

Lesson 16

Definitions



1.	acclaim	uh KLAYM	praise, approval; to salute; to hail
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to slander; to ridicule; to defame
	He received great acclaim for discovering a polio vaccine.		
	Derivatives >>	acclaimer, acclamation, acclamatory	
2.	amass	uh MASS	to collect, to gather, to accumulate
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to loose; to scatter
	He amassed a fortune as a result of the oil strike.		
	Derivatives >>	amassable, amasser, amassment, amassed	
3.	anarchist	AN ar kist	one who believes in the absence of government or law
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> tyrant; monarch
	When the government fell and there was a total state of disorder, the anarchist was happy.		
	Derivatives >>	anarchy, anarchically, anarchical, anarchic, anarchism, anarchistic	
4.	banter	BAN ter	to speak in a witty or teasing manner
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The opposing coaches, who were old friends, bantered back and forth before the game.		
	Derivatives >>	banterer, bantering, banteringly, banters, bantered	
5.	blithe	BLIETH	lighthearted, joyous, glad, cheerful, free of spirit
	Synonyms >>	jocund, jolly, jovial	Antonym >> morose
	Her blithe spirit provided an air of gaiety at the meeting.		
	Derivatives >>	blithely, blithesome, blithesomely, blithesomeness	
6.	cacophonous	kuh KAH fuh nus	harsh sounding, having dissonance
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> euphonious; pleasant sounding
	An orchestra is cacophonous when it is tuning up.		
	Derivatives >>	cacophony	
7.	commensurate	kuh MEN sur it	equal
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> disproportionate; unequal
	I hope that I get a reward that is commensurate with what I have found.		
	Derivatives >>	commensurately, commensuration, commensurable, commensurability, commensurably	
8.	complacency	kum PLAY sun see	the state of being self-satisfied
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> dissatisfaction
	Considering that he is failing, it is curious to see his sense of complacency.		
	Derivatives >>	complacent, complacently, complacence, complaisant, complaisance, complaisantly	
9.	desiccate	DES uh kate	to dry up
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to soak
	When traveling, desiccated milk or soup is easy to carry.		
	Derivatives >>	desiccated, desiccation, desiccative, desiccator, desiccatory	
10.	diminution	dim uh NOO shun	diminishment, reduction
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> escalation
	The diminution of nuclear weapons is a goal of arms control.		
	Derivatives >>	diminutive, diminutival, diminutively, diminutiveness	
11.	elicit	eh LIS it	to bring out a response, to evoke
	Synonyms >>	educe, extort, extract	Antonym >> to inhibit
	I would like to elicit your participation in the blood drive.		
	Derivatives >>	elicitable, elicitate, elicitation	

12.	incessant	in SES unt	uninterrupted		
	Synonyms >>	constant, perennial, perpetual, unremitting		Antonym >>	intermittent
		The dog's incessant barking caused the man to have difficulty falling asleep.			
	Derivatives >>	incessancy, incessantly, incessantness, incession			
13.	jollity	JOL eh tee	merriment, state of being jolly		
	Synonyms >>	glee, hilarity, mirth		Antonym >>	sadness
		There was much good feeling and jollity at the Christmas party.			
	Derivatives >>	jollier, jollification, jollify, jollily, jolliness, jolly			
14.	kindle	KIN dul	to start a fire, to stir up		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to douse
		The boys were taught to kindle a fire.			
	Derivatives >>	kindled, kindling, kindles			
15.	parsimony	PAR suh moe nee	stinginess, frugality; excessive economy		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	prodigality; extravagance
		His family suffered from his parsimony as he refused to spend adequate money even on the necessities of life.			
	Derivatives >>	parsimonious, parsimoniousness, parsimoniously			
16.	penury	PEN yuh ree	extreme poverty		
	Synonyms >>	destitution, impecuniousness, indigence, want		Antonym >>	opulence
		There is much penury in central Africa.			
	Derivatives >>	penurious, penuriously, penuriousness			
17.	perspicacious	pur spu KAY shus	having clear insight, shrewd, very perceptive		
	Synonyms >>	astute, sagacious		Antonym >>	ignorant; stupid
		The perspicacious detective was able to determine the perpetrator of the crime.			
	Derivatives >>	perspicaciously, perspicaciousness, perspicacity			
18.	pliable	PLY uh bul	easily manipulated or able to be bent freely without breaking		
	Synonyms >>	pliant, ductile, malleable		Antonym >>	obstinate
		The diplomat's instructions from his country left him no room to be pliable. He could make no compromises.			
	Derivatives >>	pliability, pliableness, plially, pliant, pliancy, pliantness, pliantly			
19.	quell	KWELL	to quiet or to put down a disturbance		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to foment; to incite
		Fortunately, the principal was able to quell the food fight in the cafeteria.			
	Derivatives >>	quelled, quelling, quells			
20.	rectify	REK tuh fie	to set right or to correct		
	Synonyms >>	reform, revise, remedy, emend		Antonym >>	
		The school board has decided to increase funding for female athletic teams in order to rectify past imbalances.			
	Derivatives >>	rectifiable, rectifier, rectified, rectifying			
21.	rue	ROO	to be sorry for, to regret		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to consider happily
		He will rue the day that he tangles with me.			
	Derivatives >>	rueful, ruefully, ruefulness, rues			
22.	sluggard	SLUG urd	a person who is lazy		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	energetic person
		Let's fire him. Not only is he slovenly, but he is also a sluggard.			
	Derivatives >>	sluggardly, sluggardness			
23.	stealthy	STEL the	acting in a secret and sneaky way--this is a negative term		
	Synonyms >>	clandestine, covert, furtive, surreptitious, underhanded		Antonym >>	open; indiscreet
		The secret organization moves by stealth to gather information on its enemies.			
	Derivatives >>	stealthyful, stealthfully, stealthily, stealthiness, stealth			
24.	succinct	suk SINGKT	brief, compact		
	Synonyms >>	compendious, concise, laconic, pithy, summary, terse		Antonym >>	frequently digressing
		Because her comments were succinct and to the point the ceremony was brief.			
	Derivatives >>	succinctly, succinctness			
25.	voluminous	vuh LOO muh nus	marked by great volume or size		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	slight
		There are voluminous writings about most of our presidents.			
	Derivatives >>	voluminosity, voluminously, voluminousness			