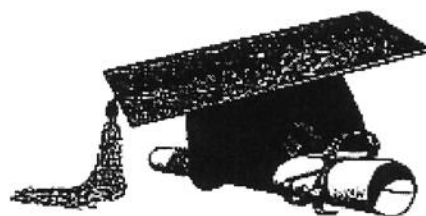


Lesson 2

Definitions



1.	antithesis	an TI thuh sis	a direct opposite, a contrast
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> duplicate; same
	Good is the antithesis of evil.		
	Derivatives >>	antithetic, antithetical, antithetically	
2.	ascend	uh SEND	to move upward, to rise from a lower station
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to descend; to go down
	The climbers ascended the mountain.		
	Derivatives >>	ascendancy, ascendancy, ascendant, ascension, ascending, ascended	
3.	austere	aw STEER	strict, stern; unadorned, ascetic
	Synonyms >>	severe	Antonym >> indulgent
	Pioneers usually led an austere existence.		
	Derivatives >>	austereness, austereity, austerity	
4.	autonomous	aw TON uh muhs	independent, self-contained
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> dependent
	One who is autonomous needs no help from others.		
	Derivatives >>	autonomic, autonomously, autonomy, autonomist	
5.	banal	BANE ul, buh NAL	common, ordinary, lacking freshness, hackneyed
	Synonyms >>	inane, insipid, jejune, vapid	Antonym >> fresh, unique, extraordinary
	Because of his use of overused trite remarks, his speeches are banal.		
	Derivatives >>	banality, banally	
6.	benign	buh NINE	not causing harm, of gentle disposition, beneficial
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> malignant, harmful
	The minister was loved because of his benign attitude toward all types of people.		
	Derivatives >>	benignly, benignant, benignancy, benignantly, benignity	
7.	capricious	kuh PRISH us	changing suddenly, fickle
	Synonyms >>	inconstant, mercurial, unstable	Antonym >> stable
	Her capricious moods are difficult to anticipate.		
	Derivatives >>	caprice, capriciously, capriciousness	
8.	dawdle	DOD ul	to waste time, to spend time idly, to move in a lackadaisical manner
	Synonyms >>	dally, loiter, procrastinate	Antonym >> to rush
	Since we have a deadline, do not dawdle over your work.		
	Derivatives >>	dawdled, dawdling	
9.	defamation	def uh MAY shun	act of harming or ruining another's reputation
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> adulation
	The defamation of another's character is a horrible thing.		
	Derivatives >>	defamatory, defame, defamed, defamer, defamingly	
10.	esoteric	es uh TER ik	understood only by a small group or a select few
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> obvious
	The English teachers were having an esoteric discussion about the correct usage of some obscure word.		
	Derivatives >>	esoterical, esoterically, esotericism, esotericist, esoterism, esotery	
11.	exacerbate	ig ZAS ur bate	to aggravate, to irritate, to vex
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to ameliorate; to soothe
	You will only exacerbate the situation if you try to call her.		
	Derivatives >>	exacerbatingly, exacerbation	

12.	extol	ik STOLE	to praise, to glorify		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to defame
	The teacher would always extol students who tried to do their best.				
	Derivatives >>	extolled, extolling, extollingly, extollment, extoller			
13.	fastidious	fa STID ee us	reflecting a meticulous or demanding attitude, critical to an extreme		
	Synonyms >>	finicky		Antonym >>	not meticulous
	He considered her fastidious because she was offended by insignificant mistakes or errors.				
	Derivatives >>	fastidiously, fastidiousness, fastidium			
14.	furtive	FUR tiv	secret in an underhanded way, stealthy		
	Synonyms >>	clandestine, covert, stealthy, surreptitious, underhanded		Antonym >>	bold
	During the test, he made some furtive glances at other classmates' papers.				
	Derivatives >>	furtively, furtiveness			
15.	gregarious	greh GAR ee us	sociable and outgoing		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	shy; reserved
	He became much more gregarious after he developed an interest in girls.				
	Derivatives >>	gregariously, gregariousness			
16.	hypocrite	HIP uh krit	one who is insincere or deceitful		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	sincere person
	Saying one thing and then doing the other is the mark of a hypocrite.				
	Derivatives >>	hypocrites, hypocritical, hypocritically, hypocritical, hypocrisy			
17.	innate	eh NATE	existing from birth, inborn		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	learned
	He has innate athletic talents that cannot be taught.				
	Derivatives >>	innated, innately, innateness, innatism, innative			
18.	lethargic	luh THAR jik	sluggish, languid		
	Synonyms >>	stuporous, torpid		Antonym >>	energetic
	Having had too much to drink, he was very lethargic the morning after the party.				
	Derivatives >>	lethargically, lethargize, lethargy			
19.	melancholy	MEL un kol ee	depression of spirits		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	happiness
	After Dad lost his job, he fell into a state of melancholy.				
	Derivatives >>	melancholia, melancholic, melancholiac, melancholically, melancholily, melancholiness, melancholious			
20.	opaque	oh PAKE	not allowing the passage of light, not transparent; hard to understand		
	Synonyms >>	dark		Antonym >>	transparent
	I am going to place something opaque in the window so that no one will be able to see into this room.				
	Derivatives >>	opaquely, opaqueness, opaquer			
21.	prolific	pro LIF ik	abundantly fruitful, marked by great productivity		
	Synonyms >>	fecund, fertile		Antonym >>	barren; unfruitful
	Since he has written a great number of books in a short period, Stephen King is known as a prolific writer.				
	Derivatives >>	proliferation, proliferate, proliferative, proliferous, proliferously			
22.	reprove	reh PROOV	to scold or to rebuke for a misdeed usually with kindly intent		
	Synonyms >>	admonish, castigate, chastise, chide, rebuke, reproach		Antonym >>	to approve; to applaud
	A teacher sometimes needs to reprove a student for talking during class.				
	Derivatives >>	reprovable, reprovingly, reproving, reproof, reproves, reproof			
23.	symmetry	SIM eh tree	balanced proportions		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	lack of balance
	The symmetry of the gardens of Versailles creates a beautiful and balanced atmosphere.				
	Derivatives >>	symmetrical, symmetric, symmetrically, symmetricalness, symmetrization, symmetrize			
24.	tranquil	TRANG kwul	peaceful, calm		
	Synonyms >>	placid, serene		Antonym >>	agitated
	Weather in Texas can quickly change from tranquil to turbulent.				
	Derivatives >>	tranquilization, tranquilize, tranquility, tranquillness, tranquilizer			
25.	venerate	VEN uh rate	to honor, to revere		
	Synonyms >>	adore, worship		Antonym >>	
	Although I did not always agree with President Kennedy, I venerate his memory.				
	Derivatives >>	veneration, venerational, venerator, venerable, venerability			