

# Lesson 14

## Definitions



1.	<b>adulterate</b>	uh DUL ter ate	to make impure by adding lesser substances; to corrupt
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to purify
	The authorities were concerned that the drugs might have been adulterated intentionally.		
	Derivatives >>	adulator, adulterant, adulteration, adulterine, adulterous, adulterated, adulterating	
2.	<b>animosity</b>	an uh MAH suh tee	harsh feelings, enmity, resentment, hatred
	Synonyms >>	animus, antagonism, antipathy, enmity, hostility, rancor	Antonym >> love
	I have a lot of animosity for him, since he attempted to steal my girlfriend.		
	Derivatives >>	animus	
3.	<b>apocryphal</b>	uh PA kra ful	of doubtful origin or authenticity, not genuine
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> of known origin; genuine
	The jury saw through the apocryphal tears of the witness.		
	Derivatives >>	apocryphally, apocryphalness	
4.	<b>avarice</b>	AV uh ris	greed for wealth
	Synonyms >>	cupidity	Antonym >> generosity
	Avarice and gluttony are two vices that can destroy lives.		
	Derivatives >>	avaricious, avariciously, avariciousness	
5.	<b>coalesce</b>	ko uh LESS	to merge, to fuse, to join, or to unite
	Synonyms >>	amalgamate, commingle	Antonym >> to break up; to disperse
	If the party can coalesce diverse groups into a united force, it might win the election.		
	Derivatives >>	coalesced, coalescing, coalescent	
6.	<b>collaborate</b>	kuh LAB uh rate	to work together
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to work alone
	Sometimes singers who have never worked together will collaborate to make a new album.		
	Derivatives >>	collaborated, collaborating, collaboration, collaborationism, collaborationist, collaborative, collaborator	
7.	<b>cryptic</b>	KRIP tik	mysterious, secret
	Synonyms >>	abstruse, ambiguous, enigmatic, obscure, recondite	Antonym >> clear; revealed
	I did not understand his cryptic message.		
	Derivatives >>	cryptical, cryptically, cryptogram, cryptography, cryptonym, cryptonymous	
8.	<b>desultory</b>	DES ul tore ee	jumping around, aimless, random
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> concentrated
	The man's desultory attempts at finding employment wasted his time.		
	Derivatives >>	desultorious, desultoriness, desultorily, desultor	
9.	<b>dissipation</b>	dis uh PAY shun	wasteful spending, squandering
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> collection
	Even though he inherited a million dollars, I expect quick dissipation of his fortune.		
	Derivatives >>	dissipate, dissipated, dissipatedly, dissipatedness, dissipater, dissipative	
10.	<b>edifying</b>	ED uh fie ing	instructing and improving spiritually or morally
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> heinous; nefarious
	Visiting the cathedral was an edifying experience.		
	Derivatives >>	edification, edificatory, edify, edifier, edifyingness	
11.	<b>equivocate</b>	eh KWIV uh kate	to attempt to lie, to mislead, or to hide the truth
	Synonyms >>	palter, prevaricate	Antonym >> to tell the truth
	Tell the truth and do not attempt to equivocate.		
	Derivatives >>	equivocal, equivocacy, equivocality, equivocally, equivocalness, equivocation, equivocator, equivocity	

12.	<b>espousing</b>	eh SPOUZ ing	marrying, giving one's loyalty; adopting or embracing a cause
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> denying
	The politician seems to be espousing the issue of decreased taxation in order to gain supporters.		
	Derivatives >>	espoused, espousing, espousal, espouser	
13.	<b>hedonist</b>	HEED un ist	one who seeks pleasure as the sole aim in life
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> ascetic
	The world is full of hedonists who seek nothing but their own pleasures.		
	Derivatives >>	hedonism, hedonistically, hedonistical, hedonics, hedonic, hedonically	
14.	<b>indefatigable</b>	in deh FAT uh guh bul	tireless, incapable of being fatigued
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> easily tired
	The indefatigable army moved ahead steadily over the many days without rest.		
	Derivatives >>	indefatigability, indefatigableness, indefatigably	
15.	<b>interminable</b>	in TUR mun uh bul	having or seeming to have no end, wearisomely protracted
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> short and limited
	Although the reading assignment was only ten pages, it seemed interminable to the bored student.		
	Derivatives >>	interminability, interminableness, interminably, interminate	
16.	<b>naive</b>	na EVE	unsophisticated; inexperienced
	Synonyms >>	natural, artless, ingenuous	Antonym >> sophisticated; experienced; wise
	Many naive young women go to Hollywood believing that they will become movie stars.		
	Derivatives >>	naively, naivete, naiveness, naivety	
17.	<b>parody</b>	PAIR uh dee	humorous or ridiculous imitation
	Synonyms >>	burlesque, caricature, travesty	Antonym >> reverent imitation
	Many skits on "Saturday Night Live" are parodies of current events.		
	Derivatives >>	parodies	
18.	<b>peripheral</b>	puh RIF ur ul	on the edge, not important
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> central; essential; at the core
	Let's discuss the main topic now and save peripheral issues for later.		
	Derivatives >>	peripheral, peripheric, peripheralism, peripherally, peripherically, periphery	
19.	<b>portent</b>	PORE tent	a sign or forewarning
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The stock market crash was a portent of the coming of a depression.		
	Derivatives >>	portentive, portentous, portentously, portentousness	
20.	<b>prodigious</b>	pruh DIJ us	extraordinary in bulk, quantity, or degree, great in size, enormous
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> puny; minuscule
	His prodigious appetite allowed him to eat the entire turkey.		
	Derivatives >>	prodigiously, prodigiousness	
21.	<b>profane</b>	pruh FANE	showing contempt toward sacred things
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> holy
	Profane language will not be tolerated on the tennis court.		
	Derivatives >>	profanation, profanatory, profanely, profaneness, profaner, profanity	
22.	<b>respite</b>	RES pit	a rest, a delay, a period of relief
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> continuance
	I enjoy a quiet lunch that serves a respite from my tense job of being an air traffic controller.		
	Derivatives >>	respiteless	
23.	<b>sordid</b>	SOR did	filthy, foul
	Synonyms >>	abject, ignoble, mean	Antonym >> nice; harmless
	The sordid details of the brutal ax murder sickened the jurors.		
	Derivatives >>	sordidness, sordidly	
24.	<b>surfeited</b>	SUR feh ted	fed or supplied to excess
	Synonyms >>	cloyed, glutted, gorged, palled, sated, satiated	Antonym >> starved
	I was surfeited after having eaten so much food at the banquet.		
	Derivatives >>	surfeit, surfeiter	
25.	<b>trifling</b>	TRY fling	not significant, frivolous
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> important; significant
	Some think that watching MTV is a trifling experience.		
	Derivatives >>	trifle, trifled, trifling, trifles	