

Lesson 39

Definitions



1.	air	AIR	to make a public utterance		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to conceal
	I intend to air my views to the school board and to anybody who will listen.				
	Derivatives >>	airs, airing, aired			
2.	augury	AW gyuh ree	an omen or prophecy		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
	Several auguries were revealed to Caesar before his death.				
	Derivatives >>	augur, auguries, augured			
3.	beguile	buh GUYL	to deceive, to mislead, to persuade with charm		
	Synonyms >>	delude		Antonym >>	to enlighten
	We sometimes allow ourselves to be beguiled by flatterers.				
	Derivatives >>	beguiled, beguiling, beguilement, beguiler			
4.	connoisseur	kon uh SUR	a person who is able to be a judge in matters of art or taste		
	Synonyms >>	critic, aesthete		Antonym >>	
	My sister knows so much about wine that she might be considered a connoisseur.				
	Derivatives >>	connoisseurs, connoisseurship			
5.	debauchery	deh BAH chuh ree	moral corruption		
	Synonyms >>	abasement, corruption, debasement, depravity, perversion,		Antonym >>	temperance
	Certainly a minister would say that group sex is an example of debauchery.				
	Derivatives >>	debauch, debaucher, debauchment, debauchee			
6.	declivity	deh KLIV uh tee	downward slope		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	ascending slope
	The declivity of the mountain made climbing it quite hazardous.				
	Derivatives >>	declivous, declivitous			
7.	diatribe	DIE uh tribe	bitter denunciation or criticism, anathema		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	acclaim; praise
	The new actress could not take the vicious diatribes of the critics.				
	Derivatives >>	diatribes			
8.	disencumber	dis en KUM bur	to free from burdens, to extricate		
	Synonyms >>	disembarrass, extricate		Antonym >>	to entangle; to snare
	We are trying to disencumber ourselves from financial debts.				
	Derivatives >>	disencumberment, disencumbrance			
9.	ebullient	eh BUL yunt	overflowing with excitement, showing enthusiasm		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	staid, stoic
	She was ebullient about going to the prom.				
	Derivatives >>	ebullience, ebullieny, ebulliently			
10.	fly-by-night	FLY by nite	one who is temporary and usually unreliable		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	permanent
	It is not wise to hire a fly-by-night for an important position.				
	Derivatives >>	fly-by-nighter			
11.	foliage	FOE lee ij	leaves of a plant, leafage		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
	The trees will soon come alive with green foliage.				
	Derivatives >>	foliages, foliar, foliaceous			

12.	germinate	JUR muh nate	to sprout, to begin to grow, to evolve
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to die
	It takes about two weeks for some plants to germinate.		
	Derivatives >>	germinal, germinability, germinable, germinally	
13.	gratis	GRAH tis	free
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> earned
	The gratis appearance of the artist allowed more funds for the charity ball.		
	Derivatives >>	gratitude, gratuitous, gratuitously	
14.	hues	HYOOZ	colors
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	A rainbow has many hues.		
	Derivatives >>	hue, hueless, hued	
15.	impromptu	im PROMP too	without prior preparation
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> prepared
	Politicians must be good at delivering impromptu speeches.		
	Derivatives >>	impromptus, impromptued, impromptuing	
16.	kudos	KOO doze	awards or honors
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> demerits
	She deserves kudos for her work in building the museum.		
	Derivatives >>	kudize, kudized, kudizing	
17.	lachrymose	LAK ruh mose	tearful
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> dry-eyed
	She was very lachrymose at the funeral of her father.		
	Derivatives >>	lachrymable, lachrymal, lachrymation, lachrymator, lachrymatory, lachrymosely, lachrymosity	
18.	legerdemain	lej ur duh MANE	sleight of hand, deception or trickery resulting from use of the hands
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	A magician must be able to perform feats of legerdemain.		
	Derivatives >>	legerdermains	
19.	lurid	LOOR id	sensational, gruesome and causing shock or horror
	Synonyms >>	grisly, ghastly, macabre	Antonym >>
	The tabloid published every lurid detail of the ax murder.		
	Derivatives >>	luridity, luridness	
20.	muse	MYOOZ	to ponder
	Synonyms >>	meditate, ruminate	Antonym >>
	I have often mused about life on a tropical island.		
	Derivatives >>	mused, museful, musefully, museless, musing	
21.	Philistine	FILL eh steen	a narrow-minded person who opposes or is indifferent to cultural values
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> an open-minded person
	There are so many Philistines in this town that a bond issue for an art museum would never pass.		
	Derivatives >>	Philistine, Philistinism	
22.	rectitude	REK teh tood	state of moral integrity
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> depravity
	When the preacher's rectitude was questioned, many left his congregation.		
	Derivatives >>	rectitudinous, rectitudinously	
23.	rend	REND	to tear violently, to split
	Synonyms >>	cleave, rive	Antonym >> to unify
	He tried to rend the flag as a protest against the war.		
	Derivatives >>	rent, rended, rending, rends	
24.	schism	SIZ um	a division of a group into two discordant groups
	Synonyms >>	breach, faction, discord, disharmony	Antonym >> unification
	The club lost half its members because of a schism in the body.		
	Derivatives >>	schismatic, schisms, schismatical, schismatically, schismaticist, schimatize	
25.	uproarious	up ROAR ee us	making great noise (not necessarily negative)
	Synonyms >>	tumultuous	Antonym >> soft, quiet
	The Beatles usually played to uproarious crowds.		
	Derivatives >>	uproariously, uproariousness, uproar	