

Lesson 12

Definitions



1.	abridge	uh BRIJ	to shorten, to diminish		
	Synonyms >>	abbreviate, curtail, retrench, shorten		Antonym >>	to expand
		Some companies publish abridged versions of novels.			
	Derivatives >>	abridgable, abridged, abridger, abridgment			
2.	alacrity	uh LAK ruh tee	prompt and cheerful response		
	Synonyms >>	celerity		Antonym >>	indolence
		I accepted his invitation to the prom with alacrity.			
	Derivatives >>	alacritous			
3.	antipathy	an TIP uh thee	a dislike, distaste, or enmity		
	Synonyms >>	animosity, animus, antagonism, hostility, rancor		Antonym >>	propensity; amity
		The woman's obvious antipathy toward snakes surfaced when she came into contact with the slithering reptile.			
	Derivatives >>	antipathetic, antipathic, antipathist, antipathize, antipathies			
4.	augment	awg MENT	to make greater or to supplement		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to diminish
		We must try to augment our savings this year.			
	Derivatives >>	augmentable, augments, augmentation, augmentative, augmented			
5.	bombastic	bom BASS tik	using inflated language, pompous		
	Synonyms >>	claptrap, declamatory, fustian, ranting, rodomontade		Antonym >>	meek; humble
		The politician was bombastic as he railed against big government.			
	Derivatives >>	bombastically, bombastical			
6.	decry	deh KRY	to speak against, to rail against, to disparage		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to laud
		Many decry the lack of concern for this problem.			
	Derivatives >>	decried, decrying, decrier			
7.	eclectic	eh KLEK tik	coming from a variety of diverse sources		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	from one source
		His eclectic tastes range from Bach to the Beatles.			
	Derivatives >>	eclectically, eclecticism			
8.	enhance	en HANS	to make better, to improve		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to worsen
		Your chances of passing the test will be enhanced if you study.			
	Derivatives >>	enhanced, enhancement, enhancing, enhancer, enhanceive			
9.	euphonious	yoo FOE nee us	pleasant or agreeable (sound); dulcet		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	raucous; dissonant
		The euphonious sound of the record lulled the baby to sleep.			
	Derivatives >>	euphonym euphonic, euphonia, euphonicity, euphonical, euphonicity, euphonicity			
10.	fervid	FUR vid	ardent, burning, impassioned		
	Synonyms >>	fervent, passionate, perfervid		Antonym >>	indifferent
		The evangelist is a fervid crusader against sin.			
	Derivatives >>	fervidity, fervidly, fervidness			
11.	impecunious	im puh KYOO nee us	without money		
	Synonyms >>	destitute, indigent		Antonym >>	rich
		Some formerly rich people have become impecunious because of the poor oil and real estate market.			
	Derivatives >>	impecuniary, impecuniosity, impecuniously, impecuniousness, impecuniosity			

12.	ingratiate	in GRAY she ate	to make an effort to gain good favor with someone
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to alienate
	He tried to ingratiate himself with the girl's parents by always being polite.		
	Derivatives >>	ingratiating, ingratiatingly, ingratiating, ingratiatory	
13.	luxuriant	lug ZHOOR ee unt	abundant in growth, very fertile
	Synonyms >>	lavish, lush, prodigal, profuse	Antonym >> scanty
	The luxuriant farmland of Iowa provides an abundant amount of food.		
	Derivatives >>	luxuriance, luxurancy, luxuriantly, luxuriate, luxurious, luxuriously, luxuriousness, luxury	
14.	paltry	PAWL tree	trifling; petty; worthless
	Synonyms >>	minor, inconsiderable, slight, insignificant, petty	Antonym >> superior
	He was building paltry houses unfit for occupancy.		
	Derivatives >>	paltrier, paltriest, paltrily, paltriness	
15.	pedantry	PED un tree	act of showing off learning in a manner that is needless and unimaginative
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The teacher's lectures are a demonstration of pedantry without scholarship.		
	Derivatives >>	pedantic, pedantical, pedantically, pedanticism, pedant	
16.	placid	PLAS id	peaceful, calm
	Synonyms >>	serene, tranquil	Antonym >> disturbed
	The wilderness is usually a placid place where one can relax.		
	Derivatives >>	placidity, placidly, placidness	
17.	preclude	preh KLOOD	to make impossible
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to aid
	A low SAT score may preclude your acceptance to that college.		
	Derivatives >>	precludable, precluded, preclusion, preclusive	
18.	promontory	PROM un tore ee	land or rock projecting into a body of water
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	A promontory is an ideal place to build a lighthouse.		
	Derivatives >>	promontories, promontoried	
19.	raze	RAZE	to completely destroy
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to construct
	Atomic war will raze many cities.		
	Derivatives >>	razed, razing	
20.	secular	SEK yuh lur	nonreligious, worldly
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> religious
	"Jingle Bells" is a secular Christmas song.		
	Derivatives >>	secularism, secularist, secularity, secularization, secularize, secularly	
21.	static (adj.)	STAT ik	having no motion, showing little change
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> active
	Since our town has attracted little new industry, the population of the city has become static.		
	Derivatives >>	statically, statical	
22.	tact	TAKT	a keen sense for what is appropriate or tasteful in delicate situations
	Synonyms >>	diplomacy, perception, sensitivity, poise	Antonym >>
	The diplomat handled the situation with much tact and courteous behavior.		
	Derivatives >>	tactful, tactfully, tactfulness	
23.	torpid	TOR pid	sluggish, inactive, dull
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> active; animated
	He is always torpid on Sunday mornings.		
	Derivatives >>	torpor, torpidity, torpidness, torpify, torpidly, torpitude, torporific	
24.	vindicated	VIN duh kay ted	cleared of accusations or charges
	Synonyms >>	absolved, acquitted, exculpated, exonerated	Antonym >> accused
	I am willing to go to trial and believe that I will be vindicated of all charges.		
	Derivatives >>	vindicate, vindication, vindicative, vindicator, vindicatory, vindictive, vindictively, vindictiveness	
25.	vindictive	vin DIK tiv	revengeful, spiteful
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> loving; forgiving
	You should be more forgiving and less vindictive.		
	Derivatives >>	vindicated, vindication, vindicative, vindicator, vindicatory, vindictive, vindictively, vindictiveness	