

Lesson 37

Definitions



1.	assimilate	uh SIM uh late	to take in and incorporate as one's own, to absorb
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to reject
	He assimilated many new experiences on his trip to the Orient.		
	Derivatives >>	assimilated, assimilating, assimilation, assimilationist, assimilative, assimilatory, assimilativeness, assimilator	
2.	begrudge	buh GRUJ	to give reluctantly, to envy a possession or one's enjoyment
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to give willingly
	She did not begrudge the money spent on her child's education.		
	Derivatives >>	begrudged, begrudging, begrudgingly	
3.	bulwark	BOOL wark	a strong defense or something that defends
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> weakness
	Nuclear arms are our bulwark against invasion.		
	Derivatives >>	bulwarks	
4.	commodious	kuh MO dee us	affording ample space and room; adapted to or suitable for use
	Synonyms >>	capacious, ample, serviceable	Antonym >> cramped and crowded
	The room was of a commodious, well-proportioned size.		
	Derivatives >>	commodiously, commodiousness, commodity	
5.	conglomerate	kun GLOM ur it	a mixture of many things
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> separated elements
	When the three companies merged, a giant conglomerate was formed.		
	Derivatives >>	conglomerated, conglomerating, conglomeratic, conglomeritic, conglomeration	
6.	dissolution	dis uh LOO shun	disintegration, decomposition and dispersion
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> integration
	The dissolution of the partnership caused him much grief.		
	Derivatives >>	dissolute, dissolutely, dissoluteness, dissolutive, dissoluble	
7.	dither	DITH ur	a state of trembling excitement or fear; vacillation; a trembling; vibration
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> action with assurance
	I am in a dither about whose offer to accept to the prom.		
	Derivatives >>	dithered, dithering, dithery	
8.	evocative	eh VOK uh tiv	calling forth, calling to mind
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> forgetful
	The play was evocative in that it made me recall my youth.		
	Derivatives >>	evocatively, evocativeness, evocatory, evocator, evocation, evoke	
9.	frenetic	fruh NET ik	frenzied, frantic
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> calm; serene
	The mother became frenetic when the chicken bone lodged in her baby's throat.		
	Derivatives >>	frenetically, frenetical	
10.	grisly	GRIS lee	ghastly, inspiring fear
	Synonyms >>	gruesome, lurid, macabre	Antonym >> attractive
	The scene of the car accident was a grisly sight.		
	Derivatives >>	grisliness, grisliest	
11.	ignoble	ig NO bul	of lowly origin, without honor
	Synonyms >>	abject, mean, sordid	Antonym >> noble; grand; lofty
	I do not like his ignoble ideas.		
	Derivatives >>	ignobility, ignobleness, ignobly	

12.	impel	im PEL	to urge or to drive forward (usually with moral pressure)	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	to restrain
	I will impel him to study more often in order to pass this class.			
	Derivatives >>	impelling, impellment, impeller, impelled		
13.	intercede	in ter SEDE	to intervene and to act as a mediator	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	to stand aside
	I will intercede on your behalf in your dispute with your boss if you believe it will do some good.			
	Derivatives >>	interceder, intercession, intercessional, intercessive, intercessor, intercessorial		
14.	lugubrious	loo GOO bree us	excessively mournful	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	rejoicing
	The woman shed lugubrious tears at the funeral of her husband and daughter.			
	Derivatives >>	lugubriosity, lugubriously, lugubriousness		
15.	mutinous	MYOOT un us	rebellious, unruly	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	agreeable; compatible
	The crew grew mutinous because they thought they might sail right off the edge of the earth.			
	Derivatives >>	mutiny, mutinously, mutinousness, mutinize, mutinies		
16.	paragon	PAIR uh gon	a model of excellence or perfection	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	
	The minister was a paragon of virtue in all his affairs.			
	Derivatives >>	paragonize		
17.	perennial	puh REN ee ul	lasting for many years	
	Synonyms >>	constant, incessant, perpetual, unremitting	Antonym >>	annual
	The Dallas Cowboys were often a perennial favorite to win the Super Bowl.			
	Derivatives >>	perennially		
18.	potent	POTE unt	powerful, having a strong effect	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	ineffectual
	They gave me a potent pain killer to stop the throbbing sensation in my leg.			
	Derivatives >>	potence, potency		
19.	pucker	PUK ur	to gather into wrinkles or irregular folds	
	Synonyms >>	wrinkle, furrow, contract	Antonym >>	to straighten
	His lips puckered into a low whistle when he heard her name.			
	Derivatives >>	puckered, puckering, puckerer, puckery		
20.	retrograde	REH truh grade	moving backward	
	Synonyms >>	withdrawing, receding, backward	Antonym >>	moving forward
	That particular object is moving in retrograde motion.			
	Derivatives >>	retrograded, retrograding, retrogradely, retrogradingly		
21.	skewed	SKYOOD	not straight, crooked, slanting	
	Synonyms >>	asymmetrical	Antonym >>	straight
	The telescope did not work because of the skewed alignment of the mirrors.			
	Derivatives >>	skew, skewness		
22.	supersede	soo pur SEDE	to replace, to cause to be displaced or set aside	
	Synonyms >>	displace, supplant	Antonym >>	
	This new law will supersede all previous laws.			
	Derivatives >>	supersedure, supersedence		
23.	translucence	trans LOO suns	the quality of allowing passage of light but not a clear view	
	Synonyms >>	limpidity, transparency	Antonym >>	opaqueness; darkness
	Because of the translucence of the water, I could see a body but could not tell whose it was.			
	Derivatives >>	translucency, translucent, translucently		
24.	verdant	VUR dunt	fresh and green	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	barren
	The verdant golf course was in great shape for the tournament.			
	Derivatives >>	verdancy		
25.	zany	ZAY nee	comical and outlandish	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	solemn
	The zany clown made the children laugh.			
	Derivatives >>	zanies, zanyism		