

# Lesson 28

## Definitions



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|-----|--|--|---|
| 1.  | <b>abeyance</b>  | uh BAY uns   | suspension of action  |
|     | Synonyms >>  | dormancy, latency, quiescence  | Antonym >> activity   |
|     | The meeting was held in abeyance until the chairperson arrived.  |  |   |
|     | Derivatives >>   | abeyant  |   |
| 2.  | <b>burly</b>   | BUR lee  | great in bodily size, sturdy; brusque                           |
|     | Synonyms >>  |  | Antonym >> slight; refined; mannered                            |
|     | When we saw the burly man appear in the door, we knew it was no time to pick a fight.                        |  |   |
|     | Derivatives >>   | burlier, burliest, burly, burliness  |   |
| 3.  | <b>cavalier</b>  | kav uh LEER  | an armed horseman, a knight; treating important matters lightly |
|     | Synonyms >>  | disdainful   | Antonym >> reserved; humble; meek                               |
|     | His arrogant and cavalier attitude has offended many people.   |  |   |
|     | Derivatives >>   | cavalierly   |   |
| 4.  | <b>chagrin</b>   | shuh GRIN  | vexation through humiliation, hurt pride, or disappointment     |
|     | Synonyms >>  | trouble, grief   | Antonym >> self-satisfaction                                    |
|     | The chagrin the girl felt as a result of her abject poverty kept her from associating with her school peers. |  |   |
|     | Derivatives >>   | chagrined, chagrining, chagrins  |   |
| 5.  | <b>coagulate</b>   | ko AG yuh late   | to gather together in a mass, to clot; to congeal               |
|     | Synonyms >>  |  | Antonym >> to flow freely                                       |
|     | Because blood coagulates, people do not bleed to death from small cuts.                                      |  |   |
|     | Derivatives >>   | coagulable, coagulant, coagulated, coagulating, coagulation, coagulative, coagulator |   |
| 6.  | <b>compilation</b>   | kom puh LAY shun   | an accumulation of many things                                  |
|     | Synonyms >>  | accretion  | Antonym >>  |
|     | The book was an interesting compilation of many sources.   |  |   |
|     | Derivatives >>   | compiler, compilatory, compile, compiled, compilement, compiler                      |   |
| 7.  | <b>contest</b>   | kun TEST   | to compete, to attempt to disprove                              |
|     | Synonyms >>  |  | Antonym >> to accept without dispute                            |
|     | I contest your statement about his lack of courage.  |  |   |
|     | Derivatives >>   | contested, contesting, contests  |   |
| 8.  | <b>defoliate</b>   | dee FOE lee ate  | to deprive of leaves  |
|     | Synonyms >>  |  | Antonym >>  |
|     | The chemical Agent Orange was used in Vietnam to defoliate the trees so the enemy could be found.            |  |   |
|     | Derivatives >>   | defoliant, defoliated, defoliating, defoliator                                       |   |
| 9.  | <b>effigy</b>  | EF eh jee  | a dummy or image of a person (usually one who is not liked)     |
|     | Synonyms >>  |  | Antonym >>  |
|     | The ball team hung the opponent's mascot in effigy at the pep rally before the game.                         |  |   |
|     | Derivatives >>   | effigies   |   |
| 10. | <b>eon</b>   | EE un, EE on   | a long period of time   |
|     | Synonyms >>  |  | Antonym >> short time   |
|     | It seems like it will be eons before I am allowed to date.   |  |   |
|     | Derivatives >>   | aeon, aeonian, eonian, aeonic, aeonial   |   |
| 11. | <b>fervent</b>   | FUR vent   | ardent, showing great emotion, impassioned                      |
|     | Synonyms >>  | fervid, passionate, perfervid  | Antonym >> indifferent  |
|     | I have a fervent love for that man.  |  |   |
|     | Derivatives >>   | fervency, fervently, ferventness, fervid, fervidly, fervidity, fervidness            |   |

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| 12. | <b>ingenuity</b>  | in juh NOO eh tee   | cleverness, inventiveness, resourcefulness                              |
|     | Synonyms >>   | adroitness, cunning, deftness, dexterity                            | Antonym >> lack of cleverness   |
|     | He showed much ingenuity in his unique way of solving the problem.                                |   |   |
|     | Derivatives >>  | ingenious, ingeniously, ingeniousness                               |   |
| 13. | <b>insidious</b>  | in SID ee us  | treacherous or dangerous in a secret sort of way                        |
|     | Synonyms >>   |   | Antonym >> harmless   |
|     | AIDS is insidious because one can have it and transmit it before showing symptoms of the disease. |   |   |
|     | Derivatives >>  | insidiously, insidiousness  |   |
| 14. | <b>myopic</b>   | my OP ik  | unable to discern, unable to think clearly or objectively; shortsighted |
|     | Synonyms >>   |   | Antonym >> perceptive   |
|     | She is so myopic that she never sees all of her options.  |   |   |
|     | Derivatives >>  | myopically  |   |
| 15. | <b>plethora</b>   | PLETH ur uh   | superabundance, excessive amount  |
|     | Synonyms >>   |   | Antonym >> scarcity   |
|     | She offered a plethora of excuses for failing French, none of which were acceptable.              |   |   |
|     | Derivatives >>  | plethoric   |   |
| 16. | <b>propitious</b>   | pruh PISH us  | favorably disposed, graciously inclined                                 |
|     | Synonyms >>   | helpful, advantageous, benevolent, favorable, auspicious            | Antonym >> unfavorable; inauspicious                                    |
|     | America has conditions propitious to democracy.   |   |   |
|     | Derivatives >>  | propitiously, propitiousness, propitiate, propitiated, propitiatory |   |
| 17. | <b>protrusion</b>   | pro TROO zhun   | something sticking out  |
|     | Synonyms >>   |   | Antonym >> indentation  |
|     | A large protrusion on his head was the result of being hit by the bat.                            |   |   |
|     | Derivatives >>  | protusive, protusively, protusiveness                               |   |
| 18. | <b>quack</b>  | KWAK  | an unqualified or fake doctor, charlatan                                |
|     | Synonyms >>   |   | Antonym >> qualified physician  |
|     | Fortunately the girl was saved from the scalpel of the quack who called himself a doctor.         |   |   |
|     | Derivatives >>  | quackery, quackish, quackishly, quackishness, quackism              |   |
| 19. | <b>querulous</b>  | KWER uh lus   | constantly complaining, whining   |
|     | Synonyms >>   |   | Antonym >> uncomplaining  |
|     | Amy irritates me when she constantly speaks in her querulous voice.                               |   |   |
|     | Derivatives >>  | querulously, querulousness, querulist, querulent                    |   |
| 20. | <b>rustic</b>   | RUS tik   | relating to the country   |
|     | Synonyms >>   | rural, coarse   | Antonym >> urban; relating to the city                                  |
|     | The rustic cabin in the mountains was small but comfortable.                                      |   |   |
|     | Derivatives >>  | rustical, rustically, rusticate, rustication, rusticator            |   |
| 21. | <b>sovereign</b>  | SOV rin   | possessed of controlling power  |
|     | Synonyms >>   | predominant, paramount, preponderant                                | Antonym >> without power  |
|     | The king is sovereign within his country.   |   |   |
|     | Derivatives >>  | sovereignly, sovereignty, sovranity                                 |   |
| 22. | <b>temperance</b>   | TEM pur uns   | moderation or self-restraint in action or statement                     |
|     | Synonyms >>   |   | Antonym >>  |
|     | The woman exercised temperance in filling her plate with small portions of food.                  |   |   |
|     | Derivatives >>  | temperate, temperately, temperateness                               |   |
| 23. | <b>truncate</b>   | TRUNG kate  | to shorten by cutting   |
|     | Synonyms >>   |   | Antonym >> to lengthen  |
|     | If you truncate the board, it will fit into the space you desire.                                 |   |   |
|     | Derivatives >>  | truncated, truncately, truncation, truncature                       |   |
| 24. | <b>undulant</b>   | UN juh lunt   | moving with or resembling a wavelike motion                             |
|     | Synonyms >>   |   | Antonym >> motionless   |
|     | Playing golf on an undulant terrain is usually difficult.   |   |   |
|     | Derivatives >>  | undulance, undulate, undulated, undulating, undulation, undulatory  |   |
| 25. | <b>viscosity</b>  | vis KOS eh tee  | property of having a high resistance to flow                            |
|     | Synonyms >>   |   | Antonym >>  |
|     | Heinz ketchup has a high viscosity.   |   |   |
|     | Derivatives >>  | viscous   |   |

## Lesson 28

### 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.  | cavalier    | c. | to compete; to attempt to disprove    |
| _____ | 4.  | chagrin     | d. | to gather together in a mass; to clot |
| _____ | 5.  | coagulate   | e. | a long period of time                 |
| _____ | 6.  | compilation | f. | to deprive of leaves                  |
| _____ | 7.  | contest     | g. | accumulation of many things           |
| _____ | 8.  | defoliate   | h. | vexation through humiliation          |
| _____ | 9.  | effigy      | i. | great in bodily size; brusque         |
| _____ | 10. | eon         | j. | cleverness; inventiveness             |
| _____ | 11. | fervent     | k. | a dummy image of a person             |
| _____ | 12. | ingenuity   | l. | disdainful; treating matters lightly  |

### Exercise B

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|-------|-----|------------|----|----------------------------------|
| _____ | 1.  | insidious  | a. | relating to the country; rural   |
| _____ | 2.  | myopic     | b. | unqualified doctor; fake         |
| _____ | 3.  | plethora   | c. | having a high resistance to flow |
| _____ | 4.  | propitious | d. | a narrow view of something       |
| _____ | 5.  | protrusion | e. | something sticking out           |
| _____ | 6.  | quack      | f. | moderation or self-restraint     |
| _____ | 7.  | querulous  | g. | moving with a wavelike motion    |
| _____ | 8.  | rustic     | h. | favorable disposed; helpful      |
| _____ | 9.  | sovereign  | i. | possessed of controlling power   |
| _____ | 10. | temperance | j. | constantly whining; complaining  |
| _____ | 11. | truncate   | k. | dangerous in a secretive way     |
| _____ | 12. | undulant   | l. | shorten by cutting               |
| _____ | 13. | viscosity  | m. | superabundance; excessive amount |

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## Sentence Completion



|           |             |          |           |
|-----------|-------------|----------|-----------|
| abeyance  | burly       | cavalier | chagrin   |
| coagulate | compilation | contest  | defoliate |
| effigy    | eons        | fervent  | ingenuity |

1. Sara was so completely absorbed in reading the \_\_\_\_\_ of accumulated stories and poems that she was late for work, much to her humiliation and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. I can prove that you are wrong about me, and I have a witness to help me \_\_\_\_\_ your statement.
3. The woman made a \_\_\_\_\_ plea to the government to stop the practice of polluting the country's rivers with toxic waste; her impassioned words impressed the officials.
4. The doctor insisted that the blood not be allowed to \_\_\_\_\_; he did not want a blood clot forming and endangering the man's life.
5. Although the chemical claimed to \_\_\_\_\_ the trees, not all the leaves were completely removed.
6. The man's \_\_\_\_\_ was amazing; he had his car held together by clothes hangers and paperclips. He could solve any problems with those two items.
7. I am sure it will be \_\_\_\_\_ before I can save enough money to buy another car; I'll be dead before that much time passes.
8. The mob was held in \_\_\_\_\_ by the man's pacifying words; the crowd seemed suspended in time as they listened to his every word.
9. His disdainful and uncaring altitude caused him to be described as \_\_\_\_\_.
10. The football pep rally ended when the \_\_\_\_\_ of the opponent was thrown on the fire to burn; fortunately it was only a dummy that they were burning.
11. I was shocked when I found the \_\_\_\_\_ man at my door; his great bodily size and brusque manner alarmed me at first.

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| insidious | myopic    | plethora  | propitious | protrusion |
| quack     | querulous | rustic    | sovereign  | temperance |
| truncated | undulant  | viscosity |            |            |

12. It is because of her \_\_\_\_\_ vision that she cannot get out of her predicament; she can see only one course of action.
13. The mother always had a \_\_\_\_\_ of advice for her daughter, but the child sometimes grew tired of the abundant suggestions.
14. The ill man had been treated by the \_\_\_\_\_ for several months, but of course he did not get well since the so-called “doctor” had no real training or expertise.
15. The \_\_\_\_\_ work of a con man often leaves gullible people secretly tricked out of their life savings.
16. The general’s \_\_\_\_\_ reception of the enemy messenger showed his favorable inclination toward a peace treaty.
17. Formally speaking, the \_\_\_\_\_ of lumber was \_\_\_\_\_ by the carpenter; simply stated, he cut off the long boards that were sticking out.
18. Because I wanted to try country life, I moved to a \_\_\_\_\_ country shack with no electricity or indoor plumbing.
19. The President possesses \_\_\_\_\_ and complete power over the executive branch of our government.
20. The \_\_\_\_\_ of honey is similar to that of molasses: both flow slowly.
21. The field was \_\_\_\_\_ with green corn stalks that waved like the ocean as the breeze blew across them.
22. That is the most \_\_\_\_\_ child I have ever seen; all she ever does is whine and complain.
23. We encouraged the man to use \_\_\_\_\_ in his drinking; if he could practice moderation he would not get drunk so much.