

# Lesson 31

## Definitions



1.	<b>alloy</b>	AL oh ee	a substance that is a mixture of metals	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>
	This alloy is less expensive than pure gold since it is composed of a mixture of metals.			
	Derivatives >>	alloyed, alloying, alloyage		
2.	<b>altercation</b>	al ter KAY shun	a heated or angry dispute; noisy argument or controversy	
	Synonyms >>	quarrel, contention		Antonym >>
	We were not surprised at the altercation of the two enemies; they often fought in public.			
	Derivatives >>	altercate, altercated, altercating		
3.	<b>blighted</b>	BLIE ted	destroyed or caused by decline or decay	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>
	The blighted fruit had to be separated from the rest.			
	Derivatives >>	blight		
4.	<b>charismatic</b>	care iz MAT ic	having special qualities or powers that are used for healing or prophecy	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>
	Many charismatic religions believe in faith healing.			
	Derivatives >>	charisma, charism		
5.	<b>chary</b>	SHAR ee	careful, cautious	
	Synonyms >>	circumspect, wary		Antonym >>
	He is chary when he meets a new person.			
	Derivatives >>	charier, chariest		
6.	<b>convoke</b>	kun VOKE	to summon or to call together	
	Synonyms >>	convene, muster		Antonym >>
	The meeting of the board was convoked to discuss the chairman's resignation.			
	Derivatives >>	convocation, convoke, convoker		
7.	<b>despicable</b>	des PIK uh bul	very bad, contemptible	
	Synonyms >>	pitiable, scurvy		Antonym >>
	Acting like a bully is despicable.			
	Derivatives >>	despicability, despicableness, despicably		
8.	<b>embed</b>	em BED	to enclose firmly in some mass	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>
	The fossil has been embedded in the rock for millions of years.			
	Derivatives >>	embedment		
9.	<b>embolden</b>	em BOL dun	to encourage one to be bold or to have courage	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>
	The general tried to embolden his men before battle.			
	Derivatives >>	emboldened, emboldening, emboldens		
10.	<b>florid</b>	FLOR id	flowery, flushed with color	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>
	His face becomes florid when he gets angry.			
	Derivatives >>	floridity, floridly, floridness		
11.	<b>hiatus</b>	high ATE us	gap, pause, interruption in time	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>
	Our vacation will be a short hiatus from our work.			
	Derivatives >>	hiatuses		

12.	<b>incurious</b>	in KYOOR ee us	uninterested, lacking normal curiosity
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> interested; curious
	I was surprised at his incurious reaction when I told him that the prom queen was interested in him.		
	Derivatives >>	incuriosity, incuriously, incuriousness	
13.	<b>insubordination</b>	in suh bor duh NAY	disobedience to authority
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> obedience
	The student was reprimanded for his insubordination to the teacher.		
	Derivatives >>	insubordinate, insubordinately	
14.	<b>lassitude</b>	LAS eh tood	feeling of weariness; fatigue
	Synonyms >>	languor, lethargy, stupor, torpor	Antonym >> restlessness
	The hot weather in some parts of Mexico probably created the lassitude that led to the siesta.		
	Derivatives >>	lassitudes	
15.	<b>montage</b>	mon TAZH	any combination of disparate elements that form a unified, single image
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	His memory was a montage of varied experiences.		
	Derivatives >>		
16.	<b>officious</b>	uh FISH us	overly dutiful or obliging, insisting on providing a service not requested
	Synonyms >>	impertinent, intrusive, meddlesome, obtrusive	Antonym >> disinterested
	The boss is not pleased with that employee's officious conduct.		
	Derivatives >>	officiously, officiousness	
17.	<b>premature</b>	pree muh TOOR	occurring or existing earlier than what is normal
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> overdue
	Premature children need special care because their vital systems are not fully developed.		
	Derivatives >>	prematurely, prematureness, prematurity	
18.	<b>presumptuous</b>	preh ZUMP choo us	brazenly overstepping bounds, arrogant
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> humble
	It was presumptuous of him to think that I would loan him the money.		
	Derivatives >>	presume, presumer, presumption, presumptive, presumptively, presumptuously, presumptuousness	
19.	<b>relegate</b>	REL uh gate	to assign to an inferior position
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to promote
	The veteran ball player knew it was time to retire when he was relegated to sitting on the bench.		
	Derivatives >>	relegation, relegable, relegates, relegated, relegating	
20.	<b>rescind</b>	reh SEND	to cancel
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to restore
	He said that he will have to rescind his offer if he does not hear from us by Tuesday.		
	Derivatives >>	rescindable, rescinder, rescindment	
21.	<b>saturate</b>	SACH uh rate	to soak, to completely fill
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to desiccate; to dry out
	Floods sometimes occur when the ground becomes saturated from a heavy rain and can absorb no more water.		
	Derivatives >>	saturation, saturated, saturating	
22.	<b>sterile</b>	STER ul	incapable of reproducing
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> productive
	Since the woman was sterile, she and her husband decided to adopt children.		
	Derivatives >>	sterilely, sterility, sterilizable, sterilizability, sterilization, sterilize	
23.	<b>tumultuous</b>	too MUL choo us	marked by disturbance and uproar; raising a great clatter and commotion
	Synonyms >>	uproarious, turbulent, violent, boisterous, unquiet	Antonym >> calm; quiet; peaceful
	Our class reunion had a tumultuous celebration.		
	Derivatives >>	tumult, tumultuary, tumultuously, tumultuousness	
24.	<b>unimpeachable</b>	un im PEE chuh bul	not to be called into question, exempt from liability
	Synonyms >>	irreproachable, blameless	Antonym >> liable; full of blame
	The man had an unimpeachable reputation and was considered by all to be extremely trustworthy.		
	Derivatives >>	unimpeachableness, unimpeachably, unimpeached	
25.	<b>voracious</b>	voe RAY shus	having a large appetite, ravenous
	Synonyms >>	gluttonous, rapacious	Antonym >> temperate
	Henry the VIII allegedly had a voracious appetite.		
	Derivatives >>	voraciously, voraciousness, voracity	