 9. | resilient | i. | not similar; unlike elements |
| _____ | 10. | scapegoat | j. | false or deceitful |
| _____ | 11. | spurious | k. | to read or to examine |
| _____ | 12. | tractable | l. | indecisive |
| _____ | 13. | vivacious | m. | ability to return to a former state |

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Sentence Completion



aggregate	archipelago	boon	buffoon
chicanery	contaminates	corrugated	deleterious
disputatious	emend	fetter	giddy

1. While the classroom is no place for _____ students, teachers may sometimes find themselves confronted with a student who enjoys arguing and creating conflict.
2. Some foods have a _____ effect on me; I am particularly allergic to tomatoes, and I become quite ill whenever I eat them.
3. The poisonous water had many _____ in it because the factories dumped their waste products into the river.
4. Hiring that extraordinary young man has been a _____ for our company; we are suddenly experiencing growth and prosperity.
5. I, too, became _____ after having been in such silly company for so long.
6. Some unethical lawyers try to use _____ to confuse witnesses in their testimonies so that they can be tricked into saying something incriminating.
7. It was necessary to _____ the play when we noticed the objectionable material; it was not difficult, however, to correct it.
8. The audience laughed at the antics of the _____; like most other clowns, he, too, elicited much laughter.
9. We thought that if we pooled our _____ resources, we might have enough material for the project.
10. The group of islands made a delightful picture; seeing the _____ against the setting sun was a memorable experience.
11. The old farmhouse had a rusty, _____ tin roof; the folds of metal undulated across the eaves of the house like rhythmic waves.
12. The jailer began to _____ the prisoner to the wall, placing chains around his wrist and shackling him to the structure.

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heterogeneity	indomitable	irresolute	metaphorically	panacea
peruse	prodigy	rebuffed	resilient	scapegoat
spurious	tractable	vivacious		

13. Although I was bluntly _____ by the man, I took his refusal with good humor.
14. Because certain metal alloys are _____, they will return to their original shape after they have been bent.
15. The child _____ was an amazing individual; not only did he have exceptional talent, but he was also versatile in many fields.
16. Unfortunately, your _____ motives are obvious; I see your deceitful purposes clearly.
17. _____ and full of life, the dancer appeared on the stage in glorious attire.
18. Frequently in life one person will take the blame for another; he is the _____ who “takes the fall.”
19. The knight was considered to be _____, but he, too, was finally defeated.
20. Rarely speaking literally, he almost always said things that were to be interpreted _____.
21. It is odd that the students in first period are so unruly while those in second period are very _____.
22. I stood _____ until I received instructions; I was so confused that I did not know where to begin.
23. The student had not had time to _____ the text, and merely glancing over it was not enough to learn the material.
24. Our schools are known for their _____ since we have students from all parts of the world, not just those born in America.
25. The charlatan tried to persuade the gullible crowd that his medicinal potion was the _____ for all aches and pains.