

Lesson 14

Definitions



1.	adulterate	uh DUL ter ate	to make impure by adding lesser substances; to corrupt
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to purify
	The authorities were concerned that the drugs might have been adulterated intentionally.		
	Derivatives >>	adulterator, adulterant, adulteration, adulterine, adulterous, adulterated, adulterating	
2.	animosity	an uh MAH suh tee	harsh feelings, enmity, resentment, hatred
	Synonyms >>	animus, antagonism, antipathy, enmity, hostility, rancor	Antonym >> love
	I have a lot of animosity for him, since he attempted to steal my girlfriend.		
	Derivatives >>	animus	
3.	apocryphal	uh PA kra ful	of doubtful origin or authenticity, not genuine
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> of known origin; genuine
	The jury saw through the apocryphal tears of the witness.		
	Derivatives >>	apocryphally, apocryphalness	
4.	avarice	AV uh ris	greed for wealth
	Synonyms >>	cupidity	Antonym >> generosity
	Avarice and gluttony are two vices that can destroy lives.		
	Derivatives >>	avaricious, avariciously, avariciousness	
5.	coalesce	ko uh LESS	to merge, to fuse, to join, or to unite
	Synonyms >>	amalgamate, commingle	Antonym >> to break up; to disperse
	If the party can coalesce diverse groups into a united force, it might win the election.		
	Derivatives >>	coalesced, coalescing, coalescent	
6.	collaborate	kuh LAB uh rate	to work together
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to work alone
	Sometimes singers who have never worked together will collaborate to make a new album.		
	Derivatives >>	collaborated, collaborating, collaboration, collaborationism, collaborationist, collaborative, collaborator	
7.	cryptic	KRIP tik	mysterious, secret
	Synonyms >>	abstruse, ambiguous, enigmatic, obscure, recondite	Antonym >> clear; revealed
	I did not understand his cryptic message.		
	Derivatives >>	cryptical, cryptically, cryptogram, cryptography, cryptonym, cryptonymous	
8.	desultory	DES ul tore ee	jumping around, aimless, random
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> concentrated
	The man's desultory attempts at finding employment wasted his time.		
	Derivatives >>	desultorious, desultoriness, desultorily, desultor	
9.	dissipation	dis uh PAY shun	wasteful spending, squandering
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> collection
	Even though he inherited a million dollars, I expect quick dissipation of his fortune.		
	Derivatives >>	dissipate, dissipated, dissipatedly, dissipatedness, dissipater, dissipative	
10.	edifying	ED uh fie ing	instructing and improving spiritually or morally
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> heinous; nefarious
	Visiting the cathedral was an edifying experience.		
	Derivatives >>	edification, edificatory, edify, edifier, edifyingness	
11.	equivocate	eh KWIV uh kate	to attempt to lie, to mislead, or to hide the truth
	Synonyms >>	palter, prevaricate	Antonym >> to tell the truth
	Tell the truth and do not attempt to equivocate.		
	Derivatives >>	equivocal, equivocacy, equivocality, equivocally, equivocalness, equivocation, equivocator, equivocality	

12.	espousing	eh SPOUZ ing	marrying, giving one's loyalty; adopting or embracing a cause
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> denying
	The politician seems to be espousing the issue of decreased taxation in order to gain supporters.		
	Derivatives >>	espoused, espousing, espousal, espouser	
13.	hedonist	HEED un ist	one who seeks pleasure as the sole aim in life
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> ascetic
	The world is full of hedonists who seek nothing but their own pleasures.		
	Derivatives >>	hedonism, hedonistically, hedonistical, hedonics, hedonic, hedonically	
14.	indefatigable	in deh FAT uh guh bul	tireless, incapable of being fatigued
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> easily tired
	The indefatigable army moved ahead steadily over the many days without rest.		
	Derivatives >>	indefatigability, indefatigableness, indefatigably	
15.	interminable	in TUR mun uh bul	having or seeming to have no end, wearisomely protracted
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> short and limited
	Although the reading assignment was only ten pages, it seemed interminable to the bored student.		
	Derivatives >>	interminability, interminableness, interminably, interminate	
16.	naive	na EVE	unsophisticated; inexperienced
	Synonyms >>	natural, artless, ingenuous	Antonym >> sophisticated; experienced; wise
	Many naive young women go to Hollywood believing that they will become movie stars.		
	Derivatives >>	naively, naivete, naiveness, naivety	
17.	parody	PAIR uh dee	humorous or ridiculous imitation
	Synonyms >>	burlesque, caricature, travesty	Antonym >> reverent imitation
	Many skits on "Saturday Night Live" are parodies of current events.		
	Derivatives >>	parodies	
18.	peripheral	puh RIF ur ul	on the edge, not important
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> central; essential; at the core
	Let's discuss the main topic now and save peripheral issues for later.		
	Derivatives >>	peripheral, peripheric, peripheralism, peripherally, peripherically, periphery	
19.	portent	PORE tent	a sign or forewarning
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The stock market crash was a portent of the coming of a depression.		
	Derivatives >>	portentive, portentous, portentously, portentousness	
20.	prodigious	pruh DIJ us	extraordinary in bulk, quantity, or degree, great in size, enormous
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> puny; minuscule
	His prodigious appetite allowed him to eat the entire turkey.		
	Derivatives >>	prodigiously, prodigiousness	
21.	profane	pruh FANE	showing contempt toward sacred things
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> holy
	Profane language will not be tolerated on the tennis court.		
	Derivatives >>	profanation, profanatory, profanely, profaneness, profaner, profanity	
22.	respite	RES pit	a rest, a delay, a period of relief
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> continuance
	I enjoy a quiet lunch that serves a respite from my tense job of being an air traffic controller.		
	Derivatives >>	respiteless	
23.	sordid	SOR did	filthy, foul
	Synonyms >>	abject, ignoble, mean	Antonym >> nice; harmless
	The sordid details of the brutal ax murder sickened the jurors.		
	Derivatives >>	sordidness, sordidly	
24.	surfeited	SUR feh ted	fed or supplied to excess
	Synonyms >>	cloyed, glutted, gorged, palled, sated, satiated	Antonym >> starved
	I was surfeited after having eaten so much food at the banquet.		
	Derivatives >>	surfeit, surfeiter	
25.	trifling	TRY fling	not significant, frivolous
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> important; significant
	Some think that watching MTV is a trifling experience.		
	Derivatives >>	trifle, trifled, trifling, trifles	

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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. | adulterate | a. | greed for wealth |
| _____ | 2. | animosity | b. | to work together |
| _____ | 3. | apocryphal | c. | squandering; foolish spending |
| _____ | 4. | avarice | d. | to mislead or to hide the truth |
| _____ | 5. | coalesce | e. | mysterious; secret |
| _____ | 6. | collaborate | f. | to corrupt |
| _____ | 7. | cryptic | g. | to merge; to fuse; to unite |
| _____ | 8. | desultory | h. | to marry; to give one's loyalty |
| _____ | 9. | dissipation | i. | not genuine; of unknown origin |
| _____ | 10. | edifying | j. | harsh feelings; enmity; hate |
| _____ | 11. | equivocate | k. | aimless; random |
| _____ | 12. | espouse | l. | instructing and improving spiritually |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|---------------|----|------------------------------------|
| _____ | 1. | hedonist | a. | a sign or forewarning |
| _____ | 2. | indefatigable | b. | unsophisticated |
| _____ | 3. | interminable | c. | one who feels pleasure only |
| _____ | 4. | naive | d. | unending |
| _____ | 5. | parody | e. | enormous; vast; huge |
| _____ | 6. | peripheral | f. | tireless |
| _____ | 7. | portent | g. | filthy; foul |
| _____ | 8. | prodigious | h. | fed or supplied to excess |
| _____ | 9. | profane | i. | not significant; frivolous |
| _____ | 10. | respite | j. | reprieve; interval of rest |
| _____ | 11. | sordid | k. | relating to external boundary |
| _____ | 12. | surfeited | l. | humorous, ridiculous imitation |
| _____ | 13. | trifling | m. | showing contempt for sacred things |

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Sentence Completion



adulterate	animosity	apocryphal	avarice
coalesce	collaborate	cryptic	desultory
dissipation	edifying	equivocate	espousing

1. We tried to avoid the conversation when we saw the _____ that the woman had about the issue; she was extremely angry and resentful about the matter.
2. Though each man had his own opinion, the group decided to _____ into a unified force against the enemy.
3. Although the heroine over-acted, she did not stop the morally uplifting play from _____ me.
4. We encouraged the scientist not to _____ the substance with the additional chemicals; we preferred it in its pure form.
5. The meaning of the _____ note was hidden from everyone who looked at it.
6. The woman saw a steady _____ of her funds as she continually spent her money on such frivolous items as jewelry and make-up.
7. The _____ of the man was obvious when he wanted everything he saw; it was the result of being raised in such a greedy family.
8. Witnesses are encouraged to tell the truth and not to attempt to _____; telling lies on the witness stand is punishable.
9. The jury saw through the _____ tears of the witness, knowing they weren't genuine.
10. The class was told to _____ on the assignment so that no one would have to do all the work totally alone.
11. The woman is _____ the MADD program because she lost her son in a DWI-related accident; otherwise, she would not adopt the cause so seriously.
12. The man made only _____ attempts at finding employment with random visits to companies when he was in the mood.

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hedonists	indefatigable	interminable	naive	parody
peripheral	portent	prodigious	profane	respite
sordid	surfeited	trifling		

13. My teacher gave us a huge amount of homework, a _____ task by anyone's standards.
14. You must use your _____ vision when performing in a marching band so that you can watch those on each side of you while you look straight ahead.
15. A quiet walk in the woods would be a nice _____ from the drudgery of city life; we all need a relaxing break once in awhile.
16. The world is becoming full of _____ who are only interested in fulfilling their sensual desires and nothing more.
17. Although the reading assignment was only ten pages, it seemed _____ to the bored students.
18. The comedian's skit was a _____ of the recent inaugural address; although it was intended to be funny, not many people laughed.
19. The young men were raised to believe that anyone who dared to _____ the sacred words would pay for his contempt with his life.
20. The large raindrops were a _____ of the thunderous storm about to occur.
21. The starving boys were finally able to eat until they were _____.
22. Many people are making money from printing _____ details of scandal, pornography and violence; some unscrupulous people seem to like such filth.
23. Some teachers regard watching videos a _____ waste of time; they think I should avoid such frivolous pastimes and do more studying.
24. The candidate was _____, working tirelessly for months in order to win the election.
25. Even a beginner should not be so _____ and so unsophisticated as she is.