

Lesson 8

Definitions



1.	acquiesce	AK wee es	to give in, to comply		
	Synonyms >>	accede, agree, assent, consent, subscribe		Antonym >>	to object; to disagree
		I was so desperate that I had to acquiesce to his demands.			
	Derivatives >>	acquiescence, acquiescent, acquiescingly, acquiescently			
2.	affinity	uh FIN uh tee	a likeness, a natural relationship, a kinship		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	repulsion
		Having suffered himself, he felt an affinity for the homeless.			
	Derivatives >>	affinitive			
3.	blasphemous	BLAS fuh mus	irreverent, profane		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	sacred; reverent
		Telling that sacrilegious joke is blasphemous.			
	Derivatives >>	blaspheme, blasphemed, blaspheming, blaspemer, blasphemousness, blasphemously, blasphemy			
4.	buttress	BUH tris	a support or prop		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
		Many cathedrals are supported by buttresses.			
	Derivatives >>	buttresses, buttressless			
5.	circumspect	SIR kum spekt	careful to consider consequences, cautious, prudent		
	Synonyms >>	chary, wary		Antonym >>	reckless; careless; indiscreet
		Her circumspect behavior left no doubts as to her integrity.			
	Derivatives >>	circumspectness, circumspectly, circumspection, circumspective			
6.	corroboration	kuh rob uh RAY shun	confirmation		
	Synonyms >>	authentication, substantiation, validation, verification		Antonym >>	refutation
		Fortunately, I had some corroboration for my whereabouts on the night of the crime.			
	Derivatives >>	corroborate, corroborated, corroborating, corroboratory, corroboratively, corroborator			
7.	deplete	deh PLETE	to use up gradually, to lessen in amount or value		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to restore
		Our oil reserves have been depleted because of years of drilling and pumping.			
	Derivatives >>	depleted, depleting, depletion, depletive, depletable			
8.	despotic	deh SPOT ik	ruling oppressively and absolutely; tyrannical		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	ruling democratically
		Americans do not like despotic behavior.			
	Derivatives >>	despotic, despotically, despotism, despotist, despotize, despot			
9.	emaciated	eh MAY she ay tid	very thin (usually as a result of starvation), wasting away		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	fat; corpulent
		As a result of receiving little food, most prisoners of concentration camps become extremely emaciated.			
	Derivatives >>	emaciate, emaciation			
10.	empirical	em PEER eh kul	based on observation or experiment and not on theory		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	theoretical
		We need some empirical data to make our case solid.			
	Derivatives >>	empiric, empiricism, empiricist, empirics, empirism			
11.	extraneous	ik STRAY nee us	not essential or vital		
	Synonyms >>	alien, extrinsic, foreign		Antonym >>	essential
		The extraneous assignments left the student with little time for himself.			
	Derivatives >>	extraneously, extraneousness			

12.	fallow	FAL ow	inactive, plowed but not sowed
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> active
	In order for land to be productive, it must lie fallow occasionally.		
	Derivatives >>	fallowness	
13.	homogeneous	hoe muh JEE nee us	of the same kind
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> heterogeneous
	To get the best results with this research, we need a homogeneous group of people to fill out the questionnaire.		
	Derivatives >>	homogeneously, homogeneousness	
14.	hyperbole	hi PER buh lee	obvious exaggeration
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> understatement
	You have often heard the hyperbole "I've told you a million times;" it's an obvious exaggeration.		
	Derivatives >>	hyperbolic, hyperbolically, hyperbolic, hyperbolism	
15.	incontrovertible	in kon truh VUR tuh	indisputable
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> disputable; arguable
	The district attorney was looking for incontrovertible evidence to prove that the accused arsonist burned the bank.		
	Derivatives >>	incontrovertibly	
16.	irascible	uh RAS uh bul	irritable, easily angered, cranky, cross
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> impassive; imperturbable
	Just about anything could set off his irascible temper.		
	Derivatives >>	irascibleness, irascibly, irascibility	
17.	laconic	luh KON ik	using a minimum of words; concise to the point of seeming rude
	Synonyms >>	compendious, concise, pithy, succinct, summary, terse	Antonym >> verbose
	After the loss, the coach's remarks were laconic.		
	Derivatives >>	laconian, laconical, laconically, laconicism, laconism	
18.	magnanimity	mag nuh NIM eh tee	having a lofty, generous, and courageous spirit
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> greed; stinginess
	The magnanimity of the king endeared him to his subjects.		
	Derivatives >>	magnanimous, magnanimously, magnanimousness	
19.	obsequious	ub SEE kwee us	overly attentive, like a sycophant, servile
	Synonyms >>	slavish, subservient	Antonym >> disinterested
	I believe that his obsequious behavior toward his grandmother is to ensure being included in the will.		
	Derivatives >>	obsequence, obsequent, obsequience, obsequiously, obsequiousness, obsequity	
20.	proliferation	pro lif uh RAY shun	an increase in number, multiplication
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> decline; decrease
	Many are afraid of nuclear proliferation and the possibility that a terrorist country will explode a bomb.		
	Derivatives >>	proliferate, proliferative, proliferous, proliferously, prolific	
21.	scrupulous	SKROO pyuh lus	very principled, very careful and conscientious
	Synonyms >>	meticulous, punctilious	Antonym >> unprincipled
	The scrupulous police officer never took a bribe, and he ceaselessly tried to prevent crime.		
	Derivatives >>	scruple, scrupulosity, scrupulousness, scrupulously	
22.	sublime	suh BLIME	exalted, noble, uplifting
	Synonyms >>	resplendent, superb	Antonym >>
	The romantic dinner, which included delicious food, soft music, and a beautiful setting, was simply sublime.		
	Derivatives >>	sublimely, sublimeness, sublimer	
23.	surreptitious	sur up TISH us	secret, clandestine, stealthy
	Synonyms >>	covert, furtive, underhanded	Antonym >> aboveboard; in an open manner
	The Watergate burglars tried to attain information in a surreptitious manner.		
	Derivatives >>	surreptitiously	
24.	veracity	vuh RAS eh tee	devotion to the truth
	Synonyms >>	truthfulness, accuracy, correctness	Antonym >>
	The lawyer had no confidence in the veracity of the witness.		
	Derivatives >>	veracious, veraciously, veraciousness	
25.	zeal	ZEEL	enthusiasm, fervor
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> lack of enthusiasm
	To the delight of his students, he brought great zeal to the teaching profession.		
	Derivatives >>	zeals, zealous, zealot, zealotic, zealotism, zealotry	