

Lesson 5

Definitions



1.	acrimonious	ak ruh MONE ee us	caustic		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	cordial
		The prisoner of war had acrimonious remarks for those that mistreated him.			
	Derivatives >>	acrimony, acrimoniously, acrimoniousness			
2.	ameliorate	uh MEE lee o rate	to make better, to relieve, to improve		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to make worse; to aggravate
		Social workers attempt to ameliorate the conditions of people living in the slum areas.			
	Derivatives >>	ameliorated, ameliorating, ameliorable, ameliorant, ameliorative, ameliorator, amelioration			
3.	amenable	uh MEN uh bul	open to or willing to follow advice or suggestion, tractable, malleable		
	Synonyms >>	docile, obedient		Antonym >>	unwilling
		Since I like him and usually agree with him, I am always amenable to listening to his ideas.			
	Derivatives >>	amenability, amenableness, amenably			
4.	amorphous	uh MOR fuss	shapeless, having no definite form		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	structured
		In the science fiction movie, the amorphous mass terrorized the town.			
	Derivatives >>	amorphously, amorphousness, amorphism			
5.	buoyant	BOY unt	capable of floating; cheerful		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	likely to sink
		Because the log was buoyant, it stayed afloat. The girl's buoyant spirit made her pleasant company.			
	Derivatives >>	buoyancy, buoyance, buoyantly, buoyantness, buoy			
6.	cajole	kuh JOLE	to persuade with deliberate flattery, to coax, to wheedle		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to browbeat
		I will not be cajoled into allowing you to stay up past your bedtime.			
	Derivatives >>	cajoled, cajoling, cajolery, cajoleries, cajolement, cajoler			
7.	calamity	kuh LAM uh tee	a serious event causing distress or misfortune		
	Synonyms >>	cataclysm, catastrophe		Antonym >>	good fortune
		The earthquake in Mexico was a calamity.			
	Derivatives >>	calamitous, calamitously, calamitousness			
8.	debase	deh BASE	to reduce in dignity or quality		
	Synonyms >>	abase, corrupt, debauch, demean, deprave, pervert, vitiate		Antonym >>	to glorify
		Do not debase yourself by swearing.			
	Derivatives >>	debased, debasing, debasement, debaser, debasingly			
9.	efface	eh FASE	to erase, to wear away		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to make conspicuous
		The date on the coin has been effaced.			
	Derivatives >>	effaceable, effacement, effacer			
10.	elucidate	eh LOO seh date	to make clear, to explain		
	Synonyms >>	explicate, expound		Antonym >>	to confuse
		I will try to elucidate some of the important changes in the tax code.			
	Derivatives >>	elucidation, elucidative, elucidatory, elucidator			
11.	ephemeral	eh FEM ur ul	lasting a short period of time, fleeting		
	Synonyms >>	evanescent, fleeting, fugitive, transient, transitory		Antonym >>	lasting; timeless; eternal
		The microorganism had an ephemeral lifespan. It died shortly after it was created.			
	Derivatives >>	ephemerally, ephemerality, ephemerality, ephemeron, ephemorous			

12.	ferocity	fuh ROS eh tee	savagery		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	mildness
	A tiger is an animal that has ferocity.				
	Derivatives >>	ferocious, ferociously, ferociousness			
13.	flourish	FLUR ish	to thrive, to grow well		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to wither
	The company flourished after a new board of directors took control.				
	Derivatives >>	flourisher, flourishing, flourishingly, flourishy			
14.	haughty	HAW tee	arrogant, excessively proud and vain		
	Synonyms >>	disdainful, high-handed, insolent, lordly, supercilious		Antonym >>	humble
	Being quarterback of the football team does not give him the right to be haughty.				
	Derivatives >>	haughtily, haughtiness			
15.	impervious	im PUR vee us	incapable of being entered or penetrated, not capable of being damaged		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	penetrable
	Because this watch is impervious to water , I can go swimming while wearing it.				
	Derivatives >>	imperviously, imperviousness			
16.	inane	eh NANE	lacking significance, meaning, or point; silly, insipid		
	Synonyms >>	banal, flat, jejune, vapid		Antonym >>	pertinent; intelligent; significant
	Your comments are inane and are preventing the discussion of the main topic.				
	Derivatives >>	inanely, inanity, inanition			
17.	indolence	IN duh luns	laziness		
	Synonyms >>	slothfulness		Antonym >>	industriousness
	The hot and humid weather in the tropics encourages indolence.				
	Derivatives >>	indolent, indolency, indolently			
18.	infallible	in FAL uh bul	incapable of error		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	erroneous; fallacious
	Since everyone makes mistakes, no human is infallible.				
	Derivatives >>	infallibilism, infallibilist, infallibility, infallibleness, infallibly			
19.	inscrutable	in SKROO tuh bul	difficult to understand; mysterious		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	clear; readable; understandable
	He had us all confused with his inscrutable smile.				
	Derivatives >>	inscrutableness, inscrutably, inscrutability			
20.	languid	LANG gwid	slow, sluggish, listless, weak		
	Synonyms >>	lethargic, stuporous, torpid		Antonym >>	animated
	The old man's walk was languid, each pace requiring great effort.				
	Derivatives >>	languidly, languidness, languish, languisher, languishing, languishment			
21.	malice	MAL is	desire to harm others		
	Synonyms >>	malevolence, malignity, spite, spleen		Antonym >>	concern
	His death was caused by malice and was not accidental.				
	Derivatives >>	maliceful, malicious, maliciously, maliciousness			
22.	oblique	uh BLEEK	slanting, indirect, evasive, devious, misleading		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	direct
	Because of the suspect's oblique answers, our interrogation of him led us in the wrong direction.				
	Derivatives >>	obliquate, obliquation, obliquely, obliqueness, obliquely			
23.	opulence	OP yuh luns	wealth, affluence, abundance		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	meagerness, scarcity
	Until the recent decline in the price of oil, the Hunt name was synonymous with opulence.				
	Derivatives >>	opulent, opulently			
24.	penitent	PEN eh tunt	showing or feeling regret for wrongdoing, repentant		
	Synonyms >>	compunctual, contrite, remorseful		Antonym >>	unrepentant
	He became penitent when he realized that his prank resulted in serious injury.				
	Derivatives >>	penitence, penitency, penitential			
25.	perfunctory	pur FUNGK tuh ree	acting routinely with little interest or care		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	concerned; diligent
	Due to his perfunctory manner of inspecting the factory, he did not notice some serious problems.				
	Derivatives >>	perfunctorily, perfunctoriness, perfunctorious, perfunctoriously			