

Lesson 17

Definitions



1.	abstemious	ab STEM ee us	sparing (usually in eating or drinking); temperate
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> gluttonous
	A person who is abstemious in his alcohol intake might not be welcome by that wild fraternity.		
	Derivatives >>	abstemiously, abstemiousness, abstention, abstentious	
2.	admonish	ad MAH nish	to caution, to advise, or to counsel against something
	Synonyms >>	warn, rebuke, censure, notify, jog, apprise, reprove, scold	Antonym >> to condone; to praise
	The teacher admonished him about excessively loud noise.		
	Derivatives >>	admonisher, admonishingly, admonishment, admonition, admonished	
3.	amity	AM uh tee	friendship
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> hostility
	That small town is well-known for its amity; the town has very friendly people.		
	Derivatives >>	amities	
4.	bastion	BASS chun	a fortification, a stronghold
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The enemy could not get past the bastion of the fort and therefore lost the battle.		
	Derivatives >>	bastioned	
5.	callous	KAL us	hardened; insensitive, indifferent, unsympathetic
	Synonyms >>	hard, inured, insensible, obtuse	Antonym >> soft, sensitive
	He became callous after many years in the war.		
	Derivatives >>	callously, callousness	
6.	clemency	KLEM un see	leniency
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> harshness
	Governors are usually allowed to grant clemency to deserving prisoners.		
	Derivatives >>	clemencies, clement, clemently	
7.	debunk	deh BUNGK	to expose the falseness or hypocrisy of something
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to cover up; to conceal
	The charlatan was quickly debunked by the perceptive doctor.		
	Derivatives >>	debunker, debunkers, debunked, debunking	
8.	diffuse	deh FYOOZ	to spread in all directions
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to bring together
	The rioting crowd was diffused by tear gas and water hoses.		
	Derivatives >>	diffusedness, diffusedly, diffusely, diffuseness, diffuser, diffusibility, diffusion, diffusible	
9.	dupe	DOOP, DYOOP	to trick, to fool, to deceive, or to cheat; to bilk
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	He was duped into investing his life savings into a bankrupt company.		
	Derivatives >>	duped, duping, dupery	
10.	exorcise	EK sor size	to expel an evil spirit, to get rid of something troublesome
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	I am going to try to exorcise all negative thoughts from my mind.		
	Derivatives >>	exorcisation, exorcise, exorcism, exorcismal, exorcisory, exorcist, exorcistate, exorcistical	
11.	finesse	feh NESS	delicate skill
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> clumsiness
	A successful diplomat must have finesse when dealing with representatives of other countries.		
	Derivatives >>	finessed, finessing	

12.	humility	hyoo MIL eh tee	the quality or state of being humble in spirit
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> pride; arrogance
	The humility of the man was astounding: he gave no sign of having excessive pride or arrogance.		
	Derivatives >>	humilities, humble, humbly	
13.	imperious	im PEER ee us	extremely overbearing
	Synonyms >>	domineering, imperative, masterful, preemptory	Antonym >> meek
	The imperious behavior of the dictator led to his overthrow.		
	Derivatives >>	imperiously, imperiousness	
14.	larceny	LAR suh nee	the act of stealing another's property
	Synonyms >>	theft	Antonym >>
	After being convicted of larceny, the man offered to return the stolen items for a shorter prison term.		
	Derivatives >>	larcener, larcenist, larcenous, larcenously, larcenies	
15.	mirth	MURTH	gladness and merriment usually accompanied by laughter
	Synonyms >>	glee, hilarity, jollity	Antonym >> sadness
	The party was a source of mirth and gaiety.		
	Derivatives >>	mirthful, mirthfully, mirthfulness, mirthless, mirthlessly, mirthlessness	
16.	mollify	MOL eh fie	to soothe or to appease, to assuage
	Synonyms >>	conciliate, pacify, placate, propitiate	Antonym >> to aggravate
	The woman promised to buy candy in order to mollify her screaming child.		
	Derivatives >>	mollification, mollifyingly, mollifier, mollifiable	
17.	neologism	nee OL uh jiz um	a newly coined word or phrase; new use of a word (often disapproved of)
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The student received a low grade because of the neologism in his paper.		
	Derivatives >>	neology, neological, neologian, neologist, neologistic, neologize	
18.	orthodox	OR thuh doks	conforming to established standards, conventional
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> unconventional
	The church is founded upon a set of orthodox views.		
	Derivatives >>	orthodoxness, orthodoxical, orthodoxically, orthodoxism, orthodoxly, orthodoxy	
19.	plight	PLITE	difficult or adverse situation
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> fortunate situation
	My plight is that I do not have enough money to pay my bills.		
	Derivatives >>	plights, plighted, plighting	
20.	repertoire	REP ur twar	a list of works of music or readings that are ready for performance
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The orchestra has added some selections of Mozart to its repertoire.		
	Derivatives >>	repertorial, repertorium, repertory	
21.	rupture	RUP chur	to break apart, to burst
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to repair; to mend
	The rupture of the appendix is a life-threatening situation.		
	Derivatives >>	ruptured, rupturing	
22.	solicitous	suh LIS eh tus	worried, concerned
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> unconcerned
	He was very solicitous about the health of his ill grandmother.		
	Derivatives >>	solicitously, solicitousness, solicitude	
23.	stolid	STOL id	showing little emotion
	Synonyms >>	apathetic, phlegmatic, stoic	Antonym >> emotional
	He always has a stolid appearance at the poker table.		
	Derivatives >>	stolidly, stolidity	
24.	tempestuous	tem PES choo us	turbulent, stormy
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> calm
	The mayoral candidates had a tempestuous debate in which they exchanged many personal accusations.		
	Derivatives >>	tempestuously, tempestuousness, tempest	
25.	untenable	un TEN uh bul	not able to be defended
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> defensible
	Taking a bribe is an untenable act for a politician.		
	Derivatives >>	untenability, untenableness	

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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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|-------|-----|------------|----|--------------------------------------|
| _____ | 1. | abstemious | a. | insensitive; hardened |
| _____ | 2. | admonish | b. | to spread in all directions |
| _____ | 3. | amity | c. | to caution against; to scold |
| _____ | 4. | bastion | d. | delicate skill |
| _____ | 5. | callous | e. | quality of being humble |
| _____ | 6. | clemency | f. | forgiveness; leniency |
| _____ | 7. | debunk | g. | to expel something evil |
| _____ | 8. | diffuse | h. | sparing; temperate |
| _____ | 9. | dupe | i. | fortification; stronghold |
| _____ | 10. | exorcise | j. | to trick; to fool; to cheat |
| _____ | 11. | finesse | k. | friendship; goodwill; peace |
| _____ | 12. | humility | l. | to expose the falseness of something |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|-------------|----|-----------------------------------|
| _____ | 1. | imperious | a. | difficult or adverse situation |
| _____ | 2. | larceny | b. | gladness or merriment |
| _____ | 3. | mirth | c. | showing little emotion |
| _____ | 4. | mollify | d. | to break apart; to burst |
| _____ | 5. | neologism | e. | turbulent; stormy |
| _____ | 6. | orthodox | f. | stealing of another's property |
| _____ | 7. | plight | g. | to soothe; to appease |
| _____ | 8. | repertoire | h. | not able to be defended |
| _____ | 9. | rupture | i. | concerned; worried |
| _____ | 10. | solicitous | j. | new use of a word |
| _____ | 11. | stolid | k. | extremely overbearing |
| _____ | 12. | tempestuous | l. | conventional |
| _____ | 13. | untenable | m. | music that is prepared to perform |

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Sentence Completion



abstemious	admonish	amity	bastion
callous	clemency	debunk	diffused
dupe	exorcise	finesse	humility

1. Because of the child's angelic face, people generally approach her with natural _____, eager to be friendly with her.
2. Fortunately, the young boy was put only on probation; the judge treated his case with _____ and decided not to commit him to prison.
3. In order to lose weight, the woman was _____ in her consumption of fatty foods.
4. I am going to try to _____ all negative thoughts from my mind; I know removing them will be hard, but it is worth the effort to try.
5. She handled the hysterical woman with a great deal of _____; she was able to calm the woman without upsetting her any further.
6. The United States is a _____ of freedom, a fortress of free speech and thought.
7. The television news reporter was determined to reveal the hypocrisy of the man and to _____ his "get rich quick" scheme.
8. Although the pearls were _____ across a wide area, they were easy to find as they sparkled in the sun.
9. In some parts of the world, medicine men _____ sick people, tricking them into believing that a harmless substance is actually medicine.
10. _____ is a virtue that many people lack; instead, they are proud and arrogant.
11. The mother began to _____ the child softly, but then her scolding became louder and louder.
12. The man has become _____ after so many years of hardship and pain; now he hardly has any feelings left at all.

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imperious	larceny	mirth	mollify	neologisms
orthodox	plight	repertoire	rupture	solicitous
stolid	tempestuous	untenable		

13. Jeremy frequently finds himself in difficult situations; his latest _____ is a love triangle.
14. The reason the man stopped stealing other people's property is that he had been convicted of _____ three times, and he was afraid of being caught again.
15. An apology was the only thing that would _____ and soothe her hurt feelings.
16. The group was made up of _____ Christians who were extremely conventional in their beliefs.
17. The king called in his jester, proclaiming, "What is needed in this court is _____. I want merriment and laughter."
18. When the earthquake occurred, it caused a _____ in the earth several feet wide; the hole eventually had to be filled for safety reasons.
19. Our uncle was very _____ about our education; as a result of his concern, he provided us with special tutors to insure our success.
20. The _____ of the musician was extremely broad and diversified; he knew hundreds of pieces.
21. He was a quiet, _____ man, not easily aroused or excited.
22. My term paper was severely criticized for the many words I coined, _____ which I thought were quite extraordinary.
23. The _____ tempers of the men caused them both to storm out of the room in anger at the slightest word.
24. Taking a bribe is an _____ act for a politician; there is simply no defense for that kind of behavior.
25. The people overthrew the dictator because of his _____, overbearing rule.