

# Lesson 51

## Definitions



1.	<b>advocacy</b>	AD vuh kuh see	support of an idea or cause		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	opposition
		The nominee's advocacy of higher taxes may have cost him the election.			
	Derivatives >>	advocate, advocator, advocatory, advocated, advocating			
2.	<b>artful</b>	ART ful	skillful, clever, tricky		
	Synonyms >>	crafty, cunning, foxy, sly		Antonym >>	guileless
		The President was artful in negotiating the arms deal.			
	Derivatives >>	artfully, artfulness			
3.	<b>askew</b>	uh SKEW	out of line, slanted		
	Synonyms >>	crooked		Antonym >>	straight
		Please straighten any pictures that are hanging askew.			
	Derivatives >>				
4.	<b>bucolic</b>	byoo KOL ik	rustic, rural, unsophisticated; pastoral		
	Synonyms >>	georgic		Antonym >>	urban; sophisticated
		He yearned for a simple, bucolic life.			
	Derivatives >>	bucolical, bucolically			
5.	<b>chaste</b>	CHASTE	morally pure		
	Synonyms >>	pure, modest, decent		Antonym >>	immoral, tainted
		The king insisted that the woman who would become his wife be chaste.			
	Derivatives >>	chastely, chasteness, chastity			
6.	<b>compost</b>	KOM post	a composition of largely decaying matter used as fertilizer		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
		A compost plant produces fertilizer from garbage.			
	Derivatives >>	composts			
7.	<b>curmudgeon</b>	kur MUJ un	a surly, ill-mannered person; a grumpy person -- usually an old man		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	placid person
		Grandpa, being dissatisfied with everything, has become a curmudgeon.			
	Derivatives >>	curmudgeonly			
8.	<b>disrepute</b>	dis reh PYOOT	disgrace, loss of reputation		
	Synonyms >>	ignominy, infamy		Antonym >>	esteem; dignity
		If he does not win the perjury case, he will be held in disrepute.			
	Derivatives >>	disreputability, disreputable, disreputably			
9.	<b>foliated</b>	FOE lee ay tid	split into thin layers		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
		Graphite has a foliated structure.			
	Derivatives >>	foliate, foliation			
10.	<b>hydrophobia</b>	high druh FOE bee uh	fear of water		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
		He never learned to swim because of his hydrophobia.			
	Derivatives >>	hydrophobic, hydrophobicity, hydrophobous			
11.	<b>junta</b>	HOON tuh	a group of people who join in running a government (after a revolution)		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	patriots
		In the early 1980s, Argentina was governed by a military junta composed of generals.			
	Derivatives >>	juntas, junto			

12.	<b>latitude</b>	LAT eh tood	freedom of action or opinion
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> lack of freedom
	College students are given much latitude in the selection of their courses.		
	Derivatives >>	latitudinal, latitudinally, latitudinarian	
13.	<b>malediction</b>	mal eh DIK shun	curse
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> blessing
	He uttered maledictions at his torturers.		
	Derivatives >>	maledictive, maledictory	
14.	<b>nadir</b>	NA dur	the lowest point
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> highest point
	The rejection of our proposal was the nadir of our hopes.		
	Derivatives >>	nadiral	
15.	<b>palpable</b>	PAL puh bul	tangible, perceptible, easily noticeable
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	I do not see how I overlooked such a palpable miscalculation.		
	Derivatives >>	palpability, palpably, palpableness	
16.	<b>phoenix</b>	FEE niks	person of unmatched beauty; something rising from apparent destruction
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	Like a phoenix, he was able to recover from bankruptcy and become a millionaire again.		
	Derivatives >>	phoenixity	
17.	<b>pillage</b>	PILL ij	to rob or to take by force, to plunder (especially in a war situation)
	Synonyms >>	despoil, devastate, ravage, sack, waste	Antonym >>
	In World War II, the Germans pillaged the Russians, and then the Russians pillaged the Germans.		
	Derivatives >>	pillager, pillaged, pillaging	
18.	<b>prepossessing</b>	pree puh ZES ing	pleasing or creating a favorable impression
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	Shirley Temple was a popular child actress because of her prepossessing personality.		
	Derivatives >>	prepossess, prepossessingly, prepossession, prepossessionary	
19.	<b>rabid</b>	RAB id	raging, furious, fanatical
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> calm
	Philadelphia is known for its rabid sports fans.		
	Derivatives >>	rabid, rabidity, rabidly, rabidness, rabies, rabiform, rabious	
20.	<b>sedulously</b>	SEJ uh lus lee	very diligent, accomplishing with painstaking care
	Synonyms >>	assiduous, industrious	Antonym >> haphazardly
	It is very heartwarming when I can get a student to sedulously complete an assignment.		
	Derivatives >>	sedulous, sedulity, sedulousness	
21.	<b>stark</b>	STARK	harsh, grim, or desolate; extremely simple or severe
	Synonyms >>	dreary	Antonym >> luxuriant
	The stark landscape gave an ominous feeling.		
	Derivatives >>	starkly, starkness	
22.	<b>tangible</b>	TAN juh bul	capable of being touched; real or actual rather than imaginary
	Synonyms >>	palpable, corporeal; certain, genuine	Antonym >> imaginary; not able to be touched
	The man had no tangible assets such as a home or a car, but he had much to offer in terms of personality.		
	Derivatives >>	tangibility, tangibleness, tangibly	
23.	<b>unassailable</b>	un uh SALE uh bul	undisputable, not able to be attacked with success
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> disputable
	The arguments of the lawyer were unassailable; consequently, he won the case.		
	Derivatives >>	unassailably, unassailableness, unassailed	
24.	<b>vile</b>	VILE	wretchedly bad; highly offensive, unpleasant or objectionable
	Synonyms >>	repellent, mean, vicious, evil, iniquitous	Antonym >> good, elevated
	The politician fell victim to vile slander from his opponent.		
	Derivatives >>	viler, vilest, vilely, vileness	
25.	<b>witticism</b>	WIT eh siz um	a clever and witty remark
	Synonyms >>	pun	Antonym >> platitude
	The speaker's witticism will be remembered long after he is gone.		
	Derivatives >>	witty	

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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

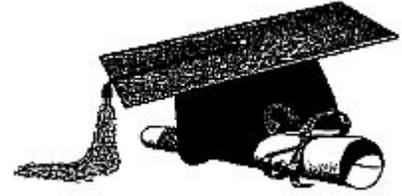
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|-------|-----|-------------|----|---------------------------------------|
| _____ | 1.  | advocacy    | a. | composition of decaying matter        |
| _____ | 2.  | artful      | b. | rustic; rural; unsophisticated        |
| _____ | 3.  | askew       | c. | disgrace; loss of reputation          |
| _____ | 4.  | bucolic     | d. | fear of water                         |
| _____ | 5.  | chaste      | e. | a grumpy and ill-mannered person      |
| _____ | 6.  | compost     | f. | skillful; clever; tricky              |
| _____ | 7.  | curmudgeon  | g. | split into thin layers                |
| _____ | 8.  | disrepute   | h. | out of line; slanted                  |
| _____ | 9.  | foliated    | i. | morally pure                          |
| _____ | 10. | hydrophobia | j. | tangible; perceptible                 |
| _____ | 11. | junta       | k. | support of an idea or cause           |
| _____ | 12. | palpable    | l. | people joined in running a government |

### Exercise B

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|-------|-----|---------------|----|--------------------------------------|
| _____ | 1.  | latitude      | a. | very diligently                      |
| _____ | 2.  | malediction   | b. | capable of being touched             |
| _____ | 3.  | nadir         | c. | to rob or to take by force           |
| _____ | 4.  | phoenix       | d. | a curse                              |
| _____ | 5.  | pillage       | e. | raging; furious; fanatical           |
| _____ | 6.  | prepossessing | f. | lowest point                         |
| _____ | 7.  | rabid         | g. | indisputable                         |
| _____ | 8.  | sedulously    | h. | person of unmatched beauty           |
| _____ | 9.  | stark         | i. | wretchedly bad; offensive            |
| _____ | 10. | tangible      | j. | desolate; extremely severe           |
| _____ | 11. | unassailable  | k. | a clever and witty remark            |
| _____ | 12. | vile          | l. | freedom of action or opinion         |
| _____ | 13. | witticism     | m. | pleasing; creating a good impression |

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## Sentence Completion



advocacy	artful	askew	chaste
compost	curmudgeon	disrepute	foliated
hydrophobia	junta	latitude	witticisms

1. We were afraid the demarcation lines were \_\_\_\_\_, but we realized that even if they were slanted, they would still mark a boundary between the two sections of land.
2. With his increasing power, the governor found a greater \_\_\_\_\_ and freedom to act.
3. The military \_\_\_\_\_ took over the rule of the small island soon after the revolution.
4. The reputation of a \_\_\_\_\_ person is unlikely to fall into \_\_\_\_\_; someone who remains morally pure does not generally lose his good name.
5. Decaying leaves and bark make excellent \_\_\_\_\_ for future gardening needs.
6. The old \_\_\_\_\_ was always grumpy and ill-mannered when he spoke to other people.
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ plant had so many leaves that only rarely did sunshine reach the earth beneath it.
8. Most cats have a natural \_\_\_\_\_ that makes them terrified of water.
9. The comedian's \_\_\_\_\_ were so skilled and \_\_\_\_\_ that even those people being ridiculed in his jokes laughed with him.
10. His \_\_\_\_\_ of the right of free speech is shown by his support of the First Amendment.

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pillaging	prepossessing	rabid	sedulously	stark
tangible	unassailable	vile		

11. When we went into the country, we were enchanted by the \_\_\_\_\_ setting; there were trees, rivers and pastures of green grass all around us.
12. The followers of the fanatical cult were \_\_\_\_\_ believers of the new teachings.
13. He was embarrassed by the \_\_\_\_\_ error in his calculations; it was so obvious and easily perceived by everyone else that it made him look pretty silly.
14. The witch uttered one last \_\_\_\_\_ at her accusers before they hanged her; the curse that she spoke did, in fact, come true in later years.
15. The king's claim that his fortress was \_\_\_\_\_ was proven false when the bands of cutthroats conquered it, robbing and \_\_\_\_\_ the place.
16. In mythology the legend of the \_\_\_\_\_ is a story of a beautiful bird resurrected from destruction; thus anything today of unmatched beauty, rising from destruction, I called by that name.
17. The man \_\_\_\_\_ set out to tend the garden and to bring back to life what had withered away. His diligence and painstaking care would eventually pay off.
18. It was a pleasure to meet someone so polite and courteous, someone who had such a \_\_\_\_\_ personality.
19. The man had reached the \_\_\_\_\_ of degradation; in such a few short months, he had fallen to the lowest point of depravity.
20. They were confronted with the \_\_\_\_\_ reality of poverty when the father left; the harsh winters ahead painted a grim picture of their future.
21. If I am going to loan you the money, I want something \_\_\_\_\_ as collateral, something I can touch in case you default.
22. We were not impressed by the man's \_\_\_\_\_ language; it was offensive, unpleasant and objectionable.