

Lesson 28

Definitions



1.	abeyance	uh BAY uns	suspension of action
	Synonyms >>	dormancy, latency, quiescence	Antonym >> activity
	The meeting was held in abeyance until the chairperson arrived.		
	Derivatives >>	abeyant	
2.	burly	BUR lee	great in bodily size, sturdy; brusque
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> slight; refined; mannered
	When we saw the burly man appear in the door, we knew it was no time to pick a fight.		
	Derivatives >>	burlier, burliest, burly, burliness	
3.	cavalier	kav uh LEER	an armed horseman, a knight; treating important matters lightly
	Synonyms >>	disdainful	Antonym >> reserved; humble; meek
	His arrogant and cavalier attitude has offended many people.		
	Derivatives >>	cavalierly	
4.	chagrin	shuh GRIN	vexation through humiliation, hurt pride, or disappointment
	Synonyms >>	trouble, grief	Antonym >> self-satisfaction
	The chagrin the girl felt as a result of her abject poverty kept her from associating with her school peers.		
	Derivatives >>	chagrined, chagrining, chagrins	
5.	coagulate	ko AG yuh late	to gather together in a mass, to clot; to congeal
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to flow freely
	Because blood coagulates, people do not bleed to death from small cuts.		
	Derivatives >>	coagulable, coagulant, coagulated, coagulating, coagulation, coagulative, coagulator	
6.	compilation	kom puh LAY shun	an accumulation of many things
	Synonyms >>	accretion	Antonym >>
	The book was an interesting compilation of many sources.		
	Derivatives >>	compiler, compilatory, compile, compiled, compilation, compiler	
7.	contest	kun TEST	to compete, to attempt to disprove
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to accept without dispute
	I contest your statement about his lack of courage.		
	Derivatives >>	contested, contesting, contests	
8.	defoliate	dee FOE lee ate	to deprive of leaves
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The chemical Agent Orange was used in Vietnam to defoliate the trees so the enemy could be found.		
	Derivatives >>	defoliant, defoliated, defoliating, defoliator	
9.	effigy	EF eh jee	a dummy or image of a person (usually one who is not liked)
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The ball team hung the opponent's mascot in effigy at the pep rally before the game.		
	Derivatives >>	effigies	
10.	eon	EE un, EE on	a long period of time
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> short time
	It seems like it will be eons before I am allowed to date.		
	Derivatives >>	aeon, aeonian, eonian, aeonic, aeonial	
11.	fervent	FUR vent	ardent, showing great emotion, impassioned
	Synonyms >>	fervid, passionate, fervid	Antonym >> indifferent
	I have a fervent love for that man.		
	Derivatives >>	fervency, fervently, ferventness, fervid, fervidly, fervidity, fervidness	

12.	ingenuity	in juh NOO eh tee	cleverness, inventiveness, resourcefulness
	Synonyms >>	adroitness, cunning, deftness, dexterity	Antonym >> lack of cleverness
	He showed much ingenuity in his unique way of solving the problem.		
	Derivatives >>	ingenious, ingeniously, ingeniousness	
13.	insidious	in SID ee us	treacherous or dangerous in a secret sort of way
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> harmless
	AIDS is insidious because one can have it and transmit it before showing symptoms of the disease.		
	Derivatives >>	insidiously, insidiousness	
14.	myopic	my OP ik	unable to discern, unable to think clearly or objectively; shortsighted
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> perceptive
	She is so myopic that she never sees all of her options.		
	Derivatives >>	myopically	
15.	plethora	PLETH ur uh	superabundance, excessive amount
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> scarcity
	She offered a plethora of excuses for failing French, none of which were acceptable.		
	Derivatives >>	plethoric	
16.	propitious	pruh PISH us	favorably disposed, graciously inclined
	Synonyms >>	helpful, advantageous, benevolent, favorable, auspicious	Antonym >> unfavorable; inauspicious
	America has conditions propitious to democracy.		
	Derivatives >>	propitiously, propitiousness, propitiate, propitiated, propitiatory	
17.	protrusion	pro TROO zhun	something sticking out
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> indentation
	A large protrusion on his head was the result of being hit by the bat.		
	Derivatives >>	protusive, protusively, protusiveness	
18.	quack	KWAK	an unqualified or fake doctor, charlatan
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> qualified physician
	Fortunately the girl was saved from the scalpel of the quack who called himself a doctor.		
	Derivatives >>	quackery, quackish, quackishly, quackishness, quackism	
19.	querulous	KWER uh lus	constantly complaining, whining
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> uncomplaining
	Amy irritates me when she constantly speaks in her querulous voice.		
	Derivatives >>	querulously, querulousness, querulist, querulent	
20.	rustic	RUS tik	relating to the country
	Synonyms >>	rural, coarse	Antonym >> urban; relating to the city
	The rustic cabin in the mountains was small but comfortable.		
	Derivatives >>	rustical, rustically, rusticate, rustication, rusticator	
21.	sovereign	SOV rin	possessed of controlling power
	Synonyms >>	predominant, paramount, preponderant	Antonym >> without power
	The king is sovereign within his country.		
	Derivatives >>	sovereignly, sovereignty, sovranity	
22.	temperance	TEM pur uns	moderation or self-restraint in action or statement
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The woman exercised temperance in filling her plate with small portions of food.		
	Derivatives >>	temperate, temperately, temperateness	
23.	truncate	TRUNG kate	to shorten by cutting
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to lengthen
	If you truncate the board, it will fit into the space you desire.		
	Derivatives >>	truncated, truncately, truncation, truncature	
24.	undulant	UN juh lunt	moving with or resembling a wavelike motion
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> motionless
	Playing golf on an undulant terrain is usually difficult.		
	Derivatives >>	undulance, undulate, undulated, undulating, undulation, undulatory	
25.	viscosity	vis KOS eh tee	property of having a high resistance to flow
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	Heinz ketchup has a high viscosity.		
	Derivatives >>	viscous	