

# Lesson 9

## Definitions



1.	<b>ambiguous</b>	am BIG yew us	having more than one meaning; unclear, uncertain
	Synonyms >>	cryptic, enigmatic, equivocal, obscure	Antonym >> clear; certain
	Finding an ambiguous test question is frustrating, since more than one answer could be correct.		
	Derivatives >>	ambiguity, ambiguously, ambiguity	
2.	<b>amiable</b>	A mee uh bul	friendly, sociable, and congenial; civil and urbane
	Synonyms >>	good-natured, obliging, complaisant	Antonym >>
	She was blessed with having such an amiable friend who was almost always good-natured and obliging.		
	Derivatives >>	amiableness, amiably, amicable, amicability, amiability	
3.	<b>crass</b>	KRASS	coarse, crude, and unrefined
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> refined; sophisticated
	Using foul language in front of your mother is crass.		
	Derivatives >>	crassly, crassness, crassitude	
4.	<b>discursive</b>	deh SKUR siv	rambling, moving from one topic to another randomly
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> concise
	His discursive speech was hard to follow.		
	Derivatives >>	discursion, discursively, discursiveness	
5.	<b>docile</b>	DOS ul	easily managed, obedient, passive
	Synonyms >>	amenable, tractable	Antonym >> unruly; unmanageable
	The dog was docile until the doorbell rang.		
	Derivatives >>	docible, docibility, docilely, docility	
6.	<b>estrange</b>	eh STRANJ	to alienate, to separate
	Synonyms >>	disaffect, wean	Antonym >> to unite; to join
	The necessity to travel in his business may estrange him from his family for a short period of time.		
	Derivatives >>	estranged, estrangedness, estrangement	
7.	<b>exonerate</b>	ig ZON uh rate	to free from blame, obligation, or responsibility; to exculpate
	Synonyms >>	absolve, acquit, vindicate	Antonym >> to convict
	I need your testimony to exonerate me from this charge.		
	Derivatives >>	exoneration, exonerated, exoner	
8.	<b>gratuitous</b>	gruh TOO eh tus	given freely, unwarranted
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> demanded
	I resent your gratuitous comments because no one asked for them.		
	Derivatives >>	gratis, gratuitous, gratuitousness, gratuital, gratuitously	
9.	<b>hypothesize</b>	high POTH eh size	to reach a conclusion based on an assumption or something not proven
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to know with certainty
	Before you begin your experiment, you should hypothesize about the possible outcome.		
	Derivatives >>	hypothesized, hypothesis, hypotheses, hypothetical, hypothetically	
10.	<b>indignation</b>	in dig NAY shun	anger as a result of something unjust
	Synonyms >>	fury, ire, rage, wrath	Antonym >> serenity
	I have much indignation about the light sentence given to the drunk driver who ran over my child .		
	Derivatives >>	indignant, indignantly, indignance, indignify, indignities	
11.	<b>induce</b>	in DOOS, in DYOOOS	to bring on or to bring about
	Synonyms >>	cause, effect, influence, persuade, prevail	Antonym >> to impede
	His personality changes were induced by drugs.		
	Derivatives >>	induced, inducing, inducement, inducer	

12.	<b>intractable</b>	in TRAK tuh bul	stubborn, difficult to manage
	Synonyms >>	headstrong, recalcitrant, refractory, unruly, willful	Antonym >> manageable; agreeable
	The intractable child was a discipline problem in every class.		
	Derivatives >>	intractability, intractableness, intractably	
13.	<b>introspective</b>	in truh SPEK tiv	the quality of examining one's own mind or thoughts
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	I must be very introspective before I make my decision.		
	Derivatives >>	introspect, introspection, introspector, introspectable, introspectional, introspectively, introspectionism	
14.	<b>lucid</b>	LOO sid	easily understood, mentally sound
	Synonyms >>	perspicuous	Antonym >> obscure
	His lucid remarks helped everyone understand the new tax code.		
	Derivatives >>	lucidity, lucidly, lucidness	
15.	<b>meticulous</b>	muh TIK yuh lus	taking great care
	Synonyms >>	punctilious, scrupulous	Antonym >> careless
	I am usually very meticulous in completing my assignments.		
	Derivatives >>	meticulously, meticulousness	
16.	<b>misanthrope</b>	MIS un thrope	a hater of mankind
	Synonyms >>	misanthropist	Antonym >> philanthropist
	Hopefully, nuclear weapons will never fall into the hands of a misanthrope.		
	Derivatives >>	misanthropy, misanthropic, misanthropically, misanthropical, misanthropism, misanthropize	
17.	<b>munificent</b>	myoo NIF eh sent	very generous
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> parsimonious; stingy
	The munificent gift to the school was appreciated by all of the students.		
	Derivatives >>	munificence, munificency, munificently, munificentness	
18.	<b>plagiarize</b>	PLAY juh rize	to steal and to use another's writings as one's own
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to originate
	English teachers are always on the lookout for materials in themes that are plagiarized.		
	Derivatives >>	plagiarism, plagiarist, plagiaristic, plagiary	
19.	<b>profuse</b>	pruh FYOOS	extravagantly abundant, flowing freely
	Synonyms >>	lavish, lush, luxuriant, prodigal	Antonym >> meager
	Cutting that artery will cause profuse bleeding.		
	Derivatives >>	profusely, profuseness, profusion, profusive, profusively	
20.	<b>recluse</b>	REK loos	a person who lives in solitude, a hermit
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> cosmopolitan
	Howard Hughes is the most famous recluse of the century.		
	Derivatives >>	reclusion, reclusive	
21.	<b>sated</b>	SAY ted	satisfied fully, indulged to excess
	Synonyms >>	cloyed, glutted, gorged, palled, satiated, surfeited	Antonym >> ravenous
	He was quite sated after finishing the seven course meal.		
	Derivatives >>	sate, satiate, satiated, satiation, satiety	
22.	<b>stupefy</b>	STOO puh fie	to dull the senses as to put into a stupor
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to excite
	That boring lecture would stupefy anyone with any intelligence.		
	Derivatives >>	stupefyingly, stupefaction, stupeficient, stupefactive	
23.	<b>terse</b>	TERS	concise
	Synonyms >>	compendious, laconic, pithy, succinct, summary	Antonym >> long-winded
	The president gave a terse statement dismissing the charges of the opposing party.		
	Derivatives >>	tersely, terseness	
24.	<b>transient</b>	TRAN shunt	quickly passing, fleeting
	Synonyms >>	ephemeral, evanescent, fugitive, transitory	Antonym >> enduring; everlasting
	The moment of happiness she enjoyed was merely transient; soon she was depressed again.		
	Derivatives >>	transience, transiently, transiency, transience	
25.	<b>virtuoso</b>	vur choo OH so	one skilled in the fine arts as an accomplished musician, a savant
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> unskilled beginner
	Having played with some of the greatest symphonies in the world, he was known as a virtuoso.		
	Derivatives >>	virtuosity	

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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.  | ambiguous     | a. | to alienate; to separate                  |
| _____ | 2.  | amiable       | b. | to bring on or bring about                |
| _____ | 3.  | crass         | c. | not clear in meaning                      |
| _____ | 4.  | discursive    | d. | friendly; sociable; congenial             |
| _____ | 5.  | docile        | e. | examining one's own thoughts              |
| _____ | 6.  | estrangle     | f. | to free from blame; to exculpate          |
| _____ | 7.  | exonerate     | g. | given freely; unwarranted                 |
| _____ | 8.  | gratuitous    | h. | rambling                                  |
| _____ | 9.  | hypothesize   | i. | crude; unrefined                          |
| _____ | 10. | induce        | j. | stubborn; difficult to manage             |
| _____ | 11. | intractable   | k. | easily managed; obedient                  |
| _____ | 12. | introspective | l. | to reach a conclusion based on assumption |

### Exercise B

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|-------|-----|-------------|----|--|
| _____ | 1.  | indignation | a. | taking greatest care                   |
| _____ | 2.  | lucid       | b. | very generous                          |
| _____ | 3.  | meticulous  | c. | satisfied; filled                      |
| _____ | 4.  | misanthrope | d. | to use another's writings as one's own |
| _____ | 5.  | munificent  | e. | evident; clear; easily understood      |
| _____ | 6.  | plagiarize  | f. | abundant; flowing freely               |
| _____ | 7.  | profuse     | g. | quickly passing; fleeting              |
| _____ | 8.  | recluse     | h. | a hater of mankind                     |
| _____ | 9.  | sated       | i. | one skilled in the arts                |
| _____ | 10. | stupefy     | j. | concise; to the point                  |
| _____ | 11. | terse       | k. | hermit; person living in solitude      |
| _____ | 12. | transient   | l. | to dull the senses                     |
| _____ | 13. | virtuoso    | m. | anger as a result of something unjust  |

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### Sentence Completion



ambiguous	amiable	crass	discursive
docile	estranged	exonerate	gratuitous
hypothesize	indignation	induce	intractable

1. In the speech he tried to \_\_\_\_\_ a change in the people's attitude, but nothing he said could incite them to action.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ millionaire would never deny anyone's request for aid; he was always friendly and never reluctant to give.
3. The professor's tests were extremely hard because of their \_\_\_\_\_ questions; one could never be sure exactly what he was asking because each question seemed to have two meanings.
4. We might \_\_\_\_\_ that there was no oxygen on the earth and then try to find solutions to the problem.
5. The dog was \_\_\_\_\_ and easily managed until a cat ran across his path.
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ child was sent to the principal's office for the third time that day; he was totally unmanageable.
7. The witness took the stand with the hope that he could \_\_\_\_\_ his friend from conviction of the crime.
8. There seemed to be no main idea behind his \_\_\_\_\_ statements; he just rambled aimlessly.
9. The man's \_\_\_\_\_ comments were unsolicited; he gave them freely without being asked for an opinion.
10. The man's coarse and crude language emphasized his \_\_\_\_\_ manners.
11. Having been separated for two years, his \_\_\_\_\_ wife finally divorced him.
12. The brusque comments from the man caused a sense of \_\_\_\_\_ in the woman; she was not accustomed to such language and was quite insulted.

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introspective	lucid	meticulous	misanthrope	munificent
plagiarize	profuse	recluse	sated	stupefy
terse	transient	virtuoso		

13. The woman was \_\_\_\_\_ with her housecleaning; she felt that her house had to be spotless and orderly at all times.
14. Although the woman was burning with fever, she remained \_\_\_\_\_ and was able to give directions to the child about how to care for her.
15. The student carried the heavy books to his table and started to \_\_\_\_\_, stealing not only the words of the author but the ideas as well.
16. That author's style is concise; he wastes no words in his \_\_\_\_\_, succinct sentences.
17. The \_\_\_\_\_ woman was giving gifts not only to relatives she knew but also to strangers she did not know, simply because she enjoyed giving things to people.
18. The girl became rather \_\_\_\_\_ when she heard the news; she began to examine her own mind and thoughts about how she would deal with the information.
19. Homeless people are usually \_\_\_\_\_, moving from place to place, never staying long.
20. Before Stanley moved away from civilization to become a \_\_\_\_\_; he was a \_\_\_\_\_, hating everyone whom he met.
21. The hungry man made several return trips to the buffet table before he was finally \_\_\_\_\_.
22. The boring lecture would \_\_\_\_\_ anyone with the slightest bit of intelligence; half the audience fell asleep.
23. The cutting of that artery will result in \_\_\_\_\_ bleeding; without immediate medical attention, she could bleed to death.
24. Being an avid opera fan, I cherish the memory of the operatic \_\_\_\_\_ who recently passed away.