

Lesson 45

Definitions



1.	appreciate	uh PREE she ate	to increase in value		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to decrease in value
	My home has appreciated in value by \$10,000.				
	Derivatives >>	appreciation, appreciator, appreciated, appreciating, appreciative, appreciatively, appreciativeness, appreciatory			
2.	bigot	BIG ut	one who is utterly intolerant of any creed or belief differing from his own		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	open-minded person
	He is such a bigot that he will not even listen to our point of view.				
	Derivatives >>	bigoted, bigotedly, bigotry, bigotries			
3.	chaff	CHAF	material separated from the seed after threshing, worthless matter		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
	Chaff is the residue from the threshing process of separating seed.				
	Derivatives >>	chaffless, chafflike			
4.	cliché	klee SHAY	an overworked expression, a trite statement		
	Synonyms >>	platitude		Antonym >>	unusual or original statement
	"That dog won't hunt" used to be a clever way to say that an idea was bad, but due to overuse, it is now a cliché.				
	Derivatives >>				
5.	couple	KUH pul	to join or to link together		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to separate
	If you will couple the beads, you will have a longer necklace.				
	Derivatives >>	coupled, couples, coupling			
6.	discretion	deh SKRESH un	ability to act on one's own power of individual decision		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
	The judge has wide discretion in the bail that he sets.				
	Derivatives >>	discretionary, discretionally, discretionarily			
7.	emollient	eh MOL yunt	something that soothes or softens		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	irritant
	Lotions are emollients used to ease the pain of sunburn.				
	Derivatives >>	emollient, emolliently			
8.	fatalistic	fate uh LIS tik	belief that events are predetermined and cannot be altered		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
	Giving up because you believe you're doomed to failure is a fatalistic attitude.				
	Derivatives >>	fatalist, fatalism, fatalistically			
9.	gamely	GAME lee	in a positive and spirited approach to a task, with unyielding spirit		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	without courage
	He approached the task with a gamely attitude, exhibiting his positive and unyielding spirit.				
	Derivatives >>	gameness			
10.	idiosyncrasy	id ee uh SING kruh see	a characteristic habit or mannerism that is peculiar to an individual		
	Synonyms >>	peculiarity, quirk		Antonym >>	
	Scratching his hand whenever he was nervous was an idiosyncrasy of the man.				
	Derivatives >>	idiosyncratic, idiosyncratically			
11.	ignominy	IG nuh min ee	disgraceful or dishonorable conduct		
	Synonyms >>	disgrace, disrepute, infamy		Antonym >>	honor
	Treason is an ignominy.				
	Derivatives >>	ignominious, ignominiously, ignominiousness			

12.	indices	IN deh seez	plural of index, guides		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
	There are many indices in the library for you to use in your research.				
	Derivatives >>	index, indexical, indexically, indexless			
13.	infidel	IN feh dul	a person who has no religious faith; unbeliever		
	Synonyms >>	atheist		Antonym >>	believer
	The lack of religious values in society today point to the great numbers of infidels.				
	Derivatives >>	infidelity			
14.	malingering	muh LING gur	to pretend or to feign illness to avoid work or duty		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to perform dutifully
	Soldiers sometimes malingering in order to avoid going into battle.				
	Derivatives >>	malingering, malingered, malingering			
15.	motley	MOT lee	exhibiting great diversity of elements; heterogeneous		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	homogenous
	The rally for environmental concerns drew a motley crowd.				
	Derivatives >>	motleys			
16.	ossify	OS uh fie	to change or to harden into bone, to be rigidly conventional		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to soften
	This particular type of tree ossifies with age.				
	Derivatives >>	ossified, ossifying, ossifier, ossificatory, ossification			
17.	pestilence	PES tuh lens	a deadly epidemic disease; something considered harmful or evil		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	something harmless
	The bubonic plague was a pestilence that killed thousands of people.				
	Derivatives >>	pestilent, pestilently, pestilential, pestilentially, pestilentialness			
18.	preciosity	pres ee OS eh tee	meticulousness, extreme fastidiousness		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	lack of concern; indifference
	English gentlemen are known for their preciosity.				
	Derivatives >>	preciosities			
19.	scurry	SKUR ee	to hurry about, to scamper		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to dawdle; to move slowly
	The robbers scurried when they heard the police siren.				
	Derivatives >>	scurried, scurrying			
20.	sophomoric	sof uh MORE ik	immature and poorly informed		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	profound
	Intentional crying is a sophomoric attempt to gain sympathy.				
	Derivatives >>	sophomorical, sophomorically			
21.	surly	SUR lee	churlishly rude or bad-tempered; unfriendly, hostile		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	courteous
	The discourteous boy had a surly manner of speaking.				
	Derivatives >>	surlier, surliest, surlily, surliness			
22.	transgression	trans GRESH un	violation of a law or command; sin		
	Synonyms >>	contravention, disobedience, trespass		Antonym >>	obedience; upholding of the law
	Breaking the law is a transgression.				
	Derivatives >>	transgress, transgressive, transgressively, transgressor			
23.	vent	VENT	to give utterance to		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to repress
	He vented his opinions only at the end of the speech.				
	Derivatives >>	vented, venting			
24.	verify	VER eh fie	to prove the truth of; to confirm; to substantiate		
	Synonyms >>	authenticate, validate		Antonym >>	
	You should verify your results before you present them.				
	Derivatives >>	verified, verifying, verifiability, verifiableness, verifiable			
25.	wheedle	HWEED ul	to try to convince by flattery, to coax, to cajole		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
	She is able to wheedle whatever she desires from the men she dates.				
	Derivatives >>	wheedling, wheedled, wheedles			