

Lesson 39

Definitions



1.	air	AIR	to make a public utterance		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to conceal
	I intend to air my views to the school board and to anybody who will listen.				
	Derivatives >>	airs, airing, aired			
2.	augury	AW gyuh ree	an omen or prophecy		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
	Several auguries were revealed to Caesar before his death.				
	Derivatives >>	augur, auguries, augured			
3.	beguile	buh GUYL	to deceive, to mislead, to persuade with charm		
	Synonyms >>	delude		Antonym >>	to enlighten
	We sometimes allow ourselves to be beguiled by flatterers.				
	Derivatives >>	beguiled, beguiling, beguilement, beguiler			
4.	connoisseur	kon uh SUR	a person who is able to be a judge in matters of art or taste		
	Synonyms >>	critic, aesthete		Antonym >>	
	My sister knows so much about wine that she might be considered a connoisseur.				
	Derivatives >>	connoisseurs, connoisseurship			
5.	debauchery	deh BAH chuh ree	moral corruption		
	Synonyms >>	abasement, corruption, debasement, depravity, perversion,		Antonym >>	temperance
	Certainly a minister would say that group sex is an example of debauchery.				
	Derivatives >>	debauch, debaucher, debauchment, debauchee			
6.	declivity	deh KLIV uh tee	downward slope		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	ascending slope
	The declivity of the mountain made climbing it quite hazardous.				
	Derivatives >>	declivous, declivitous			
7.	diatribe	DIE uh tribe	bitter denunciation or criticism, anathema		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	acclaim; praise
	The new actress could not take the vicious diatribes of the critics.				
	Derivatives >>	diatribes			
8.	disencumber	dis en KUM bur	to free from burdens, to extricate		
	Synonyms >>	disembarrass, extricate		Antonym >>	to entangle; to snare
	We are trying to disencumber ourselves from financial debts.				
	Derivatives >>	disencumberment, disencumbrance			
9.	ebullient	eh BUL yunt	overflowing with excitement, showing enthusiasm		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	staid, stoic
	She was ebullient about going to the prom.				
	Derivatives >>	ebullience, ebullieny, ebulliently			
10.	fly-by-night	FLY by nite	one who is temporary and usually unreliable		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	permanent
	It is not wise to hire a fly-by-night for an important position.				
	Derivatives >>	fly-by-nighter			
11.	foliage	FOE lee ij	leaves of a plant, leafage		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
	The trees will soon come alive with green foliage.				
	Derivatives >>	foliages, foliar, foliaceous			

12.	germinate	JUR muh nate	to sprout, to begin to grow, to evolve
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to die
	It takes about two weeks for some plants to germinate.		
	Derivatives >>	germinal, germinability, germinable, germinally	
13.	gratis	GRAH tis	free
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> earned
	The gratis appearance of the artist allowed more funds for the charity ball.		
	Derivatives >>	gratitude, gratuitous, gratuitously	
14.	hues	HYOOZ	colors
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	A rainbow has many hues.		
	Derivatives >>	hue, hueless, hued	
15.	impromptu	im PROMP too	without prior preparation
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> prepared
	Politicians must be good at delivering impromptu speeches.		
	Derivatives >>	impromptus, impromptued, impromptuing	
16.	kudos	KOO doze	awards or honors
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> demerits
	She deserves kudos for her work in building the museum.		
	Derivatives >>	kudize, kudized, kudizing	
17.	lachrymose	LAK ruh mose	tearful
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> dry-eyed
	She was very lachrymose at the funeral of her father.		
	Derivatives >>	lachrymable, lachrymal, lachrymation, lachrymator, lachrymatory, lachrymosely, lachrymosity	
18.	legerdemain	lej ur duh MANE	sleight of hand, deception or trickery resulting from use of the hands
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	A magician must be able to perform feats of legerdemain.		
	Derivatives >>	legerdermains	
19.	lurid	LOOR id	sensational, gruesome and causing shock or horror
	Synonyms >>	grisly, ghastly, macabre	Antonym >>
	The tabloid published every lurid detail of the ax murder.		
	Derivatives >>	luridity, luridness	
20.	muse	MYOOZ	to ponder
	Synonyms >>	meditate, ruminare	Antonym >>
	I have often mused about life on a tropical island.		
	Derivatives >>	mused, museful, musefully, museless, musing	
21.	Philistine	FILL eh steen	a narrow-minded person who opposes or is indifferent to cultural values
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> an open-minded person
	There are so many Philistines in this town that a bond issue for an art museum would never pass.		
	Derivatives >>	Philistine, Philistinism	
22.	rectitude	REK teh tood	state of moral integrity
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> depravity
	When the preacher's rectitude was questioned, many left his congregation.		
	Derivatives >>	rectitudinous, rectitudinously	
23.	rend	REND	to tear violently, to split
	Synonyms >>	cleave, rive	Antonym >> to unify
	He tried to rend the flag as a protest against the war.		
	Derivatives >>	rent, rended, rending, rends	
24.	schism	SIZ um	a division of a group into two discordant groups
	Synonyms >>	breach, faction, discord, disharmony	Antonym >> unification
	The club lost half its members because of a schism in the body.		
	Derivatives >>	schismatic, schisms, schismatical, schismatically, schismaticist, schimatize	
25.	uproarious	up ROAR ee us	making great noise (not necessarily negative)
	Synonyms >>	tumultuous	Antonym >> soft, quiet
	The Beatles usually played to uproarious crowds.		
	Derivatives >>	uproariously, uproariousness, uproar	

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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. | air | a. | cluster of leaves |
| _____ | 2. | augury | b. | to sprout, begin to grow, or evolve |
| _____ | 3. | beguile | c. | to deceive; to mislead |
| _____ | 4. | connoisseur | d. | a judge in matters of art |
| _____ | 5. | debauchery | e. | bitter denunciation; criticism |
| _____ | 6. | declivity | f. | to make a public utterance |
| _____ | 7. | diatribe | g. | showing enthusiasm |
| _____ | 8. | disencumber | h. | moral corruption |
| _____ | 9. | ebullient | i. | downward slope |
| _____ | 10. | fly-by-night | j. | omen or prophecy |
| _____ | 11. | foliage | k. | to free from burdens |
| _____ | 12. | germinate | l. | temporary, usually unreliable person |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|-------------|----|-------------------------------------|
| _____ | 1. | gratis | a. | tearful |
| _____ | 2. | hues | b. | making great noise |
| _____ | 3. | impromptu | c. | to tear violently; to split |
| _____ | 4. | kudos | d. | gruesome; shocking |
| _____ | 5. | lachrymose | e. | sleight of hand; trickery |
| _____ | 6. | legerdemain | f. | colors |
| _____ | 7. | lurid | g. | free |
| _____ | 8. | muse | h. | narrow-minded person |
| _____ | 9. | Philistine | i. | without prior preparation |
| _____ | 10. | rectitude | j. | to ponder |
| _____ | 11. | rend | k. | state of moral integrity |
| _____ | 12. | schism | l. | awards or honors |
| _____ | 13. | uproarious | m. | division into two discordant groups |

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Sentence Completion



airing	augury	beguiled	connoisseur
debauchery	declivity	diatribe	ebullient
fly-by-night	foliage	germinate	legerdemain

1. The children looked down the _____, grasping tightly the sleds they had made; the snow bank looked steeper than they had first imagined.
2. Once the seed had begun to _____, the sprout quickly began to develop _____, bright green leaves laced in white.
3. Because he was a _____ of foods, he was often invited to grand feasts to pass his expert judgment on the quality of food.
4. I soon learned that to pay more money for a reputable firm to do the work was better than to hire _____ organizations; too many times customers are cheated and the unreliable business leaves town without doing any work.
5. As the sinner confessed his _____ to the congregation, his expression conveyed his extreme sorrow for his degradation and corruption.
6. The _____ crowd was so enthusiast that hearing a conversation in the midst of such excitement was virtually impossible.
7. Although the Greeks believed in free speech and in _____ the differences between people in open debate, some among them were too narrow minded to appreciate this freedom of speech.
8. The crowd was _____ by the magician's _____; his sleight-of-hand was so fast that it deceived all eyes.
9. Card reading is an _____ by which people attempt to make prophecies about the future.
10. The criminal bitterly denounced the judge who sentenced him, and with each _____ that he uttered, the bailiff tightened his grip.

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disencumber	gratis	hues	impromptu	kudos
lachrymose	lurid	muse	Philistines	rectitude
rend	schisms	uproarious		

11. The man's _____ sighs conveyed his sorrow and despair at losing his family; his tears were many, but they could not bring his loved ones back.
12. Among the _____ the minister received for his _____ was a plaque honoring his moral integrity.
13. The warrior began to _____ the beast into small pieces with his sword; then he took off his armor to _____ himself so that his long climb would be less awkward.
14. On the spur of the moment we decided to go to a movie; our _____ selection was a horror film that was so _____ that it shocked us.
15. We were surprised when the man offered to do the work for us _____; we had expected to pay for the job, but he wanted to do it free of charge.
16. The painting was done in the most _____; reds and blues were predominant, but other colors were included as well.
17. The gypsy woman carefully laid out the cards that she had prepared for the auguries of the future, and then she sat silently in contemplation of them and began to _____.
18. The money will never be raised for the cultural center in this town because of all the _____; those people are narrow-minded and indifferent to cultural values.
19. The _____ crowd applauded and yelled loudly at the outdoor concert; they were not in the least concerned about the noise that they were making.
20. Two major _____ and several other minor divisions have separated the people into many groups.