

Lesson 13

Definitions



1.	allure	uh LUR	to influence, sway, or entice with some tempting appeal
	Synonyms >>	attract, fascinate, charm	Antonym >>
	The child tried to allure the stray dog into her yard with a piece of bread.		
	Derivatives >>	allured, alluring, allures, allurement, allurer	
2.	apathy	AP uh thee	a lack of concern or feeling, indifference
	Synonyms >>	phlegm, stoicism, stolidness	Antonym >> enthusiastic devotion
	The man looked upon the turn of events with apathy.		
	Derivatives >>	apathetic, apathetical, apathetically	
3.	auspicious	aw SPISH us	favorable
	Synonyms >>	propitious	Antonym >> ill-omened
	Making an "A" on the first test was an auspicious way to begin the year.		
	Derivatives >>	auspiciously, auspiciousness	
4.	caricature	KARE uh kuh chur	a portrayal where features are distorted, a parody
	Synonyms >>	burlesque, travesty	Antonym >> somber portrait
	The caricature of the presidential nominee was hysterical.		
	Derivatives >>	caricatured, caricaturing, caricaturist	
5.	cordial	KOR jul	courteous and gracious; friendly; warm
	Synonyms >>	affectionate, genial, cheering	Antonym >>
	We received a very cordial reception from the hostess of the party.		
	Derivatives >>	cordially, cordialness, cordiality	
6.	cosmopolitan	koz muh POL uh tun	dealing with the whole world
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> parochial
	His cosmopolitan views make him a natural delegate to the world convention.		
	Derivatives >>	cosmopolitanism, cosmopolite	
7.	deplore	deh PLORE	to regret deeply or strongly; to feel or to express deep grief for
	Synonyms >>	bemoan, bewail, lament, mourn	Antonym >> to celebrate
	The students deplored the death of their teacher.		
	Derivatives >>	deplored, deploring, deploration, deplorer, deplorably	
8.	discrepant	deh SKREP unt	disagreeing, inconsistent
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> same; consistent
	The auditor became suspicious when he found the discrepant accounts.		
	Derivatives >>	discrepancy, discrepantly	
9.	ecstasy	EK stuh see	extreme happiness
	Synonyms >>	rapture, transport	Antonym >> wretchedness
	The music was so beautiful that it put the crowd into a state of ecstasy.		
	Derivatives >>	ecstatic, ecstasical, ecstatically	
10.	empathy	EM puh the	understanding or identification with another's feelings or situation
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> unconcern; disinterest
	Having been discriminated against, I have a lot of empathy for those seeking equal pay for equal work.		
	Derivatives >>	empathetic, empathetically, empathize	
11.	equivocal	eh KWIV uh kul	ambiguous (usually intended to mislead)
	Synonyms >>	abstruse, ambiguous, cryptic, enigmatic, obscure, recondite	Antonym >> clear; straightforward
	His speech was difficult to understand because of all his equivocal statements.		
	Derivatives >>	equivocacy, equivocality, equivocally, equivocalness, equivocate, equivocation, equivocator, equivocality	

12.	expeditious	ek speh DISH us	done with speed and efficiency
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> sluggish
	You need to be expeditious in solving this matter.		
	Derivatives >>	expedite, expediter, expedition, expeditionary, expeditioner, expeditiously, expeditiousness, expeditive	
13.	galvanize	GAL vuh nize	to stimulate or to excite as if by an electric shock
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to calm; to soothe
	We are hoping that these new discoveries will galvanize the public support of our research.		
	Derivatives >>	galvanization, galvanized, galvanizer, galvanic	
14.	implacable	im PLAK uh bul	incapable of being appeased
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> yielding
	That young man is the enemy of the implacable woman standing in the corner; she will never stop hating him.		
	Derivatives >>	implacability, implacableness, implacably	
15.	inimitable	eh NIM eh tuh bul	not able to be imitated
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> imitable
	He has his own inimitable way of doing things.		
	Derivatives >>	inimitability, inimitableness, inimitably	
16.	mutability	myoo tuh BILL uh tee	the degree to which something is subject and likely to change
	Synonyms >>	inconsistency	Antonym >> consistency
	The mutability of his opinions was because of political pressures; these alone caused his changing attitudes.		
	Derivatives >>	mutable, mutably, mutation	
17.	odious	OH dee us	deserving hate or contempt
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> respectable
	Pornography is an odious business.		
	Derivatives >>	odiously, odiousness, odium	
18.	parochial	puh ROE key ul	limited in range or scope, narrow, provincial
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> broadminded
	Having parochial attitudes, she was not receptive to new ideas.		
	Derivatives >>	parochialism, parochiality, parochialize, parochially	
19.	penchant	PEN chunt	a strong inclination
	Synonyms >>	leaning, proclivity, propensity	Antonym >> disinclination
	He has a penchant for chemistry, and he has won many science awards.		
	Derivatives >>	penchants	
20.	ponderous	PON dur us	very heavy, unwieldy from weight
	Synonyms >>	cumbersome, cumbrous	Antonym >> lightweight
	The ponderous furniture was hard to move, and thus became a burden.		
	Derivatives >>	ponderosity, ponderously, ponderousness	
21.	protract	pro TRAKT	to prolong
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to shorten
	The union hopes to protract the strike in order to force management to settle.		
	Derivatives >>	protractedly, protractedness, pretractible, protraction, protractive	
22.	replete	reh PLETE	filled to capacity, abundantly supplied
	Synonyms >>	plenary	Antonym >> devoid
	The bar was replete with every possible kind of alcohol.		
	Derivatives >>	repletteness, repletion, repletive	
23.	soporific	sop uh RIF ik	something that tends to cause sleep and to dull awareness or alertness
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> exciting
	Quiet music late at night is soporific.		
	Derivatives >>	soporiferous, soporiferously, soporiferousness, soporifical, soporifically	
24.	strident	STRIDE unt	loud and harsh sounding
	Synonyms >>	raucous, stentorian, boisterous, clamorous, obstreperous	Antonym >> soft and pleasant
	The teacher used a strident voice when reprimanding a student.		
	Derivatives >>	stridently	
25.	treachery	TRECH uh ree	violation of faith; betrayal of trust; treason
	Synonyms >>	disloyalty	Antonym >>
	The man's ruthless act of treachery was expected.		
	Derivatives >>	treacheries, treacherous, treacherously, treacherousness	

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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. | allure | a. | to regret deeply; to lament |
| _____ | 2. | apathy | b. | lack of concern; indifference |
| _____ | 3. | auspicious | c. | a parody; comic imitation |
| _____ | 4. | caricature | d. | disagreeing; inconsistent |
| _____ | 5. | cordial | e. | extreme happiness |
| _____ | 6. | cosmopolitan | f. | dealing with the whole world |
| _____ | 7. | deplore | g. | to influence, sway, or entice |
| _____ | 8. | discrepant | h. | quick and efficient |
| _____ | 9. | ecstasy | i. | favorable |
| _____ | 10. | empathy | j. | ambiguous; not clear |
| _____ | 11. | equivocal | k. | courteous; friendly |
| _____ | 12. | expeditious | l. | understanding of another's feelings |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|------------|----|----------------------------------|
| _____ | 1. | galvanize | a. | a strong inclination |
| _____ | 2. | implacable | b. | narrow-minded; provincial |
| _____ | 3. | inimitable | c. | incapable of being appeased |
| _____ | 4. | mutability | d. | filled to capacity |
| _____ | 5. | odious | e. | very heavy; unwieldy |
| _____ | 6. | parochial | f. | to prolong |
| _____ | 7. | penchant | g. | deserving hate or contempt |
| _____ | 8. | ponderous | h. | tending to cause sleep |
| _____ | 9. | protract | i. | to stimulate or to excite |
| _____ | 10. | replete | j. | loud and harsh sounding |
| _____ | 11. | soporific | k. | violation of faith; treason |
| _____ | 12. | strident | l. | not able to be imitated |
| _____ | 13. | treachery | m. | ability to change; inconsistency |

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Sentence Completion



allure	apathetic	auspicious	caricature
cordial	cosmopolitan	deplore	discrepant
ecstasy	empathy	equivocal	expeditious

1. The painting was a _____ which distorted the woman's nose so that it resembled that of an elephant.
2. I was in a state of _____ as we flew over the Grand Canyon; never before had I been so excited about seeing something so incredible.
3. _____ and uncaring, the student filled his essay with nonsense.
4. The politician seemed to have no _____ with the poor people of the nation and could not identify with their problems.
5. My wife's checkbook is almost always _____ with mine; we can never seem to get the two to match each other.
6. Seeing her ex-boyfriend wasn't an _____ event, but then she never seems to have any good luck where men are concerned.
7. The man's _____ attitudes obviously resulted from his many world-wide travels.
8. The woman was friendly and _____, kind to everyone she met.
9. The government expects the people to be _____ about filing their income tax returns; there is a fine for those who don't file them on time.
10. I don't mean to be _____ about the matter, but I simply can't make up my mind about what I want to do.
11. The perfume is designed to _____ and entice men; as soon as the woman puts it on, she is supposed to get a man's eager attention.
12. The people _____ the conditions of the starving masses, but their deep grief is not enough to change the situation.

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galvanize	implacable	inimitable	mutability	odious
parochial	penchant	ponderous	protract	replete
soporific	strident	treachery		

13. He has his own _____ way of doing things; people try to copy him, but they always fall short of it.
14. The politician's skill in oratory enabled him to _____ the public support of his constituency; the people were finally stimulated into action.
15. The man is an _____ tyrant; nothing will appease him when he is angry.
16. I fell asleep in her class because her lectures were so _____.
17. The teacher used a _____ voice when reprimanding the student; because she was loud and harsh, she got the child's attention.
18. The evangelist expressed his contempt for the _____ pornography business in this country.
19. His views on the subject were rather _____; they were narrow-minded and petty.
20. It is the _____ of man that allows for an ever-changing society such as ours.
21. Sally's _____ for travel has helped her to become acquainted with foreign countries and customs; she has always had an inclination for world travel.
22. The field is _____ with insects; it must, therefore, be sprayed if we intend to reduce the numbers of pests.
23. The criminal was angered by having to drag the long, heavy, _____ chain that was fastened to his leg.
24. The numerous stoplights in the city are likely to _____ my journey by many hours; it may take longer traveling this route.
25. We could not believe the _____ of the man; he had actually committed treason.