

Lesson 16

Definitions



1.	acclaim	uh KLAYM	praise, approval; to salute; to hail
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to slander; to ridicule; to defame
	He received great acclaim for discovering a polio vaccine.		
	Derivatives >>	acclaimer, acclamation, acclamatory	
2.	amass	uh MASS	to collect, to gather, to accumulate
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to loose; to scatter
	He amassed a fortune as a result of the oil strike.		
	Derivatives >>	amassable, amasser, amassment, amassed	
3.	anarchist	AN ar kist	one who believes in the absence of government or law
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> tyrant; monarch
	When the government fell and there was a total state of disorder, the anarchist was happy.		
	Derivatives >>	anarchy, anarchically, anarchical, anarchic, anarchism, anarchistic	
4.	banter	BAN ter	to speak in a witty or teasing manner
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The opposing coaches, who were old friends, bantered back and forth before the game.		
	Derivatives >>	banterer, bantering, banteringly, banters, bantered	
5.	blithe	BLIETH	lighthearted, joyous, glad, cheerful, free of spirit
	Synonyms >>	jocund, jolly, jovial	Antonym >> morose
	Her blithe spirit provided an air of gaiety at the meeting.		
	Derivatives >>	blithely, blithesome, blithesomely, blithesomeness	
6.	cacophonous	kuh KAH fuh nus	harsh sounding, having dissonance
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> euphonious; pleasant sounding
	An orchestra is cacophonous when it is tuning up.		
	Derivatives >>	cacophony	
7.	commensurate	kuh MEN sur it	equal
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> disproportionate; unequal
	I hope that I get a reward that is commensurate with what I have found.		
	Derivatives >>	commensurately, commensuration, commensurable, commensurability, commensurably	
8.	complacency	kum PLAY sun see	the state of being self-satisfied
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> dissatisfaction
	Considering that he is failing, it is curious to see his sense of complacency.		
	Derivatives >>	complacent, complacently, complacence, complaisant, complaisance, complaisantly	
9.	desiccate	DES uh kate	to dry up
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to soak
	When traveling, desiccated milk or soup is easy to carry.		
	Derivatives >>	desiccated, desiccation, desiccative, desiccator, desiccatory	
10.	diminution	dim uh NOO shun	diminishment, reduction
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> escalation
	The diminution of nuclear weapons is a goal of arms control.		
	Derivatives >>	diminutive, diminutival, diminutively, diminutiveness	
11.	elicit	eh LIS it	to bring out a response, to evoke
	Synonyms >>	educe, extort, extract	Antonym >> to inhibit
	I would like to elicit your participation in the blood drive.		
	Derivatives >>	elicitable, elicitate, elicitation	

12.	incessant	in SES unt	uninterrupted		
	Synonyms >>	constant, perennial, perpetual, unremitting		Antonym >>	intermittent
		The dog's incessant barking caused the man to have difficulty falling asleep.			
	Derivatives >>	incessancy, incessantly, incessantness, incession			
13.	jollity	JOL eh tee	merriment, state of being jolly		
	Synonyms >>	glee, hilarity, mirth		Antonym >>	sadness
		There was much good feeling and jollity at the Christmas party.			
	Derivatives >>	jollier, jollification, jollify, jollily, jolliness, jolly			
14.	kindle	KIN dul	to start a fire, to stir up		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to douse
		The boys were taught to kindle a fire.			
	Derivatives >>	kindled, kindling, kindles			
15.	parsimony	PAR suh moe nee	stinginess, frugality; excessive economy		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	prodigality; extravagance
		His family suffered from his parsimony as he refused to spend adequate money even on the necessities of life.			
	Derivatives >>	parsimonious, parsimoniousness, parsimoniously			
16.	penury	PEN yuh ree	extreme poverty		
	Synonyms >>	destitution, impecuniousness, indigence, want		Antonym >>	opulence
		There is much penury in central Africa.			
	Derivatives >>	penurious, penuriously, penuriousness			
17.	perspicacious	pur spu KAY shus	having clear insight, shrewd, very perceptive		
	Synonyms >>	astute, sagacious		Antonym >>	ignorant; stupid
		The perspicacious detective was able to determine the perpetrator of the crime.			
	Derivatives >>	perspicaciously, perspicaciousness, perspicacity			
18.	pliable	PLY uh bul	easily manipulated or able to be bent freely without breaking		
	Synonyms >>	pliant, ductile, malleable		Antonym >>	obstinate
		The diplomat's instructions from his country left him no room to be pliable. He could make no compromises.			
	Derivatives >>	pliability, pliability, pliantly, pliant, pliancy, pliantness, pliantly			
19.	quell	KWELL	to quiet or to put down a disturbance		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to foment; to incite
		Fortunately, the principal was able to quell the food fight in the cafeteria.			
	Derivatives >>	quelled, quelling, quells			
20.	rectify	REK tuh fie	to set right or to correct		
	Synonyms >>	reform, revise, remedy, emend		Antonym >>	
		The school board has decided to increase funding for female athletic teams in order to rectify past imbalances.			
	Derivatives >>	rectifiable, rectifier, rectified, rectifying			
21.	rue	ROO	to be sorry for, to regret		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to consider happily
		He will rue the day that he tangles with me.			
	Derivatives >>	rueful, ruefully, ruefulness, rues			
22.	sluggard	SLUG urd	a person who is lazy		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	energetic person
		Let's fire him. Not only is he slovenly, but he is also a sluggard.			
	Derivatives >>	sluggardly, sluggardness			
23.	stealthy	STEL the	acting in a secret and sneaky way--this is a negative term		
	Synonyms >>	clandestine, covert, furtive, surreptitious, underhanded		Antonym >>	open; indiscreet
		The secret organization moves by stealth to gather information on its enemies.			
	Derivatives >>	stealthy, stealthfully, stealthily, stealthiness, stealth			
24.	succinct	suk SINGKT	brief, compact		
	Synonyms >>	compendious, concise, laconic, pithy, summary, terse		Antonym >>	frequently digressing
		Because her comments were succinct and to the point the ceremony was brief.			
	Derivatives >>	succinctly, succinctness			
25.	voluminous	vuh LOO muh nus	marked by great volume or size		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	slight
		There are voluminous writings about most of our presidents.			
	Derivatives >>	voluminosity, voluminously, voluminousness			

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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. acclaim | a. equal |
| _____ | 2. amass | b. to speak in a witty or teasing manner |
| _____ | 3. anarchist | c. to bring out a response |
| _____ | 4. banter | d. state of being self-satisfied |
| _____ | 5. blithe | e. to praise; to applaud; to hail |
| _____ | 6. cacophonous | f. a diminishing; a decline |
| _____ | 7. commensurate | g. harsh-sounding; dissonant |
| _____ | 8. complacency | h. to collect; to gather |
| _____ | 9. desiccate | i. free-spirited; light-hearted |
| _____ | 10. diminution | j. to dry out |
| _____ | 11. elicit | k. uninterrupted |
| _____ | 12. incessant | l. one who believes in the absence of government |

Exercise B

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| _____ | 1. jollity | a. marked by great volume or quantity |
| _____ | 2. kindle | b. easily manipulated |
| _____ | 3. parsimony | c. extreme poverty |
| _____ | 4. penury | d. to regret; to be sorry for |
| _____ | 5. perspicacious | e. to start a fire; to stir up |
| _____ | 6. pliable | f. to set right or to correct |
| _____ | 7. quell | g. merriment; state of being jolly |
| _____ | 8. rectify | h. a lazy person |
| _____ | 9. rue | i. brief; compact |
| _____ | 10. sluggard | j. stinginess; frugality |
| _____ | 11. stealthy | k. acting in a secretive way |
| _____ | 12. succinct | l. to crush; to suppress |
| _____ | 13. voluminous | m. having clear insight; perceptive |

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Sentence Completion



acclaim	amass	anarchist	banter
blithe	cacophonous	commensurate	complacency
desiccate	diminution	elicit	incessant

1. The infielders' _____ is a constant source of teasing to the opposing batters.
2. The applause was not _____, although the two performers were equal in skill; for one, it was strong, while for the other it was half-hearted.
3. The technicians worked around the clock, trying to _____ as much data as possible before turning off the computers; in twenty-four hours they gathered all they needed.
4. Just before the symphony began to play, the hall was full of the _____ sounds of the instruments tuning up.
5. Under the hot Texas sun, the land soon began to _____; nothing was then able to thrive in the parched soil.
6. Listening to the _____ rave about the evils of government caused me discomfort, but when he began suggesting the overthrow of the government, I experienced great alarm.
7. The lawyer tried to overcome the _____ of the jury and to _____ some emotional response, but their state of being self-satisfied was too great to be overcome.
8. The _____ of the millionaire was based upon his humanitarian spirit; people from all over the country knew of his benevolent actions.
9. The child's continual, _____ complaining was not characteristic of her usual _____ spirit and cheerful behavior.
10. The _____ of scholarship funds is caused by the large number of recent applicants; only in the last few months has the money started to dwindle.

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jollity	kindle	parsimony	penury	perspicacious
pliable	quell	rectify	rue	sluggard
stealthy	succinct	voluminous		

11. There are many _____ materials which we could use for the project; we just need materials which can be easily bent.
12. As soon as we realized that the dolls were not arranged in a straight line, we tried to _____ the situation by lining them up.
13. In order to survive, a spy must be _____ and sneaky.
14. Sid's expression of _____ showed the great regret and sorrow he felt.
15. The circus clown made us laugh so much that he filled our whole evening with _____.
16. The two works were a study in contrast; the first one was _____ and used few words, while the second work was so large that it was _____ and wordy.
17. It was difficult to get him to work seriously on the job; he was such a _____ that all he wanted to do was sit back and rest.
18. The girl's _____ was her only defect of character; she was, indeed, the stingiest person I had ever met.
19. The young puppy was able to _____ energy, warmth and love in the old man's heart.
20. Only a _____ lawyer can see through the lies and deceitfulness of some witnesses.
21. The mayor's objective for this term is to _____ the recent outbreak of violent crime in the inner city; he believes that those homeless people living in a state of _____ seem to be victimized most.