

Lesson 30

Definitions



1.	affront	uh FRONT	an offensive act or word; an offense to one's dignity or self-respect	
	Synonyms >>	impertinence, contumely, scorn, indignity, abuse, outrage,	Antonym >>	
	I considered his rude remarks a personal affront.			
	Derivatives >>	affrontedly, affrontedness, affronter, affrontingly, affrontiveness		
2.	alcove	AL kove	a partially enclosed extension of a room or part of a room	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	
	An alcove is to a room as an inlet is to a lake.			
	Derivatives >>	alcoves		
3.	blanch	BLANCH	to take the color out of, to bleach, to make white	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	to color
	It is popular to blanch new blue jeans before wearing them.			
	Derivatives >>	blancher, blanched		
4.	champion	CHAM pee un	to defend or to support	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	to persecute
	The senator championed the cause of the homeless.			
	Derivatives >>	championship, championless, championlike, championed, championing		
5.	compress	kum PRESS	to contract, to reduce in size or volume	
	Synonyms >>	condense, constrict, contract, deflate	Antonym >>	to expand
	Farmers now have machines to compress hay into bales.			
	Derivatives >>	compressible, compressibility, compressed, compression, compressive, compressor, compressively,		
6.	convivial	kun VIV ee ul	fond of good company and of festivity	
	Synonyms >>	friendly, sociable	Antonym >>	unsociable
	He was of the convivial sort, fond of people, parties, and pleasures.			
	Derivatives >>	conviviality, convivially, convivium, convivia		
7.	dilation	die LAY shun	expansion	
	Synonyms >>	amplification, distention, inflation, swelling	Antonym >>	constriction
	Some drugs will cause the dilation of the pupil of the eye.			
	Derivatives >>	dilate, dilated, dilatedly, dilatedness, dilative		
8.	elegiac	el uh JEE uk	mournful, expressing sorrow	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	rejoicing
	His elegiac poem about the war deaths moved everyone.			
	Derivatives >>	elegiacal, elegy		
9.	exculpate	EK skul pate	to clear from blame or guilt	
	Synonyms >>	absolve, acquit, exonerate, vindicate	Antonym >>	to convict
	The governor was petitioned to exculpate the prisoner.			
	Derivatives >>	exculpation, exculpatory		
10.	fiasco	fee AS ko	a total failure and a mess	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	unqualified success
	The man's attempt to run the business was such a fiasco that a small fortune was lost because of his failure.			
	Derivatives >>	fiascoes, fiascos		
11.	heedless	HEED les	disregarding, thoughtless	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	aware; concerned; attentive
	He walked on, heedless of the signs warning about the mine field.			
	Derivatives >>	heed, heeded, heeding, heeds, heedlessly, heedful, heedfully		

12.	incisive	in SIE siv	very perceptive, clear and to the point
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> obtuse
	His incisive remarks swayed the crowd.		
	Derivatives >>	incisively, incisiveness	
13.	instigation	in stuh GAY shun	urging, provocation; initiation
	Synonyms >>	abetment, fomentation, incitement	Antonym >> dissuasion
	This project would never have been attempted without his instigation.		
	Derivatives >>	instigate, instigatingly, instigative, instigator	
14.	interloper	IN tur lope ur	one who interferes in the affairs or with the rights of others
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> ascetic; hermit
	As the man tried to work out his difficulties a busy-body interloper jumped in and made matters worse.		
	Derivatives >>	interlope	
15.	labyrinthine	lab uh RIN thin	like a maze, very convoluted and intricate
	Synonyms >>	mazy	Antonym >>
	The senator vowed to unravel the labyrinthine welfare bureaucracy.		
	Derivatives >>	labyrinth, labyrinthal, labyrinthical, labyrinthian, labyrinthic, labyrinthically	
16.	molt	MOLT	to shed an outer covering such as feathers or skin periodically
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	Feathers are everywhere since my birds are molting.		
	Derivatives >>	molts, molted, molting	
17.	pariah	puh RIE uh	an outcast
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> accepted citizen
	He became a pariah among his friends when he admitted being a Nazi during the war.		
	Derivatives >>	pariahdom, pariahism	
18.	philanderer	feh LAN dur ur	one who engages in love affairs lightly or insincerely
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	I asked my daughter how she could fall in love with a playboy and a philanderer.		
	Derivatives >>	philander, philandered, philandering	
19.	predisposed	pree deh SPOZD	inclined toward something in advance
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> objective or neutral
	I believe that the judge was predisposed to freeing the man.		
	Derivatives >>	predispose, predisposition	
20.	quench	KWENCH	to extinguish, to put out; to relieve with liquid
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to stir up
	He quenched the hot coals in the barbecue pit with water.		
	Derivatives >>	quencher, quenched, quenching, quenchable, quenchableness	
21.	reprobate	REP ruh bate	to disapprove of; a person with no moral principles, a depraved individual
	Synonyms >>	blame, censure, condemn, denounce, reprehend	Antonym >> saint
	Some thought that the ax murderer was a reprobate who deserved to die.		
	Derivatives >>	reprobation, reprobative, reprobator, reprobatory	
22.	salutary	SAL yuh ter ee	promoting good health or beneficial effects
	Synonyms >>	salubrious, wholesome	Antonym >> harmful
	Your talk has had a salutary effect on your child. His class behavior has really improved.		
	Derivatives >>	salutarily, salutariness	
23.	tenacious	teh NAY shus	persistent, holding fast to a position
	Synonyms >>	mettlesome, resolved	Antonym >> fickle
	England was tenacious in its desire not to fall to the Germans.		
	Derivatives >>	tenaciously, tenaciousness, tenacity	
24.	tenuous	TEN yoo us	flimsy, barely attached
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> firm or substantial
	His position with the law firm became tenuous when he objected to hiring women.		
	Derivatives >>	tenuously, tenuousness, tenuity	
25.	unfrock	un FROK	to deprive the right to be in a profession (usually applies to a priest)
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to decorate
	The priest was unfrocked as a result of his moral depravity.		
	Derivatives >>	unfrocked	