

Lesson 20

Definitions



1.	affluent	uh FLU unt	abounding in wealth; prosperous; flowing freely		
	Synonyms >>	rich, teeming		Antonym >> impoverished	
	Because the man was so affluent, he was able to donate large sums of money to the organization.				
	Derivatives >>	affluence, affluently			
2.	antiquity	an TIK wuh tee	the quality of being ancient; ancient times		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
	Many scholars spend years studying the records left from antiquity.				
	Derivatives >>	antiquities, antiquarian			
3.	blandishment	BLAN dish munt	flattery		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
	Due to the salesman's blandishments, the customer bought the jacket.				
	Derivatives >>	blandish, blandisher, blandished			
4.	chasten	CHAY sun	to discipline, to use punishment to correct behavior		
	Synonyms >>	admonish, castigate, chastise, chide, rebuke, reproach		Antonym >> to reward	
	I was chastened by my mother for not cleaning up my room.				
	Derivatives >>	chastened, chastening, chastener			
5.	civility	suh VIL uh tee	polite and courteous behavior		
	Synonyms >>	mannerly behavior		Antonym >> rudeness, boorishness, impoliteness	
	Diplomats are expected to display a great deal of civility in their interactions with one another.				
	Derivatives >>	civil, civilities, civilize, civilizatory, civilizedness			
6.	congenial	kun JEEN yul	characterized by friendly sociability		
	Synonyms >>	compatible, consonant, genial, pleasant, attractive		Antonym >>	
	The family decided to settle in the congenial little town.				
	Derivatives >>	congeniality, congenially, congenialness			
7.	deft	DEFT	skillful, adroit		
	Synonyms >>	clever, cunning, dexterous, ingenious		Antonym >> clumsy	
	He was very deft in handling the questions from the reporter.				
	Derivatives >>	deftness, deftly			
8.	dispatch	deh SPATCH	to send away with promptness or speed; speed, quickness		
	Synonyms >>	haste, expediency		Antonym >> to delay; slowness, inefficiency	
	The officer dispatched his troops to the scene of conflict.				
	Derivatives >>	dispatched, dispatching, dispatches			
9.	embroil	em BROIL	to entangle, to throw into confusion or strife		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> to unhamper; to free	
	The senators are embroiled in an argument over raising taxes.				
	Derivatives >>	embroiled, embroiling, embroiler, embroilment, embroils			
10.	expurgate	EK spur gate	to remove obscene or objectionable material usually before publication		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> to include	
	The censors felt that certain words needed to be expurgated from the book.				
	Derivatives >>	expurgation, expurgator, expurgatorial, expurgatory			
11.	garner	GAR nur	to gather together, to store up		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> to disperse	
	I will need to garner all of my allies in order to win this vote.				
	Derivatives >>	garnering, garnered			

12.	heretical	huh RET eh kul	contrary to church doctrine or accepted beliefs or standards	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	sacred
	His heretical statements were offensive to many believers.			
	Derivatives >>	heretic, heretically, hereticalness, hereticate, heretication, hereticator		
13.	iconoclast	eye KON uh klast	one who attacks established beliefs or institutions	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	disciple
	The church is constantly under attack by iconoclasts.			
	Derivatives >>	iconoclasm, iconoclastic, iconoclastically		
14.	irreproachable	ear eh PRO chuh bul	faultless, not discreditable	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	wrong; faulty
	The woman's morals are so high that she is irreproachable.			
	Derivatives >>	irreproachability, irreproachableness, irreproachably		
15.	mercurial	mur KYOOR ee ul	changing unpredictably, fickle	
	Synonyms >>	capricious, inconstant, unstable	Antonym >>	stolid
	Due to his mercurial temperament, employees always approached him carefully, unsure of what his mood would be.			
	Derivatives >>	mercuriality, mercurially		
16.	nuance	NOO awns	a subtle distinction or difference	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	
	The nuance of flavor cannot be described adequately.			
	Derivatives >>	nuances, nuanced, nuancing		
17.	partisan	PAR ti zen	one who exhibits extreme or possibly blind allegiance to a group or cause	
	Synonyms >>	adherent, disciple, follower	Antonym >>	antagonist
	The cause was supported by a small group of partisans.			
	Derivatives >>	partisanism, partisanry, partisanship		
18.	pious	PIE us	marked by showing zealous devotion to the rites of religion	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	
	He engages in many pious practices such as attending mass.			
	Derivatives >>	piety, piously		
19.	raucous	RAH kus	loud and boisterous, harsh, disorderly	
	Synonyms >>	stentorian, strident	Antonym >>	quiet; mild
	The raucous crowd at the fight threw chairs into the ring to show disagreement with the decision.			
	Derivatives >>	raucously, raucousness, raucid, raucity		
20.	repugnant	reh PUG nunt	disgusting, offensive	
	Synonyms >>	abhorrent, invidious, obnoxious, repellent	Antonym >>	appealing
	It is repugnant to spit on the sidewalk.			
	Derivatives >>	repugnancy, repugnantly, repugnatorial, repugnance		
21.	satiric	suh TER ik	characterized by satire (a branch of literature ridiculing vice or folly)	
	Synonyms >>	sarcastic, sardonic, ironic	Antonym >>	
	The political cartoonist was known for his satiric drawings.			
	Derivatives >>	satire, satirical, satirically, satirism, satirist, satirize, satirizer		
22.	sporadic	spo RAD ik	occasionally occurring	
	Synonyms >>	infrequent, rare, scarce, uncommon	Antonym >>	constant
	While there are sporadic showers, the summers in the western part of Texas are usually hot and dry.			
	Derivatives >>	sporadically, sporadicity		
23.	succulent	SUK yuh lunt	very juicy	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	dry
	An orange is an example of a succulent fruit.			
	Derivatives >>	succulency, succulence		
24.	terrestrial	teh RES tree ul	of the earth or pertaining to the earth	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	heavenly
	Humans are terrestrial beings.			
	Derivatives >>	terrestrially, terrain		
25.	ungainly	un GANE lee	awkward	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	agile
	Boys who grow very fast are sometimes ungainly.			
	Derivatives >>	ungainliness		