

# Lesson 17

## Definitions



1.	<b>abstemious</b>	ab STEM ee us	sparing (usually in eating or drinking); temperate
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> gluttonous
	A person who is abstemious in his alcohol intake might not be welcome by that wild fraternity.		
	Derivatives >>	abstemiously, abstemiousness, abstention, abstentious	
2.	<b>admonish</b>	ad MAH nish	to caution, to advise, or to counsel against something
	Synonyms >>	warn, rebuke, censure, notify, jog, apprise, reprove, scold	Antonym >> to condone; to praise
	The teacher admonished him about excessively loud noise.		
	Derivatives >>	admonisher, admonishingly, admonishment, admonition, admonished	
3.	<b>amity</b>	AM uh tee	friendship
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> hostility
	That small town is well-known for its amity; the town has very friendly people.		
	Derivatives >>	amities	
4.	<b>bastion</b>	BASS chun	a fortification, a stronghold
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The enemy could not get past the bastion of the fort and therefore lost the battle.		
	Derivatives >>	bastioned	
5.	<b>callous</b>	KAL us	hardened; insensitive, indifferent, unsympathetic
	Synonyms >>	hard, inured, insensible, obtuse	Antonym >> soft, sensitive
	He became callous after many years in the war.		
	Derivatives >>	callously, callousness	
6.	<b>clemency</b>	KLEM un see	leniency
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> harshness
	Governors are usually allowed to grant clemency to deserving prisoners.		
	Derivatives >>	clemencies, clement, clemently	
7.	<b>debunk</b>	deh BUNGK	to expose the falseness or hypocrisy of something
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to cover up; to conceal
	The charlatan was quickly debunked by the perceptive doctor.		
	Derivatives >>	debunker, debunkers, debunked, debunking	
8.	<b>diffuse</b>	deh FYOOZ	to spread in all directions
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to bring together
	The rioting crowd was diffused by tear gas and water hoses.		
	Derivatives >>	diffusedness, diffusedly, diffusely, diffuseness, diffuser, diffusibility, diffusion, diffusible	
9.	<b>dupe</b>	DOOP, DYOOP	to trick, to fool, to deceive, or to cheat; to bilk
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	He was duped into investing his life savings into a bankrupt company.		
	Derivatives >>	duped, duping, dupery	
10.	<b>exorcise</b>	EK sor size	to expel an evil spirit, to get rid of something troublesome
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	I am going to try to exorcise all negative thoughts from my mind.		
	Derivatives >>	exorcisation, exorcise, exorcism, exorcismal, exorcisory, exorcist, exorcistate, exorcistical	
11.	<b>finesse</b>	feh NESS	delicate skill
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> clumsiness
	A successful diplomat must have finesse when dealing with representatives of other countries.		
	Derivatives >>	finessed, finessing	

12.	<b>humility</b>	hyoo MIL eh tee	the quality or state of being humble in spirit
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> pride; arrogance
	The humility of the man was astounding: he gave no sign of having excessive pride or arrogance.		
	Derivatives >>	humilities, humble, humbly	
13.	<b>imperious</b>	im PEER ee us	extremely overbearing
	Synonyms >>	domineering, imperative, masterful, preemptory	Antonym >> meek
	The imperious behavior of the dictator led to his overthrow.		
	Derivatives >>	imperiously, imperiousness	
14.	<b>larceny</b>	LAR suh nee	the act of stealing another's property
	Synonyms >>	theft	Antonym >>
	After being convicted of larceny, the man offered to return the stolen items for a shorter prison term.		
	Derivatives >>	larcener, larcenist, larcenous, larcenously, larcenies	
15.	<b>mirth</b>	MURTH	gladness and merriment usually accompanied by laughter
	Synonyms >>	glee, hilarity, jollity	Antonym >> sadness
	The party was a source of mirth and gaiety.		
	Derivatives >>	mirthful, mirthfully, mirthfulness, mirthless, mirthlessly, mirthlessness	
16.	<b>mollify</b>	MOL eh fie	to soothe or to appease, to assuage
	Synonyms >>	conciliate, pacify, placate, propitiate	Antonym >> to aggravate
	The woman promised to buy candy in order to mollify her screaming child.		
	Derivatives >>	mollification, mollifyingly, mollifier, mollifiable	
17.	<b>neologism</b>	nee OL uh jiz um	a newly coined word or phrase; new use of a word (often disapproved of)
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The student received a low grade because of the neologism in his paper.		
	Derivatives >>	neology, neological, neologian, neologist, neologistic, neologize	
18.	<b>orthodox</b>	OR thuh doks	conforming to established standards, conventional
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> unconventional
	The church is founded upon a set of orthodox views.		
	Derivatives >>	orthodoxness, orthodoxical, orthodoxically, orthodoxism, orthodoxly, orthodoxy	
19.	<b>plight</b>	PLITE	difficult or adverse situation
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> fortunate situation
	My plight is that I do not have enough money to pay my bills.		
	Derivatives >>	plights, plighted, plighting	
20.	<b>repertoire</b>	REP ur twar	a list of works of music or readings that are ready for performance
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The orchestra has added some selections of Mozart to its repertoire.		
	Derivatives >>	repertorial, repertorium, repertory	
21.	<b>rupture</b>	RUP chur	to break apart, to burst
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to repair; to mend
	The rupture of the appendix is a life-threatening situation.		
	Derivatives >>	ruptured, rupturing	
22.	<b>solicitous</b>	suh LIS eh tus	worried, concerned
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> unconcerned
	He was very solicitous about the health of his ill grandmother.		
	Derivatives >>	solicitously, solicitousness, solicitude	
23.	<b>stolid</b>	STOL id	showing little emotion
	Synonyms >>	apathetic, phlegmatic, stoic	Antonym >> emotional
	He always has a stolid appearance at the poker table.		
	Derivatives >>	stolidly, stolidity	
24.	<b>tempestuous</b>	tem PES choo us	turbulent, stormy
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> calm
	The mayoral candidates had a tempestuous debate in which they exchanged many personal accusations.		
	Derivatives >>	tempestuously, tempestuousness, tempest	
25.	<b>untenable</b>	un TEN uh bul	not able to be defended
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> defensible
	Taking a bribe is an untenable act for a politician.		
	Derivatives >>	untenability, untenableness	