

Lesson 7

Definitions



1.	abhor	ab HOR	to regard with extreme repugnance; to detest utterly; to loathe
	Synonyms >>	despise, abominate	Antonym >> to admire
	If there is one particular food I abhor, it is hominy.		
	Derivatives >>	abhorred, abhorring, abhorrer, abhorrence, abhorrent, abhorrently	
2.	accolade	AK uh layd	praise, an award
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> censure
	He received many accolades for being an excellent teacher.		
	Derivatives >>	accolades	
3.	ascetic	uh SET ik	one who leads a life of self-denial and contemplation; absent of luxury
	Synonyms >>	austere, severe, stern	Antonym >> sensual
	The rich playboy could not understand the ascetic life led by the monk.		
	Derivatives >>	ascetical, asceticism, ascetically	
4.	bequeath	buh KWEETH	to hand down, to give or to leave in a will
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to keep; to hoard
	I bequeathed my gym shorts to my brother after I graduated from high school.		
	Derivatives >>	bequeathal, bequest, bequeathed	
5.	charlatan	SHAR luh tun	one who claims to know something that he does not, a quack
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> a professional; authentic authority
	The side show featured a charlatan posing as a mind reader.		
	Derivatives >>	charlatanic, charlatanism, charlatanry	
6.	conflagration	kon fluh GRAY shun	a large fire
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> small flame
	Some believe that the earth will be destroyed by a large conflagration.		
	Derivatives >>	conflagrations, conflagrant, conflagrate, conflagrator, conflagratory	
7.	dearth	DERTH	a lack, a scarcity
	Synonyms >>	paucity	Antonym >> adequate supply
	The dearth of water in the arid country led to numerous deaths.		
	Derivatives >>	dearths	
8.	diffidence	DIF eh duns	shyness, reserve, unassertiveness
	Synonyms >>	bashfulness, modesty	Antonym >> confidence
	Because of his diffidence, he would not ask any girl to the prom.		
	Derivatives >>	diffidency, diffident, diffidently, diffidentness	
9.	effervescent	ef ur VES unt	showing high spirits
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	She put me in a good mood because she was always so effervescent.		
	Derivatives >>	effervesce, effervescence, effervescently, effervescingly, effervescible	
10.	ethereal	eh THER ee ul	heavenly, unusually delicate, light, lacking material substance, intangible
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> earthly; mundane
	The ethereal sounds of the music soothed and calmed the patient.		
	Derivatives >>	etherealness, ethereality, etherealization, etherealize	
11.	expunge	ik SPUNJ	to remove, to erase
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to add to
	Their names were expunged from the social register after they were convicted of selling cocaine.		
	Derivatives >>	expunged, expunging, expunction	

12.	guile	GILE	deceitfulness, duplicity		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	openness; candor
		The woman was the unfortunate victim of guile and deceit when she lost her money to that swindler.			
	Derivatives >>	guileful, guilefully, guilefulness, guileness, guilelessly, guilelessness, guilery			
13.	implausible	im PLAU zuh bul	not believable		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	believable
		His explanation of the accident is so implausible that no jury will believe him.			
	Derivatives >>	implausibility, implausibleness, implausibly			
14.	incongruity	in kon GROO eh tee	nonconformity, disagreement, incompatibility		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	agreement
		The incongruity between the two stories led me to doubt the accuracy of either report.			
	Derivatives >>	incongruent, incongruently, incongruence, incongruous, incongruously, incongruousness			
15.	insularity	in suh LAR eh tee	qualities of an island; narrow-mindedness of opinion		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	broad-mindedness
		The insularity of the president made it difficult to get a motion passed.			
	Derivatives >>	insularly, insular, insularize			
16.	morose	muh ROSE	being sullen or gloomy		
	Synonyms >>	crabbed, glum, saturnine, sulky, surly		Antonym >>	cheerful
		He was very morose after his wife left him.			
	Derivatives >>	morosely, moroseness, morosity			
17.	placate	PLAY kate	to appease or to pacify by making concessions		
	Synonyms >>	conciliate, mollification, propitiate		Antonym >>	to antagonize
		My wife is so angry at me that I cannot placate her.			
	Derivatives >>	placater, placating, placatingly, placation, placative, placatory			
18.	poignant	POIN yunt	piercing, incisive, and keen		
	Synonyms >>	piquant, pungent, racy		Antonym >>	dull
		The man's poignant words struck the very heart of the matter.			
	Derivatives >>	poignance, poignancy, poignantly			
19.	provincial	pruh VEN shul	lacking sophistication, narrow-minded		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	sophisticated
		Her parents are so provincial that they believe they should arrange her marriage.			
	Derivatives >>	provinciate, provincialism, provinciality, provincialization			
20.	reiterate	ree IT uh rate	to repeat		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to fail to repeat
		I hope that I am not becoming redundant by again reiterating the key facts.			
	Derivatives >>	reiteration, reiteratedly, reiterative, reiteratively			
21.	spontaneous	spou TAY nee us	having no external cause, acting on impulse		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	planned
		He knew exactly what I was thinking because my reaction was so spontaneous.			
	Derivatives >>	spontaneously, spontaneousness, spontaneity			
22.	synthesis	SIN thuh sis	combining parts into a whole		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	disjoining
		Before the project is complete, we need to establish synthesis.			
	Derivatives >>	synthesist, synthesize, synthesizer			
23.	toxic	TOK sik	poisonous		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	healthful; harmless
		Carbon monoxide is toxic to animal life.			
	Derivatives >>	toxical, toxicant, toxify, toxiferous, toxin, toxical, toxicity			
24.	vigilant	VIJ uh lunt	very alert, watchful		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	unconcerned; inattentive
		I have been vigilant in trying to find the thief.			
	Derivatives >>	vigilance, vigilantly, vigilantness, vigil			
25.	voluble	VOL yuh bul	ability to use words easily, fluent and glib		
	Synonyms >>	garrulous, loquacious		Antonym >>	taciturn
		A disc jockey needs to be a voluble speaker.			
	Derivatives >>	volubility, volubleness, volubly			