

Lesson 12

Definitions



1.	abridge	uh BRIJ	to shorten, to diminish		
	Synonyms >>	abbreviate, curtail, retrench, shorten		Antonym >>	to expand
		Some companies publish abridged versions of novels.			
	Derivatives >>	abridgable, abridged, abridger, abridgment			
2.	alacrity	uh LAK ruh tee	prompt and cheerful response		
	Synonyms >>	celerity		Antonym >>	indolence
		I accepted his invitation to the prom with alacrity.			
	Derivatives >>	alacritous			
3.	antipathy	an TIP uh thee	a dislike, distaste, or enmity		
	Synonyms >>	animosity, animus, antagonism, hostility, rancor		Antonym >>	propensity; amity
		The woman's obvious antipathy toward snakes surfaced when she came into contact with the slithering reptile.			
	Derivatives >>	antipathetic, antipathic, anthipathist, antipathize, antipathies			
4.	augment	awg MENT	to make greater or to supplement		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to diminish
		We must try to augment our savings this year.			
	Derivatives >>	augmentable, augments, augmentation, augmentative, augmented			
5.	bombastic	bom BASS tik	using inflated language, pompous		
	Synonyms >>	claptrap, declamatory, fustian, ranting, rodomontade		Antonym >>	meek; humble
		The politician was bombastic as he railed against big government.			
	Derivatives >>	bombastically, bombastical			
6.	decry	deh KRY	to speak against, to rail against, to disparage		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to laud
		Many decry the lack of concern for this problem.			
	Derivatives >>	decried, decrying, decrier			
7.	eclectic	eh KLEK tik	coming from a variety of diverse sources		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	from one source
		His eclectic tastes range from Bach to the Beatles.			
	Derivatives >>	eclectically, eclecticism			
8.	enhance	en HANS	to make better, to improve		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to worsen
		Your chances of passing the test will be enhanced if you study.			
	Derivatives >>	enhanced, enhancement, enhancing, enhancer, enhancer			
9.	euphonious	yoo FOE nee us	pleasant or agreeable (sound); dulcet		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	raucous; dissonant
		The euphonious sound of the record lulled the baby to sleep.			
	Derivatives >>	euphony euphonic, euphonia, euphonicity, euphonic, euphonicity, euphonicity			
10.	fervid	FUR vid	ardent, burning, impassioned		
	Synonyms >>	fervent, passionate, fervid		Antonym >>	indifferent
		The evangelist is a fervid crusader against sin.			
	Derivatives >>	fervidity, fervidly, fervidness			
11.	impecunious	im puh KYOO nee us	without money		
	Synonyms >>	destitute, indigent		Antonym >>	rich
		Some formerly rich people have become impecunious because of the poor oil and real estate market.			
	Derivatives >>	impecuniary, impecuniosity, impecuniously, impecuniousness, impecuniousness			

12.	ingratiate	in GRAY she ate	to make an effort to gain good favor with someone
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to alienate
		He tried to ingratiate himself with the girl's parents by always being polite.	
	Derivatives >>	ingratiating, ingratiatingly, ingratiating, ingratiatory	
13.	luxuriant	lug ZHOOR ee unt	abundant in growth, very fertile
	Synonyms >>	lavish, lush, prodigal, profuse	Antonym >> scanty
		The luxuriant farmland of Iowa provides an abundant amount of food.	
	Derivatives >>	luxuriance, luxurancy, luxuriantly, luxuriate, luxurious, luxuriously, luxuriousness, luxury	
14.	paltry	PAWL tree	trifling; petty; worthless
	Synonyms >>	minor, inconsiderable, slight, insignificant, petty	Antonym >> superior
		He was building paltry houses unfit for occupancy.	
	Derivatives >>	paltrier, paltriest, paltrily, paltriness	
15.	pedantry	PED un tree	act of showing off learning in a manner that is needless and unimaginative
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
		The teacher's lectures are a demonstration of pedantry without scholarship.	
	Derivatives >>	pedantic, pedantical, pedantically, pedanticism, pedant	
16.	placid	PLAS id	peaceful, calm
	Synonyms >>	serene, tranquil	Antonym >> disturbed
		The wilderness is usually a placid place where one can relax.	
	Derivatives >>	placidity, placidly, placidness	
17.	preclude	preh KLOOD	to make impossible
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to aid
		A low SAT score may preclude your acceptance to that college.	
	Derivatives >>	precludable, precluded, preclusion, preclusive	
18.	promontory	PROM un tore ee	land or rock projecting into a body of water
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
		A promontory is an ideal place to build a lighthouse.	
	Derivatives >>	promontories, promontoried	
19.	raze	RAZE	to completely destroy
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to construct
		Atomic war will raze many cities.	
	Derivatives >>	razed, razing	
20.	secular	SEK yuh lur	nonreligious, worldly
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> religious
		"Jingle Bells" is a secular Christmas song.	
	Derivatives >>	secularism, secularist, secularity, secularization, secularize, secularly	
21.	static (adj.)	STAT ik	having no motion, showing little change
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> active
		Since our town has attracted little new industry, the population of the city has become static.	
	Derivatives >>	statically, statical	
22.	tact	TAKT	a keen sense for what is appropriate or tasteful in delicate situations
	Synonyms >>	diplomacy, perception, sensitivity, poise	Antonym >>
		The diplomat handled the situation with much tact and courteous behavior.	
	Derivatives >>	tactful, tactfully, tactfulness	
23.	torpid	TOR pid	sluggish, inactive, dull
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> active; animated
		He is always torpid on Sunday mornings.	
	Derivatives >>	torpor, torpidity, torpidness, torpify, torpidly, torpitude, torporific	
24.	vindicated	VIN duh kay ted	cleared of accusations or charges
	Synonyms >>	absolved, acquitted, exculpated, exonerated	Antonym >> accused
		I am willing to go to trial and believe that I will be vindicated of all charges.	
	Derivatives >>	vindicate, vindication, vindicative, vindicator, vindicatory, vindictive, vindictively, vindictiveness	
25.	vindictive	vin DIK tiv	revengeful, spiteful
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> loving; forgiving
		You should be more forgiving and less vindictive.	
	Derivatives >>	vindicated, vindication, vindicative, vindicator, vindicatory, vindictive, vindictively, vindictiveness	

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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. | abridge | a. | pompous; boastful |
| _____ | 2. | alacrity | b. | briskness; swiftness; celerity |
| _____ | 3. | antipathy | c. | to make an effort to gain favor |
| _____ | 4. | augment | d. | to shorten; to diminish |
| _____ | 5. | bombastic | e. | without money; broke |
| _____ | 6. | decry | f. | ardent; burning; impassioned |
| _____ | 7. | eclectic | g. | to make greater; to supplement |
| _____ | 8. | enhance | h. | harmonious; pleasant to hear |
| _____ | 9. | euphonious | i. | a dislike; distaste; enmity |
| _____ | 10. | fervid | j. | to make better; to improve |
| _____ | 11. | impecunious | k. | to speak against; to disparage |
| _____ | 12. | ingratiate | l. | coming from a variety of sources |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|---------------|----|---------------------------------------|
| _____ | 1. | luxuriant | a. | abundant; very fertile |
| _____ | 2. | paltry | b. | to destroy completely |
| _____ | 3. | pedantry | c. | trifling; worthless; insignificant |
| _____ | 4. | placid | d. | revengeful; spiteful |
| _____ | 5. | preclude | e. | non-religious; worldly |
| _____ | 6. | promontory | f. | peaceful; calm |
| _____ | 7. | raze | g. | cleared of accusations |
| _____ | 8. | secular | h. | having no motion |
| _____ | 9. | static (adj.) | i. | to make impossible |
| _____ | 10. | tact | j. | sluggish; dull; apathetic |
| _____ | 11. | torpid | k. | projection into water |
| _____ | 12. | vindicated | l. | a showing off of learning |
| _____ | 13. | vindictive | m. | sense for knowing what is appropriate |

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Sentence Completion



abridged	alacrity	antipathy	augment
bombastic	decry	eclectic	enhance
euphonious	fervid	impecunious	ingratiate

1. The students approached the task of solving the problem with _____; they were anxious to solve it promptly.
2. The _____ sounds of the symphony were quite pleasing; the harmonious tones produced a most soothing effect.
3. Because she needed more money, the woman tried to _____ her income by getting a second job.
4. His room was filled with _____ antiques that he had gathered from numerous places around the world.
5. The man's _____ speech did not impress me; I prefer someone more reserved and humble than he seemed to be with all his pompousness.
6. The prodigal child spent all his inheritance money, leaving him totally _____.
7. He tried to _____ himself with the girl's parents by always being polite; he was sure he could make them like him.
8. The _____ version of the novel was not as thorough as the longer version; it left out the entire episode of the war.
9. The preacher began to _____ the emphasis that the younger generation has put on drugs; his strong expression of disapproval could not go unheard by his congregation.
10. The young woman tried to _____ her appearance with beautiful clothes and heavy make-up.
11. We heard the _____ cries of the evangelist; with his impassioned words, he denounced the many sins of the world.
12. Policemen generally have an _____ for crime and criminals; if they did not dislike these things so much, they would not have gone into the profession of law enforcement.

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promontory	raze	secular	static	tact
torpid	vindicated	vindictive		

13. The rain forest's _____ green growth is made possible by its climate and rainfall.
14. Her inner peace and serenity were obvious from the _____ expression on her face.
15. The disenchanted priest left his religious calling for the _____ world and soon became a policeman.
16. Life in this small town is _____, having changed very little in twenty years.
17. Though he was cleared of all charges, the stranger's spiteful, _____ accusers vowed to get revenge against the recently _____ man.
18. His _____ movements were the first indication that he was getting sick; because he is usually so active and full of vitality, we knew that something was wrong when he slowed down so much.
19. It was unusual that he did so well on the test; however, we couldn't _____ the possibility that he did, in fact, study this time.
20. The lighthouse sat on the _____ overlooking the sea, casting its beams of light on the dark waters far below.
21. Because the people were afraid the invading army would completely _____ their village in its wake of destruction, they tried to bury some valuables for protection.
22. The man's _____ made others despise him for showing off; everyone knew he was smart, and his flaunting his intelligence and knowledge was disgusting.
23. The man made only a _____ attempt at doing the job; what he accomplished was worthless and practically insignificant.
24. The man handled the situation with such _____ that I could not help but be impressed; his diplomacy in such a delicate situation is to be admired.