

# Lesson 41

## Definitions



1.	<b>amulet</b>	AM yew let	a charm or ornament worn to protect against evil
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> hex
	The princess wore the amulet to protect herself.		
	Derivatives >>	amulets	
2.	<b>aviary</b>	A vee air ee	a place for keeping birds
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	Many birds were in the aviary.		
	Derivatives >>	aviaries	
3.	<b>burnish</b>	BUR nish	to make shiny or to polish by rubbing
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to tarnish
	Burnished metal is usually very reflective.		
	Derivatives >>	burnisher, burnishes, burnished, burnishing	
4.	<b>circumvent</b>	SIR kum vent	to get around something, to outwit, to frustrate; to avoid
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to confront
	The witness tried unsuccessfully to circumvent the subject.		
	Derivatives >>	circumventer, circumventor, circumvention, circumventive, circumvented, circumventing	
5.	<b>epitome</b>	eh PIT uh mee	a summary or brief representation of something
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	That student is the epitome of the successful graduate.		
	Derivatives >>	epitomator, epitomical, epitomic, epitomist, epitomize, epitomizer	
6.	<b>evanescent</b>	ev uh NES unt	fleeting; impermanent
	Synonyms >>	ephemeral, fugitive, transient, transitory	Antonym >> permanent
	The evanescent sounds of applause are not what keeps the artist performing.		
	Derivatives >>	evanescence, evanesce, evanescently	
7.	<b>fester</b>	FES tur	to cause increased poisoning, to inflame or to corrupt
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to heal
	The wound will fester if it is not given some medical attention.		
	Derivatives >>	festered, festering	
8.	<b>itinerant</b>	eye TIN ur unt	traveling from place to place
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> settled
	The itinerant preacher ministered throughout the state.		
	Derivatives >>	itinerancy, itineracy, itinerantly, itinerarium, itinerary, itinerate, itineration	
9.	<b>knoll</b>	NOLE	a small round hill
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> mountain
	The young deer stood upon the knoll and looked out over the pond that lay beneath him.		
	Derivatives >>	knolls	
10.	<b>magnate</b>	MAG nate	a person of power and influence
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> pauper
	He was a film magnate who had great power to create a star.		
	Derivatives >>	magnateship	
11.	<b>mural</b>	MYOOR ul	a painting on a wall or ceiling
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The artist was commissioned to paint a mural on the wall.		
	Derivatives >>	muralist, murals	

12.	<b>omnipotent</b>	om NIP uh tunt	having unlimited power		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	limited
	A President who feels that he is omnipotent is not serving the country.				
	Derivatives >>	omnipotence, omnipotency, omnipotently			
13.	<b>overt</b>	oh VURT	open to view		
	Synonyms >>	conspicuous		Antonym >>	secret; hidden
	In an overt attempt to take over the corporation, he offered \$50 per share for stock in the company.				
	Derivatives >>	overtly, overtness			
14.	<b>pinnacle</b>	PIN uh kul	the peak or highest point		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	low point
	His career reached its pinnacle during the season when he hit sixty home runs.				
	Derivatives >>	pinnacled, pinnacling, pinnacles			
15.	<b>preeminence</b>	pree EM uh nuns	superiority to all others		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	inferiority
	Receiving a Nobel prize signifies preeminence in a field.				
	Derivatives >>	preeminent, preeminency, preeminently			
16.	<b>prurient</b>	PROOR ee unt	arousing an unwholesome desire or interest (usually related to sex)		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	pure
	Pornography arouses prurient interests.				
	Derivatives >>	prurience, pruriency, pruriently			
17.	<b>puritanical</b>	pyoor eh TAN eh kul	marked by severe or rigid morality		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	satanical
	The girl's father was so puritanical he would not allow her to date until she was eighteen years old.				
	Derivatives >>	puritanic, puritan, puritanically, puritanicalness, puritanism, puritanize			
18.	<b>scale</b>	SKALE	to climb up or over		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to climb down
	Who was the first woman to scale Mt. Everest?				
	Derivatives >>	scaled, scaling			
19.	<b>staid</b>	STADE	reserved and upright in manner or behavior, sedate		
	Synonyms >>	earnest, grave, sober, solemn		Antonym >>	boisterous
	The staid and uninteresting old maid behaved with utmost decorum in all situations.				
	Derivatives >>	staidness			
20.	<b>subjective</b>	sub JEK tiv	coming from an individual's mind		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	objective
	I scored poorly on the subjective essay exam because my teacher disagreed with my opinion.				
	Derivatives >>	subjectively, subjectiveness, subjectivism, subjectivity, subjectivize, subjectivization			
21.	<b>summary (adj.)</b>	SUM uh ree	condensed and concise		
	Synonyms >>	compendious, laconic, pithy, succinct, terse		Antonym >>	detailed
	The judge asked for a summary conclusion since time was short.				
	Derivatives >>	summarily, summability, summariness, summarize, summation, summational			
22.	<b>tenure</b>	TEN yur	the period of holding something		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
	Under his tenure at the space administration, not one astronaut was injured.				
	Derivatives >>	tenurial, tenurially			
23.	<b>unfathomable</b>	un FATH um uh bul	not capable of being understood		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	understandable
	The solution to the mystery was unfathomable in the beginning.				
	Derivatives >>	unfathomableness, unfathomably, unfathomed			
24.	<b>valid</b>	VAL id	well-grounded, justifiable		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	unjustified
	I found his reasons valid, and I accepted his statement.				
	Derivatives >>	validate, validation, validatory, validity, validly, validness			
25.	<b>wily</b>	WILE ee	cunning, crafty		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
	"Wily as a fox" is an expression that means a person is very crafty at some activity.				
	Derivatives >>	wile, wiled, wiling, wilier, wiliest			