

Lesson 10

Definitions



1.	abstracted	ab STRAK ted	removed in thought from the immediate situation, lost in one's own mind
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> attentive
	The child, thinking of Christmas, had an abstracted look on his face.		
2.	adulation	ad u LAY shun	extreme praise or admiration
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> defamation; slander
	Due to the great adulation of the crowds, the politician thought that he might win the election.		
3.	adversity	ad VER suh tee	misfortune, unfavorable happening
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> prosperity
	He has suffered much adversity by first losing his job and then losing his wife.		
4.	burgeon	BUR jun	to sprout, to newly emerge
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to shrivel and die; to wither
	Plants burgeon with the coming of spring.		
5.	chimera	kuh MEER uh	a fantasy; a horrible creature of the imagination
	Synonyms >>	fantasy , vision	Antonym >> gentle creature
	He is not the chimera your fears have made him in your mind.		
6.	culpable	KUL puh bul	deserving blame; guilty
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> blameless
	He was culpable for his children's constant bad behavior.		
7.	decadent	DEK uh dunt	decaying
	Synonyms >>	declined, degenerated	Antonym >> flourishing
	Drugs, prostitution, and crime are signs of a decadent society.		
8.	entreaty	en TREE tee	a plea, an earnest request
	Synonyms >>	adjuration, appeal, suit, importunity, supplication	Antonym >> denial
	The lawyer made a lengthy entreaty to the jury before they retired to chambers.		
9.	fatuous	FACH oo us	foolish, silly in an obnoxious way, inane
	Synonyms >>	asinine, silly, simple	Antonym >> sensible
	The woman was fatuous to think that she needed three thousand pairs of shoes.		
10.	humane	hyoo MANE	kind, compassionate, sympathetic and considerate
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> brutal
	The United States was very humane in its treatment of prisoners of war.		
11.	indulgent	in DUL junt	lenient, especially toward oneself
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> harsh; strict
	The boy did not learn respect from his indulgent parents.		
	Derivatives >>	indulge, indulged, indulging, indulgence, indulgently, indulger	

12.	ineptness	in EPT nes	lack of competence or judgment
	Synonyms >>	gauche, maladroït	Antonym >> expertise
	The evidence of his ineptness as a coach is his poor win-loss record.		
	Derivatives >>	inept, ineptly, ineptitude	
13.	ingrate	IN grate	an ungrateful person
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> grateful person
	I was stunned when I didn't even receive a "thank you" from the ingrate.		
	Derivatives >>	ingrateful	
14.	inundate	IN un date	to flood, to overflow
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to drain
	The television station was inundated with phone calls when the basketball game was interrupted.		
	Derivatives >>	inundable, inundant, inundation, inundator, inundatory	
15.	miser	MY zur	one who lives in wretched circumstances to save and hoard money
	Synonyms >>	niggard, skinflint, tightwad, pinchpenny	Antonym >> one who spends money easily
	The old miser lived in a shack but was actually a millionaire.		
	Derivatives >>	miserly, miserliness	
16.	nefarious	neh FARE ee us	extremely wicked, evil, vicious
	Synonyms >>	degenerate, iniquitous, villainous	Antonym >> righteous
	Hitler's treatment of Jewish people was a sign that he was a very nefarious person.		
	Derivatives >>	nefariously, nefariousness	
17.	prattle	PRAT ul	meaningless sounds, babble
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> articulate language
	I have difficulty understanding the prattle of young children.		
	Derivatives >>	prattled, prattling, prattlement, prattler, prattlingly	
18.	predilection	pred uh LEK shun	preference
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> dislike; disinclination
	He has a predilection for fish when he goes out to eat.		
	Derivatives >>	predilect, predilected	
19.	procrastinate	pro KRAS tuh nate	to defer action; to delay
	Synonyms >>	prolong, postpone	Antonym >>
	We try not to procrastinate when asked to do a job.		
	Derivatives >>	procrastinated, procrastinating, procrastinatingly, procrastinatively, procrastination, procrastinative,	
20.	stoic	STOW ik	a stoical person; not showing passion or feeling, indifference, impassive
	Synonyms >>	apathetic, phlegmatic, stolid	Antonym >> impassioned; ardent
	The umpire remained quite stoic despite the manager's screaming and the intense booing of the crowd.		
	Derivatives >>	stoical, stoically, stoicism	
21.	suffrage	SUF rij	right to vote
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> lack of franchise
	Woman's suffrage was a movement and a cause at the beginning of the twentieth century.		
	Derivatives >>	suffragette, suffragettism, suffragism, suffragist	
22.	summon	SUM un	to call together, to send for or to request to appear
	Synonyms >>	convene, convoke, muster	Antonym >> to turn away
	I am frightened because I have been summoned to the principal's office.		
	Derivatives >>	summoner, summons	
23.	transparent	trans PARE unt	quality of being able to be seen through, clear
	Synonyms >>	limpid, translucent	Antonym >> opaque
	Glass is a transparent substance.		
	Derivatives >>	transparently, transparentness, transparency	
24.	turbulence	TUR byuh luns	wild or disturbing activity
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> stillness
	There is a lot of turbulence during a hurricane.		
	Derivatives >>	turbulent, turbulation, turbulator, turbulency, turbulently	
25.	viable	VIE uh bul	capable of working, functioning, or developing adequately
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> moribund; incapable of
	He is a viable candidate because he has experience and can attract votes.		
	Derivatives >>	viability, viably	