

Lesson 19

Definitions



1.	adjunct	AD junkt	something joined or added to a thing but not necessarily a part of it
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	An adjunct professor is one who is associated with a college faculty only in a temporary or auxiliary manner.		
	Derivatives >>	adjunctive, adjunctively	
2.	anomalous	uh NAHM uh lus	out of place, abnormal
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> fitting a pattern
	Seeing a Toyota in the background of that World War II movie was anomalous.		
	Derivatives >>	anomalously, anomalousness, anomaly, anomalies	
3.	belligerent	buh LIJ er unt	waging war; inclined to or exhibiting assertiveness
	Synonyms >>	bellicose, pugnacious, combative, contentious, quarrelsome	Antonym >> peaceful
	A belligerent nation always seems to be at war.		
	Derivatives >>	belligerence, belligerency, belligerently	
4.	censure	SEN shur	to blame or to condemn
	Synonyms >>	denounce, reprehend, reprobate (verb)	Antonym >> to praise
	The congressman was censured for taking a bribe.		
	Derivatives >>	censured, censuring, censorer, censures	
5.	compliance	kum PLY uns	a yielding; acquiescence
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> rebellion
	We intend to be in full compliance with the court order.		
	Derivatives >>	compliant, compliantly, compliancy, compliant, compliablens, compliably	
6.	defile	deh FILE	to make dirty, to desecrate, to pollute
	Synonyms >>	contaminate, taint	Antonym >> to enhance
	The gang defiled the school with obscene graffiti.		
	Derivatives >>	defilement, defiler, defiling, defilingly	
7.	diligent	DIL eh junt	characterized by steady, attentive and energetic effort in a pursuit or study
	Synonyms >>	industrious, assiduous, sedulous	Antonym >>
	The students in the special course were studious and diligent.		
	Derivatives >>	diligence, diligency, diligently, diligentness	
8.	expedient	ik SPEE dee unt	appropriate for a purpose but not necessarily moral, right, or just.
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> disadvantageous
	In trying to increase political support, the candidate found it expedient to change his stand on taxation.		
	Derivatives >>	expediate, expedience, expediency, expediential, expedientist, expediently	
9.	flout	FLOUT	to treat with contempt
	Synonyms >>	scoff, jeer, gibe, sneer, mock, insult	Antonym >>
	When the boy answered the question he flouted a response that was both rude and insulting.		
	Derivatives >>	flouted, flouting, flouts, flouter, floutingly	
10.	galling	GAUL ing	very irritating
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> soothing
	It was a galling experience to have my boyfriend ask another girl to the prom.		
	Derivatives >>	gallingly, gallingness, gall, galls, galled	
11.	heralded	HER ul did	announced or publicized
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> unannounced
	The approaching event was heralded by the newspapers.		
	Derivatives >>	heraldic, heraldically, heraldist, heraldry	

12.	incantation	in kan TAY shun	a spell, written or recited formula of words designed for a particular effect
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The purpose of the witch doctor's incantations was to scare evil spirits.		
	Derivatives >>	incant, incantational, incantatory	
13.	indigenous	in DIJ eh nus	native to a certain area
	Synonyms >>	aboriginal, endemic, native	Antonym >> alien
	Many types of cacti are indigenous to the southwest deserts of the United States.		
	Derivatives >>	indigenously, indigenize, indigenization	
14.	luscious	LUSH us	very pleasant to the taste
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> unpleasant to the taste
	The meal was absolutely luscious.		
	Derivatives >>	lusciously, lusciousness	
15.	nomadic	no MAD ik	characterized by moving about from place to place as nomads
	Synonyms >>	transient	Antonym >> not mobile; stationary
	The nomadic people traveled across the continent.		
	Derivatives >>	nomad, nomadism, nomadically, nomadize	
16.	parry	PAIR ee	to deflect or to ward off a blow
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The champion boxer won the match because he was able to parry his opponent's blows so successfully.		
	Derivatives >>	parried, parrying	
17.	precipitate	preh SIP eh tate	to cause to speedily occur, to throw headlong
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to delay
	Coming home late at my house will always precipitate a fight.		
	Derivatives >>	precipitation, precipitancy, precipitately, precipitator, precipitous	
18.	pungent	PUN junt	sharp or irritating to the taste or smell, acrid
	Synonyms >>	piquant, poignant, racy	Antonym >> sweet; pleasant
	There was a pungent odor in the stockyard.		
	Derivatives >>	pungence, pungency, pungently	
19.	ratify	RAT eh fie	to give formal approval
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to reject
	In the United States, a treaty must be ratified by two-thirds of the Senate in order to take effect.		
	Derivatives >>	ratification, ratificationist, ratifier	
20.	sagacious	suh GAY shus	wise, shrewd, very discerning
	Synonyms >>	astute, perspicacious	Antonym >> ignorant; uninformed; undiscerning
	The sagacious freshman knew not to buy an elevator pass from the senior attempting a clever ruse.		
	Derivatives >>	sagaciate, sagaciously, sagaciousness, sagacity	
21.	slovenly	SLUV un lee	messy, untidy, careless
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> fastidious
	A person with slovenly work habits will likely lose his job.		
	Derivatives >>	slovenry, slovenness, slovenliness	
22.	spiteful	SPITE ful	full of spite or malice; malicious; malevolent
	Synonyms >>	vengeful, cruel, rancorous	Antonym >> benevolent; kind
	She is a spiteful child, always seeking revenge for any injury.		
	Derivatives >>	spitefully, spitefulness	
23.	tangential	tan JEN shul	slightly connected, divergent
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> pertinent
	Since we are short of time, tangential remarks are not appreciated.		
	Derivatives >>	tangent, tangentially, tangently	
24.	taper	TAY pur	to decrease in thickness or width
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to make wider
	The intensity of the pain will taper off as time goes on. Some shirts are tapered at the bottom.		
	Derivatives >>	tapered, tapering	
25.	vagrant	VAY grunt	a wanderer who does not have a home
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	There are many vagrants who sleep under freeways in urban areas.		
	Derivatives >>	vagrance, vagrancy, vagrantly	

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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. | adjunct | a. | industrious; assiduous |
| _____ | 2. | anomalous | b. | a yielding; acquiescence |
| _____ | 3. | belligerent | c. | announced or publicized |
| _____ | 4. | censure | d. | joined but not a part of |
| _____ | 5. | compliance | e. | to make dirty; to desecrate |
| _____ | 6. | defile | f. | to treat with contempt; to scoff |
| _____ | 7. | diligent | g. | to blame or to condemn |
| _____ | 8. | expedient | h. | out of place; abnormal |
| _____ | 9. | flout | i. | a spell |
| _____ | 10. | galling | j. | advantageous; desirable |
| _____ | 11. | heralded | k. | very irritating |
| _____ | 12. | incantation | l. | waging war; exhibiting assertiveness |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|-------------|----|-----------------------------------|
| _____ | 1. | indigenous | a. | irritating taste or smell |
| _____ | 2. | luscious | b. | moving from place to place |
| _____ | 3. | nomadic | c. | wise; shrewd; very discerning |
| _____ | 4. | parry | d. | to cause to occur speedily |
| _____ | 5. | precipitate | e. | native to a certain area |
| _____ | 6. | pungent | f. | messy; untidy; careless |
| _____ | 7. | ratify | g. | full of malice |
| _____ | 8. | sagacious | h. | to deflect or ward off a blow |
| _____ | 9. | slovenly | i. | slightly connected; divergent |
| _____ | 10. | spiteful | j. | to decrease in thickness or width |
| _____ | 11. | tangential | k. | very pleasant to the taste |
| _____ | 12. | taper | l. | to give formal approval |
| _____ | 13. | vagrant | m. | wanderer who does not have a home |

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Sentence Completion



adjunct	anomalous	belligerent	censure
compliance	defile	diligent	expedient
flout	galling	heralded	incantation

1. The child's behavior was absolutely _____; I can't recall having been so irritated before.
2. Without the recital of the _____, the black magic was useless.
3. The committees sought to _____ the book because of some pornographic language that it contained.
4. The group of delinquents began to _____ the building by writing obscene language on the walls.
5. The dark sky _____ the coming of the storm.
6. The man took the bully's _____ remarks as an open invitation to fight and immediately took the first punch.
7. After years of _____ study, Frank saw his earnest effort pay off when he graduated from high school.
8. The convict began to _____ the judge's authority, showing nothing but contempt for the court.
9. This company is in full _____ with all federal hiring laws; its officers are willing to support the regulations established by the government.
10. Because his friends were having only a small cookout, Jim's formal tuxedo was _____; everyone else's shorts and swimsuits made his attire out of place.
11. The professor was a member of the university's _____ faculty; though she was teaching classes, she was not an official member of the staff.
12. You might find it _____ to devote two hours each night to study if you intend to raise your scores very much.

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indigenous	luscious	nomadic	parry	precipitate
pungent	ratify	sagacious	slovenly	spiteful
tangential	taper	vagrant		

13. In order to solve this problem, he first tried a _____ solution, one that appeared to be only slightly related to the problem.
14. The president was willing to _____ a treaty with the country, but the formal approval would take place only after many conditions were met.
15. While some young people often appear to be fools, older men use their wisdom and gain a reputation for being _____.
16. The _____ man was dressed in rags and covered with dirt and filth.
17. His harsh words were likely to _____ a fight between the two boys; they were both ready to throw themselves into battle.
18. The dinner party was served the most _____ dessert; nothing could have been more pleasing to the taste.
19. Jim was told to cut the wood so that it would _____, decreasing from a width of four inches to a width of two inches.
20. Some say the live oak is _____ only to Texas, but it is actually native to the entire Southwest.
21. The man was able to _____ the blow that might have knocked him unconscious; fortunately he was able to avoid the strike.
22. This city now has one more _____; the number of these homeless people is growing by leaps and bounds.
23. The small tribe of _____ natives was moving again; they rarely stayed more than a month in one place as they moved about the country.
24. The girl was hurt by his _____ remarks; his intent to harm her often caused him to be malicious.
25. The _____ aroma of the food is spicy and sharp.