

Lesson 22

Definitions



1.	approbation	ap row BAY shun	official approval, praise, commendation
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> disapprobation, disapproval
	We initiated the attack with the approbation of the general.		
	Derivatives >>	approbate, approbated, approbating, approbative, approbatory, approbateness	
2.	assent	uh CENT	to agree or to concur; to give in, to yield; agreement
	Synonyms >>	acquiesce, concede; compliance	Antonym >> dissent
	Assenting to his demands, she did as she was told.		
	Derivatives >>	assenting, assented, assentingly, assentive, assentiveness, assentation, assentor	
3.	boorish	BOOR ish	rude or insensitive; ill-mannered
	Synonyms >>	churlish, clownish, loutish	Antonym >> sophisticated; well-mannered
	How could you get me a date with such a boorish person?		
	Derivatives >>	boorishly, boorishness, boor	
4.	circumlocution	sir kum low KEW shun	talking around a subject
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> brevity; conciseness; terseness
	Politicians are known for circumlocution.		
	Derivatives >>	circumlocutory	
5.	copious	KO pee us	abundant
	Synonyms >>	ample	Antonym >> sparse
	I always take copious notes in my history class.		
	Derivatives >>	copiousness, copiously	
6.	delineation	deh len ee A shun	an outline, depiction, portrayal
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The profits of the company were delineated to the board.		
	Derivatives >>	delineate, delineative, delineator	
7.	dissemble	deh SEM bul	to disguise, to pretend
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to reveal
	Although he tried to dissemble his motive for seeing me, I knew the real reason.		
	Derivatives >>	dissembled, dissembling, dissembler, dissemblingly	
8.	emulate	EM yuh late	to try to equal or to be like (usually through imitation)
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	He has a lot of fine qualities that I try to emulate.		
	Derivatives >>	emulation, emulative, emulator, emulatively	
9.	fickle	FIK ul	likely to change, capricious
	Synonyms >>	inconstant, mercurial, unstable	Antonym >> steadfast; constant
	Because of her fickle behavior, he had little trust that she would continue to love him.		
	Derivatives >>	fickler, ficklest, fickleness	
10.	gravity	GRAV eh tee	seriousness, importance
	Synonyms >>	earnestness, sedateness, sobriety, solemnity, staidness	Antonym >> unimportance
	The gravity of the situation was heightened by the death of the president .		
	Derivatives >>	grave, graver, gravely	
11.	homely	HOME lee	plain or unattractive in appearance
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> pretty; attractive
	The girl was rather homely, but she had a wit and an intellect that could not be matched.		
	Derivatives >>	homeliness, homlier, homliest	

12.	indigence	IN deh juns	poverty		
	Synonyms >>	destitution, penury, want		Antonym >>	wealth
		His ragged clothes are a sign of his indigence.			
	Derivatives >>	indigency, indigent			
13.	jingoist	JING go ist	an extreme patriot, usually calls for a belligerent foreign policy		
	Synonyms >>	chauvinist, nationalist		Antonym >>	traitor
		The jingoist was in the streets, loudly urging the public toward aggression against the foreign power.			
	Derivatives >>	jingoism, jingoish, jingoistic, jingoistically			
14.	migratory	MY gruh tor ee	moving from place to place, wandering, transient		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	stationary
		The migratory whooping cranes always return to Padre Island.			
	Derivatives >>	migrate, migratorial, migrator, migration, migrationist			
15.	obfuscating	ob FUS kay ting	confusing, making unclear		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	clear
		His speech was obfuscating because it made people concentrate on irrelevant issues.			
	Derivatives >>	obfuscated, obfuscate, obfuscal, obfuscation, obfuscator, obfuscatory, obfuscated			
16.	proclivity	pro KLIV eh tee	inclination, tendency		
	Synonyms >>	leaning, penchant, propensity		Antonym >>	disinclination
		Most immigrants, because they are anxious to succeed, have a proclivity for hard work.			
	Derivatives >>	proclive, proclivities			
17.	prostration	pros TRAY shun	a stretching out due to lacking vitality and being completely overcome		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	vitality
		During late summer football practices, players sometimes suffer from heat prostration.			
	Derivatives >>	prostrate, prostrator, prostrating			
18.	recalcitrant	reh KAL seh trunt	very stubborn, refusing to obey, unruly		
	Synonyms >>	headstrong, intractable, refractory, willful		Antonym >>	compliant
		Recalcitrant students are usually tardy, do not complete class assignments, and disrupt class.			
	Derivatives >>	recalcitrance, recalcitrancy, recalcitrate, recalcitration			
19.	resolute	REZ uh loot	characterized by a decided purpose		
	Synonyms >>	staunch, steadfast, determined, resolved, faithful, firm		Antonym >>	
		The business was run by a resolute man who set his mind on a goal and followed through with it.			
	Derivatives >>	resoluter, resolute, resolutely, resoluteness, resolution, resolutionary, resolutioner, resolute			
20.	sectarian	sek TARE ee un	a member of a sect that is a faction with extreme beliefs		
	Synonyms >>	narrow-minded		Antonym >>	broad-minded
		His sectarian beliefs marked him as being extremely narrow-minded.			
	Derivatives >>	sectarianism, sectarianize			
21.	stalwart	STAL wurt	one who supports a cause with firm partisanship		
	Synonyms >>	resolute, strong		Antonym >>	
		That justice was known as a stalwart in defending 1st amendment rights.			
	Derivatives >>	stalwartly, stalwartness			
22.	tacit	TAS it	understood, silent, not spoken, implicit		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	spoken; verbalized
		We have a tacit agreement that the goods are delivered only after payment is made.			
	Derivatives >>	tacitly, tacitness, taciturn			
23.	transcended	tran SEND ed	surpassed, exceeded		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
		His actions in the crisis transcended the call of duty.			
	Derivatives >>	transcend, transcendence, transcendancy, transcendent, transcendental, transcendentalistic			
24.	virtuous	VIR choo us	having excellent morals; righteous		
	Synonyms >>	ethical, noble		Antonym >>	depraved
		One would expect nuns to be very virtuous.			
	Derivatives >>	virtuously, virtuousness, virtue			
25.	whets	HWETS	stimulates, sharpens		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	stifles; dulls; suppresses
		The smell of fresh bread always whets my appetite.			
	Derivatives >>	whet, whetted			

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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

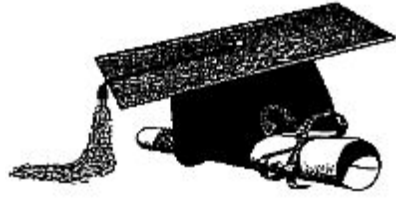
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|-------|-----|----------------|----|-------------------------------------|
| _____ | 1. | approbation | a. | poverty |
| _____ | 2. | assent | b. | approval; praise |
| _____ | 3. | boorish | c. | talking around a subject |
| _____ | 4. | circumlocution | d. | likely to change; capricious |
| _____ | 5. | copious | e. | to disguise; to pretend |
| _____ | 6. | delineation | f. | to try to be like someone |
| _____ | 7. | dissemble | g. | plentiful; abundant |
| _____ | 8. | emulate | h. | to agree, concur or yield to |
| _____ | 9. | fickle | i. | acting rudely or insensitively |
| _____ | 10. | gravity | j. | an outline; depiction; portrayal |
| _____ | 11. | homely | k. | seriousness; importance |
| _____ | 12. | indigence | l. | plain or unattractive in appearance |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|--------------|----|------------------------------------|
| _____ | 1. | jingoist | a. | understood; silent; not spoken |
| _____ | 2. | migratory | b. | having outstanding strength |
| _____ | 3. | obfuscating | c. | exhaustion |
| _____ | 4. | proclivity | d. | confusing or unclear |
| _____ | 5. | prostration | e. | extreme patriot or nationalist |
| _____ | 6. | recalcitrant | f. | a narrow-minded member of a sect |
| _____ | 7. | resolute | g. | stimulates; sharpens |
| _____ | 8. | sectarian | h. | having excellent morals |
| _____ | 9. | stalwart | i. | surpassed; exceeded |
| _____ | 10. | tacit | j. | inclination; tendency |
| _____ | 11. | transcended | k. | moving from place to place |
| _____ | 12. | virtuous | l. | obstinately defiant; stubborn |
| _____ | 13. | whets | m. | characterized by a decided purpose |

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Sentence Completion



approbation	boorish	circumlocution	copious
delineated	dissemble	emulate	fickle
gravity	homely	indigence	jingoist

1. The _____ of the situation was apparent in the serious countenance of the woman; we could all tell how important the condition was.
2. Because of his _____ nature, people had little faith in his promises; he had made them too often and had always changed his mind.
3. Although he tried to _____ his motive for seeing me, I knew the real reason; he could not hide that from me.
4. Without my parents' _____ to go to the movies, I was forced to stay home; they would not give their approval on week nights.
5. If you take _____ notes during the lecture, you will be better prepared for the exam; the abundance of material will give you more to study.
6. His _____ was clear from his ragged clothes and bare feet; anyone who dressed like that must have been poor.
7. The _____ girl was hurt when someone told her how plain and unattractive she was.
8. The man was so _____ that I blushed as I witnessed his rudeness.
9. The man _____ his accomplishments, sketching a story of bravery and good deeds.
10. The man's _____ was rather obvious as he avoided the delicate subject of pay raises.
11. John looked at his father as a perfect role model and tried to _____ the man's behavior, copying him in every aspect.
12. The _____ labeled everyone who favored trade with the Soviets as a traitor; that was not an uncommon reaction for such an extreme patriot.

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assent	migratory	obfuscating	proclivity	prostration
recalcitrant	resolute	sectarian	stalwart	tacit
transcended	virtuous	whets		

13. The father gave his _____ to his daughter's marriage after the young bridegroom asked for his official permission.
14. The track star seemed to be suffering complete _____, but the doctor said the runner's vitality would return after a period of rest.
15. _____ birds are predictable in their annual move across the country; at the first indication of cool weather, they begin their flight, looking for warmer climates.
16. The man gave his _____ approval as he sat silently in the corner of the room.
17. The _____, a recent convert to the religious cult, was narrow-minded and was difficult to talk to.
18. The man surrounded himself with _____ bodyguards whose strength was enough to frighten away any enemies.
19. Your bravery has _____ our expectations, exceeding our wildest dreams.
20. That food _____ my appetite, stimulating my desire to stuff myself.
21. The witness was _____ in his denial of guilt, firmly and decidedly denying any involvement in the crime.
22. His reply was particularly _____; it seemed as though he was deliberately trying to confuse us.
23. The child has a _____ for getting into trouble; he seems to gravitate naturally toward bad company and bad situations.
24. The _____ student had completely ignored the teacher's request for him to move his chair; he was as stubborn and unmanageable as anyone I had ever seen.
25. The man loved the _____ woman for her purity, honesty and integrity.