

Lesson 35

Definitions



1.	abandon (noun)	uh BAN dun	act of unrestrained behavior disregarding consequences
	Synonyms >>	license, laxity	Antonym >> caution, self-restraint
	Some say Teddy Roosevelt charged up San Juan Hill with reckless abandon.		
	Derivatives >>	abandonable, abandoner, abandonment, abandoned, abandonedly	
2.	bemuse	buh MUZE	to confuse or to bewilder
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to enlighten
	He did not intend to bemuse the class with his ambiguous remarks.		
	Derivatives >>	bemused	
3.	collage	kuh LAHZ	an assembly of diverse things to make an artistic composition
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	My girlfriend gave me a collage representing the time that we have dated.		
	Derivatives >>	collages	
4.	decorousness	DEK ur us ness	proper behavior
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> lack of propriety
	A gentleman's behavior is known for its decorousness.		
	Derivatives >>	decorous, decorously, decorum	
5.	equilibrium	ee kwuh LIB ree um	a state of balance between opposing forces
	Synonyms >>	balance, poise	Antonym >> imbalance
	The acrobats need a good sense of equilibrium in order to perform the tricks.		
	Derivatives >>	equilibriums, equilibriize, equilibrate	
6.	ethos	EE thos, ETH os	the distinguishing character or values of a specific people or culture
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	In the Indian ethos, the young brave was encouraged into manhood.		
	Derivatives >>	ethoses	
7.	explicate	EK spluh kate	to explain, to clarify the meaning
	Synonyms >>	elucidate, expound	Antonym >> to fail to clarify
	He could not explicate the actions of his son.		
	Derivatives >>	explication, explicative, explicator, explicatory	
8.	fold (noun)	FOLD	a group bound together by common beliefs; fenced enclosure for sheep
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> individuals
	We need to convince him to return to the fold.		
	Derivatives >>	folds	
9.	impudent	IM pyuh dunt	disrespectful, characterized by improper bold behavior
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> respectful
	The student's impudent act of using profanity toward Mrs. Dove caused him to be expelled.		
	Derivatives >>	impudence, impudency, impudently, impudentness, impudicity	
10.	intensify	in TEN suh fie	to strengthen
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to weaken
	We will intensify our position by getting more documentation to support our views.		
	Derivatives >>	intensification, intensifier, intensified, intensifying, intensifies	
11.	interred	in TURD	buried
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> exhumed; disinterred
	He was interred by the avalanche.		
	Derivatives >>	inter, interment	

12.	lionize	LIE uh nize	to treat one with importance or as a celebrity
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to spurn
		The newspapers often lionize a celebrity who visits the city.	
	Derivatives >>	lionism, lionization	
13.	mosaic	mow ZAY ik	a picture made by using various small pieces of multicolored material
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
		The myriad of races and cultures that make up America is said to resemble a mosaic.	
	Derivatives >>	mosaicist, mosaically, mosaical	
14.	pedestrian	puh DES tree un	ordinary, unimaginative
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> extraordinary; unusual
		There will not be much progress as long as the school board maintains its pedestrian attitude.	
	Derivatives >>	pedestrianate, pedestrianize, pedestrianism	
15.	polarization	poe lur eh ZAY shun	division into two opposite positions
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> consolidation
		There is a polarization in the school district between those who want a smoking area and those who do not.	
	Derivatives >>	polarize, polarizing, polarizer, polarizable, polarizability	
16.	reciprocal	reh SIP ruh kul	mutual, interacting
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
		We have made a reciprocal trade agreement whereby we will sell the country grain and it will sell us copper.	
	Derivatives >>	reciprocity, reciprocally, reciprocating, reciprocation, reciprocative, reciprocator, reciprocity, reciprocity	
17.	rejoinder	reh JOIN dur	an answer to a reply
	Synonyms >>	reply	Antonym >> a question
		Her remarks drew a sharp rejoinder from the man.	
	Derivatives >>	rejoin, rejoinders	
18.	restive	RES tiv	unwilling to yield or to adjust
	Synonyms >>	contrary, perverse, balky, wayward, persistent, stubborn	Antonym >> pliable; willing to change
		The man was unable to persuade the restive crowd.	
	Derivatives >>	restively, restiveness	
19.	revile	reh VILE	to subject to verbal abuse
	Synonyms >>	upbraid, berate, rail at, vituperate, scold	Antonym >> to praise; to acclaim
		The woman began to revile her husband in a fit of anger.	
	Derivatives >>	reviled, reviling, revilement, reviler, revilingly	
20.	revulsion	reh VUL shun	a strong feeling of disgust or repugnance
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> attraction; appreciation
		Everyone should have a revulsion for child abuse.	
	Derivatives >>	revulsant, revulsionary, revulsive	
21.	sever	SEV ur	to cut or to separate
	Synonyms >>	divorce, sunder	Antonym >> to connect
		I decided to sever my relationship with that organization when I found out the true nature of it.	
	Derivatives >>	severs, severed, severing, severability, severance, severable	
22.	surplus	SUR plus	an amount that is more than what is needed
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> shortage
		The government purchases surplus wheat so that it is not thrown away.	
	Derivatives >>	surplusage	
23.	topple	TOP ul	to overturn
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to stabilize
		The rebels were able to topple the government.	
	Derivatives >>	toppled, toppling	
24.	vanquished	VAN kwishd	conquered, overpowered
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> submitted
		Hitler's armies vanquished Poland with aid from Russia.	
	Derivatives >>	vanquishable, vanquisher, vanquishment	
25.	whim	HWIM	a sudden and impulsive action
	Synonyms >>	caprice, crotchet, vagary	Antonym >>
		Our trip to Washington was a mere whim.	
	Derivatives >>	whims, whimmed, whimming	

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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. | abandon | a. | to cut or to separate |
| _____ | 2. | bemuse | b. | proper behavior |
| _____ | 3. | collage | c. | group bound together by beliefs |
| _____ | 4. | decorousness | d. | distinguishing traits of people |
| _____ | 5. | equilibrium | e. | artistic assembly of diverse things |
| _____ | 6. | ethos | f. | buried |
| _____ | 7. | explicate | g. | to confuse, bewilder, or stupefy |
| _____ | 8. | fold | h. | disrespectful; improper; insolent |
| _____ | 9. | impudent | i. | to strengthen |
| _____ | 10. | intensify | j. | a state of balance; poise |
| _____ | 11. | interred | k. | to explain; to clarify the meaning |
| _____ | 12. | sever | l. | unrestrained behavior disregarding consequences |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|--------------|----|--------------------------------------|
| _____ | 1. | lionize | a. | to treat one as a celebrity |
| _____ | 2. | mosaic | b. | to subject one to verbal abuse |
| _____ | 3. | pedestrian | c. | picture made with colored pieces |
| _____ | 4. | polarization | d. | an amount more than needed |
| _____ | 5. | reciprocal | e. | unwilling to yield; contrary; balky |
| _____ | 6. | rejoinder | f. | an answer to a reply |
| _____ | 7. | restive | g. | ordinary; unimaginative |
| _____ | 8. | revile | h. | to overturn |
| _____ | 9. | revulsion | i. | conquered; overpowered |
| _____ | 10. | surplus | j. | mutual; interacting |
| _____ | 11. | topple | k. | sudden and impulsive action |
| _____ | 12. | vanquished | l. | strong feeling of disgust |
| _____ | 13. | whim | m. | division into two opposite positions |

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Sentence Completion



abandon	bemused	collage	decorousness
equilibrium	ethos	explicate	fold
impudent	intensify	interred	lionize

1. The American _____ of freedom for all has led to immigration from all over the world; the belief that all men should be free is attractive to men of all races.
2. The woman left the group to find new experiences, but she soon returned to the _____ when she realized that her people were bound together by common beliefs that were precious to her.
3. The child's _____, disrespectful remark to his father resulted in severe punishment.
4. In order to make the _____ for my art class, I gathered an assembly of diverse things and placed them at random places on the canvas.
5. The volcanic eruption _____ Pompeii, burying it under tons of ash and lava.
6. The woman loved with utter _____, with unrestrained behavior and no regard for the consequences of such intense feelings.
7. The swimmer, trapped in the whirlpool, quickly lost his _____, and after swimming to the shore could hardly regain his balance.
8. By the time I reached the fifth chapter, I was totally _____ by the confusing and bewildering arrangement of characters and plots.
9. For once the newspaper did not try to abase the young scientist and his work; on the contrary, it finally began to _____ him for his discoveries.
10. Until I fully _____ the topic, you may not understand; however, I'm certain that after I explain it, the concept will be clear to you.
11. The pressure on the coach began to build and to _____ as his team continued to lose game after game.
12. We were all impressed by the man's _____; such proper behavior is becoming to a gentleman.

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mosaic	pedestrian	polarization	reciprocal	rejoinder
restive	revile	revulsion	severed	surplus
topple	vanquished		whim	

13. The student replied to the teacher's question with a witty _____.
14. Verbal abuse is one thing that is terrible to witness; when I hear one person _____ another, I am disgusted.
15. Because the _____ horse was unwilling to go forward on the mountainous slopes, he was extremely hard to control.
16. The woman felt total _____ for the man; she had never had such a strong feeling of disgust or repugnance for anyone before.
17. James often eats merely on a _____, impulsively deciding to dine at all hours of the night.
18. With such an abundance of wheat, the country had to decide what to do with the _____.
19. The cut in my hand was so deep that it _____ a nerve.
20. The stack of blocks began to _____ when the girl brushed past and accidentally overturned them.
21. The poor country had finally been _____; economic sanctions had overpowered the people, conquering the nation for the enemy.
22. The _____ that existed between the two factions could not be reconciled; their differences were so great that they would never come to agreeable terms.
23. The artist was anxious to exhibit his _____; the multi-colored glass pieces made a delightful work of art.
24. This novel could accurately be described as _____; it is the most ordinary, unimaginative attempt at writing I have ever read.
25. The _____ agreement offered mutual advantages to both signers.