

Lesson 4

Definitions



1.	aesthetic	uh THEH tic	relating or pertaining to a sense of beauty or art
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	He is considered to have aesthetic tastes because he loves beauty and the arts.		
	Derivatives >>	aesthete, aesthetical, aesthetically, aesthetician, aestheticism, aesthetics	
2.	aloof	uh LOOF	apart, indifferent
	Synonyms >>	detached, incurious, unconcerned	Antonym >> integrated; friendly
	The woman remained aloof during the party, separating herself from everyone else.		
	Derivatives >>	aloofness	
3.	archaic	are KAY ik	antiquated, old, out of use
	Synonyms >>	ancient, antique, obsolete, venerable	Antonym >> contemporary; modern
	Words such as "thou", which are no longer part of normal vocabulary, are archaic.		
	Derivatives >>	archaically, archaism, archaize, archaized, archaizing, archaizer	
4.	assuage	uh SWAYJ	to ease, to mitigate, to make less painful or burdensome, to calm
	Synonyms >>	allay, alleviate, lighten, soothe	Antonym >> to irritate; to intensify
	Your kind words should assuage her suffering. The medicine should assuage his pain.		
	Derivatives >>	assuaged, assuaging, assuagement, assuager	
5.	belie	buh LIE	to contradict, to give a false impression
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to support; to agree with
	Her first words appeared to belie all the wonderful things I had heard about her.		
	Derivatives >>	belied, belying, belier	
6.	contentious	kun TEN shus	quarrelsome, stirring controversy
	Synonyms >>	bellicose, belligerent, pugnacious	Antonym >> congenial; harmonious
	My contentious child will not listen to any form of reason.		
	Derivatives >>	contentiously, contentiousness, contention	
7.	daunt	DAWNT	to intimidate, to dismay
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to hearten
	I am not daunted by your threats.		
	Derivatives >>	dauntless, dauntlessly, dauntlessness	
8.	debilitate	deh BIL uh tate	to weaken, to enfeeble
	Synonyms >>	sap	Antonym >> to invigorate
	I was debilitated by my bout with pneumonia.		
	Derivatives >>	debilitated, debilitating, debilitation, debilitative, debility	
9.	discord	DIS kord	lack of agreement, tension, strife
	Synonyms >>	contention, dissension, variance	Antonym >> harmony; agreement
	There is a lot of discord in the nation over the issue of abortion.		
	Derivatives >>	discordance, discordancy, discordant, discordantly, discordantness	
10.	dissemination	deh sem uh NAY	the act of spreading widely; scattering
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> consolidation
	The dissemination of these ideas can best be achieved through television.		
	Derivatives >>	disseminate, disseminator	
11.	dogmatic	dog MAT ik	strongly opinionated in an unwarranted manner
	Synonyms >>	dictatorial, doctrinaire, magisterial, oracular	Antonym >> unopinionated; wishy-washy
	He was so dogmatic that having an intelligent discussion with him was impossible.		
	Derivatives >>	dogmatician, dogmatical, dogmatically, dogmaticalness, dogmaticism, dogmatism, dogmatize,	

12.	duplicity	doe PLIS eh tee	double-dealing, hypocrisy		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	sincerity; single-mindedness
	His duplicity was exposed when the girl he was seeing found out he was married.				
	Derivatives >>	duplicitous			
13.	egocentric	ee go SEN trik	self-centered, selfish		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	modest; selfless
	Egocentric people rarely show any concern for others.				
	Derivatives >>	egocentricity, egocentrism			
14.	euphemism	YOO fuh miz um	substitution of an inoffensive term for one that is offensive		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	coarse expression
	People frequently use a euphemism for the word "died." They commonly say someone "passed away."				
	Derivatives >>	euphemistic, euphemious, euphemiously, euphemistically, euphemize, euphemizer			
15.	gluttonous	GLUT uh nus	greedy for food and drink		
	Synonyms >>	rapacious, ravenous, voracious		Antonym >>	temperate
	I am so gluttonous that I would have great difficulty dieting.				
	Derivatives >>	glutton, gluttonize, gluttonously, gluttonousness			
16.	mundane	mun DANE	ordinary, commonplace		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	unusual; outstanding
	After I take care of these mundane matters, we can do something exciting.				
	Derivatives >>	mundanely, mundaneness, mundanity			
17.	ominous	OM uh nus	threatening		
	Synonyms >>	fateful, portentous		Antonym >>	harmless; non-threatening
	The ominous clouds were harbingers of the tornado.				
	Derivatives >>	ominously, ominousness			
18.	petulance	PECH uh luns	unreasonable touchiness or irritability		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	serenity
	Petulance is sometimes the trait of a child who is not getting his way.				
	Derivatives >>	petulant, petulancy, petulantly			
19.	pompous	POM pus	exaggerated show of dignity or self-importance, bombastic		
	Synonyms >>	ostentatious, pretentious		Antonym >>	humble; meek
	It is very pompous of him to believe that his ideas should always receive the first consideration.				
	Derivatives >>	pomp, pomposity, pompously, pompousness			
20.	precocious	preh KOE shus	exceptionally early in development or occurrence		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	backward
	A child prodigy is a young person who is very precocious.				
	Derivatives >>	precociousness, precosity, precociously			
21.	slothful	SLOTH ful	lazy, indolent		
	Synonyms >>	bovine		Antonym >>	industrious
	That student is so slothful that he has never done any of his homework assignments.				
	Derivatives >>	slothfully, slothfulness, sloth			
22.	trivia	TRIV ee uh	insignificant matters		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	important matters
	The English teacher is looking for substance, not trivia, in themes.				
	Derivatives >>	trivial, triviality, trivialization, trivialize, trivially			
23.	verbose	ver BOSE	wordy, very talkative		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	terse
	That professor is so verbose that it takes him an hour to cover material that should take fifteen minutes.				
	Derivatives >>	verbosely, verboseness, verbosity			
24.	virulent	VIR yuh lunt	extremely poisonous; hateful		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	harmless
	The doctor prescribed a lot of medication to arrest the virulent infection.				
	Derivatives >>	virulence, virulently			
25.	volatile	VOL uh til	quickly changeable, easily vaporized		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	static; unchangeable
	Because of his volatile temper, one must use caution in dealing with him.				
	Derivatives >>	volatileness, volatility, volatilization, volatilizable, volatilize			