

# Lesson 23

## Definitions



1.	<b>ambulatory</b>	AM bew luh tor ee	able to walk or move around		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	bedridden
	I will be glad when I get out of this wheelchair and am ambulatory again.				
	Derivatives >>	ambulant, ambulate, ambulated, ambulating, ambulation			
2.	<b>anarchy</b>	AN ar kee	the absence of government; a state of lawlessness		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
	During the revolution, the government was overthrown and the country was in a state of anarchy.				
	Derivatives >>	anarches, anarchist, anarchism, anarchic, anarch			
3.	<b>breadth</b>	BREDTH	the width of something, comprehensive quality		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	narrowness
	The breadth of his knowledge about art is amazing.				
	Derivatives >>	breadths, broaden, broadened, broadening			
4.	<b>cant</b>	KANT	secret jargon or slang		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
	The rites of the Masons are characterized by their cant.				
	Derivatives >>	cants, canted, canting			
5.	<b>circumscribed</b>	SIR kum skribd	restricted or limited		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	unbounded
	The triangle circumscribed the circle.				
	Derivatives >>	circumscribe, circumscribing, circumscription, circumscriptive			
6.	<b>congeal</b>	kun JEEL	to solidify or to coagulate		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to become fluid
	We waited three hours for the Jell-O to congeal.				
	Derivatives >>	congealing, congealed, congealment, congelative			
7.	<b>demagogue</b>	DEM uh gog	a person or leader who appeals to passions or prejudices		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
	Hitler is an example of a demagogue who claimed power by appealing to people's emotions and prejudices.				
	Derivatives >>	demagogic, demagogical, demagogically, demagogism, demagoguism, demagoguery, demagogy			
8.	<b>dissonance</b>	DIS uh nuns	unrelated and harsh combination of sounds, discord		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	harmony
	Dissonance is a part of some contemporary music.				
	Derivatives >>	dissonant, dissonancy			
9.	<b>dubious</b>	DOO be us	doubtful; not clear		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	distinct, doubtless, assured
	Since he had not read the document, he was a little dubious about signing his name to it.				
	Derivatives >>	dubiously, dubiousness, dubitable, dubitancy, dubitate, dubitation, dubitative, dubiety			
10.	<b>engrossed</b>	en GROSD	completely occupied or absorbed		
	Synonyms >>	preoccupied		Antonym >>	
	The woman was so engrossed in her knitting that she did not notice her child walk out the door.				
	Derivatives >>	engross, engrossing, engrossedly, engrosser, engrossingly, engrossingness, engrossment			
11.	<b>facilitate</b>	fuh SIL eh tate	to make less difficult		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to complicate
	Appliances are useful in facilitating housework.				
	Derivatives >>	facilitated, facilitating, facilitates, facilitation, facilitator, facilitatory			

12.	<b>fledgling</b>	FLEJ ling	an immature or inexperienced person, a young bird that is ready to fly
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> veteran
	The rookie policeman is just a fledgling compared to the captain.		
	Derivatives >>	fledglings, fledgy, fledged	
13.	<b>gilded</b>	GIL did	covered with gold or a golden color; having a background of wealth
	Synonyms >>	prosperous, luxurious, ornate, meretricious, tawdry	Antonym >>
	The gilded and perfumed nobles were inwardly deceptive and rotten to the core.		
	Derivatives >>	gild, gilding, gilder	
14.	<b>graphic</b>	GRAF ik	vivid
	Synonyms >>	descriptive	Antonym >> simple; unadorned
	I have trouble looking at graphic films of concentration camps.		
	Derivatives >>	graphical, graphically, graphicness	
15.	<b>introvert</b>	IN truh vurt	one who turns inward and concentrates thoughts upon himself
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> extrovert
	He is such an introvert that he is not even interested in making new friends.		
	Derivatives >>	introverted, introvertive, introversion, introversive, introversively	
16.	<b>jocular</b>	JOK yu lur	jesting or joking
	Synonyms >>	facetious, jocose, jocund	Antonym >> serious
	The man's jocular mood kept us all entertained throughout the evening.		
	Derivatives >>	jocularity, jocularly, jocularness, jocator	
17.	<b>malcontent</b>	MAL kun tent	a person who is constantly dissatisfied and discontented
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The principal blamed the disturbance on malcontents who were never happy with anything.		
	Derivatives >>	malcontented, malcontentedly, malcontentedness	
18.	<b>misnomer</b>	mis NO mur	misnaming, use of a wrong name
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	Some think that "a peacekeeper" is a misnomer for an MX missile .		
	Derivatives >>	misnomered, misnomed	
19.	<b>obstinate</b>	OB stuh nit	unyielding regardless of reason or logic
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> yielding
	He will not accept advice on many things because of his obstinate attitude.		
	Derivatives >>	obstinacy, obstinancy, obstinance, obstinately, obstinateness, obstination	
20.	<b>prevalent</b>	PREV uh lunt	generally or widely accepted, current, or practiced
	Synonyms >>	prevailing, victorious, dominant	Antonym >> limited, uncommon
	The state of lethargy is a prevalent problem in education.		
	Derivatives >>	prevalence, prevalently	
21.	<b>prudent</b>	PROOD unt	wise and careful about practical matters
	Synonyms >>	judicious, sage, sane, sapient	Antonym >> indiscreet; incautious
	In the city, it is prudent to have locks on all doors and windows.		
	Derivatives >>	prudence, prudential, prudently	
22.	<b>pulverize</b>	PUL vuh rize	to reduce into small pieces, to demolish
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to mold together
	The rocks were pulverized by the heavy machine rolling over them.		
	Derivatives >>	pulverization, pulverized, pulverizer, pulverous, pulverulent, pulverulently	
23.	<b>recapitulation</b>	ree kuh pich uh LAY	a summary
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	It is usually a good idea for a teacher to give a recapitulation of the previous day's topics.		
	Derivatives >>	recapitulate, recapitulationist, recapitulative, recapitulatory, recapitulatively	
24.	<b>steadfastness</b>	STED fas nes	quality of being fixed with little chance of moving or changing
	Synonyms >>	resolution, staunchness	Antonym >> irresolution
	The steadfastness of her position not to sell her land is remarkable considering what she has been offered.		
	Derivatives >>	steadfast, steadfastly	
25.	<b>tactile</b>	TAK til	perceptible by touch; capable of being felt
	Synonyms >>	tangible	Antonym >> intangible
	The woman's stroke left her with no tactile sensations at all.		
	Derivatives >>	tactilist, tactility, taction	

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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.  | ambulatory    | a. | immature person; young bird      |
| _____ | 2.  | anarchy       | b. | doubtful                         |
| _____ | 3.  | breadth       | c. | to solidify or to coagulate      |
| _____ | 4.  | cant          | d. | width of something               |
| _____ | 5.  | circumscribed | e. | able to walk or to move around   |
| _____ | 6.  | congeal       | f. | to make less difficult           |
| _____ | 7.  | demagogue     | g. | restricted or limited            |
| _____ | 8.  | dissonance    | h. | completely absorbed              |
| _____ | 9.  | dubious       | i. | absence of government            |
| _____ | 10. | engrossed     | j. | harsh combinations of sound      |
| _____ | 11. | facilitate    | k. | secret jargon or slang           |
| _____ | 12. | fledgling     | l. | a person who appeals to passions |

### Exercise B

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|-------|-----|----------------|----|---------------------------------|
| _____ | 1.  | gilded         | a. | jesting or joking               |
| _____ | 2.  | graphic        | b. | widely accepted or current      |
| _____ | 3.  | introvert      | c. | resolution; constancy           |
| _____ | 4.  | jocular        | d. | to demolish                     |
| _____ | 5.  | malcontent     | e. | tinged with gold; luxurious     |
| _____ | 6.  | misnomer       | f. | perceptible by touch; tangible  |
| _____ | 7.  | obstinate      | g. | vivid; very clear; descriptive  |
| _____ | 8.  | prevalent      | h. | wise about practical matters    |
| _____ | 9.  | prudent        | i. | unyielding regardless of reason |
| _____ | 10. | pulverize      | j. | misnaming; use of wrong name    |
| _____ | 11. | recapitulation | k. | one who turns inward            |
| _____ | 12. | steadfastness  | l. | constantly dissatisfied person  |
| _____ | 13. | tactile        | m. | summary                         |

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### Sentence Completion



ambulatory	anarchy	breadth	cant
circumscribed	congeal	demagogue	dissonant
dubious	engrossed	facilitate	fledgling

1. Knowing that it was time for the young bird to learn to fly, the mother pushed the \_\_\_\_\_ out of the nest.
2. The patient hated being confined to his bed, and he was anxious to be \_\_\_\_\_ again so that he could move around.
3. Hitler is an example of a \_\_\_\_\_ whose rise to power was based on his appeal to people's prejudices and emotions.
4. Because the professor was anxious to help, he tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the students' research by suggesting some valuable resources.
5. The farmer built a fence that \_\_\_\_\_ the area he had set aside for his corn crop; the fence encircled the plot of land.
6. Because the composer had so many \_\_\_\_\_ sounds in his music, it was not pleasing to hear.
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the wall makes it difficult to cross; if it were just a little narrower, it would be a simpler task.
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the brotherhood was never explained; their secret jargon prevented outsiders from understanding their slang.
9. If you leave the gelatin in the refrigerator for one hour, it will \_\_\_\_\_ into a solid mass.
10. It is doubtful that Quasimodo enjoyed the \_\_\_\_\_ honor of being the "King of Fools."
11. Without the protection of laws, \_\_\_\_\_ would soon be the outcome.
12. Completely absorbed in her task, Sara was so \_\_\_\_\_ in reading her lesson that she never even heard the bell.

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gilded	graphic	introvert	jocular	malcontent
misnomer	obstinate	prevalent	prudent	pulverize
recapitulation	steadfastness	tactile		

13. The \_\_\_\_\_ visual effects contained in that film made me ill; I had never seen anything so vivid and realistic before.
14. An \_\_\_\_\_ desperately wants solitude, whereas an extrovert desires the company of others.
15. He was the most \_\_\_\_\_ and stubborn person I have ever met; he was unwilling to do anything that I asked of him.
16. The child's \_\_\_\_\_ of calling a tea strainer a "tea stringer" was comical to everyone.
17. The \_\_\_\_\_ circus clown made us laugh with his antics.
18. Everyone considers Jeff a \_\_\_\_\_ because he is never satisfied with anything.
19. The \_\_\_\_\_ chain appeared to be priceless, but the thin layer of gold soon began to wear away.
20. In Detroit, American cars are \_\_\_\_\_ while foreign cars are hardly accepted at all.
21. Those deprived of sight may still read Braille, using the \_\_\_\_\_ sense in their fingertips.
22. Her \_\_\_\_\_ was remarkable; she simply refused to change or to be easily upset.
23. We used a food processor to \_\_\_\_\_ the oranges, grinding them into small bits.
24. Sara is always \_\_\_\_\_ and careful when she invests her money.
25. It is a good idea to have a \_\_\_\_\_ of the day's activities before class is over; a summary reinforces the main idea from the lecture.