

Lesson 33

Definitions



1.	anchor	ANG kur	to secure firmly	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> to release from restraint
	Anchor the boat to the dock.			
	Derivatives >>	anchored, anchoring, anchors		
2.	antediluvian	an tuh duh LEW vee un	very, very old (it literally means "before the Flood")	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> ultramodern
	The natives' antediluvian marriage rituals had not changed in thousands of years.			
	Derivatives >>	antediluvial		
3.	denigrate	DEN uh grate	to belittle, to run down, to deny the importance of something	
	Synonyms >>	aspere, calumniate, defame, malign, slander, traduce, vilify		Antonym >> to praise; to laud; to acclaim
	To denigrate someone's reputation merely on hearsay is wrong.			
	Derivatives >>	denigration, denigrator, denigratory, denigrated, denigrating		
4.	doleful	DOL ful	having great sorrow	
	Synonyms >>	melancholy, plaintive, lugubrious, mournful		Antonym >> cheerful
	By her doleful expression, I knew that she did not make the cheerleader squad.			
	Derivatives >>	dolefully, dolefulness		
5.	epilogue	EP uh log	a short addition to a literary work, a short speech given at the end of a play	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>
	The author's intent in writing the novel can be found in the epilogue.			
	Derivatives >>	epilog, epilogist, epilogues, epologuize		
6.	epitaph	EP uh taf	an inscription in memory of a dead person (usually on a tombstone)	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>
	She wants to write her own epitaph before she dies, rather than have someone else write it later.			
	Derivatives >>	epitaphial, epitaphless, epitaphic		
7.	foible	FOI bul	slight fault, minor weakness of character	
	Synonyms >>	failing, fragility, vice		Antonym >> strong point
	His character is weakened only by a slight foible.			
	Derivatives >>	foibles		
8.	garish	GAR ish	crudely or tastelessly colorful or showy; excessively ornate or elaborate	
	Synonyms >>	loud, tawdry, gaudy		Antonym >> austere; modest
	Her garish clothes made her look out of place in the conservative setting.			
	Derivatives >>	garishly, garishness		
9.	homage	HOM ij	a reverential regard; respect shown by external action	
	Synonyms >>	honor, reverence, deference, obeisance		Antonym >> disrespect
	The people went to pay homage to their respected leader.			
	Derivatives >>	homages, homager		
10.	importune	im por TOON	to beg in earnest	
	Synonyms >>	entreat, implore, supplicate, adjure		Antonym >>
	Although he importuned for one more chance, his former boss would not rehire him.			
	Derivatives >>	importuned, importuning, importunely, importuner, importunity, importunacy, importunate, importunateness		
11.	intangibles	in TAN juh buls	things that cannot be realized or defined	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> things that can be realized
	The coach said that he had the best team and that they should win, but one never knows about intangibles.			
	Derivatives >>	intangibility, intangibleness, intangibly		

12.	lecher	LECH ur	one who indulges excessively in sexual activity or in lasciviousness
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> ascetic
	The young woman was repulsed by the unwanted sexual advances of the lecher.		
	Derivatives >>	lechery, lecherous, lecherously, lecherousness	
13.	morbidity	mor BID eh tee	unwholesomeness and gloominess, gruesomeness
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> wholesomeness
	The boy talked about dead people and gruesome things. He soon frightened me with his morbidity.		
	Derivatives >>	morbid, morbidity	
14.	ostracize	OS truh size	to exclude by general consent from society or privileges
	Synonyms >>	exile, disenfranchise, excommunicate	Antonym >> to accept; to condone
	Her friends ostracized her after her husband's arrest.		
	Derivatives >>	ostracized, ostracizing, ostracization, ostracizable, ostracizer	
15.	patronizing	PAY truh niz ing	having a condescending attitude
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> accepting
	She hugged the poor children in the streets and flashed them patronizing smiles.		
	Derivatives >>	patronize, patronization, patronizer, patronizingly	
16.	plenitude	PLEN eh tood	abundance, a lot
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> dearth; scarcity
	I can always find a plenitude of advice but rarely a plausible solution.		
	Derivatives >>	plenitudinous	
17.	raconteur	rak on TUR	one who is skillful at telling stories and anecdotes
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	One of the reasons that most Americans loved Will Rogers was that he was a wonderful raconteur.		
	Derivatives >>	raconteuse	
18.	resonant	REZ uh nunt	echoing, continuing to sound
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The resonant sounds of the cello make it a pleasing instrument.		
	Derivatives >>	resonance, resonate, resonantly, resonator	
19.	sentinel	SEN tuh nul	one who keeps guard as a sentry
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The oak trees hovered over the house as sentinels.		
	Derivatives >>	sentineled, sentineling, sentinels	
20.	sequester	seh KWES tur	to seclude
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to allow to mingle freely
	Because of the publicity about the case and the defendant, the judge decided to sequester the jury.		
	Derivatives >>	sequestered, sequestrable, sequestrant, sequestration, sequestrator	
21.	slag	SLAG	the residue or mass of metal left after smelting; worthless matter
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The bottom of the pit was full of slag.		
	Derivatives >>	slagger	
22.	sumptuous	SUMP choo us	lavish, luxurious
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> paltry
	I like to go to my mother's house on Thanksgiving Day because we always have a sumptuous feast.		
	Derivatives >>	sumptuously, sumptuosity, sumptuousness	
23.	tinge	TINJ	to add a bit of color; to affect slightly; a slight coloration
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to blanch
	I wanted to add a tinge of red to the picture. The roses tinged the air with their fragrance.		
	Derivatives >>	tingent, tinged, tinging, tinges	
24.	unpalatable	un PAL eh tuh bul	distasteful, unpleasant, disagreeable
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> agreeable; tasty
	The speaker made harshly unpalatable but honest statements.		
	Derivatives >>	unpalatableness, unpalatably	
25.	workaday	WUR kuh day	ordinary, commonplace
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> extraordinary
	Because the novelist included workaday settings in her book, she was able to appeal to the ordinary man.		
	Derivatives >>		