

Lesson 6

Definitions



1.	antiquated	AN tuh kwat id	obsolete, out of fashion, no longer usable
	Synonyms >>	antique, archaic, obsolete, venerable	Antonym >> modern
	We cannot afford to have antiquated military forces.		
	Derivatives >>	antiquate, antiquating, antiquation, antiquatedness	
2.	arable	AIR uh bul	fit for plowing, tillable
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> untillable
	If a farmer does not use good conservation measures, the land will not stay arable.		
	Derivatives >>	arability	
3.	ascendancy	uh SIN dun see	domination; growing power
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> decline
	The United States would not patiently submit to the ascendancy of Hitler.		
	Derivatives >>	ascendance, ascend, ascendant, ascension, ascending, ascended	
4.	atrophy	AT row fee	to waste away, to wither
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to thrive; to grow
	His hunger strike caused his body to atrophy.		
	Derivatives >>	atrophied, atrophying, atrophic	
5.	clandestine	klan DES tin	secret
	Synonyms >>	covert, furtive, stealthy, surreptitious, underhanded	Antonym >> open; obvious
	The C.I.A. is involved in clandestine activities.		
	Derivatives >>	clandestinely, clandestineness	
6.	conciliate	kun SIL ee ate	to reconcile, to pacify, to renew a friendship
	Synonyms >>	appease, mollify, placate, propitiate	Antonym >> to estrange
	My husband tried to conciliate me with a gift of roses.		
	Derivatives >>	conciliated, conciliating, conciliator, conciliatoriness, conciliatorily	
7.	cursor	KUR suh ree	superficial, casual, hastily done
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> meticulous
	He gave only cursory consideration to my suggestion.		
	Derivatives >>	cursorily, cursoriness	
8.	derision	deh REH zhun	scoffing at, mockery, ridicule
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> applause
	The boy received much derision for his plaid gym shorts.		
	Derivatives >>	derisive, derisiveness, derisively, derisory	
9.	enmity	EN muh tee	absolute hatred
	Synonyms >>	animosity, animus, antagonism, antipathy, hostility, rancor	Antonym >> love; admiration
	I have a lot of enmity for people who provide illegal drugs to children.		
	Derivatives >>	enmities	
10.	extricate	EK struh kate	to free, to disentangle
	Synonyms >>	disembarrass, disencumber	Antonym >> to snare
	He could not extricate himself from the trap.		
	Derivatives >>	extrication, extricated, extricable	
11.	forbearance	fore BARE uns	patience, lenience
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> impatience
	Because he is so young, we must have forbearance in dealing with him.		
	Derivatives >>	forbear, forbearant, forbearer, forbearing, forbearingly, forbearingsness, forbore	

12.	frivolous	FRIV uh lus	lacking in seriousness or importance	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	serious; sober
	A teacher should limit frivolous behavior in the classroom.			
	Derivatives >>	frivolity, frivolousness, frivolously		
13.	garrulous	GAR yuh lus	talkative, rambling	
	Synonyms >>	voluble	Antonym >>	taciturn
	He was so garrulous that he repeated everything many times.			
	Derivatives >>	garrulously, garrulousness, garrulity		
14.	impetuous	im PECH oo us	violent, hasty, rash, impulsive	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	reserved
	His impetuous behavior caused him to make many mistakes.			
	Derivatives >>	impetuosity, impetuously, impetuosity, impetus		
15.	industrious	in DUS tree us	skillfully busy or occupied	
	Synonyms >>	assiduous, diligent, sedulous	Antonym >>	slothful, indolent
	The industrious student will use time wisely.			
	Derivatives >>	industriously, industriousness, industry		
16.	infamous	IN fuh mus	having a reputation of the worst kind, vicious, notoriously bad	
	Synonyms >>	disreputable, ignominious	Antonym >>	illustrious
	The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor was an infamous act.			
	Derivatives >>	infamously, infamy, infamies		
17.	insolence	IN suh luns	insulting or contemptuous behavior	
	Synonyms >>	arrogance, haughtiness, high-handedness, impertinence	Antonym >>	
	His insolence and lack of respect for his mother are shocking.			
	Derivatives >>	insolent, insolently, insolency, insolentness		
18.	levity	LEV eh tee	excessive frivolity, flippancy	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	seriousness
	It was inappropriate for him to insert some levity into the funeral service.			
	Derivatives >>	levitate, levitation, levitated, levitational, levitative, levitating		
19.	oblivion	uh BLIV ee un	state of being forgotten	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	remembrance
	Until the singer's recent hit, his career had fallen into a state of oblivion.			
	Derivatives >>	oblivious, obliviously		
20.	paradoxical	pair uh DOKS uh kul	something that appears false or contradictory but is actually correct	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	
	It is paradoxical that a man from the South, Lyndon Johnson, led the fight for the passage of a civil rights bill.			
	Derivatives >>	paradoxicality, paradoxicalness, paradoxology, paradoxality		
21.	perjury	PUR juh ree	false testimony under oath	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	truthful testimony
	He was charged with perjury for lying to the grand jury.			
	Derivatives >>	perjure, perjured, perjuring, perjurer, perjurious, perjuriously, perjuriousness, perjurous		
22.	rancor	RANG kur	bitter deep-seated ill will, enmity	
	Synonyms >>	animosity, animus, antagonism, antipathy, hostility	Antonym >>	affection; kindness
	I was full of rancor when I learned that the men had killed my parents.			
	Derivatives >>	rancored, rancorous, rancorously		
23.	sycophant	SIK uh funt	a self-serving flatterer, a brownnoser	
	Synonyms >>	leech, sponge, toady	Antonym >>	
	A wise ruler will not pay attention to the many sycophants who will try to gain his attention.			
	Derivatives >>	sycophancy, sycophantic, sycophantical, sycophantically, sycophantize, sycophantish, sycophantishly		
24.	vacillating	VAS uh lay ting	changing, fluctuating	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	static; stable; not easily changed
	I have vacillating opinions concerning my future career.			
	Derivatives >>	vacillate, vacillatingly, vacillation, vacillatory, vacillator		
25.	vivid	VIV id	bright, distinct, and clear	
	Synonyms >>	graphic	Antonym >>	lackluster
	I have vivid memories of my trip to Europe.			
	Derivatives >>	vividly, vividness, vividity, vivific, vivificate, vivification, vivifier, vivify		

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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. | antiquated | a. | to waste away; to wither |
| _____ | 2. | arable | b. | to free; to disentangle |
| _____ | 3. | ascendancy | c. | superficial; hastily done |
| _____ | 4. | atrophy | d. | silly; not serious |
| _____ | 5. | clandestine | e. | fit for plowing; tillable |
| _____ | 6. | conciliate | f. | to reconcile; to pacify |
| _____ | 7. | cursory | g. | positive hatred; ill will |
| _____ | 8. | derision | h. | domination; rise |
| _____ | 9. | enmity | i. | patience; lenience |
| _____ | 10. | extricate | j. | secret; concealed |
| _____ | 11. | forbearance | k. | obsolete; out of fashion |
| _____ | 12. | frivolous | l. | a scoffing at; mockery |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|-------------|----|------------------------------------|
| _____ | 1. | garrulous | a. | self-serving flatterer |
| _____ | 2. | impetuous | b. | humor; frivolity; flippancy |
| _____ | 3. | industrious | c. | disgraceful; notoriously bad |
| _____ | 4. | infamous | d. | changing; fluctuating |
| _____ | 5. | insolence | e. | impulsive; rash |
| _____ | 6. | levity | f. | enmity; deep-seated ill will |
| _____ | 7. | oblivion | g. | verbose; talkative |
| _____ | 8. | paradoxical | h. | contemptuous behavior |
| _____ | 9. | perjury | i. | bright, distinct and clear |
| _____ | 10. | rancor | j. | false testimony under oath |
| _____ | 11. | sycophant | k. | skillfully busy or occupied |
| _____ | 12. | vacillating | l. | state of being forgotten |
| _____ | 13. | vivid | m. | appearing contradictory but is not |

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Sentence Completion



antiquated	arable	ascendancy	atrophy
clandestine	conciliate	cursory	derision
enmity	extricate	forbearance	frivolous

1. The _____ theory was rendered ineffective by the new discovery.
2. When the man made his proposal to the crowd, he was met with _____ and ridicule.
3. The teacher showed _____ toward the student's poor performance by being patient.
4. After months in a cast, his leg began to wither and _____.
5. The _____ of one country often signals the decline of another.
6. I wished only to _____ myself from the unfortunate situation; I cannot stand entanglements and must seek to free myself.
7. He seems to like _____ girls; seriousness and intelligence in a woman apparently intimidate him.
8. _____ activities are always an important part of secret groups such as the FBI and the CIA.
9. Because the soil was so _____, the farmer had a surplus of good crops.
10. After the argument, the husband tried to _____ his wife with a gift of roses; he thought they might pacify her and reconcile their friendship.
11. Deep-seated _____ and ill will caused the man to be bitter and antagonistic; indeed, he continued to hate the woman until he died.
12. The meaning of the note was hidden to a _____ reading, but was revealed after a more careful examination.

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garrulous	impetuous	industrious	infamous	insolence
levity	oblivion	paradoxical	perjury	rancor
sycophant	vacillating	vivid		

13. The pictures were so _____ and distinct that it was almost like seeing the scene in person.
14. The teacher found the boy's _____ to be both insulting and contemptible.
15. The liberal politician's support for the death penalty is _____ since it seems to contradict all that he has previously endorsed.
16. The man was so senile that most of the time he existed in a state of _____, not knowing anything.
17. Because the _____ man was so busily occupied at his work, he did not notice when the clock indicated that it was time to go home.
18. He was charged with _____ for lying to the grand jury.
19. He is considered an _____ traitor due to his disgraceful acts.
20. She keeps _____ in her opinion of the man; one day she likes him, but the next day she doesn't.
21. The _____ in the man's heart must be great if it leads him to murder someone who has merely insulted him; such bitterness and deep-seated ill will is horrible.
22. We were shocked by the man's apparent _____ concerning the situation, but we later realized how seriously earnest he was in spite of his flippancy.
23. Fortunately, the leader was not swayed by the flattery of the _____, and the group was able to hold together.
24. If you would not be so _____ and rash, you would not make so many mistakes.
25. Because the woman was so _____, he never had a chance to say anything while she was talking.