

Lesson 19

Definitions



1.	adjunct	AD junkt	something joined or added to a thing but not necessarily a part of it
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	An adjunct professor is one who is associated with a college faculty only in a temporary or auxiliary manner.		
	Derivatives >>	adjunctive, adjunctively	
2.	anomalous	uh NAHM uh lus	out of place, abnormal
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> fitting a pattern
	Seeing a Toyota in the background of that World War II movie was anomalous.		
	Derivatives >>	anomalously, anomalousness, anomaly, anomalies	
3.	belligerent	buh LIJ er unt	waging war; inclined to or exhibiting assertiveness
	Synonyms >>	bellicose, pugnacious, combative, contentious, quarrelsome	Antonym >> peaceful
	A belligerent nation always seems to be at war.		
	Derivatives >>	belligerence, belligerency, belligerently	
4.	censure	SEN shur	to blame or to condemn
	Synonyms >>	denounce, reprehend, reprobate (verb)	Antonym >> to praise
	The congressman was censured for taking a bribe.		
	Derivatives >>	censured, censuring, censorer, censures	
5.	compliance	kum PLY uns	a yielding; acquiescence
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> rebellion
	We intend to be in full compliance with the court order.		
	Derivatives >>	compliant, compliantly, compliancy, compliant, compliablens, compliably	
6.	defile	deh FILE	to make dirty, to desecrate, to pollute
	Synonyms >>	contaminate, taint	Antonym >> to enhance
	The gang defiled the school with obscene graffiti.		
	Derivatives >>	defilement, defiler, defiling, defilingly	
7.	diligent	DIL eh junt	characterized by steady, attentive and energetic effort in a pursuit or study
	Synonyms >>	industrious, assiduous, sedulous	Antonym >>
	The students in the special course were studious and diligent.		
	Derivatives >>	diligence, diligency, diligently, diligentness	
8.	expedient	ik SPEE dee unt	appropriate for a purpose but not necessarily moral, right, or just.
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> disadvantageous
	In trying to increase political support, the candidate found it expedient to change his stand on taxation.		
	Derivatives >>	expediate, expedience, expediency, expediential, expedientist, expediently	
9.	flout	FLOUT	to treat with contempt
	Synonyms >>	scoff, jeer, gibe, sneer, mock, insult	Antonym >>
	When the boy answered the question he flouted a response that was both rude and insulting.		
	Derivatives >>	flouted, flouting, flouts, flouter, floutingly	
10.	galling	GAUL ing	very irritating
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> soothing
	It was a galling experience to have my boyfriend ask another girl to the prom.		
	Derivatives >>	gallingly, gallingness, gall, galls, galled	
11.	heralded	HER ul did	announced or publicized
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> unannounced
	The approaching event was heralded by the newspapers.		
	Derivatives >>	heraldic, heraldically, heraldist, heraldry	

12.	incantation	in kan TAY shun	a spell, written or recited formula of words designed for a particular effect
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The purpose of the witch doctor's incantations was to scare evil spirits.		
	Derivatives >>	incant, incantational, incantatory	
13.	indigenous	in DIJ eh nus	native to a certain area
	Synonyms >>	aboriginal, endemic, native	Antonym >> alien
	Many types of cacti are indigenous to the southwest deserts of the United States.		
	Derivatives >>	indigenously, indigenize, indigenization	
14.	luscious	LUSH us	very pleasant to the taste
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> unpleasant to the taste
	The meal was absolutely luscious.		
	Derivatives >>	lusciously, lusciousness	
15.	nomadic	no MAD ik	characterized by moving about from place to place as nomads
	Synonyms >>	transient	Antonym >> not mobile; stationary
	The nomadic people traveled across the continent.		
	Derivatives >>	nomad, nomadism, nomadically, nomadize	
16.	parry	PAIR ee	to deflect or to ward off a blow
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The champion boxer won the match because he was able to parry his opponent's blows so successfully.		
	Derivatives >>	parried, parrying	
17.	precipitate	preh SIP eh tate	to cause to speedily occur, to throw headlong
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to delay
	Coming home late at my house will always precipitate a fight.		
	Derivatives >>	precipitation, precipitancy, precipitately, precipitator, precipitous	
18.	pungent	PUN junt	sharp or irritating to the taste or smell, acrid
	Synonyms >>	piquant, poignant, racy	Antonym >> sweet; pleasant
	There was a pungent odor in the stockyard.		
	Derivatives >>	pungence, pungency, pungently	
19.	ratify	RAT eh fie	to give formal approval
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to reject
	In the United States, a treaty must be ratified by two-thirds of the Senate in order to take effect.		
	Derivatives >>	ratification, ratificationist, ratifier	
20.	sagacious	suh GAY shus	wise, shrewd, very discerning
	Synonyms >>	astute, perspicacious	Antonym >> ignorant; uninformed; undiscerning
	The sagacious freshman knew not to buy an elevator pass from the senior attempting a clever ruse.		
	Derivatives >>	sagaciate, sagaciously, sagaciousness, sagacity	
21.	slovenly	SLUV un lee	messy, untidy, careless
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> fastidious
	A person with slovenly work habits will likely lose his job.		
	Derivatives >>	slovenry, slovenness, slovenliness	
22.	spiteful	SPITE ful	full of spite or malice; malicious; malevolent
	Synonyms >>	vengeful, cruel, rancorous	Antonym >> benevolent; kind
	She is a spiteful child, always seeking revenge for any injury.		
	Derivatives >>	spitefully, spitefulness	
23.	tangential	tan JEN shul	slightly connected, divergent
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> pertinent
	Since we are short of time, tangential remarks are not appreciated.		
	Derivatives >>	tangent, tangentially, tangently	
24.	taper	TAY pur	to decrease in thickness or width
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to make wider
	The intensity of the pain will taper off as time goes on. Some shirts are tapered at the bottom.		
	Derivatives >>	tapered, tapering	
25.	vagrant	VAY grunt	a wanderer who does not have a home
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	There are many vagrants who sleep under freeways in urban areas.		
	Derivatives >>	vagrance, vagrancy, vagrantly	