

Lesson 26

Definitions



1.	abominable	uh BOM uh nuh bul	repugnantly hateful; very unpleasant, detestable, loathsome
	Synonyms >>	abhorrent, horrible, revolting, foul	Antonym >> likable
		The weather was abominable last week with temperatures reaching as high as 115 degrees.	
	Derivatives >>	abominableness, abominably, abominate, abominated, abominating, abomination	
2.	abscond	ab SKOND	to leave secretly and hide
	Synonyms >>	flee, fly	Antonym >> to give oneself up
		After the thief absconded with the bonds, he was never found.	
	Derivatives >>	absconder, absconded	
3.	capitulate	kuh PICH uh late	to surrender
	Synonyms >>	defer, relent, submit, succumb, yield	Antonym >> to resist
		The army was expected to capitulate after having lost that last battle with so many casualties.	
	Derivatives >>	capitulated, capitulating, capitulation	
4.	castigate	KAS tuh gate	to punish or to subdue by punishment; to criticize with drastic severity
	Synonyms >>	punish, chastise	Antonym >> to salute
		The psychologist suggested that the father might begin to castigate his unruly son for his belligerent behavior.	
	Derivatives >>	castigated, castigating, castigates, castigation, castigator, castigatory	
5.	comatose	KOM uh tose	lethargic, unconscious
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> conscious; aware
		After the operation, he was in a comatose state.	
	Derivatives >>	comatosely	
6.	consolidate	kun SOL uh date	to make solid, to unite, or to merge
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to break into parts
		Medical professionals need to consolidate their forces to seek a cure for the AIDS virus.	
	Derivatives >>	consolidated, consolidating, consolidator, consolidation	
7.	despondency	deh SPON dun see	depression, dejection
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> blithe hopefulness
		Because he thought that he had failed the test, he felt great despondency.	
	Derivatives >>	despondent, despondence, despondently, desponding, despondingly	
8.	destitution	des teh TOO shun	state of being extremely poor, in extreme want
	Synonyms >>	impecunity, indigence, penury, want	Antonym >> prosperity
		We face destitution if our father loses his job.	
	Derivatives >>	destitute, destitutely, destituteness	
9.	eddy	ED ee	a current of air or water moving contrary to the main current (circularly)
	Synonyms >>	whirlpool	Antonym >>
		An eddy of wind picked up debris in the street and scattered it along the walks.	
	Derivatives >>	eddies, eddyings	
10.	enfranchise	en FRAN chize	to give or to bestow something such as the right to vote or citizenship
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to remove; to take away
		This bill will cause many young people to be enfranchised with the right to vote.	
	Derivatives >>	enfranchisement, enfranchiser	
11.	ennoble	en NOE bul	to elevate, to raise in rank
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to defame
		The man was ennobled by his true devotion to mankind.	
	Derivatives >>	ennobled, ennoblement, ennobling, ennoblise	

12.	fecund	FEE kund, FEK und	capable of reproducing, intellectual productivity	
	Synonyms >>	fertile, fruitful, prolific		Antonym >> barren
	The Amazon, with abundant plant and animal life, is a fecund area.			
	Derivatives >>	fecundate, fecundation, fecundative, fecundator, fecundity		
13.	inebriation	in ee bree A shun	drunkenness, intoxication	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> sobriety
	One should not drive when in a state of inebriation.			
	Derivatives >>	inebriant, inebriate, inebriated, inebriety, inebrious		
14.	inopportune	in op ur TOON	inconvenient, poorly timed	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> convenient
	Today is an inopportune time to get together since my parents are in town.			
	Derivatives >>	inopportunately, inopportuneness		
15.	inviolable	in VIE uh luh bul	secure from violation or from being profaned	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> destructible
	The numerous guards attempt to make the President inviolable.			
	Derivatives >>	inviolate, inviolability, invioableness, invioably, inviolacy, inviolateness, inviolately, inviolated, inviolating		
16.	nonchalance	non shuh LAWNS	indifference, a showing of little interest	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> intensity
	He took the news of his failing grade with nonchalance.			
	Derivatives >>	nonchalant, nonchalantly, nonchalantness		
17.	prevarication	preh var uh KAY shun	evasiveness, lie	
	Synonyms >>	equivocation		Antonym >> honesty
	Prevarication is a dangerous activity when under oath on the witness stand.			
	Derivatives >>	prevaricate, prevaricative, prevaricator, prevaricatory		
18.	primordial	pry MORE dee ul	original, existing at the beginning (usually relates to time)	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>
	Some believe that an ape-like creature is the human's primordial ancestor.			
	Derivatives >>	primordially, primordium		
19.	punctilious	pungk TILL ee us	stressing precise following of instructions, details, codes or conduct	
	Synonyms >>	meticulous, scrupulous		Antonym >> lackadaisical
	The boss insists that we be punctilious in following company policy.			
	Derivatives >>	punctiliously, punctiliousness		
20.	remonstrate	reh MON strate	to protest, to make objections	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> to agree; to acquiesce
	I must remonstrate about the treatment of the residents of the rest home.			
	Derivatives >>	remonstrance, remonstrancer, remonstrant, remonstrantly, remonstratingly, remonstration, remonstrative		
21.	rudimentary	roo duh MEN tuh ree	consisting in first principles, of a primitive kind; relating to basic skills	
	Synonyms >>	basic, fundamental, undeveloped, elementary		Antonym >> fully developed
	Second grade students have only rudimentary skills in reading.			
	Derivatives >>	rudiment, rudiments, rudimental, rudimentarily, rudimentariness, rudimentation		
22.	sonnet	SON it	a fourteen line form of poetry	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>
	The sonnet is a favorite form of poetry with many writers.			
	Derivatives >>	sonnets		
23.	tantamount	TAN tuh mount	equivalent in value or significance	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> unlike in significance
	In my father's eyes anything less than an "A" is tantamount to failure.			
	Derivatives >>			
24.	turgid	TUR jid	swollen	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> deflated
	The body was turgid from being in the water for so long.			
	Derivatives >>	turgidity, turgidly, turgidness		
25.	vestigial	veh STIJ ee ul	something in an underdeveloped form	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> fully developed
	Some animals still have vestigial tails, although they are hardly noticeable.			
	Derivatives >>	vestigially		