

Lesson 48

Definitions



1.	abject	ab JEKT	utterly hopeless, humiliating, or wretched; contemptible	
	Synonyms >>	debasing, degrading, despicable; miserable	Antonym >>	exalted
	We were concerned about his health when we discovered that he was living in abject poverty.			
	Derivatives >>	abjection, abjectly, abjectness, abjectedness, abjective		
2.	aperture	AP uh ture	a hole or an opening	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	closure
	The farmer discovered an aperture in his fence that had allowed some cows to escape.			
	Derivatives >>	apertural, apertures, apertured		
3.	array	uh RAY	a large grouping of things; regular order or arrangement; to clothe	
	Synonyms >>	arrange, place; apparel, dress, attire; ornament, adorn,	Antonym >>	
	The group consisted of an impressive array of scholars.			
	Derivatives >>	arraying, arrays, arrayed, arrayal		
4.	bolt	BOLT	to move suddenly	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	to move sluggishly
	We were surprised when the horse suddenly bolted.			
	Derivatives >>	bolter, boltlike, bolted		
5.	codicil	KODD uh sil	a supplement or an amendment (usually to a will)	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	
	The boy was left a small inheritance by the codicil in his father's will.			
	Derivatives >>	codicillary		
6.	crescendo	kruh SHEN doe	a gradual increase in volume and intensity	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	decrescendo; decrease in sound
	The music began to crescendo into a loud blare.			
	Derivatives >>	crescendoed, crescendoing		
7.	endow	en DOW	to provide with income or property, to supply with a talent or quality	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	
	I plan to endow a million dollars to my former college.			
	Derivatives >>	endowment, endowed		
8.	flower	FLOU ur	to develop fully	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	to wither
	Her intellectual spirit flowered after she went to college.			
	Derivatives >>	flowered, flowers, flowering		
9.	genial	JEAN yul, JEAN ee ul	cordial; pleasantly warm	
	Synonyms >>	friendly, hearty, pleasant, agreeable, kindly	Antonym >>	sullen
	The woman has such a genial disposition that people love to be around her.			
	Derivatives >>	genially, genialness		
10.	germane	jer MANE	important to the issue at hand, pertinent	
	Synonyms >>	applicable, apposite, apropos, material	Antonym >>	unimportant
	The judge ruled that the testimony was germane to the trial and allowed it to be entered into the record.			
	Derivatives >>	germanely, germaneness		
11.	laggard	LAG urd	slow, sluggish	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	animated
	When that coach tells you to do something, do not be laggard.			
	Derivatives >>	laggardly, laggardness		

12.	martial	MAR shul	relating to war or a warrior	
	Synonyms >>	warlike		Antonym >>
		The martial tendencies of that hostile country are a concern to the people of the United States.		
	Derivatives >>	martialism, martialist, martially, martialness		
13.	nimble	NIM bul	quick in movement or resourcefulness	
	Synonyms >>	agile, spry		Antonym >> slow in movement
		In the circus, tight-rope walkers and jugglers have to be very nimble.		
	Derivatives >>	nimbler, nimblest, nimbleness, nimbly		
14.	palette	PAL it	board on which a painter mixes paints	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>
		The artist mixed her colors on the palette rather than on the canvas.		
	Derivatives >>	palettes		
15.	philology	feh LOL uh jee	study of literature, especially language used in literature	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>
		The study of philology is common among English majors.		
	Derivatives >>	philologist, philological, philologist, philogaster, philogastery, philologically, philologist, philologize		
16.	precognition	pree kog NISH un	knowing something before it happens	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> recollection
		I wish that I had a precognition of whether she would accept a date with me.		
	Derivatives >>	precognitive, precognize		
17.	quaint	KWAYNT	unusual in character or appearance	
	Synonyms >>	eccentric, peculiar, queer, unique		Antonym >> ordinary
		When we go to New England, we like to stay in a quaint old inn that gives us the flavor of the area.		
	Derivatives >>	quaintish, quaintly, quaintness		
18.	refrain (noun)	reh FRAIN	a recurring phrase or verse	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>
		The congregation joined in singing the refrain of the hymn.		
	Derivatives >>	refrainment		
19.	resurge	reh SURJ	to rise again	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> to remain quiescent
		Our football team's chances of a title will resurge if the coach drafts a good quarterback.		
	Derivatives >>	resurgence, resurgency, resurgent		
20.	searing	SEER ing	causing to wither or to dry up or to become scorched	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>
		One could easily die in the searing heat of the Mojave desert.		
	Derivatives >>	sear, seared, searingly		
21.	splice	SPLISE	to join	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> to sever
		For Christmas, I am going to give my father an instrument to help him splice his home movies if they break.		
	Derivatives >>	spliced, splicing		
22.	syncopation	sing kuh PAY shun	the accenting of musical beats not normally accented	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>
		The syncopation in the music made dancing fun.		
	Derivatives >>	syncopated, syncopate, syncopative, syncopator		
23.	trenchant	TREN chunt	incisive or keen ; caustic, cutting	
	Synonyms >>	sharp, biting, acute		Antonym >> soothing; kind
		His trenchant remarks can cut to the core.		
	Derivatives >>	trenchancy, trenchantly		
24.	vestiges	VES tij is	remnants, traces, remains	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>
		The archaeologists were looking for vestiges of ancient Egyptian civilizations.		
	Derivatives >>	vestige, vestigial, vestigium		
25.	winsome	WIN sum	winning, engaging, or charming	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> repugnant; rude
		The young lady had a winsome smile that won her many friends.		
	Derivatives >>	winsomely, winsomeness		

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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

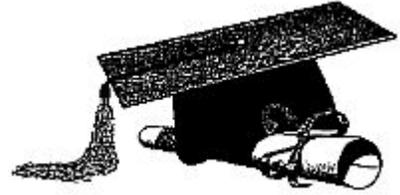
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|-------|-----|-----------|----|-------------------------------------|
| _____ | 1. | abject | a. | pertinent; important to the issue |
| _____ | 2. | aperture | b. | an increase in sound |
| _____ | 3. | array | c. | to move suddenly |
| _____ | 4. | bolt | d. | utterly hopeless; humiliating |
| _____ | 5. | codicil | e. | to develop fully |
| _____ | 6. | crescendo | f. | slow; sluggish |
| _____ | 7. | endow | g. | a large, impressive group of things |
| _____ | 8. | flower | h. | cordial; pleasantly warm |
| _____ | 9. | genial | i. | a hole or opening |
| _____ | 10. | germane | j. | relating to war or a warrior |
| _____ | 11. | laggard | k. | a supplement or amendment |
| _____ | 12. | martial | l. | to provide with income or property |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|--------------|----|---------------------------------------|
| _____ | 1. | nimble | a. | board on which a painter mixes paints |
| _____ | 2. | palette | b. | unusual in character or appearance |
| _____ | 3. | philology | c. | winning; engaging; charming |
| _____ | 4. | precognition | d. | to rise again |
| _____ | 5. | quaint | e. | remnants; traces; remains |
| _____ | 6. | refrain | f. | to join |
| _____ | 7. | resurge | g. | study of language in literature |
| _____ | 8. | searing | h. | an accent of the offbeat in music |
| _____ | 9. | splice | i. | knowledge before something happens |
| _____ | 10. | syncopation | j. | withering; drying up; scorching |
| _____ | 11. | trenchant | k. | a recurring phrase or verse |
| _____ | 12. | vestiges | l. | incisive; keen; caustic; cunning |
| _____ | 13. | winsome | m. | quick in movement and resourcefulness |

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Sentence Completion



abject	aperture	array	bolted
codicil	crescendo	endowed	flower
genial	germane	martial	nimble

- The facts that you just gave me do not appear to be _____ to the case, so perhaps you should explain to me just how they relate.
- Under the guidance of the new teacher, the musician began to _____, developing her talents beyond what we had hoped and blossoming into a great artist.
- The climax of the symphony was at the end when the music began to _____ to such a volume that we could feel the vibrations as the intensity grew.
- When I realized that the explosion was about occur, I _____ out of the room and ran down the hall as fast as I could.
- Because he was grateful, the elderly man wanted to add a _____ to his will, rewarding his nurse for her years of faithful service.
- We could see the action through an _____ in the fence; it wasn't a large hole, but it was big enough to see through.
- The university subsists largely from funds that were _____ by an anonymous benefactor; only a few people knew who gave the gift.
- In order to be efficient in _____ arts, the participants must be _____; these particular warriors have to move very quickly.
- It was no wonder that the small children suffered from malnutrition; they were living in wretched conditions of _____ poverty.
- We were amazed at the _____ of the stars in the sky; there seemed to be a much larger group of them than we normally see.
- It was pleasant visiting with the friendly woman; she was so _____ that liking her was easy.

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laggard	palette	philologists	precognition	quaint
refrain	resurge	searing	splice	syncopation
trenchant	vestiges	winsome		

12. The boy was not accepted on the track team because of his _____ movements; track is not a sport for someone who is slow and sluggish.
13. The artist mixed her colors on her _____ rather than on the canvas.
14. The _____ who study the literature of England pay particular attention to the hymns and understand that it is repetition of the _____ that unifies the songs.
15. We stayed in a _____ inn that was unique and unusual because of its old-world charm.
16. The _____ temperature of 110 degrees soon had all of the workers in a state of near heat exhaustion.
17. Many Europeans fear that a unified Germany will _____ to power, rising again as a dictator state.
18. The gypsy had a _____, foreknowledge that the peace of our valley would soon be shattered by war.
19. You should _____ the two reels of film so that they are joined together neatly.
20. Good jazz music has recognizable _____; the music characteristically accents beats not normally accented.
21. When these final _____ of the Cherokees vanish, the last traces of the tribe will be gone.
22. The woman's feelings were hurt by the _____ words shouted at her by the man; his caustic language cut her to the core.
23. You will certainly gain many friends with such a _____ smile; it is absolutely charming.