

Lesson 7

Definitions



1.	abhor	ab HOR	to regard with extreme repugnance; to detest utterly; to loathe	
	Synonyms >>	despise, abominate	Antonym >>	to admire
	If there is one particular food I abhor, it is hominy.			
	Derivatives >>	abhorred, abhorring, abhorrer, abhorrence, abhorrent, abhorrently		
2.	accolade	AK uh layd	praise, an award	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	censure
	He received many accolades for being an excellent teacher.			
	Derivatives >>	accolades		
3.	ascetic	uh SET ik	one who leads a life of self-denial and contemplation; absent of luxury	
	Synonyms >>	austere, severe, stern	Antonym >>	sensual
	The rich playboy could not understand the ascetic life led by the monk.			
	Derivatives >>	ascetical, asceticism, ascetically		
4.	bequeath	buh KWEETH	to hand down, to give or to leave in a will	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	to keep; to horde
	I bequeathed my gym shorts to my brother after I graduated from high school.			
	Derivatives >>	bequeathal, bequest, bequeathed		
5.	charlatan	SHAR luh tun	one who claims to know something that he does not, a quack	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	a professional; authentic authority
	The side show featured a charlatan posing as a mind reader.			
	Derivatives >>	charlatanic, charlatanism, charlatanry		
6.	conflagration	kon fluh GRAY shun	a large fire	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	small flame
	Some believe that the earth will be destroyed by a large conflagration.			
	Derivatives >>	conflagrations, conflagrant, conflagrate, conflagrator, conflagratory		
7.	dearth	DERTH	a lack, a scarcity	
	Synonyms >>	paucity	Antonym >>	adequate supply
	The dearth of water in the arid country led to numerous deaths.			
	Derivatives >>	dearths		
8.	diffidence	DIF eh duns	shyness, reserve, unassertiveness	
	Synonyms >>	bashfulness, modesty	Antonym >>	confidence
	Because of his diffidence, he would not ask any girl to the prom.			
	Derivatives >>	diffidency, diffident, diffidently, diffidentness		
9.	effervescent	ef ur VES unt	showing high spirits	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	
	She put me in a good mood because she was always so effervescent.			
	Derivatives >>	effervesce, effervescence, effervescently, effervescingly, effervescible		
10.	ethereal	eh THER ee ul	heavenly, unusually delicate, light, lacking material substance, intangible	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	earthly; mundane
	The ethereal sounds of the music soothed and calmed the patient.			
	Derivatives >>	etherealness, ethereality, etherealization, etherealize		
11.	expunge	ik SPUNJ	to remove, to erase	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	to add to
	Their names were expunged from the social register after they were convicted of selling cocaine.			
	Derivatives >>	expunged, expunging, expunction		

12.	guile	GILE	deceitfulness, duplicity	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	openness; candor
	The woman was the unfortunate victim of guile and deceit when she lost her money to that swindler.			
	Derivatives >>	guileful, guilefully, guilefulness, guileness, guilelessly, guilelessness, guilery		
13.	implausible	im PLAU zuh bul	not believable	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	believable
	His explanation of the accident is so implausible that no jury will believe him.			
	Derivatives >>	implausibility, implausibleness, implausibly		
14.	incongruity	in kon GROO eh tee	nonconformity, disagreement, incompatibility	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	agreement
	The incongruity between the two stories led me to doubt the accuracy of either report.			
	Derivatives >>	incongruent, incongruently, incongruence, incongruous, incongruously, incongruousness		
15.	insularity	in suh LAR eh tee	qualities of an island; narrow-mindedness of opinion	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	broad-mindedness
	The insularity of the president made it difficult to get a motion passed.			
	Derivatives >>	insularly, insular, insularize		
16.	morose	muh ROSE	being sullen or gloomy	
	Synonyms >>	crabbed, glum, saturnine, sulky, surly	Antonym >>	cheerful
	He was very morose after his wife left him.			
	Derivatives >>	morosely, moroseness, morosity		
17.	placate	PLAY kate	to appease or to pacify by making concessions	
	Synonyms >>	conciliate, mollification, propitiate	Antonym >>	to antagonize
	My wife is so angry at me that I cannot placate her.			
	Derivatives >>	placater, placating, placatingly, placation, placative, placatory		
18.	poignant	POIN yunt	piercing, incisive, and keen	
	Synonyms >>	piquant, pungent, racy	Antonym >>	dull
	The man's poignant words struck the very heart of the matter.			
	Derivatives >>	poignance, poignancy, poignantly		
19.	provincial	pruh VEN shul	lacking sophistication, narrow-minded	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	sophisticated
	Her parents are so provincial that they believe they should arrange her marriage.			
	Derivatives >>	provinciate, provincialism, provinciality, provincialization		
20.	reiterate	ree IT uh rate	to repeat	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	to fail to repeat
	I hope that I am not becoming redundant by again reiterating the key facts.			
	Derivatives >>	reiteration, reiteratedly, reiterative, reiteratively		
21.	spontaneous	spou TAY nee us	having no external cause, acting on impulse	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	planned
	He knew exactly what I was thinking because my reaction was so spontaneous.			
	Derivatives >>	spontaneously, spontaneousness, spontaneity		
22.	synthesis	SIN thuh sis	combining parts into a whole	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	disjoining
	Before the project is complete, we need to establish synthesis.			
	Derivatives >>	synthesist, synthesize, synthesizer		
23.	toxic	TOK sik	poisonous	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	healthful; harmless
	Carbon monoxide is toxic to animal life.			
	Derivatives >>	toxic, toxicant, toxify, toxiferous, toxin, toxical, toxicity		
24.	vigilant	VIJ uh lunt	very alert, watchful	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	unconcerned; inattentive
	I have been vigilant in trying to find the thief.			
	Derivatives >>	vigilance, vigilantly, vigilantness, vigil		
25.	voluble	VOL yuh bul	ability to use words easily, fluent and glib	
	Synonyms >>	garrulous, loquacious	Antonym >>	taciturn
	A disc jockey needs to be a voluble speaker.			
	Derivatives >>	volubility, volubleness, volubly		

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Matching Test



Directions: Choose the definition that best matches the meaning of the vocabulary word. Place the answer of your choice in the space provided.

Exercise A

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| <p>_____ 1. abhor</p> <p>_____ 2. accolade</p> <p>_____ 3. ascetic</p> <p>_____ 4. bequeath</p> <p>_____ 5. charlatan</p> <p>_____ 6. conflagration</p> <p>_____ 7. dearth</p> <p>_____ 8. diffidence</p> <p>_____ 9. effervescent</p> <p>_____ 10. ethereal</p> <p>_____ 11. guile</p> <p>_____ 12. insularity</p> | <p>a. quack; imposter</p> <p>b. to detest utterly; to loathe</p> <p>c. very large fire</p> <p>d. austere; self-denying</p> <p>e. to hand down; to leave in a will</p> <p>f. shyness; reserve</p> <p>g. narrow-mindedness</p> <p>h. gay; lively; bubbling</p> <p>i. praise; an award</p> <p>j. heavenly; unusually delicate</p> <p>k. lack; scarcity</p> <p>l. cunning; deceitfulness; duplicity</p> |
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Exercise B

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| <p>_____ 1. expunge</p> <p>_____ 2. implausible</p> <p>_____ 3. incongruity</p> <p>_____ 4. morose</p> <p>_____ 5. placate</p> <p>_____ 6. poignant</p> <p>_____ 7. provincial</p> <p>_____ 8. reiterate</p> <p>_____ 9. spontaneous</p> <p>_____ 10. synthesis</p> <p>_____ 11. toxic</p> <p>_____ 12. vigilant</p> <p>_____ 13. voluble</p> | <p>a. unsophisticated; narrow-minded</p> <p>b. not believable</p> <p>c. combination of parts into a whole</p> <p>d. piercing; incisive; keen</p> <p>e. very alert; watchful</p> <p>f. to remove; to erase</p> <p>g. to pacify by making concessions</p> <p>h. acting on impulse</p> <p>i. gloomy; bad-tempered; sullen</p> <p>j. poisonous</p> <p>k. fluent; talkative; garrulous</p> <p>l. to repeat</p> <p>m. disagreement; difference; incompatibility</p> |
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Sentence Completion



abhor	accolades	ascetic	bequeath
charlatan	conflagration	dearth	diffidence
effervescence	ethereal	expunge	guile

- The crowds were duped by the _____ who used deception and _____ to convince the people that the sugared water was really a potent medicine.
- At the end of the year, the students attaining the highest academic achievement were presented awards and _____ for their diligent work.
- Because they lack adequate medical care, there is a _____ of healthy natives in the region.
- My mother's _____ would not allow her to question the waiter; she was too shy to argue about the final bill.
- We found it necessary to _____ much of the text because of its bad language.
- On Christmas morning all the children bubble with _____ over the gifts, food and fun.
- The man intended _____ his entire fortune to his daughter so that upon his death, she would not have to worry about money.
- We marveled at the _____ quality of the scene; it looked so heavenly that we never wanted to leave.
- The monk's _____ lifestyle called for him to give up all food but that which was necessary for survival.
- The San Francisco earthquake caused a _____ that burned many city blocks.
- I absolutely _____ the thought of having to do this research; I can't think of anything I hate more.

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implausible	incongruity	insularity	morose	placate
poignant	provincial	reiterate	spontaneous	synthesis
toxic	vigilant	voluble		

12. If you want to make yourself clearly understood, you must _____ your statement so that what you have to say can be heard a second time.
13. The wild man would not be appeased, and only a visit from his wife served to _____ him into a more passive attitude.
14. The _____ of the rich and powerful often gives them a surprisingly narrow minded, isolated view of the real world.
15. It was a _____ movie, cutting to the truth with keen and incisive dialogue.
16. The drama teacher encouraged us to be _____ with our actions, not planning them out beforehand but instead acting almost on impulse.
17. Always alert, the _____ guard stood in front of the mayor's residence.
18. There is a decided difference between the two brothers; one is usually happy while the other is frequently _____.
19. The father's _____ attitude about his daughter's dating caused her to leave home prematurely, looking for the freedom she had never known.
20. Although her story seemed _____ to me, the jury believed enough of it to find the woman not guilty.
21. Because the committee was headed by the most _____ woman in the club, the meetings frequently ran overtime because it was difficult to get her to stop talking.
22. The _____ substance caused immediate sickness; it was extremely poisonous.
23. We need to establish _____ before we end this project; let's try to combine some of these diverse parts into a unified whole.
24. The _____ of one green sock in a drawer with white socks led to the conclusion that the green sock was there by mistake.