

Lesson 18

Definitions



1.	accord	uh KORD	agreement, state of harmony		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	disharmony; disagreement
	We are in accord concerning the method of handling this problem.				
	Derivatives >>	accordable, accorder, accordance, accordant			
2.	annulment	uh NUL munt	a voiding, invalidation		
	Synonyms >>	abrogation, invalidation, negation, nullification, extirpation		Antonym >>	consummation
	The two parties sought an annulment to the contract that bound them together.				
	Derivatives >>	annul, annulled, annulling, annulable			
3.	arduous	AR jew us	very difficult to accomplish or to achieve, very demanding (task)		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	easy; not difficult
	Training to be a gymnast is an arduous activity.				
	Derivatives >>	arduously, arduousness			
4.	astute	uh STOOT	shrewd, perspicacious, perceptive		
	Synonyms >>	sagacious		Antonym >>	undiscerning
	One must be astute to do a geometry proof.				
	Derivatives >>	astutely, astuteness			
5.	carping	KAR ping	finding fault		
	Synonyms >>	captious, censorious, critical		Antonym >>	praising
	My mother is always carping at me.				
	Derivatives >>	carp, carper, carpingly, carped			
6.	covert	KUV urt, KO vurt	secret, concealed		
	Synonyms >>	clandestine, furtive, stealthy, surreptitious, underhanded		Antonym >>	open, conspicuous
	The spy was engaged in many covert activities; it was his job to keep them secret.				
	Derivatives >>	covertly, covertness			
7.	desecrate	DES uh krate	to violate the sanctity of something, to profane, to adulterate		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to consecrate; to laud; to praise
	The hoodlums desecrated the cemetery by painting on the tombstones.				
	Derivatives >>	desecrater, desecration			
8.	dilatory	DIL uh tor ee	delaying, slow		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	proceeding
	The Senator is employing the filibuster as a dilatory tactic.				
	Derivatives >>	dilatoriness, dilatorily			
9.	esteem	eh STEEM	estimate of value; approval and respect often blended with fondness		
	Synonyms >>	regard, valuation, reputation		Antonym >>	disrespect
	The people held their leader in the highest esteem.				
	Derivatives >>	esteemed, esteeming, esteems, esteemable			
10.	expatriate	eks PAY tree ate	an exile		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	citizen
	I am now living in the United States, but I am an expatriate of Russia.				
	Derivatives >>	expatriation, expatriated, expatriating			
11.	fortuitous	fore TOO eh tus	something that happens by accident or chance (usually good)		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	predetermined
	Being picked first in the lottery is a fortuitous experience.				
	Derivatives >>	fortuitously, fortuitousness, fortuity			

12.	guileless	GILE les	without deceit		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	deceitful
		The voting public looks for a leader who is guileless; they want one who is full of integrity.			
	Derivatives >>	guileful, guilefulness, guileness, guilelessly, guilelessness, guilery			
13.	hackneyed	HAK need	trite, banal, lacking freshness		
	Synonyms >>	threadbare		Antonym >>	inventive; fresh
		The teacher instructed her students to avoid hackneyed phrases and instead to use something fresh and new.			
	Derivatives >>				
14.	illustrious	eh LUS tree us	notably outstanding, famous		
	Synonyms >>	celebrated, distinguished, eminent, noted, renowned		Antonym >>	infamous
		I was impressed by the illustrious personage at the ball.			
	Derivatives >>	illustriously, illustriousness			
15.	insatiable	in SAY shuh bul	incapable of being satisfied		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	capable of being satisfied
		She became quite fat because of her insatiable desire for chocolate.			
	Derivatives >>	insatiability, insatiableness, insatiably, insatiate, insatiated, insatiately, insatiation, insatiety			
16.	loquacious	low KWAY shus	very talkative		
	Synonyms >>	garrulous, voluble		Antonym >>	taciturn
		The twins are quite different: one is taciturn and the other is loquacious.			
	Derivatives >>	loquaciousness, loquaciously, loquacity			
17.	neurotic	noo ROT ik	an emotionally unstable person; emotionally unstable		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	mentally healthy; sound mind
		My mother is so neurotic that she is difficult to be around.			
	Derivatives >>	neurotically, neuroticism, neurotogenic			
18.	parch	PARCH	to become dry from heat, to shrivel from heat		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to refresh
		The fruit was parched from staying in the sun so long.			
	Derivatives >>	parched, parchedly, parchedness, parches, parching			
19.	porous	PORE us	something that permits the passage of substances through pores		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	impermeable
		The porous material did not keep the rain off of us.			
	Derivatives >>	porosity, porose, porosis, porotic			
20.	rancid	RAN sid	having a foul or offensive smell or taste		
	Synonyms >>	fetid, fusty, malodorous, musty, noisome, putrid, rank		Antonym >>	pleasant
		A rancid odor came from the garbage pail.			
	Derivatives >>	rancidly, rancidness, rancidification, rancidify, rancidity			
21.	reconcile	REK un sile	to reestablish friendship, to resolve a dispute		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to alienate
		The family will never be the same until Mom and Grandma reconcile their differences.			
	Derivatives >>	reconcilability, reconcilable, reconcilableness, reconcilably, reconcilence, reconciliation, reconcile			
22.	saccharine	SAK uh rin	overly sweet attitude		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	vitriolic
		Her saccharine attitude disgusted me, but it seemed to win her many friends.			
	Derivatives >>	saccharinity			
23.	sonorous	suh NOR us, SAN uh	resonant, producing a full and rich sound		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
		Orson Wells was known for his sonorous voice.			
	Derivatives >>	sonorant, sonoriferous, sonoriferously, sonority, sonorization, sonorously, sonorousness			
24.	tentative	TEN tuh tiv	not fully worked out, provisional, uncertain		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	permanent
		We have a tentative arms-control agreement, but we hope to have a signed agreement by the end of the year.			
	Derivatives >>	tentatively, tentativeness			
25.	utility	yoo TIL eh tee	usefulness		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	uselessness
		A hammer has much utility to a carpenter.			
	Derivatives >>	utilize, utilizer, utilization			