

# Lesson 2

## Definitions



1.	<b>antithesis</b>	an TI thuh sis	a direct opposite, a contrast
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> duplicate; same
	Good is the antithesis of evil.		
	Derivatives >>	antithetic, antithetical, antithetically	
2.	<b>ascend</b>	uh SEND	to move upward, to rise from a lower station
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to descend; to go down
	The climbers ascended the mountain.		
	Derivatives >>	ascendancy, ascendancy, ascendant, ascension, ascending, ascended	
3.	<b>austere</b>	aw STEER	strict, stern; unadorned, ascetic
	Synonyms >>	severe	Antonym >> indulgent
	Pioneers usually led an austere existence.		
	Derivatives >>	austereness, austere, austerity	
4.	<b>autonomous</b>	aw TON uh muhs	independent, self-contained
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> dependent
	One who is autonomous needs no help from others.		
	Derivatives >>	autonomic, autonomously, autonomy, autonomist	
5.	<b>banal</b>	BANE ul, buh NAL	common, ordinary, lacking freshness, hackneyed
	Synonyms >>	inane, insipid, jejune, vapid	Antonym >> fresh, unique, extraordinary
	Because of his use of overused trite remarks, his speeches are banal.		
	Derivatives >>	banality, banally	
6.	<b>benign</b>	buh NINE	not causing harm, of gentle disposition, beneficial
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> malignant, harmful
	The minister was loved because of his benign attitude toward all types of people.		
	Derivatives >>	benignly, benignant, benignancy, benignantly, benignity	
7.	<b>capricious</b>	kuh PRISH us	changing suddenly, fickle
	Synonyms >>	inconstant, mercurial, unstable	Antonym >> stable
	Her capricious moods are difficult to anticipate.		
	Derivatives >>	caprice, capriciously, capriciousness	
8.	<b>dawdle</b>	DOD ul	to waste time, to spend time idly, to move in a lackadaisical manner
	Synonyms >>	dally, loiter, procrastinate	Antonym >> to rush
	Since we have a deadline, do not dawdle over your work.		
	Derivatives >>	dawdled, dawdling	
9.	<b>defamation</b>	def uh MAY shun	act of harming or ruining another's reputation
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> adulation
	The defamation of another's character is a horrible thing.		
	Derivatives >>	defamatory, defame, defamed, defamer, defamingly	
10.	<b>esoteric</b>	es uh TER ik	understood only by a small group or a select few
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> obvious
	The English teachers were having an esoteric discussion about the correct usage of some obscure word.		
	Derivatives >>	esoterical, esoterically, esotericism, esotericist, esoterism, esotery	
11.	<b>exacerbate</b>	ig ZAS ur bate	to aggravate, to irritate, to vex
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to ameliorate; to soothe
	You will only exacerbate the situation if you try to call her.		
	Derivatives >>	exacerbatingly, exacerbation	

12.	<b>extol</b>	ik STOLE	to praise, to glorify	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> to defame
	The teacher would always extol students who tried to do their best.			
	Derivatives >>	extolled, extolling, extollingly, extollment, extoller		
13.	<b>fastidious</b>	fa STID ee us	reflecting a meticulous or demanding attitude, critical to an extreme	
	Synonyms >>	finicky	Antonym >> not meticulous	
	He considered her fastidious because she was offended by insignificant mistakes or errors.			
	Derivatives >>	fastidiously, fastidiousness, fastidium		
14.	<b>furtive</b>	FUR tiv	secret in an underhanded way, stealthy	
	Synonyms >>	clandestine, covert, stealthy, surreptitious, underhanded	Antonym >> bold	
	During the test, he made some furtive glances at other classmates' papers.			
	Derivatives >>	furtively, furtiveness		
15.	<b>gregarious</b>	greh GAR ee us	sociable and outgoing	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> shy; reserved
	He became much more gregarious after he developed an interest in girls.			
	Derivatives >>	gregariously, gregariousness		
16.	<b>hypocrite</b>	HIP uh krit	one who is insincere or deceitful	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> sincere person
	Saying one thing and then doing the other is the mark of a hypocrite.			
	Derivatives >>	hypocrites, hypocritical, hypocritically, hypocrital, hypocrisy		
17.	<b>innate</b>	eh NATE	existing from birth, inborn	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> learned
	He has innate athletic talents that cannot be taught.			
	Derivatives >>	innated, innately, innateness, innatism, innative		
18.	<b>lethargic</b>	luh THAR jik	sluggish, languid	
	Synonyms >>	stuporous, torpid	Antonym >> energetic	
	Having had too much to drink, he was very lethargic the morning after the party.			
	Derivatives >>	lethargically, lethargize, lethargy		
19.	<b>melancholy</b>	MEL un kol ee	depression of spirits	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> happiness
	After Dad lost his job, he fell into a state of melancholy.			
	Derivatives >>	melancholia, melancholic, melancholiac, melancholically, melancholily, melancholiness, melancholious		
20.	<b>opaque</b>	oh PAKE	not allowing the passage of light, not transparent; hard to understand	
	Synonyms >>	dark	Antonym >> transparent	
	I am going to place something opaque in the window so that no one will be able to see into this room.			
	Derivatives >>	opaquely, opaqueness, opaquer		
21.	<b>prolific</b>	pro LIF ik	abundantly fruitful, marked by great productivity	
	Synonyms >>	fecund, fertile	Antonym >> barren; unfruitful	
	Since he has written a great number of books in a short period, Stephen King is known as a prolific writer.			
	Derivatives >>	proliferation, proliferate, proliferative, proliferous, proliferously		
22.	<b>reprove</b>	reh PROOV	to scold or to rebuke for a misdeed usually with kindly intent	
	Synonyms >>	admonish, castigate, chastise, chide, rebuke, reproach	Antonym >> to approve; to applaud	
	A teacher sometimes needs to reprove a student for talking during class.			
	Derivatives >>	reprovable, reprovably, reprovably, reprovably, reprovably, reprovably, reprovably		
23.	<b>symmetry</b>	SIM eh tree	balanced proportions	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> lack of balance
	The symmetry of the gardens of Versailles creates a beautiful and balanced atmosphere.			
	Derivatives >>	symmetrical, symmetric, symmetrically, symmetricalness, symmetrization, symmetrize		
24.	<b>tranquil</b>	TRANG kwul	peaceful, calm	
	Synonyms >>	placid, serene	Antonym >> agitated	
	Weather in Texas can quickly change from tranquil to turbulent.			
	Derivatives >>	tranquilization, tranquilize, tranquility, tranquillness, tranquilizer		
25.	<b>venerate</b>	VEN uh rate	to honor, to revere	
	Synonyms >>	adore, worship	Antonym >>	
	Although I did not always agree with President Kennedy, I venerate his memory.			
	Derivatives >>	veneration, venerational, venerator, venerable, venerability		