

Lesson 23

Definitions



1.	ambulatory	AM bew luh tor ee	able to walk or move around		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	bedridden
	I will be glad when I get out of this wheelchair and am ambulatory again.				
	Derivatives >>	ambulant, ambulate, ambulated, ambulating, ambulation			
2.	anarchy	AN ar kee	the absence of government; a state of lawlessness		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
	During the revolution, the government was overthrown and the country was in a state of anarchy.				
	Derivatives >>	anarches, anarchist, anarchism, anarchic, anarch			
3.	breadth	BREDTH	the width of something, comprehensive quality		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	narrowness
	The breadth of his knowledge about art is amazing.				
	Derivatives >>	breadths, broaden, broadened, broadening			
4.	cant	KANT	secret jargon or slang		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
	The rites of the Masons are characterized by their cant.				
	Derivatives >>	cants, canted, canting			
5.	circumscribed	SIR kum skribd	restricted or limited		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	unbounded
	The triangle circumscribed the circle.				
	Derivatives >>	circumscribe, circumscribing, circumscription, circumscriptive			
6.	congeal	kun JEEL	to solidify or to coagulate		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to become fluid
	We waited three hours for the Jell-O to congeal.				
	Derivatives >>	congealing, congealed, congealment, congelative			
7.	demagogue	DEM uh gog	a person or leader who appeals to passions or prejudices		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
	Hitler is an example of a demagogue who claimed power by appealing to people's emotions and prejudices.				
	Derivatives >>	demagogic, demagogical, demagogically, demagogism, demagoguism, demagoguery, demagogy			
8.	dissonance	DIS uh nuns	unrelated and harsh combination of sounds, discord		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	harmony
	Dissonance is a part of some contemporary music.				
	Derivatives >>	dissonant, dissonancy			
9.	dubious	DOO be us	doubtful; not clear		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	distinct, doubtless, assured
	Since he had not read the document, he was a little dubious about signing his name to it.				
	Derivatives >>	dubiously, dubiousness, dubitable, dubitancy, dubitate, dubitation, dubitative, dubiety			
10.	engrossed	en GROSD	completely occupied or absorbed		
	Synonyms >>	preoccupied		Antonym >>	
	The woman was so engrossed in her knitting that she did not notice her child walk out the door.				
	Derivatives >>	engross, engrossing, engrossedly, engrosser, engrossingly, engrossingness, engrossment			
11.	facilitate	fuh SIL eh tate	to make less difficult		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to complicate
	Appliances are useful in facilitating housework.				
	Derivatives >>	facilitated, facilitating, facilitates, facilitation, facilitator, facilitatory			

12.	fledgling	FLEJ ling	an immature or inexperienced person, a young bird that is ready to fly
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> veteran
		The rookie policeman is just a fledgling compared to the captain.	
	Derivatives >>	fledglings, fledgy, fledged	
13.	gilded	GIL did	covered with gold or a golden color; having a background of wealth
	Synonyms >>	prosperous, luxurious, ornate, meretricious, tawdry	Antonym >>
		The gilded and perfumed nobles were inwardly deceptive and rotten to the core.	
	Derivatives >>	gild, gilding, gilder	
14.	graphic	GRAF ik	vivid
	Synonyms >>	descriptive	Antonym >> simple; unadorned
		I have trouble looking at graphic films of concentration camps.	
	Derivatives >>	graphical, graphically, graphicness	
15.	introvert	IN truh vurt	one who turns inward and concentrates thoughts upon himself
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> extrovert
		He is such an introvert that he is not even interested in making new friends.	
	Derivatives >>	introverted, introvertive, introversion, introversive, introversively	
16.	jocular	JOK yu lur	jesting or joking
	Synonyms >>	facetious, jocose, jocund	Antonym >> serious
		The man's jocular mood kept us all entertained throughout the evening.	
	Derivatives >>	jocularity, jocularly, jocularness, jocator	
17.	malcontent	MAL kun tent	a person who is constantly dissatisfied and discontented
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
		The principal blamed the disturbance on malcontents who were never happy with anything.	
	Derivatives >>	malcontented, malcontentedly, malcontentedness	
18.	misnomer	mis NO mur	misnaming, use of a wrong name
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
		Some think that "a peacekeeper" is a misnomer for an MX missile .	
	Derivatives >>	misnomered, misnomed	
19.	obstinate	OB stuh nit	unyielding regardless of reason or logic
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> yielding
		He will not accept advice on many things because of his obstinate attitude.	
	Derivatives >>	obstinacy, obstinancy, obstinance, obstinately, obstinateness, obstination	
20.	prevalent	PREV uh lunt	generally or widely accepted, current, or practiced
	Synonyms >>	prevailing, victorious, dominant	Antonym >> limited, uncommon
		The state of lethargy is a prevalent problem in education.	
	Derivatives >>	prevalence, prevalently	
21.	prudent	PROOD unt	wise and careful about practical matters
	Synonyms >>	judicious, sage, sane, sapient	Antonym >> indiscreet; incautious
		In the city, it is prudent to have locks on all doors and windows.	
	Derivatives >>	prudence, prudential, prudently	
22.	pulverize	PUL vuh rize	to reduce into small pieces, to demolish
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to mold together
		The rocks were pulverized by the heavy machine rolling over them.	
	Derivatives >>	pulverization, pulverized, pulverizer, pulverous, pulverulent, pulverulently	
23.	recapitulation	ree kuh pich uh LAY	a summary
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
		It is usually a good idea for a teacher to give a recapitulation of the previous day's topics.	
	Derivatives >>	recapitulate, recapitulationist, recapitulative, recapitulatory, recapitulatively	
24.	steadfastness	STED fas nes	quality of being fixed with little chance of moving or changing
	Synonyms >>	resolution, staunchness	Antonym >> irresolution
		The steadfastness of her position not to sell her land is remarkable considering what she has been offered.	
	Derivatives >>	steadfast, steadfastly	
25.	tactile	TAK til	perceptible by touch; capable of being felt
	Synonyms >>	tangible	Antonym >> intangible
		The woman's stroke left her with no tactile sensations at all.	
	Derivatives >>	tactilist, tactility, taction	