

# Lesson 25

## Definitions



1.	<b>arcane</b>	are KANE	secret, mysterious		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	obvious; easily understood
	The material that is arcane to the students is easily understood by the professor.				
	Derivatives >>	arcanely, arcanist, arcanite, arcanum			
2.	<b>artifacts</b>	ARE tuh faks	simple objects showing human workmanship		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
	After supplying the finishing touches, the craftsman set the artifacts carefully on a shelf to dry.				
	Derivatives >>	artifact, artefact, artefac, artifactual, artifactitious			
3.	<b>atone</b>	uh TONE	to make amends		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to offend
	He atoned for his theft by repaying his victims.				
	Derivatives >>	atoned, atoning, atoner, atonement			
4.	<b>callow</b>	KAL oh	immature, inexperienced		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	mature; experienced
	Rash and hasty decisions are the mark of impetuous, callow youth.				
	Derivatives >>	callowness			
5.	<b>clamor</b>	KLAM ur	loud noise or shouting		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	quiet
	The clamor finally subsided when the children went to bed.				
	Derivatives >>	clamors, clamored, clamoring, clamorous, clamorously, clamorousness			
6.	<b>countenance</b>	KOUN tuh nuns	to condone or to give approval		
	Synonyms >>	approve, sanction, endorse		Antonym >>	to disapprove
	I do not countenance any form of cheating.				
	Derivatives >>	countenanced, countenancing, countenancer			
7.	<b>dilettante</b>	dil eh TANT tee	an aimless and superficial follower of the arts, a dabbler		
	Synonyms >>	amateur, tyro		Antonym >>	virtuoso; professional
	The dilettante could be seen at all the art exhibits though he was far from being an accomplished artist himself.				
	Derivatives >>	dilettantish, dilettantism, dilettantist			
8.	<b>foreboding</b>	fore BOE ding	premonition of evil, an ominous omen		
	Synonyms >>	prediction, portent, presentiment		Antonym >>	serene
	The black clouds overhead were a foreboding of bad weather.				
	Derivatives >>	forebode, foreboder			
9.	<b>hack</b>	HAK	one who forfeits professional integrity in exchange for money or reward		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
	Only a hack would go to work for one of those offensive tabloid newspapers.				
	Derivatives >>	hacks			
10.	<b>impede</b>	im PEDE	to interfere with or to obstruct the progress		
	Synonyms >>	hinder, obstruct		Antonym >>	to assist, to promote
	While the hurricane has impeded the building's construction, the builder feels that it can be completed on time.				
	Derivatives >>	impeded, impeding, impeder, impedibility, impedible, impedingly, impedient, impediment, impedimental,			
11.	<b>indubitable</b>	in DOO beh tuh bul	not open to question or doubt		
	Synonyms >>	unquestionable, certain		Antonym >>	questionable; doubtful
	At the base of the experiment was a core of indubitable knowledge.				
	Derivatives >>	indubitability, indubitableness, indubitably			

12.	<b>invective</b>	in VEK tiv	critical or abusive language; violent abuse
	Synonyms >>	vituperation, obloquy, scurrility, billingsgate	Antonym >> liberal praise
	As his anger mounted, slander and invective poured from his mouth.		
	Derivatives >>	invectively, invectives	
13.	<b>philanthropist</b>	feh LAN thruh pist	one who tries to do good for mankind; lover of mankind
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> misanthrope
	Ross Perot is a philanthropist, donating money for many projects and causes.		
	Derivatives >>	philanthrope, philanthropic, philanthropically, philanthropism, philanthropicist, philanthropy	
14.	<b>precursor</b>	preh KUR sur	something that comes before, forerunner
	Synonyms >>	harbinger, herald	Antonym >> descendant
	A good education is usually a precursor to finding a good job.		
	Derivatives >>	precurse, precursive, precursory	
15.	<b>relish</b>	REL ish	to take great pleasure or delight in
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to detest
	I relish the thought of graduating from high school and getting out on my own.		
	Derivatives >>	relishable, relished, relishing	
16.	<b>rhetoric</b>	RET ur ik	the art of using words effectively in speaking or writing; inflated language
	Synonyms >>	verbosity, bombast; discourse, speech	Antonym >>
	Freshman composition is a course in rhetoric.		
	Derivatives >>	rhetorical, rhetorically, rhetoricalness, rhetoricate, rhetorician, rhetorize	
17.	<b>rigor</b>	RIG ur	strictness, severity
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> laxity
	Calculus and physics are courses that require rigor in study habits.		
	Derivatives >>	rigorism, rigorist, rigoristic, rigoristic, rigorous, rigorously, rigorousness	
18.	<b>somnambulist</b>	som NAM byuh list	a sleepwalker
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	Many people with sleeping disorders are classified as somnambulists.		
	Derivatives >>	somniaambolic, somniaambulant, somniaambular, somniaambulation, somniaambule, somniaambulum, somniaambulistic	
19.	<b>stymie</b>	STY mee	to block, to present an obstacle
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to assist
	After hitting the golf ball into the rough, I could not shoot directly at the hole as I was stymied by a tree.		
	Derivatives >>	stymied, stymieing, stymies	
20.	<b>tepid</b>	TEP id	moderately warm; lacking in passion, force, or animation
	Synonyms >>	lukewarm; dull, lifeless, halfhearted	Antonym >> passionate
	The girl enjoyed a tepid bath. She had only a tepid interest in her grades.		
	Derivatives >>	tepidly, tepidness, tepidarium, tepidity	
21.	<b>unkempt</b>	un KEMPT	disheveled in appearance
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> neat
	When the child came to school unkempt and dirty, I became concerned.		
	Derivatives >>	unkemptly, unkemptness	
22.	<b>vacuous</b>	VAK yoo us	lacking content; marked by a lack of intelligence
	Synonyms >>	empty, vacant, void	Antonym >> intelligent
	The girl's vacuous statements labeled her as silly and immature.		
	Derivatives >>	vacuously, vacuousness	
23.	<b>variegated</b>	VAR ee uh gay tid	changed in appearance by using or applying different colors
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> same; alike
	The variegated roses were not only beautiful, but were also extremely unusual.		
	Derivatives >>	variegate, variegation, variegator	
24.	<b>vehement</b>	VEE uh munt	forcefully expressing emotion or conviction
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> meek
	He vehemently denied that he had said those harsh words.		
	Derivatives >>	vehemence, vehemency, vehemently	
25.	<b>zealot</b>	ZEL ot	one who embraces a cause and supports it with vigor
	Synonyms >>	enthusiast	Antonym >> one without enthusiasm or passion
	The man was known as a religious zealot, as he never stopped trying to convert others to his beliefs.		
	Derivatives >>	zealotic, zealotism, zealotry, zealous, zealously	