

Lesson 27

Definitions



1.	abyss	uh BISS	bottomless hole, a vast expanse or depth
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The man had fallen into the abyss of depravity.		
	Derivatives >>	abysm, abysmal, abysmally, abyssal	
2.	acrid	AK rid	caustic, bitter, harsh (relates sometimes to taste and smell)
	Synonyms >>	caustic, mordant, scathing	Antonym >> agreeable
	The acrid odor in the restaurant caused me to leave.		
	Derivatives >>	acridity, acridness, acridly	
3.	acuity	uh KEW uh tee	sharpness of perception
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> denseness
	His acuity in determining the facts made him a good judge.		
	Derivatives >>	acuties, acute, acuteness	
4.	baleful	BALE ful	destructive, deadly
	Synonyms >>	malign, sinister	Antonym >> benign
	War is a baleful experience for many.		
	Derivatives >>	bale, balefully, balefulness	
5.	cataclysm	KAT uh kliz um	an event or situation that causes a momentous change or upheaval
	Synonyms >>	calamity, catastrophe	Antonym >>
	The San Francisco earthquake was a cataclysmic event.		
	Derivatives >>	cataclysmic, cataclysmal	
6.	catharsis	kuh THAR sis	a purification or purging of emotions that brings about spiritual renewal
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> repression
	The child had so many repressed emotions that a catharsis was needed to restore his normal state of mind.		
	Derivatives >>	catharses, cathartic, cathartically	
7.	dogma	DOG muh	a system of beliefs or principles
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The foreigner was anxious to learn the dogma of the church since he had never been exposed to it.		
	Derivatives >>	dogmatic	
8.	edifice	ED uh fis	a very large building
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> shack; small building
	This particular edifice has the title of being the tallest building in the world.		
	Derivatives >>		
9.	enumerate	eh NOO muh rate	to count one by one
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to group
	In his summation, my lawyer enumerated all of the reasons why I should receive a verdict of "not guilty."		
	Derivatives >>	enumeration, enumerative, enumerator	
10.	grate	GRATE	to cause irritation
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to soothe
	Her acrimonious comments grate on my nerves.		
	Derivatives >>	grated, grating, grater	
11.	inertia	in UR shuh	resistance to motion or action
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> disposition to action
	In order to move, a force must first overcome a body's initial inertia.		
	Derivatives >>	inert, inertial, inertia, inertness, inertly	

12.	inordinate	in OR duh nit	exceeding reasonable limits, excessive
	Synonyms >>	exorbitant, extravagant, extreme, immoderate	Antonym >> small
	It is a sign of trouble when a student has an inordinate number of absences.		
	Derivatives >>	inordinately, inordinateness, inordination	
13.	luminous	LOO muh nus	shining, full of light
	Synonyms >>	bright, brilliant, lustrous	Antonym >> dark; dull
	The most luminous thing visible from Earth is the sun.		
	Derivatives >>	luminosity, luminously, luminousness	
14.	maudlin	MOD lin	overly sentimental
	Synonyms >>	mawkish	Antonym >>
	The maudlin clown cried excessively over a simple popped balloon.		
	Derivatives >>	maudlinism, maudlinly, maudlinness	
15.	novice	NOV is	a beginner
	Synonyms >>	apprentice, probationer, neophyte, tyro	Antonym >> a veteran; a professional
	A novice in swimming should stay in the shallow end of the pool until he is more skilled.		
	Derivatives >>	novicehood, novicelike, novitiate	
16.	pique	PEEK	resentment, irritation
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> acceptance
	After finding that he had been seeing other women, she showed her pique by not speaking to him.		
	Derivatives >>	piqued, piquing	
17.	propensity	pruh PEN seh tee	preference, natural inclination
	Synonyms >>	leaning, penchant, proclivity	Antonym >> aversion
	I have a propensity for rising early.		
	Derivatives >>	propension, propense, propend	
18.	purse	PURS	to pucker or to tighten one's lips
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The angrier he got, the more he pursed his lips.		
	Derivatives >>	pursed, pursing	
19.	refute	reh FYOOT	to disprove, to show as erroneous
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to prove; to avow
	The lawyer presented evidence that refuted the testimony of the witness.		
	Derivatives >>	refutable, refutability, refutably, refutal, refutation, refutative, refutatory, refuter	
20.	remuneration	reh myoo nuh RAY	the act of paying for a service, loss, or expense
	Synonyms >>	compensation, reimbursement	Antonym >>
	The man sought remuneration for his expenses from his boss.		
	Derivatives >>	remunerate, remunerative, remunerator, remuneratively, remunerativeness	
21.	soothsayer	SOOTH say ur	a person who is able to predict the future, seer
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	After John Kennedy was shot, many self-proclaimed soothsayers claimed to have predicted the assassination.		
	Derivatives >>	soothsay, soothsaying	
22.	supple	SUP ul	easily bent, elastic, pliable
	Synonyms >>	resilient	Antonym >> rigid
	Her supple bones allowed her to perform strange feats in gymnastics.		
	Derivatives >>	suppler, supplest	
23.	travail	truh VALE	difficult labor
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> relaxing diversion
	It took years of travail to build this business.		
	Derivatives >>	travails	
24.	understate	UN dur state	to show restraint or lack of emphasis
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to embroider
	I believe that you are understating the danger of nuclear energy.		
	Derivatives >>	understated, understatement	
25.	vibrant	VIE brunt	full of life
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> lifeless
	She was a vibrant young woman before she went into a coma.		
	Derivatives >>	vibrance, vibrancy, vibrantly	