

Lesson 22

Definitions



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| 1. | approbation | ap row BAY shun | official approval, praise, commendation |
| | Synonyms >> | | Antonym >> disapprobation, disapproval |
| | We initiated the attack with the approbation of the general. | | |
| | Derivatives >> | approbate, approbated, approbating, approbative, approbatory, approbateness | |
| 2. | assent | uh CENT | to agree or to concur; to give in, to yield; agreement |
| | Synonyms >> | acquiesce, concede; compliance | Antonym >> dissent |
| | Assenting to his demands, she did as she was told. | | |
| | Derivatives >> | assenting, assented, assentingly, assentive, assentiveness, assentation, assentor | |
| 3. | boorish | BOOR ish | rude or insensitive; ill-mannered |
| | Synonyms >> | churlish, clownish, loutish | Antonym >> sophisticated; well-mannered |
| | How could you get me a date with such a boorish person? | | |
| | Derivatives >> | boorishly, boorishness, boor | |
| 4. | circumlocution | sir kum low KEW shun | talking around a subject |
| | Synonyms >> | | Antonym >> brevity; conciseness; terseness |
| | Politicians are known for circumlocution. | | |
| | Derivatives >> | circumlocutory | |
| 5. | copious | KO pee us | abundant |
| | Synonyms >> | ample | Antonym >> sparse |
| | I always take copious notes in my history class. | | |
| | Derivatives >> | copiousness, copiously | |
| 6. | delineation | deh len ee A shun | an outline, depiction, portrayal |
| | Synonyms >> | | Antonym >> |
| | The profits of the company were delineated to the board. | | |
| | Derivatives >> | delineate, delineative, delineator | |
| 7. | dissemble | deh SEM bul | to disguise, to pretend |
| | Synonyms >> | | Antonym >> to reveal |
| | Although he tried to dissemble his motive for seeing me, I knew the real reason. | | |
| | Derivatives >> | dissembled, dissembling, dissembler, dissemblingly | |
| 8. | emulate | EM yuh late | to try to equal or to be like (usually through imitation) |
| | Synonyms >> | | Antonym >> |
| | He has a lot of fine qualities that I try to emulate. | | |
| | Derivatives >> | emulation, emulative, emulator, emulatively | |
| 9. | fickle | FIK ul | likely to change, capricious |
| | Synonyms >> | inconstant, mercurial, unstable | Antonym >> steadfast; constant |
| | Because of her fickle behavior, he had little trust that she would continue to love him. | | |
| | Derivatives >> | fickler, ficklest, fickleness | |
| 10. | gravity | GRAV eh tee | seriousness, importance |
| | Synonyms >> | earnestness, sedateness, sobriety, solemnity, staidness | Antonym >> unimportance |
| | The gravity of the situation was heightened by the death of the president . | | |
| | Derivatives >> | grave, graver, gravely | |
| 11. | homely | HOME lee | plain or unattractive in appearance |
| | Synonyms >> | | Antonym >> pretty; attractive |
| | The girl was rather homely, but she had a wit and an intellect that could not be matched. | | |
| | Derivatives >> | homeliness, homlier, homliest | |

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| 12. | indigence | IN deh juns | poverty | | |
| | Synonyms >> | destitution, penury, want | | Antonym >> | wealth |
| | | His ragged clothes are a sign of his indigence. | | | |
| | Derivatives >> | indigency, indigent | | | |
| 13. | jingoist | JING go ist | an extreme patriot, usually calls for a belligerent foreign policy | | |
| | Synonyms >> | chauvinist, nationalist | | Antonym >> | traitor |
| | | The jingoist was in the streets, loudly urging the public toward aggression against the foreign power. | | | |
| | Derivatives >> | jingoism, jingoish, jingoistic, jingoistically | | | |
| 14. | migratory | MY gruh tor ee | moving from place to place, wandering, transient | | |
| | Synonyms >> | | | Antonym >> | stationary |
| | | The migratory whooping cranes always return to Padre Island. | | | |
| | Derivatives >> | migrate, migratorial, migrator, migration, migrationist | | | |
| 15. | obfuscating | ob FUS kay ting | confusing, making unclear | | |
| | Synonyms >> | | | Antonym >> | clear |
| | | His speech was obfuscating because it made people concentrate on irrelevant issues. | | | |
| | Derivatives >> | obfuscated, obfuscate, obfuscal, obfuscation, obfuscator, obfuscatory, obfuscated | | | |
| 16. | proclivity | pro KLIV eh tee | inclination, tendency | | |
| | Synonyms >> | leaning, penchant, propensity | | Antonym >> | disinclination |
| | | Most immigrants, because they are anxious to succeed, have a proclivity for hard work. | | | |
| | Derivatives >> | proclive, proclivities | | | |
| 17. | prostration | pros TRAY shun | a stretching out due to lacking vitality and being completely overcome | | |
| | Synonyms >> | | | Antonym >> | vitality |
| | | During late summer football practices, players sometimes suffer from heat prostration. | | | |
| | Derivatives >> | prostrate, prostrator, prostrating | | | |
| 18. | recalcitrant | reh KAL seh trunt | very stubborn, refusing to obey, unruly | | |
| | Synonyms >> | headstrong, intractable, refractory, willful | | Antonym >> | compliant |
| | | Recalcitrant students are usually tardy, do not complete class assignments, and disrupt class. | | | |
| | Derivatives >> | recalcitrance, recalcitrancy, recalcitrate, recalcitration | | | |
| 19. | resolute | REZ uh loot | characterized by a decided purpose | | |
| | Synonyms >> | staunch, steadfast, determined, resolved, faithful, firm | | Antonym >> | |
| | | The business was run by a resolute man who set his mind on a goal and followed through with it. | | | |
| | Derivatives >> | resoluter, resolute, resolutely, resoluteness, resolution, resolutionary, resolutioner, resolute | | | |
| 20. | sectarian | sek TARE ee un | a member of a sect that is a faction with extreme beliefs | | |
| | Synonyms >> | narrow-minded | | Antonym >> | broad-minded |
| | | His sectarian beliefs marked him as being extremely narrow-minded. | | | |
| | Derivatives >> | sectarianism, sectarianize | | | |
| 21. | stalwart | STAL wurt | one who supports a cause with firm partisanship | | |
| | Synonyms >> | resolute, strong | | Antonym >> | |
| | | That justice was known as a stalwart in defending 1st amendment rights. | | | |
| | Derivatives >> | stalwartly, stalwartness | | | |
| 22. | tacit | TAS it | understood, silent, not spoken, implicit | | |
| | Synonyms >> | | | Antonym >> | spoken; verbalized |
| | | We have a tacit agreement that the goods are delivered only after payment is made. | | | |
| | Derivatives >> | tacitly, tacitness, taciturn | | | |
| 23. | transcended | tran SEND ed | surpassed, exceeded | | |
| | Synonyms >> | | | Antonym >> | |
| | | His actions in the crisis transcended the call of duty. | | | |
| | Derivatives >> | transcend, transcendence, transcendancy, transcendent, transcendental, transcendentalistic | | | |
| 24. | virtuous | VIR choo us | having excellent morals; righteous | | |
| | Synonyms >> | ethical, noble | | Antonym >> | depraved |
| | | One would expect nuns to be very virtuous. | | | |
| | Derivatives >> | virtuously, virtuousness, virtue | | | |
| 25. | whets | HWETS | stimulates, sharpens | | |
| | Synonyms >> | | | Antonym >> | stifles; dulls; suppresses |
| | | The smell of fresh bread always whets my appetite. | | | |
| | Derivatives >> | whet, whetted | | | |