

Lesson 9

Definitions



1.	ambiguous	am BIG yew us	having more than one meaning; unclear, uncertain
	Synonyms >>	cryptic, enigmatic, equivocal, obscure	Antonym >> clear; certain
	Finding an ambiguous test question is frustrating, since more than one answer could be correct.		
	Derivatives >>	ambiguity, ambiguously, ambiguousness	
2.	amiable	A mee uh bul	friendly, sociable, and congenial; civil and urbane
	Synonyms >>	good-natured, obliging, complaisant	Antonym >>
	She was blessed with having such an amiable friend who was almost always good-natured and obliging.		
	Derivatives >>	amiableness, amiably, amicable, amicability, amiability	
3.	crass	KRASS	coarse, crude, and unrefined
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> refined; sophisticated
	Using foul language in front of your mother is crass.		
	Derivatives >>	crassly, crassness, crassitude	
4.	discursive	deh SKUR siv	rambling, moving from one topic to another randomly
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> concise
	His discursive speech was hard to follow.		
	Derivatives >>	discursion, discursively, discursiveness	
5.	docile	DOS ul	easily managed, obedient, passive
	Synonyms >>	amenable, tractable	Antonym >> unruly; unmanageable
	The dog was docile until the doorbell rang.		
	Derivatives >>	docible, docibility, docilely, docility	
6.	estrangle	eh STRANJ	to alienate, to separate
	Synonyms >>	disaffect, wean	Antonym >> to unite; to join
	The necessity to travel in his business may estrange him from his family for a short period of time.		
	Derivatives >>	estranged, estrangedness, estrangement	
7.	exonerate	ig ZON uh rate	to free from blame, obligation, or responsibility; to exculpate
	Synonyms >>	absolve, acquit, vindicate	Antonym >> to convict
	I need your testimony to exonerate me from this charge.		
	Derivatives >>	exoneration, exonerated, exoner	
8.	gratuitous	gruh TOO eh tus	given freely, unwarranted
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> demanded
	I resent your gratuitous comments because no one asked for them.		
	Derivatives >>	gratis, gratuitous, gratuitousness, gratuital, gratuitously	
9.	hypothesize	high POTH eh size	to reach a conclusion based on an assumption or something not proven
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to know with certainty
	Before you begin your experiment, you should hypothesize about the possible outcome.		
	Derivatives >>	hypothesized, hypothesis, hypotheses, hypothetical, hypothetically	
10.	indignation	in dig NAY shun	anger as a result of something unjust
	Synonyms >>	fury, ire, rage, wrath	Antonym >> serenity
	I have much indignation about the light sentence given to the drunk driver who ran over my child .		
	Derivatives >>	indignant, indignantly, indignance, indignify, indignities	
11.	induce	in DOOS, in DYOOS	to bring on or to bring about
	Synonyms >>	cause, effect, influence, persuade, prevail	Antonym >> to impede
	His personality changes were induced by drugs.		
	Derivatives >>	induced, inducing, inducement, inducer	

12.	intractable	in TRAK tuh bul	stubborn, difficult to manage
	Synonyms >>	headstrong, recalcitrant, refractory, unruly, willful	Antonym >> manageable; agreeable
	The intractable child was a discipline problem in every class.		
	Derivatives >>	intractability, intractableness, intractably	
13.	introspective	in truh SPEK tiv	the quality of examining one's own mind or thoughts
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	I must be very introspective before I make my decision.		
	Derivatives >>	introspect, introspection, introspector, introspectable, introspectional, introspectively, introspectionism	
14.	lucid	LOO sid	easily understood, mentally sound
	Synonyms >>	perspicuous	Antonym >> obscure
	His lucid remarks helped everyone understand the new tax code.		
	Derivatives >>	lucidity, lucidly, lucidness	
15.	meticulous	muh TIK yuh lus	taking great care
	Synonyms >>	punctilious, scrupulous	Antonym >> careless
	I am usually very meticulous in completing my assignments.		
	Derivatives >>	meticulously, meticulousness	
16.	misanthrope	MIS un thrope	a hater of mankind
	Synonyms >>	misanthropist	Antonym >> philanthropist
	Hopefully, nuclear weapons will never fall into the hands of a misanthrope.		
	Derivatives >>	misanthropy, misanthropic, misanthropically, misanthropical, misanthropism, misanthropize	
17.	munificent	myoo NIF eh sent	very generous
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> parsimonious; stingy
	The munificent gift to the school was appreciated by all of the students.		
	Derivatives >>	munificence, munificency, munificently, munificentness	
18.	plagiarize	PLAY juh rize	to steal and to use another's writings as one's own
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to originate
	English teachers are always on the lookout for materials in themes that are plagiarized.		
	Derivatives >>	plagiarism, plagiarist, plagiaristic, plagiary	
19.	profuse	pruh FYOOS	extravagantly abundant, flowing freely
	Synonyms >>	lavish, lush, luxuriant, prodigal	Antonym >> meager
	Cutting that artery will cause profuse bleeding.		
	Derivatives >>	profusely, profuseness, profusion, profusive, profusively	
20.	recluse	REK loos	a person who lives in solitude, a hermit
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> cosmopolitan
	Howard Hughes is the most famous recluse of the century.		
	Derivatives >>	reclusion, reclusive	
21.	sated	SAY ted	satisfied fully, indulged to excess
	Synonyms >>	cloyed, glutted, gorged, palled, satiated, surfeited	Antonym >> ravenous
	He was quite sated after finishing the seven course meal.		
	Derivatives >>	sate, satiate, satiated, satiation, satiety	
22.	stupefy	STOO puh fie	to dull the senses as to put into a stupor
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to excite
	That boring lecture would stupefy anyone with any intelligence.		
	Derivatives >>	stupefyingly, stupefaction, stupefacient, stupefactive	
23.	terse	TERS	concise
	Synonyms >>	compendious, laconic, pithy, succinct, summary	Antonym >> long-winded
	The president gave a terse statement dismissing the charges of the opposing party.		
	Derivatives >>	tersely, terseness	
24.	transient	TRAN shunt	quickly passing, fleeting
	Synonyms >>	ephemeral, evanescent, fugitive, transitory	Antonym >> enduring; everlasting
	The moment of happiness she enjoyed was merely transient; soon she was depressed again.		
	Derivatives >>	transience, transiently, transiency, transience	
25.	virtuoso	vur choo OH so	one skilled in the fine arts as an accomplished musician, a savant
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> unskilled beginner
	Having played with some of the greatest symphonies in the world, he was known as a virtuoso.		
	Derivatives >>	virtuosity	