

Lesson 11

Definitions



1.	abet	uh BET	to encourage or to assist (usually an offense against justice or the law)
	Synonyms >>	foment, incite, instigate	Antonym >> to discourage; to interfere
	To aid and abet an enemy of the country is a crime.		
	Derivatives >>	abetment, abettor, abetted, abetting	
2.	agile	AJ uhl	characterized by ability to move quickly with suppleness and grace
	Synonyms >>	nimble, brisk, spry	Antonym >> clumsy
	The girl's agile movements were the mark of a great gymnast.		
	Derivatives >>	agilely, agility	
3.	antidote	AN teh dote	something that relieves the effects of poison
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> poison
	A snake bite need not be deadly, as long as one can get an antidote quickly.		
	Derivatives >>	antidotal	
4.	ascertain	as sur TANE	to find out definitely; to determine
	Synonyms >>	learn	Antonym >>
	The detective attempted to ascertain the truth through his questioning of the suspect.		
	Derivatives >>	ascertainable, ascertainableness, ascertainably, ascertainment, ascertained	
5.	benevolence	buh NEV uh lunz	kindness, generosity, charity
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> antagonism; avarice; malevolence
	His benevolence was shown when he set up soup kitchens for the poor.		
	Derivatives >>	benevolent, benevolently	
6.	desolate	DES uh lit	deserted, without inhabitants, barren
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> populous
	Some of the western states have large areas that are desolate.		
	Derivatives >>	desolately, desolateness, desolater, desolating, desolation	
7.	din	DEN	loud and discordant noises, cacophony
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> euphony
	The din in the senate was so great that I could not hear the speaker.		
	Derivatives >>	dins, dinned, dinning	
8.	dissuade	deh SWADE	to advise against, to talk out of
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to persuade, to encourage
	I tried to dissuade him from going over Niagara Falls in a barrel, but he would not listen.		
	Derivatives >>	dissuable, dissuasion, dissuasive, dissuasively, dissuasiveness	
9.	distend	deh STEND	to expand, to swell
	Synonyms >>	amplify, dilate, inflate	Antonym >> to contract
	If a balloon is distended too much, it will break.		
	Derivatives >>	distended, distendedly, distendedness, distensibility, distensible, distensile, distension, distention, distensive	
10.	enervation	en er VAY shun	weakness
	Synonyms >>	emasculatation	Antonym >> strength
	A poor diet will cause enervation.		
	Derivatives >>	enervate, enervated, enervator	
11.	eulogy	YOO luh jee	praise or tribute
	Synonyms >>	encomium, panegyric, tribute	Antonym >> defamation
	The young woman presented a touching eulogy at her father's funeral.		
	Derivatives >>	eulogic, eulogious, eulogism, eulogist, eulogistic, eulogium, eulogization, eulogize, eulogizer	

12.	fitful	FIT ful	irregular		
	Synonyms >>	convulsive, spasmodic		Antonym >>	constant
	Due to fitful sleep last night, I am not rested.				
	Derivatives >>	fitfully, fitfulness			
13.	indelible	in DEL uh bul	cannot be removed, washed away or erased		
	Synonyms >>	permanent, lasting		Antonym >>	fleeting
	Her comments made an indelible impression on his mind, and he was never able to forget.				
	Derivatives >>	indelibility, indelibly			
14.	inert	in URT	unable to move or to act, sluggish		
	Synonyms >>	idle, passive, supine		Antonym >>	active
	It takes a long time to get things done when we must depend on inert bureaucrats.				
	Derivatives >>	inertia, inertial, inertion, inertness, inertly			
15.	malevolence	muh LEV uh lens	ill will or evil intentions		
	Synonyms >>	malice, malignity, spite, spleen		Antonym >>	benevolence
	The old man's malevolence was obvious when he removed the girl from his will.				
	Derivatives >>	malevolent, malevolently			
16.	obliterate	uh BLIT eh rate	to remove all traces of; to do away with; to destroy completely; to cancel		
	Synonyms >>	expunge, efface		Antonym >>	
	The men began to obliterate the old building.				
	Derivatives >>	obliterated, obliterating, obliterable, obliteration, oblitative			
17.	ornate	or NATE	excessively decorated		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	austere, bare
	The ornate Christmas tree provided us with many hours of pleasure.				
	Derivatives >>	ornately, ornateness, ornature			
18.	paucity	PAH seh tee	scarcity, fewness of number, dearth		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	plenty
	The low achievement test scores indicate that I have a paucity of intelligent students this year.				
	Derivatives >>	pauciloquy			
19.	piety	PIE eh tee	devotion and reverence to God		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	irreverence
	The man was noted for his piety and devotion to the church.				
	Derivatives >>	pietism, pietist, pietistic, pietistically			
20.	precarious	pre KARE ee us	dangerous, risky, not a secure situation		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	safe
	It seems that a tightrope walker is often in a precarious situation.				
	Derivatives >>	precariously, precariousness			
21.	prosaic	pro ZAY ik	commonplace, uninspired, banal		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	imaginative
	Because his writings are so prosaic, I find them boring and unimaginative.				
	Derivatives >>	prosaical, prosaically, prosaicalness, prosaicism, prosaism, prosaist			
22.	quiescent	kwee ES unt	inactive, dormant		
	Synonyms >>	abeyance, latent		Antonym >>	active
	The eruption was a surprise because the volcano had been quiescent for many years.				
	Derivatives >>	quiescence, quiesce, quiescency, quiescently			
23.	scintillating	SIN tuh lay ting	sparkling, shining, or flashing		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	dull
	The fireworks during a Fourth of July celebration are a scintillating display.				
	Derivatives >>	scintillate, scintillant, scintillantly, scintillatingly, scintillation, scintillator, scintillescent			
24.	squalid	SKWOL id	filthy in appearance, sordid		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	clean
	There are squalid and depressed areas in most of the world's major cities.				
	Derivatives >>	squalidity, squalidly, squalidness			
25.	vexation	vek SAY shun	discomfort or distress		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	pleasantry
	The young children were a source of vexation to their nervous, neurotic mother.				
	Derivatives >>	vex, vexatious, vexedly, vexedness, vexingly			