

Lesson 35

Definitions



1.	abandon (noun)	uh BAN dun	act of unrestrained behavior disregarding consequences
	Synonyms >>	license, laxity	Antonym >> caution, self-restraint
	Some say Teddy Roosevelt charged up San Juan Hill with reckless abandon.		
	Derivatives >>	abandonable, abandoner, abandonment, abandoned, abandonedly	
2.	bemuse	buh MUZE	to confuse or to bewilder
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to enlighten
	He did not intend to bemuse the class with his ambiguous remarks.		
	Derivatives >>	bemused	
3.	collage	kuh LAHZ	an assembly of diverse things to make an artistic composition
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	My girlfriend gave me a collage representing the time that we have dated.		
	Derivatives >>	collages	
4.	decorousness	DEK ur us ness	proper behavior
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> lack of propriety
	A gentleman's behavior is known for its decorousness.		
	Derivatives >>	decorous, decorously, decorum	
5.	equilibrium	ee kwuh LIB ree um	a state of balance between opposing forces
	Synonyms >>	balance, poise	Antonym >> imbalance
	The acrobats need a good sense of equilibrium in order to perform the tricks.		
	Derivatives >>	equilibriums, equilibriize, equilibrate	
6.	ethos	EE thos, ETH os	the distinguishing character or values of a specific people or culture
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	In the Indian ethos, the young brave was encouraged into manhood.		
	Derivatives >>	ethoses	
7.	explicate	EK spluh kate	to explain, to clarify the meaning
	Synonyms >>	elucidate, expound	Antonym >> to fail to clarify
	He could not explicate the actions of his son.		
	Derivatives >>	explication, explicative, explicator, explicatory	
8.	fold (noun)	FOLD	a group bound together by common beliefs; fenced enclosure for sheep
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> individuals
	We need to convince him to return to the fold.		
	Derivatives >>	folds	
9.	impudent	IM pyuh dunt	disrespectful, characterized by improper bold behavior
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> respectful
	The student's impudent act of using profanity toward Mrs. Dove caused him to be expelled.		
	Derivatives >>	impudence, impudency, impudently, impudentness, impudicity	
10.	intensify	in TEN suh fie	to strengthen
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to weaken
	We will intensify our position by getting more documentation to support our views.		
	Derivatives >>	intensification, intensifier, intensified, intensifying, intensifies	
11.	interred	in TURD	buried
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> exhumed; disinterred
	He was interred by the avalanche.		
	Derivatives >>	inter, interment	

12.	lionize	LIE uh nize	to treat one with importance or as a celebrity
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to spurn
		The newspapers often lionize a celebrity who visits the city.	
	Derivatives >>	lionism, lionization	
13.	mosaic	mow ZAY ik	a picture made by using various small pieces of multicolored material
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
		The myriad of races and cultures that make up America is said to resemble a mosaic.	
	Derivatives >>	mosaicist, mosaically, mosaical	
14.	pedestrian	puh DES tree un	ordinary, unimaginative
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> extraordinary; unusual
		There will not be much progress as long as the school board maintains its pedestrian attitude.	
	Derivatives >>	pedestrianate, pedestrianize, pedestrianism	
15.	polarization	poe lur eh ZAY shun	division into two opposite positions
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> consolidation
		There is a polarization in the school district between those who want a smoking area and those who do not.	
	Derivatives >>	polarize, polarizing, polarizer, polarizable, polarizability	
16.	reciprocal	reh SIP ruh kul	mutual, interacting
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
		We have made a reciprocal trade agreement whereby we will sell the country grain and it will sell us copper.	
	Derivatives >>	reciprocity, reciprocally, reciprocating, reciprocation, reciprocative, reciprocator, reciprocity, reciprocity	
17.	rejoinder	reh JOIN dur	an answer to a reply
	Synonyms >>	reply	Antonym >> a question
		Her remarks drew a sharp rejoinder from the man.	
	Derivatives >>	rejoin, rejoinders	
18.	restive	RES tiv	unwilling to yield or to adjust
	Synonyms >>	contrary, perverse, balky, wayward, persistent, stubborn	Antonym >> pliable; willing to change
		The man was unable to persuade the restive crowd.	
	Derivatives >>	restively, restiveness	
19.	revile	reh VILE	to subject to verbal abuse
	Synonyms >>	upbraid, berate, rail at, vituperate, scold	Antonym >> to praise; to acclaim
		The woman began to revile her husband in a fit of anger.	
	Derivatives >>	reviled, reviling, revilement, reviler, revilingly	
20.	revulsion	reh VUL shun	a strong feeling of disgust or repugnance
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> attraction; appreciation
		Everyone should have a revulsion for child abuse.	
	Derivatives >>	revulsant, revulsionary, revulsive	
21.	sever	SEV ur	to cut or to separate
	Synonyms >>	divorce, sunder	Antonym >> to connect
		I decided to sever my relationship with that organization when I found out the true nature of it.	
	Derivatives >>	severs, severed, severing, severability, severance, severable	
22.	surplus	SUR plus	an amount that is more than what is needed
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> shortage
		The government purchases surplus wheat so that it is not thrown away.	
	Derivatives >>	surplusage	
23.	topple	TOP ul	to overturn
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to stabilize
		The rebels were able to topple the government.	
	Derivatives >>	toppled, toppling	
24.	vanquished	VAN kwishd	conquered, overpowered
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> submitted
		Hitler's armies vanquished Poland with aid from Russia.	
	Derivatives >>	vanquishable, vanquisher, vanquishment	
25.	whim	HWIM	a sudden and impulsive action
	Synonyms >>	caprice, crotchet, vagary	Antonym >>
		Our trip to Washington was a mere whim.	
	Derivatives >>	whims, whimmed, whimming	