

Lesson 32

Definitions



1.	amenity	uh MEN uh tee	agreeable ways or manners; the quality of being agreeable or pleasant
	Synonyms >>	courtesies, civilities	Antonym >> unpleasant feature
	The woman was adored for her social amenities.		
	Derivatives >>	amenities	
2.	anathema	uh NATH uh muh	a vigorous denunciation; one who is intensely disliked
	Synonyms >>	imprecation, curse	Antonym >>
	The rebellious boy continued in his wayward actions despite the anathema pronounced by his father.		
	Derivatives >>	anathemas, anathematic, anathematical, anathematically, anathemation, anathematize, anathemize	
3.	atypical	a TIP uh kul	unusual or abnormal; odd
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> usual
	Screaming at the referee is atypical for that normally calm coach.		
	Derivatives >>	atypic, atypically	
4.	balky	BALL kee	refusing to proceed in an expected direction
	Synonyms >>	contrary, perverse, restive, wayward	Antonym >> easily led
	When he refused to move he acted just like a balky mule.		
	Derivatives >>	balkily, balkiness, balkingly	
5.	bourgeois	BOOR zhwah	a person with the traits or viewpoints of the bourgeoisie
	Synonyms >>	middle class, mediocre	Antonym >>
	Your outdated ideas are so bourgeois.		
	Derivatives >>	bourgeoisie	
6.	concert	KON surt	agreement in purpose or feeling, consensus
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> discord
	My wife and children were in concert together to destroy me.		
	Derivatives >>	concerted, concertedly	
7.	confluence	KON floo uns	a coming together
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> divergence
	What is the name of the town that sits at the confluence of the Missouri and Mississippi rivers?		
	Derivatives >>	confluent	
8.	corpulence	KOR pyuh luns	state of being very fat
	Synonyms >>	obesity	Antonym >> emaciation
	Overeating will lead to corpulence.		
	Derivatives >>	corpulent, corpulently	
9.	dirge	DURJ	funeral hymn, lament
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> dance
	The music was so morose and solemn that it sounded like a dirge.		
	Derivatives >>	dirgeful, dirges	
10.	disconcerting	dis kun SUR ting	upsetting, frustrating
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> refreshing; calming
	That he has not responded to the medicine is disconcerting.		
	Derivatives >>	disconcert, disconcerted, disconcertedness, disconcerting, disconcertingly, disconcertingness, disconcertment	
11.	endemic	en DEM ik	peculiar to or a trait of a group or area
	Synonyms >>	aboriginal, indigenous, native	Antonym >> alien
	Great height is endemic to members of that African tribe.		
	Derivatives >>	endemic, endemically, endemicity, endemism	

12.	focus	FOE kus	to concentrate		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to scatter
	We need to focus our attention on today's topic and not on extraneous matters.				
	Derivatives >>	focused, focusing, focuses, focusable, focuser, focusless			
13.	hilarity	heh LAR eh tee	boisterous merriment, mirth		
	Synonyms >>	glee, jollity		Antonym >>	gloominess
	The party was marked by great hilarity.				
	Derivatives >>	hilarious, hilariously, hilariousness			
14.	indict	in DITE	to charge or to accuse		
	Synonyms >>	incriminate, blame, impeach		Antonym >>	to absolve, to exonerate, to acquit
	If the Grand Jury indicts the man, he will be tried for murder.				
	Derivatives >>	indicter, indictor, indictable, indictably, indictment			
15.	latent	LATE unt	not visible, dormant		
	Synonyms >>	abeyant, quiescent		Antonym >>	obvious
	Sometimes a teacher can cause latent talents to emerge.				
	Derivatives >>	latency			
16.	monumental	mon yuh MEN tul	massive, very great, very important		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	trivial
	Sending man to the moon was a monumental achievement.				
	Derivatives >>	monumentalism, monumentality, monumentally			
17.	myriad	MIR ee id	a very large and indefinite number		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	small number
	The myriad of races and cultures that make up America is said to resemble a mosaic.				
	Derivatives >>	myriadfold, myriadly			
18.	oscillating	OS uh lay ting	moving back and forth, swinging, varying		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	remaining steady
	The oscillating pendulum was beginning to unnerve me.				
	Derivatives >>	oscillate, oscillates, oscillated, oscillation, oscillator, oscillatory			
19.	pithy	PITH ee	concise and meaningful		
	Synonyms >>	compendious, laconic, succinct, summary, terse		Antonym >>	long and drawn out
	Due to great demands on his time, the President needs memos that he must read to be pithy.				
	Derivatives >>	pithier, pithiest, pith			
20.	premeditated	pree MED eh tay ted	thought out beforehand		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	spontaneous
	Premeditated murder is punishable by the death penalty in Texas.				
	Derivatives >>	premeditate, premeditatedly, premeditatedness, premeditatingly, premeditation, premeditative			
21.	presage	PRES ij	something that foreshadows a future event; foreknowledge of the future		
	Synonyms >>	omen, foreboding, presentiment, prediction		Antonym >>	
	Many view a rainbow as a presage of good fortune.				
	Derivatives >>	presageful, presagement, presager, presaging, presagingly, presagious			
22.	quixotic	kwik SOT ik	idealistic but impractical		
	Synonyms >>	chimera, fanciful, fantastic, visionary		Antonym >>	practical
	It is usually quixotic for a commoner to pursue a relationship with a member of the royal family.				
	Derivatives >>	quixote, quixotical, quixotically, quixotism, quixotize, quixotry			
23.	reserve	reh ZURV	self-restraint		
	Synonyms >>	reticence		Antonym >>	lack of restraint
	He showed a lot of reserve in dealing with the harsh critics at the meeting.				
	Derivatives >>	reserved, reservedly, reserveless			
24.	stasis	STAY sis	motionlessness, stagnation		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	flux
	At a particular point of stasis, one cannot advance in growth or understanding.				
	Derivatives >>	stases			
25.	warranted	WOR un ted	justified		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	unjustified
	The jury felt that the death penalty was warranted because of the heinous nature of the crime.				
	Derivatives >>	warrant, warrantable, warrantableness, warrantably			