

Lesson 1

Definitions



1.	altruistic	al tru IS tik	unselfishly concerned for the welfare of others, generous
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> belligerent; stingy; selfish
	Nuns and nurses are usually very altruistic people since they seek ways to help people.		
	Derivatives >>	altruism, altruist, altruistically	
2.	ambivalent	am BIV uh lunt	having contrary feelings or attitudes, uncertain as to course of action
	Synonyms >>	undecided	Antonym >> certain; firmly convinced
	I am ambivalent about a permanent relationship with him, because I like him one day and don't the next.		
	Derivatives >>	ambivalence	
3.	angular	ANG gyuh ler	lean; sharp cornered; gaunt
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> rotund
	The patient has lost so much weight that his face has become quite angular.		
	Derivatives >>	angulate, angularity, angulation, angulator	
4.	arrogant	AIR uh gunt	overbearingly assuming; insolently proud
	Synonyms >>	presumptuous, haughty, imperious, brazen	Antonym >> meek, modest
	Because the girl was so arrogant, she had few friends.		
	Derivatives >>	arrogance, arrogancy, arrogantly	
5.	aversion	uh VER shun	strong disinclination, disliking
	Synonyms >>	hesitance, loathing, reluctance	Antonym >> inclination
	I have an aversion to getting married.		
	Derivatives >>	averseness, aversely, averse	
6.	discern	deh SURN	to differentiate between two or more things
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to ignore; to be oblivious; to
	Because of the fog, I was barely able to discern the landing strip.		
	Derivatives >>	discerner, discernible, discernable, discernibleness, discernibly, discernably, discerningly, discernment	
7.	disdain	dis DANE	intense dislike; to treat with scorn or contempt, to reject as unworthy
	Synonyms >>	(to be) arrogant, haughty, high-handed, insolent, lordly,	Antonym >> favor, admiration; to love
	Never having had to do manual labor, he disdained the idea of becoming a cotton picker.		
	Derivatives >>	disdained, disdaining, disdainer, disdainful, disdainfully, disdainfulness	
8.	disparage	deh SPAR ij	to degrade, to speak of someone or something in a derogatory manner
	Synonyms >>	belittle, decry, deprecate	Antonym >> to praise profusely
	His disparaging remarks about me caused the committee to give the job to another person.		
	Derivatives >>	disparagement, disparager, disparagingly	
9.	disparity	deh SPAR eh tee	inequality, the condition or fact of being unequal in age, rank, or degree
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> similarity
	The couple got married even though there was a great disparity in their ages.		
	Derivatives >>	disparate, disparately, disparateness, disparatum	
10.	embellish	em BEL ish	to decorate, to make beautiful with ornamentation
	Synonyms >>	deck, garnish, ornament, adorn	Antonym >> to abbreviate
	He would embellish his narratives with anecdotes about famous people.		
	Derivatives >>	embellisher, embellishment	
11.	engender	en JEN der	to cause, to produce, to create
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to squelch
	His angry words engendered strife in his relationship with his wife.		
	Derivatives >>	engendered, engenderer, engenders, engendering	

12.	innocuous	eh NOK yoo us	harmless, producing no injury	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	dangerous; injurious
	Since the drink is innocuous, it is okay for us to have some.			
	Derivatives >>	innocuously, innocuousness		
13.	insipid	in SIP id	boring and stupid	
	Synonyms >>	banal, flat, inane, jejune, vapid	Antonym >>	spirited and animated; zestful
	I am bored by your insipid talk.			
	Derivatives >>	insipidity, insipidly, insipidness		
14.	lament	luh MENT	to mourn or to express sorrow in a demonstrative manner	
	Synonyms >>	bemoan, bewail, deplore	Antonym >>	to rejoice
	She lamented the death of her father in a very lachrymose manner.			
	Derivatives >>	lamented, lamenting, lamentation, lamentable		
15.	laud	LAWD	to praise, to extol	
	Synonyms >>	revere	Antonym >>	to defame
	Her performance was lauded by all of the critics.			
	Derivatives >>	laudability, laudable, laudableness		
16.	obscure	ub SKYOOR	difficult to see, vague	
	Synonyms >>	abstruse, ambiguous, cryptic, enigmatic, equivocal, recondite	Antonym >>	clear; apparent
	Because the meaning of the play was obscure, I was unable to enjoy it.			
	Derivatives >>	obscuration, obscurative, obscuredly, obscurely, obscurement, obscureness, obscurity		
17.	ostentatious	os ten TAY shus	showy, pretentious	
	Synonyms >>	pompous	Antonym >>	modest
	The ostentatious socialite wore her mink fur coat even during the warmest days of August.			
	Derivatives >>	ostentation, ostentate, ostentatiously, ostentatiousness, ostentative		
18.	prodigal	PROD uh gul	wasteful, a person given to extravagance	
	Synonyms >>	lavish, lush, luxuriant, profuse	Antonym >>	thrifty individual
	The prodigal son squandered his inheritance.			
	Derivatives >>	prodigality, prodigally, prodigalize		
19.	repudiate	reh PYOO dee ate	to reject, to disown, to disavow	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	to adopt
	He announced that he would repudiate all debts that had been created by his wife.			
	Derivatives >>	repudiation, repudiationist, repudiator		
20.	reticence	RET uh suns	restraint in speech, reluctance to speak	
	Synonyms >>	reserve, taciturnity	Antonym >>	candor
	A lawyer must have great reticence in discussing matters that could violate his client's rights.			
	Derivatives >>	reticency, reticent, reticently		
21.	revere	reh VERE	to honor, to regard with respect	
	Synonyms >>	adore, venerate, worship	Antonym >>	to despise
	Nearly all Catholics revere the Pope.			
	Derivatives >>	reverence, reverent, reverentness, reverential, reverentiality, reverentially		
22.	serene	suh REEN	calm, placid	
	Synonyms >>	tranquil	Antonym >>	agitated
	The mountain on a clear spring morning is a serene setting.			
	Derivatives >>	serenely, sereneness, serenity		
23.	subtle	SUT ul	delicate, elusive, not obvious	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	obvious; gross; blunt
	To avoid being obtrusive in the elegant restaurant, he used subtle gestures to call the waiter to his table.			
	Derivatives >>	subtilist, subtlety, subtilization, subtilize, subtilizer, subtleness, subtlety		
24.	superfluous	soo PUR floo us	beyond what is needed or required, an overflow	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	necessary
	The meeting lasted so long because of many superfluous comments by some of the speakers.			
	Derivatives >>	superfluously, superfluousness, superfluent, superfluity		
25.	taciturn	TAS eh turn	quiet, not verbose	
	Synonyms >>	reserved, reticent	Antonym >>	loquacious; talkative
	A shy person is usually taciturn.			
	Derivatives >>	tacit, tacitly, tacitness, taciturnity, taciturnly		

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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. | altruistic | a. | contempt; intense dislike |
| _____ | 2. | ambivalent | b. | quiet; saying little; usually silent |
| _____ | 3. | angular | c. | to praise; to extol |
| _____ | 4. | arrogant | d. | undecided; unable to choose |
| _____ | 5. | aversion | e. | inequality in age, rank, or degree |
| _____ | 6. | discern | f. | not clear or distinct; vague |
| _____ | 7. | disparage | g. | overbearingly assuming; proud |
| _____ | 8. | disparity | h. | generous; concerned for others |
| _____ | 9. | embellish | i. | to decorate; to adorn; to ornament |
| _____ | 10. | taciturn | j. | to speak badly of; to degrade |
| _____ | 11. | laud | k. | to perceive; to differentiate |
| _____ | 12. | obscure | l. | lean, gaunt; sharp-cornered |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|--------------|----|----------------------------------|
| _____ | 1. | engender | a. | strong disinclination; dislike |
| _____ | 2. | disdain | b. | wastefully extravagant; lavish |
| _____ | 3. | innocuous | c. | reserve; taciturnity; silence |
| _____ | 4. | insipid | d. | delicate, elusive, not obvious |
| _____ | 5. | lament | e. | boring and stupid |
| _____ | 6. | ostentatious | f. | calm, placid |
| _____ | 7. | prodigal | g. | to disown, to reject, to disavow |
| _____ | 8. | repudiate | h. | harmless; innocent |
| _____ | 9. | reticence | i. | to mourn, to wail |
| _____ | 10. | revere | j. | showy; pretentious |
| _____ | 11. | serene | k. | needless; overflowing; extra |
| _____ | 12. | subtle | l. | to honor; to worship |
| _____ | 13. | superfluous | m. | to originate; to produce |

Lesson One Sentence Completion



altruistic	ambivalent	angular	arrogant
aversion	discern	disdain	disparaging
disparate	embellish	innocuous	subtle

1. Even though the _____ programs had no similarities, they worked toward the same goals, and that made them compatible.
2. Her extended illness had resulted in her _____ look; she was so gaunt and lean that none of her clothes fit well.
3. Missionaries are considered _____ because they are unselfishly concerned for the welfare of others.
4. On hot summer days it is difficult to _____ the difference between a puddle of water and heat waves produced on the road.
5. It was hard to believe that her feelings could be hurt over such _____ remarks, for nothings he said was really harmful.
6. I cannot understand how anyone can be so _____ about this project; you either support it or you don't, but this constant changing of viewpoints is beyond my comprehension.
7. Because I have a natural _____ to hominy, I never eat the stuff; it is one food that I can't stand.
8. Because of his _____ remarks about me, the committee gave the job to another person; he had effectively ruined my reputation.
9. I met his _____ remarks with _____; I didn't appreciate his trying to hide his feelings. He should have been forthright, open and honest.
10. The young girl tried to _____ her handwriting by adding swirls and curls to her letters.
11. No one wanted to be around the _____ man; his proud manner bordered on rudeness.

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engender	insipid	lament	laud	obscure
ostentatious	prodigal	repudiate	reticence	revere
serene	superfluous	taciturn		

12. Certain passages of the book were so _____ that it was difficult to get a clear understanding of exactly what the author had intended to say.
13. The man never saved any money because of his _____ attitude; he has never been able to hold on to a dollar when it could be spent on something frivolous.
14. The girl's _____ conversation bored him to tears; he abhorred silly, meaningless chatter.
15. The sounds of _____ rising from the sick room announced the death of the man.
16. In a society of increasing lawlessness, it seems that young children have not been taught to _____ authority and law.
17. This paper is marred by _____ details that could have been left out.
18. If you show respect for a person, you are likely to _____ a similar regard in that person to show respect for you.
19. To give praise to mental laziness is difficult for me, but to _____ students with quick minds is a pleasure.
20. The girl's _____ was not an asset to her; indeed, her inability to speak in public was like a curse.
21. The _____ man said very little; he spoke only when spoken to, and even then he was direct and concise.
22. He hired a team of lawyers to _____ the charge that he had embezzled any funds from the company.
23. A few hints of sophistication began to appear in the woman's _____ apparel; she soon dropped the gaudy accessories and became a conservative dresser.
24. We stood before the lake and looked at the placid waters, _____ and calm.

Lesson 2

Definitions



1.	antithesis	an TI thuh sis	a direct opposite, a contrast
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> duplicate; same
	Good is the antithesis of evil.		
	Derivatives >>	antithetic, antithetical, antithetically	
2.	ascend	uh SEND	to move upward, to rise from a lower station
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to descend; to go down
	The climbers ascended the mountain.		
	Derivatives >>	ascendancy, ascendancy, ascendant, ascension, ascending, ascended	
3.	austere	aw STEER	strict, stern; unadorned, ascetic
	Synonyms >>	severe	Antonym >> indulgent
	Pioneers usually led an austere existence.		
	Derivatives >>	austereness, austereity, austerity	
4.	autonomous	aw TON uh muhs	independent, self-contained
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> dependent
	One who is autonomous needs no help from others.		
	Derivatives >>	autonomic, autonomously, autonomy, autonomist	
5.	banal	BANE ul, buh NAL	common, ordinary, lacking freshness, hackneyed
	Synonyms >>	inane, insipid, jejune, vapid	Antonym >> fresh, unique, extraordinary
	Because of his use of overused trite remarks, his speeches are banal.		
	Derivatives >>	banality, banally	
6.	benign	buh NINE	not causing harm, of gentle disposition, beneficial
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> malignant, harmful
	The minister was loved because of his benign attitude toward all types of people.		
	Derivatives >>	benignly, benignant, benignancy, benignantly, benignity	
7.	capricious	kuh PRISH us	changing suddenly, fickle
	Synonyms >>	inconstant, mercurial, unstable	Antonym >> stable
	Her capricious moods are difficult to anticipate.		
	Derivatives >>	caprice, capriciously, capriciousness	
8.	dawdle	DOD ul	to waste time, to spend time idly, to move in a lackadaisical manner
	Synonyms >>	dally, loiter, procrastinate	Antonym >> to rush
	Since we have a deadline, do not dawdle over your work.		
	Derivatives >>	dawdled, dawdling	
9.	defamation	def uh MAY shun	act of harming or ruining another's reputation
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> adulation
	The defamation of another's character is a horrible thing.		
	Derivatives >>	defamatory, defame, defamed, defamer, defamingly	
10.	esoteric	es uh TER ik	understood only by a small group or a select few
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> obvious
	The English teachers were having an esoteric discussion about the correct usage of some obscure word.		
	Derivatives >>	esoterical, esoterically, esotericism, esotericist, esoterism, esotery	
11.	exacerbate	ig ZAS ur bate	to aggravate, to irritate, to vex
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to ameliorate; to soothe
	You will only exacerbate the situation if you try to call her.		
	Derivatives >>	exacerbatingly, exacerbation	

12.	extol	ik STOLE	to praise, to glorify	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> to defame
	The teacher would always extol students who tried to do their best.			
	Derivatives >>	extolled, extolling, extollingly, extollment, extoller		
13.	fastidious	fa STID ee us	reflecting a meticulous or demanding attitude, critical to an extreme	
	Synonyms >>	finicky		Antonym >> not meticulous
	He considered her fastidious because she was offended by insignificant mistakes or errors.			
	Derivatives >>	fastidiously, fastidiousness, fastidium		
14.	furtive	FUR tiv	secret in an underhanded way, stealthy	
	Synonyms >>	clandestine, covert, stealthy, surreptitious, underhanded		Antonym >> bold
	During the test, he made some furtive glances at other classmates' papers.			
	Derivatives >>	furtively, furtiveness		
15.	gregarious	greh GAR ee us	sociable and outgoing	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> shy; reserved
	He became much more gregarious after he developed an interest in girls.			
	Derivatives >>	gregariously, gregariousness		
16.	hypocrite	HIP uh krit	one who is insincere or deceitful	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> sincere person
	Saying one thing and then doing the other is the mark of a hypocrite.			
	Derivatives >>	hypocrites, hypocritical, hypocritically, hypocritical, hypocrisy		
17.	innate	eh NATE	existing from birth, inborn	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> learned
	He has innate athletic talents that cannot be taught.			
	Derivatives >>	innated, innately, innateness, innatism, innative		
18.	lethargic	luh THAR jik	sluggish, languid	
	Synonyms >>	stuporous, torpid		Antonym >> energetic
	Having had too much to drink, he was very lethargic the morning after the party.			
	Derivatives >>	lethargically, lethargize, lethargy		
19.	melancholy	MEL un kol ee	depression of spirits	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> happiness
	After Dad lost his job, he fell into a state of melancholy.			
	Derivatives >>	melancholia, melancholic, melancholiac, melancholically, melancholily, melancholiness, melancholious		
20.	opaque	oh PAKE	not allowing the passage of light, not transparent; hard to understand	
	Synonyms >>	dark		Antonym >> transparent
	I am going to place something opaque in the window so that no one will be able to see into this room.			
	Derivatives >>	opaquely, opaqueness, opaquer		
21.	prolific	pro LIF ik	abundantly fruitful, marked by great productivity	
	Synonyms >>	fecund, fertile		Antonym >> barren; unfruitful
	Since he has written a great number of books in a short period, Stephen King is known as a prolific writer.			
	Derivatives >>	proliferation, proliferate, proliferative, proliferous, proliferously		
22.	reprove	reh PROOV	to scold or to rebuke for a misdeed usually with kindly intent	
	Synonyms >>	admonish, castigate, chastise, chide, rebuke, reproach		Antonym >> to approve; to applaud
	A teacher sometimes needs to reprove a student for talking during class.			
	Derivatives >>	reprovable, reprovingly, reproving, reprovved, reproves, reproof		
23.	symmetry	SIM eh tree	balanced proportions	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> lack of balance
	The symmetry of the gardens of Versailles creates a beautiful and balanced atmosphere.			
	Derivatives >>	symmetrical, symmetric, symmetrically, symmetricalness, symmetrization, symmetrize		
24.	tranquil	TRANG kwul	peaceful, calm	
	Synonyms >>	placid, serene		Antonym >> agitated
	Weather in Texas can quickly change from tranquil to turbulent.			
	Derivatives >>	tranquilization, tranquilize, tranquility, tranquilness, tranquilizer		
25.	venerate	VEN uh rate	to honor, to revere	
	Synonyms >>	adore, worship		Antonym >>
	Although I did not always agree with President Kennedy, I venerate his memory.			
	Derivatives >>	veneration, venerational, venerator, venerable, venerability		

Lesson 2

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

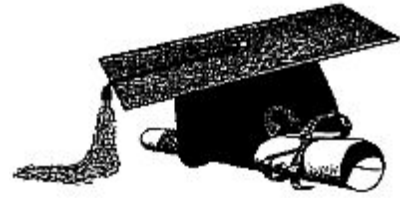
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|-------|-----|------------|----|-----------------------------------|
| _____ | 1. | antithesis | a. | direct opposite; contrast |
| _____ | 2. | ascend | b. | changeable; erratic; fickle |
| _____ | 3. | austere | c. | to go up; to rise |
| _____ | 4. | autonomous | d. | ruining of another's reputation |
| _____ | 5. | banal | e. | stern; unyielding; ascetic |
| _____ | 6. | benign | f. | to praise; to glorify |
| _____ | 7. | capricious | g. | insipid; dull; trite; ordinary |
| _____ | 8. | dawdle | h. | to embitter; to aggravate |
| _____ | 9. | defamation | i. | to waste time; to spend time idly |
| _____ | 10. | esoteric | j. | independent; self-contained |
| _____ | 11. | exacerbate | k. | beneficial; kind; gentle |
| _____ | 12. | extol | l. | understood only by a select few |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|------------|----|------------------------------------|
| _____ | 1. | fastidious | a. | slow; tired; sluggish; listless |
| _____ | 2. | furtive | b. | not transparent; dull; dark |
| _____ | 3. | gregarious | c. | peaceful; calm |
| _____ | 4. | hypocrite | d. | existing from birth; inborn |
| _____ | 5. | innate | e. | one who is insincere |
| _____ | 6. | lethargic | f. | liking to gather in groups; social |
| _____ | 7. | melancholy | g. | surreptitious; secret; sneaky |
| _____ | 8. | opaque | h. | particular; hard to please |
| _____ | 9. | prolific | i. | to honor; to revere |
| _____ | 10. | reprove | j. | balanced proportions |
| _____ | 11. | symmetry | k. | depression of spirits |
| _____ | 12. | tranquil | l. | to scold or to rebuke |
| _____ | 13. | venerate | m. | fruitful; producing many young |

Lesson 2

Sentence Completion



antithesis	ascend	austere	autonomous
banal	benign	capricious	dawdle
defamation	esoteric	exacerbate	extolled

1. The woman is suing the magazine for _____ of character because she thinks that their comments have ruined her reputation.
2. After her superb performance, the critics _____ her wonderful work; among the many things they praised was her sensitivity.
3. The woman was happy to learn that the tumor was _____ and would not cause her harm.
4. The _____ life of a monk does not provide for luxury items.
5. It was difficult to get the _____ girl to settle down and stay on one topic; her subjects of conversation changed as rapidly as her moods.
6. The skillful mountain climbers were not afraid to _____ the towering cliff which hovered above them.
7. The essay was marred by _____ comments that had already been made by thousands of uncreative students.
8. Only those who go through initiation ceremonies of the cult understand the meaning of their _____ vows.
9. You will only _____ the situation if you call her again; she has been aggravated enough.
10. The boss of the company does not allow his employees to _____; he expects them to work quickly and efficiently.
11. It was extremely unusual to see identical twins so vastly different; one seemed to be the very _____ of the other in every regard except appearance.
12. The citizens of the small village longed to be _____, fully independent and self-contained.

Lesson 2



fastidious	furtive	gregarious	hypocrite	innate
lethargic	melancholy	opaque	prolific	reprove
symmetry	tranquil	venerate		

13. My younger sister has always been insincere; therefore, I feel justified in calling her a _____.
14. We feared that our peaceful, _____ valley would soon be ravaged by war.
15. Despite the overpowering sound of the bell, there was an _____ and natural tranquility about the church.
16. The woman sang a _____ song at the funeral.
17. There was a curious kind of _____ in the painting; each side seemed to be the mirror image of the other.
18. The woman's _____ housekeeping caused her family much discomfort; if they left anything out of place she became unreasonable.
19. The _____ child could hardly keep his eyes open during the class; he was obviously lacking in energy.
20. The student was not able to hide his _____ glances at another child's paper; consequently, he received a zero on the test.
21. The boys tried to peek through the _____ window, but they could see nothing.
22. The man was hailed as one of the most _____ writers of his time; he produced six complete novels in one year.
23. The _____ boy was always the life of the party; he enjoyed being around large groups of people and would visit with everyone, even people he did not know.
24. His laziness led to a reduction in productivity, and eventually his boss had to _____ him for being so lazy.
25. Because I _____ the memory of my father, I would never say bad things about him; I still honor him, even after his death.

Lesson 3

Definitions



1.	abstruse	ab STRUSE	difficult to understand, recondite, concealed
	Synonyms >>	complex, complicated, intricate, knotty	Antonym >> readily understood; clear
	Some concepts of Einstein were so abstruse that many physicists could not understand them.		
	Derivatives >>	abstrusely, abstruseness	
2.	affable	AF uh bul	friendly, courteous, amiable
	Synonyms >>	cordial, genial, gracious, sociable	Antonym >> surly; aloof; unfriendly
	He had a very affable nature, always saying "Hello" to everyone.		
	Derivatives >>	affability, affableness, affably	
3.	audacity	aw DAS uh tee	excessive boldness, rashness, daring
	Synonyms >>	cheek, chutzpah, effrontery, gall, hardihood, temerity	Antonym >> meekness
	I was surprised that he had the audacity to approach the Queen.		
	Derivatives >>	audacious, audaciousness, audaciously	
4.	contrite	kun TRITE	extremely apologetic, remorseful, repentant
	Synonyms >>	penitent	Antonym >> unrepentant
	Her contrite tears were not enough to convince her father not to spank her for her disobedience.		
	Derivatives >>	contritely, contriteness, contrition	
5.	credulous	KREJ uh lus	believing on slight evidence, gullible
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> suspicious
	Because the lady's horoscope said that she should stay inside, the credulous woman did not go to work.		
	Derivatives >>	credulously, credulousness, credulity	
6.	depravity	deh PRAV eh tee	moral corruption, a wicked or perverse act
	Synonyms >>	abasement, corruption, debasement, debauchery,	Antonym >> noble behavior
	The depravity of his behavior shocked everyone.		
	Derivatives >>	deprave, depraver, depravement, depraved	
7.	deprecate	DEP ruh kate	to disapprove regretfully, to belittle, to express mild disapproval
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to endorse
	Do not deprecate her act unless you fully understand her situation.		
	Derivatives >>	deprecating, deprecatingly, deprecative, deprecatively, deprecatory, deprecated, deprecating	
8.	didactic	die DAK tik	instructive, designed to teach
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> uninstructional
	Because of the coach's didactic approach, his players learned many blocking techniques.		
	Derivatives >>	didactical, didacticism, didactive, didactically	
9.	dormant	DOR munt	inactive, sleeping
	Synonyms >>	abeyant, latent, quiescent	Antonym >> active
	Most flowers remain dormant in the winter and bloom in the spring.		
	Derivatives >>	dormancy	
10.	enigmatic	en ig MAT ik	mysterious, inexplicable, puzzling
	Synonyms >>	abstruse, ambiguous, cryptic, equivocal, obscure,	Antonym >> clear
	The disappearance of Amelia Earhart is an enigma to this day.		
	Derivatives >>	enigma, enigmatical, enigmatically, enigmatize	
11.	erudite	ER yoo dite	scholarly
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> ignorant
	The erudite physics professor had spent many years studying the theory of relativity.		
	Derivatives >>	eruditely, erudition	

12.	exotic	ig ZOT ik	foreign, unfamiliar		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	native
	The circus features exotic animals from Africa.				
	Derivatives >>	exotical, exoticalness, exotically, exotica, exoticism, exoticist			
13.	fuse	FYOOZ	to mix or to join (usually by melting)		
	Synonyms >>	amalgamate, blend, coalesce, commingle, merge, mingle		Antonym >>	to divide
	Zinc and copper can be fused into hard, bright brass.				
	Derivatives >>	fused, fusing, fuses, fusibility, fusible			
14.	immutable	eh MYOO tuh bul	unchanging		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	fickle
	Her love for her husband was immutable.				
	Derivatives >>	immutability, immutableness, immutably			
15.	incorrigible	in KOR eh juh bul	incapable of being reformed or improved		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	amenable to improvement
	He was expelled from school because of his incorrigible conduct.				
	Derivatives >>	incorrigibility, incorrigibleness, incorrigibly			
16.	loathe	LOETH	to detest		
	Synonyms >>	abhor, abominate		Antonym >>	to adore
	The fact that I loathe your brother does not mean that we cannot be friends.				
	Derivatives >>	loathful, loathing, loathingly, loathness, loathsome			
17.	mitigate	MIT uh gate	to cause to become less harsh or hostile; to make less severe		
	Synonyms >>	alloy, alleviate, assuage, lighten		Antonym >>	to intensify; to aggravate
	He apologized in order to mitigate her dislike for him.				
	Derivatives >>	mitigation, mitigatedly, mitigative, mitigator, mitigatory			
18.	nullify	NUL eh fie	to cause not to be in effect, to negate		
	Synonyms >>	abrogate, annul, invalidate		Antonym >>	to make effective
	I am seeking to nullify the contract because he has not complied with it.				
	Derivatives >>	nullified, nullifying, nullification, nullificationist, nullificator, nullifier			
19.	pacifistic	pas uh FIS tik	opposed to war or use of force		
	Synonyms >>	appeased, conciliated, mollified, placated, propitiated		Antonym >>	martial
	The man refused to fight because of his pacifistic beliefs.				
	Derivatives >>	pacifist, pacifier, pacifism, pacifistically, pacify			
20.	pretentious	preh TEN shus	making an extravagant outward show, self-important		
	Synonyms >>	ostentatious, pompous		Antonym >>	meek; humble; shy
	Isn't it a little pretentious to spend two million dollars on a wedding?				
	Derivatives >>	pretension, pretention, pretensionless, pretensive, pretentiously, pretentiousness			
21.	prologue	PRO log	introductory remarks in a speech, play or literary work, introductory action		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
	The play had a prologue that set the scene for the opening act.				
	Derivatives >>	prologist, prologize			
22.	recant	reh KANT	to withdraw or to repudiate a statement or belief, revoke		
	Synonyms >>	abjure, forswear, renounce, retract		Antonym >>	to avow; to reaffirm belief
	The prosecutor's case was greatly weakened when his main witness recanted his testimony.				
	Derivatives >>	recantation, recanter			
23.	servile	SUR vil, SUR vile	overly submissive		
	Synonyms >>	obsequious, slavish, subservient		Antonym >>	authoritative
	Having complete devotion and submissiveness for the sheik, the women of the harem were very servile.				
	Derivatives >>	servilely, servilism, servility, servitude			
24.	trepidation	trep eh DAY shun	fear, trembling, agitation		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	fearlessness
	Since I did not have time to study, I have a lot of trepidation about this examination.				
	Derivatives >>	trepidate, trepidant, trepid, trepidly, trepidity			
25.	vilify	VIL eh fie	to malign, to defame, to utter abusive statements against		
	Synonyms >>	aspere, calumniate, denigrate, traduce		Antonym >>	to praise; to acclaim
	It is not right to vilify someone just because he disagrees with you.				
	Derivatives >>	vilification, vilifier, vilifying, vilifyingly			

Lesson 3

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

- | | | | | |
|-------|-----|-----------|----|-------------------------------------|
| _____ | 1. | abstruse | a. | to mix or to join by melting |
| _____ | 2. | affable | b. | instructive; intended to teach |
| _____ | 3. | audacity | c. | friendly; amiable; courteous |
| _____ | 4. | contrite | d. | believing on slight proof |
| _____ | 5. | credulous | e. | to belittle; to express disapproval |
| _____ | 6. | depravity | f. | deeply apologetic; repentant |
| _____ | 7. | deprecate | g. | scholarly; learned |
| _____ | 8. | didactic | h. | corrupt nature; wickedness |
| _____ | 9. | dormant | i. | difficult to understand |
| _____ | 10. | erudite | j. | foreign; unfamiliar |
| _____ | 11. | exotic | k. | inactive; sleeping |
| _____ | 12. | fuse | l. | boldness; daring spirit; effrontery |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|--------------|----|--------------------------------|
| _____ | 1. | enigmatic | a. | obscure; mysterious |
| _____ | 2. | immutable | b. | to make less severe |
| _____ | 3. | incorrigible | c. | to revoke; to disavow |
| _____ | 4. | loathe | d. | unchanging; permanent |
| _____ | 5. | mitigate | e. | to void, negate, or invalidate |
| _____ | 6. | nullify | f. | overly submissive; slavish |
| _____ | 7. | pacifistic | g. | to detest; to abhor; to hate |
| _____ | 8. | pretentious | h. | anxiety; nervous anticipation |
| _____ | 9. | prologue | i. | incapable of being reformed |
| _____ | 10. | recant | j. | opposed to war or use of force |
| _____ | 11. | servile | k. | introductory action |
| _____ | 12. | trepidation | l. | to defame; to slander |
| _____ | 13. | vilify | m. | pompous; ostentatious; showy |

Lesson 3

Sentence Completion



abstruse	affable	audacity	contrite
credulous	depravity	deprecates	didactic
dormant	erudite	exotic	fuse

1. My younger brother was always bold and daring; many times he had the _____ to talk back to my parents.
2. Because the student had been voted the most scholarly in his class, the _____ language in his speech was not a surprise.
3. The girl's father approves of her desire to sing, but he _____ her willingness to sing in nightclubs.
4. The _____ look on the woman's face betrayed her gullibility; she had a tendency to believe everything she heard.
5. The girl's _____ personality resulted in her being voted friendliest in her class.
6. The man has lost so many of his morals that he has fallen into a state of _____.
7. The woman's _____ expression convinced her husband that she was sorry for her harsh words.
8. Most flowers remain _____ in the winter and bloom in the spring.
9. With his skilled hands, the silversmith began to _____ the two pieces of metal into one beautiful shape.
10. The book was so _____ that after he had finished the first difficult chapter, he understood less than when he had begun.
11. The furniture salesman bragged that only _____ woods from foreign lands were used in making the fine item that he was selling.
12. _____ poems are especially interesting in that they often teach a moral as well as entertain.

Lesson 3



enigmatic	immutable	incorrigible	loathe	mitigate
nullify	pacifistic	pretentious	prologue	recant
servile	trepidation	vilify		

13. While younger men are often belligerent, older and wiser men may set aside these war-like attitudes for a more _____ outlook.
14. The first fight in the valley was but a _____ to one hundred years of war.
15. Just because I _____ spinach does not mean I hate all vegetables.
16. Because he was incapable of being reformed, the boy's _____ conduct could not be tolerated any longer.
17. His driving an extravagant and showy car does not mean that he is a _____ person.
18. I am seeking to _____ the contract since he has not adhered to the terms upon which we agreed.
19. The submissiveness of the woman was easy to detect in her _____ manner.
20. When the publisher discovered his error, he was anxious to _____ his previous statement.
21. The man's _____ faith in God could not be shaken; he was firm in his convictions.
22. Because the woman was so angry at what the man had said, she directed her anger at him and immediately began to _____ him in all her circles of friends.
23. I experienced great _____ because we were isolated in a cabin during the snowstorm, and we had only a small portion of food; I was afraid we would starve before being rescued.
24. The lawyer was hoping the court would _____ the original sentence, but the judge seemed totally uninterested in lessening the prison term he had set.
25. The _____ oaths in the ceremony were a mystery to everyone outside the brotherhood.

Lesson 4

Definitions



1.	aesthetic	uh THEH tic	relating or pertaining to a sense of beauty or art
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	He is considered to have aesthetic tastes because he loves beauty and the arts.		
	Derivatives >>	aesthete, aesthetical, aesthetically, aesthetician, aestheticism, aesthetics	
2.	aloof	uh LOOF	apart, indifferent
	Synonyms >>	detached, incurious, unconcerned	Antonym >> integrated; friendly
	The woman remained aloof during the party, separating herself from everyone else.		
	Derivatives >>	aloofness	
3.	archaic	are KAY ik	antiquated, old, out of use
	Synonyms >>	ancient, antique, obsolete, venerable	Antonym >> contemporary; modern
	Words such as "thou", which are no longer part of normal vocabulary, are archaic.		
	Derivatives >>	archaically, archaism, archaize, archaized, archaizing, archaizer	
4.	assuage	uh SWAYJ	to ease, to mitigate, to make less painful or burdensome, to calm
	Synonyms >>	allay, alleviate, lighten, soothe	Antonym >> to irritate; to intensify
	Your kind words should assuage her suffering. The medicine should assuage his pain.		
	Derivatives >>	assuaged, assuaging, assuagement, assuager	
5.	belie	buh LIE	to contradict, to give a false impression
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to support; to agree with
	Her first words appeared to belie all the wonderful things I had heard about her.		
	Derivatives >>	belied, belying, belier	
6.	contentious	kun TEN shus	quarrelsome, stirring controversy
	Synonyms >>	bellicose, belligerent, pugnacious	Antonym >> congenial; harmonious
	My contentious child will not listen to any form of reason.		
	Derivatives >>	contentiously, contentiousness, contention	
7.	daunt	DAWNT	to intimidate, to dismay
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to hearten
	I am not daunted by your threats.		
	Derivatives >>	dauntless, dauntlessly, dauntlessness	
8.	debilitate	deh BIL uh tate	to weaken, to enfeeble
	Synonyms >>	sap	Antonym >> to invigorate
	I was debilitated by my bout with pneumonia.		
	Derivatives >>	debilitated, debilitating, debilitation, debilitating, debility	
9.	discord	DIS kord	lack of agreement, tension, strife
	Synonyms >>	contention, dissension, variance	Antonym >> harmony; agreement
	There is a lot of discord in the nation over the issue of abortion.		
	Derivatives >>	discordance, discordancy, discordant, discordantly, discordantness	
10.	dissemination	deh sem uh NAY	the act of spreading widely; scattering
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> consolidation
	The dissemination of these ideas can best be achieved through television.		
	Derivatives >>	disseminate, disseminator	
11.	dogmatic	dog MAT ik	strongly opinionated in an unwarranted manner
	Synonyms >>	dictatorial, doctrinaire, magisterial, oracular	Antonym >> unopinionated; wishy-washy
	He was so dogmatic that having an intelligent discussion with him was impossible.		
	Derivatives >>	dogmatician, dogmatical, dogmatically, dogmaticalness, dogmaticism, dogmatism, dogmatize,	

12.	duplicity	doo PLIS eh tee	double-dealing, hypocrisy		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	sincerity; single-mindedness
		His duplicity was exposed when the girl he was seeing found out he was married.			
	Derivatives >>	duplicitous			
13.	egocentric	ee go SEN trik	self-centered, selfish		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	modest; selfless
		Egocentric people rarely show any concern for others.			
	Derivatives >>	egocentricity, egocentrism			
14.	euphemism	YOO fuh miz um	substitution of an inoffensive term for one that is offensive		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	coarse expression
		People frequently use a euphemism for the word "died." They commonly say someone "passed away."			
	Derivatives >>	euphemistic, euphemious, euphemiously, euphemistically, euphemize, euphemizer			
15.	gluttonous	GLUT uh nus	greedy for food and drink		
	Synonyms >>	rapacious, ravenous, voracious		Antonym >>	temperate
		I am so gluttonous that I would have great difficulty dieting.			
	Derivatives >>	glutton, gluttonize, gluttonously, gluttonousness			
16.	mundane	mun DANE	ordinary, commonplace		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	unusual; outstanding
		After I take care of these mundane matters, we can do something exciting.			
	Derivatives >>	mundanely, mundaneness, mundanity			
17.	ominous	OM uh nus	threatening		
	Synonyms >>	fateful, portentous		Antonym >>	harmless; non-threatening
		The ominous clouds were harbingers of the tornado.			
	Derivatives >>	ominously, ominousness			
18.	petulance	PECH uh luns	unreasonable touchiness or irritability		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	serenity
		Petulance is sometimes the trait of a child who is not getting his way.			
	Derivatives >>	petulant, petulancy, petulantly			
19.	pompous	POM pus	exaggerated show of dignity or self-importance, bombastic		
	Synonyms >>	ostentatious, pretentious		Antonym >>	humble; meek
		It is very pompous of him to believe that his ideas should always receive the first consideration.			
	Derivatives >>	pomp, pomposity, pompously, pompousness			
20.	precocious	preh KOE shus	exceptionally early in development or occurrence		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	backward
		A child prodigy is a young person who is very precocious.			
	Derivatives >>	precociousness, precosity, precociously			
21.	slothful	SLOTH ful	lazy, indolent		
	Synonyms >>	bovine		Antonym >>	industrious
		That student is so slothful that he has never done any of his homework assignments.			
	Derivatives >>	slothfully, slothfulness, sloth			
22.	trivia	TRIV ee uh	insignificant matters		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	important matters
		The English teacher is looking for substance, not trivia, in themes.			
	Derivatives >>	trivial, triviality, trivialization, trivialize, trivially			
23.	verbose	ver BOSE	wordy, very talkative		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	terse
		That professor is so verbose that it takes him an hour to cover material that should take fifteen minutes.			
	Derivatives >>	verbosely, verboseness, verbosity			
24.	virulent	VIR yuh lunt	extremely poisonous; hateful		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	harmless
		The doctor prescribed a lot of medication to arrest the virulent infection.			
	Derivatives >>	virulence, virulently			
25.	volatile	VOL uh til	quickly changeable, easily vaporized		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	static; unchangeable
		Because of his volatile temper, one must use caution in dealing with him.			
	Derivatives >>	volatileness, volatility, volatilization, volatilizable, volatilize			

Lesson 4

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

- | | | |
|-------|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| _____ | 1. aesthetic | a. to weaken; to enfeeble |
| _____ | 2. aloof | b. self-centered; selfish |
| _____ | 3. archaic | c. doctrinal; opinionated |
| _____ | 4. assuage | d. antiquated; old; out of use |
| _____ | 5. belie | e. lack of agreement; tenseness |
| _____ | 6. contentious | f. quarrelsome |
| _____ | 7. daunt | g. to contradict |
| _____ | 8. debilitate | h. a scattering; dispersal |
| _____ | 9. discord | i. apart; indifferent |
| _____ | 10. dissemination | j. artistic; showing good taste |
| _____ | 11. dogmatic | k. to ease; to mitigate |
| _____ | 12. egocentric | l. to intimidate; to dismay |

Exercise B

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|-------|---------------|---|
| _____ | 1. duplicity | a. wordy |
| _____ | 2. euphemism | b. ordinary, commonplace |
| _____ | 3. gluttonous | c. insignificant matters |
| _____ | 4. mundane | d. lazy; indolent |
| _____ | 5. ominous | e. vain; ostentatious; bombastic |
| _____ | 6. petulance | f. greedy; voracious |
| _____ | 7. pompous | g. unreasonable irritation |
| _____ | 8. precocious | h. quickly changing |
| _____ | 9. slothful | i. threatening |
| _____ | 10. trivia | j. poisonous; injurious; hostile |
| _____ | 11. verbose | k. double-dealing; hypocrisy |
| _____ | 12. virulent | l. early in development |
| _____ | 13. volatile | m. substitution of a less offensive term for an offensive one |

Lesson 4

Sentence Completion



aesthetic	aloof	archaic	assuage
belied	contentious	daunted	debilitated
discord	dissemination	dogmatic	egocentric

1. When acquiring possessions of beauty and artistic quality, the museum always depends on the advice of Gerald Tremain, who is considered to have true _____ tastes.
2. If I want immediate _____ of information, I will tell a well-known gossip who will quickly scatter the news.
3. The patient grew more _____ every day; he hated being confined to his bed and was extremely irritable and quarrelsome.
4. Even in the midst of the terrible storm, the people maintained a spirit that could not be _____; they simply refused to lose hope.
5. That family is continually fighting and arguing; I have never seen such _____ among relatives.
6. Words such as “thou,” which are no longer part of normal vocabulary, are _____.
7. Having to deal with _____ people who think only of themselves is the most disgusting aspect of this job.
8. It is a good idea to remain _____ from people who use drugs; it is safer not to be their friends.
9. _____ from his bout with the AIDS virus, the man could barely respond to the questions; he was so weak that he could not even speak.
10. Although the pink color of her skin appeared to be a sign of good health, the color deceived the doctor and _____ her true condition.
11. Aspirin will surely _____ the pain of my toothache; I need something to lessen my suffering.
12. His _____ remarks were biased; even though they were based on little evidence, he spoke them with the conviction of a fanatic.

Lesson 4



duplicity	euphemism	gluttonous	mundane	ominous
petulant	pompous	precocious	slothful	trivia
verbose	virulent	volatile		

13. It took the _____ girl three hours to clean her room; she had left it cluttered for so long that it was a wonder she finished in only three hours.
14. His _____ eating habits dissuaded me from inviting him to dinner; I think it is rude and disgusting to stuff yourself with food.
15. We were all sick of his _____ attitude of thinking that he was so much better than the rest of us; frankly, I'd like to see him cut down a notch or two.
16. The speaker was so _____ that her speech lasted forty minutes longer than it should have.
17. The _____ child began to read before the age of five and was always several years ahead of his peers.
18. Several types of medicine were prescribed in order to stop the _____ infection, which could easily caused his death.
19. His job became so routine and _____ that he longed for something exciting and unusual.
20. The _____ temper of the man caused him to explode in anger at the slightest provocation.
21. Much of the so-called "news" is really just _____, insignificant daily matters that are soon forgotten.
22. A rising tide and increasing winds are both _____ signs of an approaching hurricane.
23. Because of her unreasonable irritability, the _____ young girl was not always pleasant to be around.
24. When I accused him of _____, he demanded proof of his double-dealing.
25. Instead of the word "dying," many people use the _____ "passing away."

Lesson 5

Definitions



1.	acrimonious	ak ruh MONE ee us	caustic		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	cordial
	The prisoner of war had acrimonious remarks for those that mistreated him.				
	Derivatives >>	acrimony, acrimoniously, acrimoniousness			
2.	ameliorate	uh MEE lee o rate	to make better, to relieve, to improve		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to make worse; to aggravate
	Social workers attempt to ameliorate the conditions of people living in the slum areas.				
	Derivatives >>	ameliorated, ameliorating, ameliorable, ameliorant, ameliorative, ameliorator, amelioration			
3.	amenable	uh MEN uh bul	open to or willing to follow advice or suggestion, tractable, malleable		
	Synonyms >>	docile, obedient		Antonym >>	unwilling
	Since I like him and usually agree with him, I am always amenable to listening to his ideas.				
	Derivatives >>	amenability, amenableness, amenably			
4.	amorphous	uh MOR fuss	shapeless, having no definite form		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	structured
	In the science fiction movie, the amorphous mass terrorized the town.				
	Derivatives >>	amorphously, amorphousness, amorphism			
5.	buoyant	BOY unt	capable of floating; cheerful		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	likely to sink
	Because the log was buoyant, it stayed afloat. The girl's buoyant spirit made her pleasant company.				
	Derivatives >>	buoyancy, buoyance, buoyantly, buoyantness, buoy			
6.	cajole	kuh JOLE	to persuade with deliberate flattery, to coax, to wheedle		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to browbeat
	I will not be cajoled into allowing you to stay up past your bedtime.				
	Derivatives >>	cajoled, cajoling, cajolery, cajoleries, cajolement, cajoler			
7.	calamity	kuh LAM uh tee	a serious event causing distress or misfortune		
	Synonyms >>	cataclysm, catastrophe		Antonym >>	good fortune
	The earthquake in Mexico was a calamity.				
	Derivatives >>	calamitous, calamitously, calamitousness			
8.	debase	deh BASE	to reduce in dignity or quality		
	Synonyms >>	abase, corrupt, debauch, demean, deprave, pervert, vitiate		Antonym >>	to glorify
	Do not debase yourself by swearing.				
	Derivatives >>	debased, debasing, debasement, debaser, debasingly			
9.	efface	eh FASE	to erase, to wear away		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to make conspicuous
	The date on the coin has been effaced.				
	Derivatives >>	effaceable, effacement, effacer			
10.	elucidate	eh LOO seh date	to make clear, to explain		
	Synonyms >>	explicate, expound		Antonym >>	to confuse
	I will try to elucidate some of the important changes in the tax code.				
	Derivatives >>	elucidation, elucidative, elucidatory, elucidator			
11.	ephemeral	eh FEM ur ul	lasting a short period of time, fleeting		
	Synonyms >>	evanescent, fleeting, fugitive, transient, transitory		Antonym >>	lasting; timeless; eternal
	The microorganism had an ephemeral lifespan. It died shortly after it was created.				
	Derivatives >>	ephemerally, ephemerality, ephemeralness, ephemeron, ephemorous			

12.	ferocity	fuh ROS eh tee	savagery		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	mildness
	A tiger is an animal that has ferocity.				
	Derivatives >>	ferocious, ferociously, ferociousness			
13.	flourish	FLUR ish	to thrive, to grow well		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to wither
	The company flourished after a new board of directors took control.				
	Derivatives >>	flourisher, flourishing, flourishingly, flourishy			
14.	haughty	HAW tee	arrogant, excessively proud and vain		
	Synonyms >>	disdainful, high-handed, insolent, lordly, supercilious		Antonym >>	humble
	Being quarterback of the football team does not give him the right to be haughty.				
	Derivatives >>	haughtily, haughtiness			
15.	impervious	im PUR vee us	incapable of being entered or penetrated, not capable of being damaged		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	penetrable
	Because this watch is impervious to water , I can go swimming while wearing it.				
	Derivatives >>	imperviously, imperviousness			
16.	inane	eh NANE	lacking significance, meaning, or point; silly, insipid		
	Synonyms >>	banal, flat, jejune, vapid		Antonym >>	pertinent; intelligent; significant
	Your comments are inane and are preventing the discussion of the main topic.				
	Derivatives >>	inanely, inanity, inanition			
17.	indolence	IN duh luns	laziness		
	Synonyms >>	slothfulness		Antonym >>	industriousness
	The hot and humid weather in the tropics encourages indolence.				
	Derivatives >>	indolent, indolency, indolently			
18.	infallible	in FAL uh bul	incapable of error		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	erroneous; fallacious
	Since everyone makes mistakes, no human is infallible.				
	Derivatives >>	infallibilism, infallibilist, infallibility, infallibleness, infallibly			
19.	inscrutable	in SKROO tuh bul	difficult to understand; mysterious		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	clear; readable; understandable
	He had us all confused with his inscrutable smile.				
	Derivatives >>	inscrutableness, inscrutably, inscrutability			
20.	languid	LANG gwid	slow, sluggish, listless, weak		
	Synonyms >>	lethargic, stuporous, torpid		Antonym >>	animated
	The old man's walk was languid, each pace requiring great effort.				
	Derivatives >>	languidly, languidness, languish, languisher, languishing, languishment			
21.	malice	MAL is	desire to harm others		
	Synonyms >>	malevolence, malignity, spite, spleen		Antonym >>	concern
	His death was caused by malice and was not accidental.				
	Derivatives >>	maliceful, malicious, maliciously, maliciousness			
22.	oblique	uh BLEEK	slanting, indirect, evasive, devious, misleading		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	direct
	Because of the suspect's oblique answers, our interrogation of him led us in the wrong direction.				
	Derivatives >>	obliquate, obliquation, obliquely, obliqueness, obliquely			
23.	opulence	OP yuh luns	wealth, affluence, abundance		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	meagerness, scarcity
	Until the recent decline in the price of oil, the Hunt name was synonymous with opulence.				
	Derivatives >>	opulent, opulently			
24.	penitent	PEN eh tunt	showing or feeling regret for wrongdoing, repentant		
	Synonyms >>	compunctual, contrite, remorseful		Antonym >>	unrepentant
	He became penitent when he realized that his prank resulted in serious injury.				
	Derivatives >>	penitence, penitency, penitential			
25.	perfunctory	pur FUNGK tuh ree	acting routinely with little interest or care		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	concerned; diligent
	Due to his perfunctory manner of inspecting the factory, he did not notice some serious problems.				
	Derivatives >>	perfunctorily, perfunctoriness, perfunctorious, perfunctoriously			

Lesson 5

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. | acrimonious | a. | to make clear; to explain |
| _____ | 2. | ameliorate | b. | to coax by flattery |
| _____ | 3. | amenable | c. | shapeless |
| _____ | 4. | amorphous | d. | caustic; bitter (language) |
| _____ | 5. | buoyant | e. | to erase; to wipe out |
| _____ | 6. | cajole | f. | to reduce in dignity or quality |
| _____ | 7. | calamity | g. | willing; tractable; malleable |
| _____ | 8. | debase | h. | short-lived; temporary |
| _____ | 9. | efface | i. | difficult to understand |
| _____ | 10. | elucidate | j. | able to float |
| _____ | 11. | ephemeral | k. | to make better; to improve |
| _____ | 12. | inscrutable | l. | serious event causing distress |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|-------------|----|------------------------------|
| _____ | 1. | ferocity | a. | mechanical; indifferent |
| _____ | 2. | flourish | b. | silly; meaningless; insipid |
| _____ | 3. | haughty | c. | savage behavior |
| _____ | 4. | impervious | d. | laziness |
| _____ | 5. | inane | e. | desire to harm others |
| _____ | 6. | indolence | f. | slanting; indirect; evasive |
| _____ | 7. | infallible | g. | not affected; impenetrable |
| _____ | 8. | languid | h. | wealth; affluence; abundance |
| _____ | 9. | malice | i. | tired; sluggish |
| _____ | 10. | oblique | j. | repentant |
| _____ | 11. | opulence | k. | incapable of error |
| _____ | 12. | penitent | l. | disdainful; proud; vain |
| _____ | 13. | perfunctory | m. | to prosper; to thrive |

Lesson 5

Sentence Completion

acrimonious	ameliorate	amenable	amorphous
buoyant	cajole	calamity	debase
efface	elucidate	ferocity	inscrutable

1. In the early Puritan days of this country, the scaffold was used to publicly humiliate and _____ a person.
2. My teacher expected me to _____ the point and to make the thesis clear in my essay.
3. The _____ passage was mysterious and difficult to understand.
4. The governor tried to _____ the conditions that had caused inflation to soar.
5. Because constant handling will eventually _____ the intricate designs of the sculpture, the owner has placed it in a protective glass case.
6. The child tried to _____ his mother into giving him another piece of candy; she was frequently unable to stand up to his persuasion.
7. The students were _____ to listening to the unbiased and usually helpful ideas of their teacher; they enjoyed what he had to say.
8. Even though water was leaking in at an alarming rate, the vessel surprisingly remained _____.
9. In the science fiction movie, the _____ mass terrorized the town; the giant amoeba consumed whatever it encircled.
10. During the war some of the prisoners fought with the _____ of wild animals.
11. The routing of the highway was a _____ to the unique inn; it was disastrous to the old-world charm which had made the inn so quaint.
12. The ex-spouses seldom talked to each other, and when they did, they used caustic, _____ language that expressed their anger.

Lesson 5



ephemeral	flourish	haughty	impervious	inane
indolence	infallible	languid	malice	oblique
opulence	penitent	perfunctory		

13. Evasive, devious and misleading, her testimony was _____, full of answers that sought not to inform, but to deceive.
14. They once thought that their leader was _____, but they soon learned that he, too, made mistakes.
15. The queen lived in incredible _____, even drinking from an ornate, golden cup.
16. Like me, she seemed _____ to his rude comments; I always treat such remarks with disdain and contempt and try to remain unaffected by them.
17. Her business was beginning to _____ under the direction of the new manager, showing a profit for the first time in ten years.
18. After being elected class president, Sally became _____ and arrogant; suddenly she seemed to consider everyone else beneath her.
19. Because of his _____ examination of the machine, he did not see the loose bolt. Had he been more concerned, he would have looked more closely.
20. The man's _____ tone sounded like an old, weary traveler looking for a resting place.
21. Because some of my writing has occasionally been meaningless, my teacher now considers all of it to be _____.
22. His _____ toward his ex-wife was shown in his attempt to murder her.
23. His _____ on the job led to his being fired; had he not been so lazy, he would have remained employed.
24. Only after he had become truly _____ was he able to ask for forgiveness.
25. Her _____ mood of generosity was short-lived; she quickly reverted to her normal greedy behavior.

Lesson 6

Definitions



1.	antiquated	AN tuh kwat id	obsolete, out of fashion, no longer usable
	Synonyms >>	antique, archaic, obsolete, venerable	Antonym >> modern
	We cannot afford to have antiquated military forces.		
	Derivatives >>	antiquate, antiquating, antiquation, antiquatedness	
2.	arable	AIR uh bul	fit for plowing, tillable
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> untillable
	If a farmer does not use good conservation measures, the land will not stay arable.		
	Derivatives >>	arability	
3.	ascendancy	uh SIN dun see	domination; growing power
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> decline
	The United States would not patiently submit to the ascendancy of Hitler.		
	Derivatives >>	ascendance, ascend, ascendant, ascension, ascending, ascended	
4.	atrophy	AT row fee	to waste away, to wither
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to thrive; to grow
	His hunger strike caused his body to atrophy.		
	Derivatives >>	atrophied, atrophying, atrophic	
5.	clandestine	klan DES tin	secret
	Synonyms >>	covert, furtive, stealthy, surreptitious, underhanded	Antonym >> open; obvious
	The C.I.A. is involved in clandestine activities.		
	Derivatives >>	clandestinely, clandestineness	
6.	conciliate	kun SIL ee ate	to reconcile, to pacify, to renew a friendship
	Synonyms >>	appease, mollify, placate, propitiate	Antonym >> to estrange
	My husband tried to conciliate me with a gift of roses.		
	Derivatives >>	conciliated, conciliating, conciliator, conciliatoriness, conciliatorily	
7.	cursor	KUR suh ree	superficial, casual, hastily done
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> meticulous
	He gave only cursory consideration to my suggestion.		
	Derivatives >>	cursorily, cursoriness	
8.	derision	deh REH zhun	scoffing at, mockery, ridicule
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> applause
	The boy received much derision for his plaid gym shorts.		
	Derivatives >>	derisive, derisiveness, derisively, derisory	
9.	enmity	EN muh tee	absolute hatred
	Synonyms >>	animosity, animus, antagonism, antipathy, hostility, rancor	Antonym >> love; admiration
	I have a lot of enmity for people who provide illegal drugs to children.		
	Derivatives >>	enmities	
10.	extricate	EK struh kate	to free, to disentangle
	Synonyms >>	disembarrass, disencumber	Antonym >> to snare
	He could not extricate himself from the trap.		
	Derivatives >>	extrication, extricated, extricable	
11.	forbearance	fore BARE uns	patience, lenience
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> impatience
	Because he is so young, we must have forbearance in dealing with him.		
	Derivatives >>	forbear, forbearant, forbearer, forbearing, forbearingly, forbearingsness, forbore	

12.	frivolous	FRIV uh lus	lacking in seriousness or importance
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> serious; sober
	A teacher should limit frivolous behavior in the classroom.		
	Derivatives >>	frivolity, frivolousness, frivolously	
13.	garrulous	GAR yuh lus	talkative, rambling
	Synonyms >>	voluble	Antonym >> taciturn
	He was so garrulous that he repeated everything many times.		
	Derivatives >>	garrulously, garrulousness, garrulity	
14.	impetuous	im PECH oo us	violent, hasty, rash, impulsive
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> reserved
	His impetuous behavior caused him to make many mistakes.		
	Derivatives >>	impetuosity, impetuously, impetuosity, impetus	
15.	industrious	in DUS tree us	skillfully busy or occupied
	Synonyms >>	assiduous, diligent, sedulous	Antonym >> slothful, indolent
	The industrious student will use time wisely.		
	Derivatives >>	industriously, industriousness, industry	
16.	infamous	IN fuh mus	having a reputation of the worst kind, vicious, notoriously bad
	Synonyms >>	disreputable, ignominious	Antonym >> illustrious
	The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor was an infamous act.		
	Derivatives >>	infamously, infamy, infamies	
17.	insolence	IN suh luns	insulting or contemptuous behavior
	Synonyms >>	arrogance, haughtiness, high-handedness, impertinence	Antonym >>
	His insolence and lack of respect for his mother are shocking.		
	Derivatives >>	insolent, insolently, insolency, insolentness	
18.	levity	LEV eh tee	excessive frivolity, flippancy
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> seriousness
	It was inappropriate for him to insert some levity into the funeral service.		
	Derivatives >>	levitate, levitation, levitated, levitational, levitative, levitating	
19.	oblivion	uh BLIV ee un	state of being forgotten
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> remembrance
	Until the singer's recent hit, his career had fallen into a state of oblivion.		
	Derivatives >>	oblivious, obliviously	
20.	paradoxical	pair uh DOKS uh kul	something that appears false or contradictory but is actually correct
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	It is paradoxical that a man from the South, Lyndon Johnson, led the fight for the passage of a civil rights bill.		
	Derivatives >>	paradoxicality, paradoxicalness, paradoxology, paradoxality	
21.	perjury	PUR juh ree	false testimony under oath
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> truthful testimony
	He was charged with perjury for lying to the grand jury.		
	Derivatives >>	perjure, perjured, perjuring, perjurer, perjurious, perjuriously, perjuriousness, perjurous	
22.	rancor	RANG kur	bitter deep-seated ill will, enmity
	Synonyms >>	animosity, animus, antagonism, antipathy, hostility	Antonym >> affection; kindness
	I was full of rancor when I learned that the men had killed my parents.		
	Derivatives >>	rancored, rancorous, rancorously	
23.	sycophant	SIK uh funt	a self-serving flatterer, a brownnoser
	Synonyms >>	leech, sponge, toady	Antonym >>
	A wise ruler will not pay attention to the many sycophants who will try to gain his attention.		
	Derivatives >>	sycophancy, sycophantic, sycophantical, sycophantically, sycophantize, sycophantish, sycophantishly	
24.	vacillating	VAS uh lay ting	changing, fluctuating
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> static; stable; not easily changed
	I have vacillating opinions concerning my future career.		
	Derivatives >>	vacillate, vacillatingly, vacillation, vacillatory, vacillator	
25.	vivid	VIV id	bright, distinct, and clear
	Synonyms >>	graphic	Antonym >> lackluster
	I have vivid memories of my trip to Europe.		
	Derivatives >>	vividly, vividness, vividity, vivific, vivificate, vivification, vivifier, vivify	

Lesson 6

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. | antiquated | a. | to waste away; to wither |
| _____ | 2. | arable | b. | to free; to disentangle |
| _____ | 3. | ascendancy | c. | superficial; hastily done |
| _____ | 4. | atrophy | d. | silly; not serious |
| _____ | 5. | clandestine | e. | fit for plowing; tillable |
| _____ | 6. | conciliate | f. | to reconcile; to pacify |
| _____ | 7. | cursory | g. | positive hatred; ill will |
| _____ | 8. | derision | h. | domination; rise |
| _____ | 9. | enmity | i. | patience; lenience |
| _____ | 10. | extricate | j. | secret; concealed |
| _____ | 11. | forbearance | k. | obsolete; out of fashion |
| _____ | 12. | frivolous | l. | a scoffing at; mockery |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|-------------|----|------------------------------------|
| _____ | 1. | garrulous | a. | self-serving flatterer |
| _____ | 2. | impetuous | b. | humor; frivolity; flippancy |
| _____ | 3. | industrious | c. | disgraceful; notoriously bad |
| _____ | 4. | infamous | d. | changing; fluctuating |
| _____ | 5. | insolence | e. | impulsive; rash |
| _____ | 6. | levity | f. | enmity; deep-seated ill will |
| _____ | 7. | oblivion | g. | verbose; talkative |
| _____ | 8. | paradoxical | h. | contemptuous behavior |
| _____ | 9. | perjury | i. | bright, distinct and clear |
| _____ | 10. | rancor | j. | false testimony under oath |
| _____ | 11. | sycophant | k. | skillfully busy or occupied |
| _____ | 12. | vacillating | l. | state of being forgotten |
| _____ | 13. | vivid | m. | appearing contradictory but is not |

Lesson 6

Sentence Completion



antiquated	arable	ascendancy	atrophy
clandestine	conciliate	cursory	derision
enmity	extricate	forbearance	frivolous

1. The _____ theory was rendered ineffective by the new discovery.
2. When the man made his proposal to the crowd, he was met with _____ and ridicule.
3. The teacher showed _____ toward the student's poor performance by being patient.
4. After months in a cast, his leg began to wither and _____.
5. The _____ of one country often signals the decline of another.
6. I wished only to _____ myself from the unfortunate situation; I cannot stand entanglements and must seek to free myself.
7. He seems to like _____ girls; seriousness and intelligence in a woman apparently intimidate him.
8. _____ activities are always an important part of secret groups such as the FBI and the CIA.
9. Because the soil was so _____, the farmer had a surplus of good crops.
10. After the argument, the husband tried to _____ his wife with a gift of roses; he thought they might pacify her and reconcile their friendship.
11. Deep-seated _____ and ill will caused the man to be bitter and antagonistic; indeed, he continued to hate the woman until he died.
12. The meaning of the note was hidden to a _____ reading, but was revealed after a more careful examination.

Lesson 6



garrulous	impetuous	industrious	infamous	insolence
levity	oblivion	paradoxical	perjury	rancor
sycophant	vacillating	vivid		

13. The pictures were so _____ and distinct that it was almost like seeing the scene in person.
14. The teacher found the boy's _____ to be both insulting and contemptible.
15. The liberal politician's support for the death penalty is _____ since it seems to contradict all that he has previously endorsed.
16. The man was so senile that most of the time he existed in a state of _____, not knowing anything.
17. Because the _____ man was so busily occupied at his work, he did not notice when the clock indicated that it was time to go home.
18. He was charged with _____ for lying to the grand jury.
19. He is considered an _____ traitor due to his disgraceful acts.
20. She keeps _____ in her opinion of the man; one day she likes him, but the next day she doesn't.
21. The _____ in the man's heart must be great if it leads him to murder someone who has merely insulted him; such bitterness and deep-seated ill will is horrible.
22. We were shocked by the man's apparent _____ concerning the situation, but we later realized how seriously earnest he was in spite of his flippancy.
23. Fortunately, the leader was not swayed by the flattery of the _____, and the group was able to hold together.
24. If you would not be so _____ and rash, you would not make so many mistakes.
25. Because the woman was so _____, he never had a chance to say anything while she was talking.

Lesson 7

Definitions



1.	abhor	ab HOR	to regard with extreme repugnance; to detest utterly; to loathe
	Synonyms >>	despise, abominate	Antonym >> to admire
	If there is one particular food I abhor, it is hominy.		
	Derivatives >>	abhorred, abhorring, abhorrer, abhorrence, abhorrent, abhorrently	
2.	accolade	AK uh layd	praise, an award
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> censure
	He received many accolades for being an excellent teacher.		
	Derivatives >>	accolades	
3.	ascetic	uh SET ik	one who leads a life of self-denial and contemplation; absent of luxury
	Synonyms >>	austere, severe, stern	Antonym >> sensual
	The rich playboy could not understand the ascetic life led by the monk.		
	Derivatives >>	ascetical, asceticism, ascetically	
4.	bequeath	buh KWEETH	to hand down, to give or to leave in a will
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to keep; to horde
	I bequeathed my gym shorts to my brother after I graduated from high school.		
	Derivatives >>	bequeathal, bequest, bequeathed	
5.	charlatan	SHAR luh tun	one who claims to know something that he does not, a quack
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> a professional; authentic authority
	The side show featured a charlatan posing as a mind reader.		
	Derivatives >>	charlatanic, charlatanism, charlatanry	
6.	conflagration	kon fluh GRAY shun	a large fire
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> small flame
	Some believe that the earth will be destroyed by a large conflagration.		
	Derivatives >>	conflagrations, conflagrant, conflagrate, conflagrator, conflagratory	
7.	dearth	DERTH	a lack, a scarcity
	Synonyms >>	paucity	Antonym >> adequate supply
	The dearth of water in the arid country led to numerous deaths.		
	Derivatives >>	dearths	
8.	diffidence	DIF eh duns	shyness, reserve, unassertiveness
	Synonyms >>	bashfulness, modesty	Antonym >> confidence
	Because of his diffidence, he would not ask any girl to the prom.		
	Derivatives >>	diffidency, diffident, diffidently, diffidentness	
9.	effervescent	ef ur VES unt	showing high spirits
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	She put me in a good mood because she was always so effervescent.		
	Derivatives >>	effervesce, effervescence, effervescently, effervescingly, effervescible	
10.	ethereal	eh THER ee ul	heavenly, unusually delicate, light, lacking material substance, intangible
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> earthly; mundane
	The ethereal sounds of the music soothed and calmed the patient.		
	Derivatives >>	etherealness, ethereality, etherealization, etherealize	
11.	expunge	ik SPUNJ	to remove, to erase
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to add to
	Their names were expunged from the social register after they were convicted of selling cocaine.		
	Derivatives >>	expunged, expunging, expunction	

12.	guile	GILE	deceitfulness, duplicity		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	openness; candor
		The woman was the unfortunate victim of guile and deceit when she lost her money to that swindler.			
	Derivatives >>	guileful, guilefully, guilefulness, guileness, guilelessly, guilelessness, guilery			
13.	implausible	im PLAU zuh bul	not believable		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	believable
		His explanation of the accident is so implausible that no jury will believe him.			
	Derivatives >>	implausibility, implausibleness, implausibly			
14.	incongruity	in kon GROO eh tee	nonconformity, disagreement, incompatibility		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	agreement
		The incongruity between the two stories led me to doubt the accuracy of either report.			
	Derivatives >>	incongruent, incongruently, incongruence, incongruous, incongruously, incongruousness			
15.	insularity	in suh LAR eh tee	qualities of an island; narrow-mindedness of opinion		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	broad-mindedness
		The insularity of the president made it difficult to get a motion passed.			
	Derivatives >>	insularly, insular, insularize			
16.	morose	muh ROSE	being sullen or gloomy		
	Synonyms >>	crabbed, glum, saturnine, sulky, surly		Antonym >>	cheerful
		He was very morose after his wife left him.			
	Derivatives >>	morosely, moroseness, morosity			
17.	placate	PLAY kate	to appease or to pacify by making concessions		
	Synonyms >>	conciliate, mollification, propitiate		Antonym >>	to antagonize
		My wife is so angry at me that I cannot placate her.			
	Derivatives >>	placater, placating, placatingly, placation, placative, placatory			
18.	poignant	POIN yunt	piercing, incisive, and keen		
	Synonyms >>	piquant, pungent, racy		Antonym >>	dull
		The man's poignant words struck the very heart of the matter.			
	Derivatives >>	poignance, poignancy, poignantly			
19.	provincial	pruh VEN shul	lacking sophistication, narrow-minded		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	sophisticated
		Her parents are so provincial that they believe they should arrange her marriage.			
	Derivatives >>	provinciate, provincialism, provinciality, provincialization			
20.	reiterate	ree IT uh rate	to repeat		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to fail to repeat
		I hope that I am not becoming redundant by again reiterating the key facts.			
	Derivatives >>	reiteration, reiteratedly, reiterative, reiteratively			
21.	spontaneous	spou TAY nee us	having no external cause, acting on impulse		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	planned
		He knew exactly what I was thinking because my reaction was so spontaneous.			
	Derivatives >>	spontaneously, spontaneousness, spontaneity			
22.	synthesis	SIN thuh sis	combining parts into a whole		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	disjoining
		Before the project is complete, we need to establish synthesis.			
	Derivatives >>	synthesist, synthesize, synthesizer			
23.	toxic	TOK sik	poisonous		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	healthful; harmless
		Carbon monoxide is toxic to animal life.			
	Derivatives >>	toxic, toxicant, toxify, toxiferous, toxin, toxic, toxicity			
24.	vigilant	VIJ uh lunt	very alert, watchful		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	unconcerned; inattentive
		I have been vigilant in trying to find the thief.			
	Derivatives >>	vigilance, vigilantly, vigilantness, vigil			
25.	voluble	VOL yuh bul	ability to use words easily, fluent and glib		
	Synonyms >>	garrulous, loquacious		Antonym >>	taciturn
		A disc jockey needs to be a voluble speaker.			
	Derivatives >>	volubility, volubleness, volubly			

Lesson 7

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. abhor | a. quack; imposter |
| _____ | 2. accolade | b. to detest utterly; to loathe |
| _____ | 3. ascetic | c. very large fire |
| _____ | 4. bequeath | d. austere; self-denying |
| _____ | 5. charlatan | e. to hand down; to leave in a will |
| _____ | 6. conflagration | f. shyness; reserve |
| _____ | 7. dearth | g. narrow-mindedness |
| _____ | 8. diffidence | h. gay; lively; bubbling |
| _____ | 9. effervescent | i. praise; an award |
| _____ | 10. ethereal | j. heavenly; unusually delicate |
| _____ | 11. guile | k. lack; scarcity |
| _____ | 12. insularity | l. cunning; deceitfulness; duplicity |

Exercise B

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|-------|----------------|--|
| _____ | 1. expunge | a. unsophisticated; narrow-minded |
| _____ | 2. implausible | b. not believable |
| _____ | 3. incongruity | c. combination of parts into a whole |
| _____ | 4. morose | d. piercing; incisive; keen |
| _____ | 5. placate | e. very alert; watchful |
| _____ | 6. poignant | f. to remove; to erase |
| _____ | 7. provincial | g. to pacify by making concessions |
| _____ | 8. reiterate | h. acting on impulse |
| _____ | 9. spontaneous | i. gloomy; bad-tempered; sullen |
| _____ | 10. synthesis | j. poisonous |
| _____ | 11. toxic | k. fluent; talkative; garrulous |
| _____ | 12. vigilant | l. to repeat |
| _____ | 13. voluble | m. disagreement; difference; incompatibility |

Lesson 7

Sentence Completion



abhor	accolades	ascetic	bequeath
charlatan	conflagration	dearth	diffidence
effervescence	ethereal	expunge	guile

1. The crowds were duped by the _____ who used deception and _____ to convince the people that the sugared water was really a potent medicine.
2. At the end of the year, the students attaining the highest academic achievement were presented awards and _____ for their diligent work.
3. Because they lack adequate medical care, there is a _____ of healthy natives in the region.
4. My mother's _____ would not allow her to question the waiter; she was too shy to argue about the final bill.
5. We found it necessary to _____ much of the text because of its bad language.
6. On Christmas morning all the children bubble with _____ over the gifts, food and fun.
7. The man intended _____ his entire fortune to his daughter so that upon his death, she would not have to worry about money.
8. We marveled at the _____ quality of the scene; it looked so heavenly that we never wanted to leave.
9. The monk's _____ lifestyle called for him to give up all food but that which was necessary for survival.
10. The San Francisco earthquake caused a _____ that burned many city blocks.
11. I absolutely _____ the thought of having to do this research; I can't think of anything I hate more.

Lesson 7



implausible	incongruity	insularity	morose	placate
poignant	provincial	reiterate	spontaneous	synthesis
toxic	vigilant	voluble		

12. If you want to make yourself clearly understood, you must _____ your statement so that what you have to say can be heard a second time.
13. The wild man would not be appeased, and only a visit from his wife served to _____ him into a more passive attitude.
14. The _____ of the rich and powerful often gives them a surprisingly narrow minded, isolated view of the real world.
15. It was a _____ movie, cutting to the truth with keen and incisive dialogue.
16. The drama teacher encouraged us to be _____ with our actions, not planning them out beforehand but instead acting almost on impulse.
17. Always alert, the _____ guard stood in front of the mayor's residence.
18. There is a decided difference between the two brothers; one is usually happy while the other is frequently _____.
19. The father's _____ attitude about his daughter's dating caused her to leave home prematurely, looking for the freedom she had never known.
20. Although her story seemed _____ to me, the jury believed enough of it to find the woman not guilty.
21. Because the committee was headed by the most _____ woman in the club, the meetings frequently ran overtime because it was difficult to get her to stop talking.
22. The _____ substance caused immediate sickness; it was extremely poisonous.
23. We need to establish _____ before we end this project; let's try to combine some of these diverse parts into a unified whole.
24. The _____ of one green sock in a drawer with white socks led to the conclusion that the green sock was there by mistake.

Lesson 8

Definitions



1.	acquiesce	AK wee es	to give in, to comply		
	Synonyms >>	accede, agree, assent, consent, subscribe		Antonym >>	to object; to disagree
		I was so desperate that I had to acquiesce to his demands.			
	Derivatives >>	acquiescence, acquiescent, acquiescingly, acquiescently			
2.	affinity	uh FIN uh tee	a likeness, a natural relationship, a kinship		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	repulsion
		Having suffered himself, he felt an affinity for the homeless.			
	Derivatives >>	affinitive			
3.	blasphemous	BLAS fuh mus	irreverent, profane		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	sacred; reverent
		Telling that sacrilegious joke is blasphemous.			
	Derivatives >>	blaspheme, blasphemed, blaspheming, blaspemer, blasphemousness, blasphemously, blasphemy			
4.	buttress	BUH tris	a support or prop		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
		Many cathedrals are supported by buttresses.			
	Derivatives >>	buttresses, buttressless			
5.	circumspect	SIR kum spekt	careful to consider consequences, cautious, prudent		
	Synonyms >>	chary, wary		Antonym >>	reckless; careless; indiscreet
		Her circumspect behavior left no doubts as to her integrity.			
	Derivatives >>	circumspectness, circumspectly, circumspection, circumspective			
6.	corroboration	kuh rob uh RAY shun	confirmation		
	Synonyms >>	authentication, substantiation, validation, verification		Antonym >>	refutation
		Fortunately, I had some corroboration for my whereabouts on the night of the crime.			
	Derivatives >>	corroborate, corroborated, corroborating, corroboratory, corroboratively, corroborator			
7.	deplete	deh PLETE	to use up gradually, to lessen in amount or value		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to restore
		Our oil reserves have been depleted because of years of drilling and pumping.			
	Derivatives >>	depleted, depleting, depletion, depletive, depletable			
8.	despotic	deh SPOT ik	ruling oppressively and absolutely; tyrannical		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	ruling democratically
		Americans do not like despotic behavior.			
	Derivatives >>	despotal, despotically, despotism, despotist, despotize, despot			
9.	emaciated	eh MAY she ay tid	very thin (usually as a result of starvation), wasting away		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	fat; corpulent
		As a result of receiving little food, most prisoners of concentration camps become extremely emaciated.			
	Derivatives >>	emaciate, emaciation			
10.	empirical	em PEER eh kul	based on observation or experiment and not on theory		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	theoretical
		We need some empirical data to make our case solid.			
	Derivatives >>	empiric, empiricism, empiricist, empirics, empirism			
11.	extraneous	ik STRAY nee us	not essential or vital		
	Synonyms >>	alien, extrinsic, foreign		Antonym >>	essential
		The extraneous assignments left the student with little time for himself.			
	Derivatives >>	extraneously, extraneousness			

12.	fallow	FAL ow	inactive, plowed but not sowed
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> active
	In order for land to be productive, it must lie fallow occasionally.		
	Derivatives >>	fallowness	
13.	homogeneous	hoe muh JEE nee us	of the same kind
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> heterogeneous
	To get the best results with this research, we need a homogeneous group of people to fill out the questionnaire.		
	Derivatives >>	homogeneously, homogeneousness	
14.	hyperbole	hi PER buh lee	obvious exaggeration
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> understatement
	You have often heard the hyperbole "I've told you a million times;" it's an obvious exaggeration.		
	Derivatives >>	hyperbolic, hyperbolically, hyperbolical, hyperbolism	
15.	incontrovertible	in kon truh VUR tuh	indisputable
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> disputable; arguable
	The district attorney was looking for incontrovertible evidence to prove that the accused arsonist burned the bank.		
	Derivatives >>	incontrovertibly	
16.	irascible	uh RAS uh bul	irritable, easily angered, cranky, cross
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> impassive; imperturbable
	Just about anything could set off his irascible temper.		
	Derivatives >>	irascibleness, irascibly, irascibility	
17.	laconic	luh KON ik	using a minimum of words; concise to the point of seeming rude
	Synonyms >>	compendious, concise, pithy, succinct, summary, terse	Antonym >> verbose
	After the loss, the coach's remarks were laconic.		
	Derivatives >>	laconian, laconical, laconically, laconicism, laconism	
18.	magnanimity	mag nuh NIM eh tee	having a lofty, generous, and courageous spirit
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> greed; stinginess
	The magnanimity of the king endeared him to his subjects.		
	Derivatives >>	magnanimous, magnanimously, magnanimousness	
19.	obsequious	ub SEE kwee us	overly attentive, like a sycophant, servile
	Synonyms >>	slavish, subservient	Antonym >> disinterested
	I believe that his obsequious behavior toward his grandmother is to ensure being included in the will.		
	Derivatives >>	obsequence, obsequent, obsequience, obsequiously, obsequiousness, obsequity	
20.	proliferation	pro lif uh RAY shun	an increase in number, multiplication
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> decline; decrease
	Many are afraid of nuclear proliferation and the possibility that a terrorist country will explode a bomb.		
	Derivatives >>	proliferate, proliferative, proliferous, proliferously, prolific	
21.	scrupulous	SKROO pyuh lus	very principled, very careful and conscientious
	Synonyms >>	meticulous, punctilious	Antonym >> unprincipled
	The scrupulous police officer never took a bribe, and he ceaselessly tried to prevent crime.		
	Derivatives >>	scruple, scrupulosity, scrupulousness, scrupulously	
22.	sublime	suh BLIME	exalted, noble, uplifting
	Synonyms >>	resplendent, superb	Antonym >>
	The romantic dinner, which included delicious food, soft music, and a beautiful setting, was simply sublime.		
	Derivatives >>	sublimely, sublimeness, sublimer	
23.	surreptitious	sur up TISH us	secret, clandestine, stealthy
	Synonyms >>	covert, furtive, underhanded	Antonym >> aboveboard; in an open manner
	The Watergate burglars tried to attain information in a surreptitious manner.		
	Derivatives >>	surreptitiously	
24.	veracity	vuh RAS eh tee	devotion to the truth
	Synonyms >>	truthfulness, accuracy, correctness	Antonym >>
	The lawyer had no confidence in the veracity of the witness.		
	Derivatives >>	veracious, veraciously, veraciousness	
25.	zeal	ZEEL	enthusiasm, fervor
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> lack of enthusiasm
	To the delight of his students, he brought great zeal to the teaching profession.		
	Derivatives >>	zeals, zealous, zealot, zealousness, zealotism, zealotry	

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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

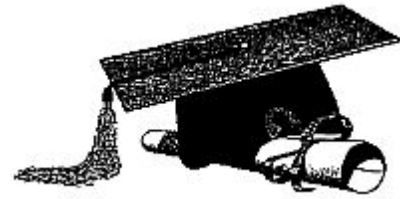
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|-------|-----|---------------|----|---------------------------------|
| _____ | 1. | acquiesce | a. | irreverent; profane |
| _____ | 2. | affinity | b. | confirmation; proof |
| _____ | 3. | blasphemous | c. | wasted away; very thin |
| _____ | 4. | buttress | d. | to use up gradually; to lessen |
| _____ | 5. | circumspect | e. | based on observation |
| _____ | 6. | corroboration | f. | a support or prop |
| _____ | 7. | deplete | g. | lofty, generous spirit |
| _____ | 8. | despotic | h. | careful; cautious; prudent |
| _____ | 9. | emaciated | i. | truthfulness |
| _____ | 10. | empirical | j. | to give in; to comply; to agree |
| _____ | 11. | magnanimity | k. | tyrannical; autocratic |
| _____ | 12. | veracity | l. | a natural liking or affection |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|------------------|----|--------------------------------|
| _____ | 1. | fallow | a. | obvious exaggeration |
| _____ | 2. | homogeneous | b. | enthusiasm; fervor |
| _____ | 3. | hyperbole | c. | very principled; moral |
| _____ | 4. | incontrovertible | d. | not essential or vital; extra |
| _____ | 5. | irascible | e. | of the same kind |
| _____ | 6. | laconic | f. | inactive; plowed but not sowed |
| _____ | 7. | extraneous | g. | increase in number |
| _____ | 8. | obsequious | h. | irritable; easily angered |
| _____ | 9. | proliferation | i. | lofty; noble; exalted |
| _____ | 10. | scrupulous | j. | overly attentive; servile |
| _____ | 11. | sublime | k. | secret; clandestine; stealthy |
| _____ | 12. | surreptitious | l. | concise; to the point; terse |
| _____ | 13. | zeal | m. | indisputable; cannot be argued |

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Sentence Completion



acquiesce	affinity	blasphemous	buttress
circumspect	corroboration	deplete	despotic
emaciated	empirical	extraneous	fallow

1. In the absence of _____ evidence, evidence based on specific facts, we may have to theorize about the results of the data we have gathered.
2. None of the many parts were _____; if just one of the hundreds had been missing, the machine would not have worked.
3. The rich field had not been planted for two years; after this period of lying _____, the soil was even better than before.
4. However strong the _____ between two lovers, sometimes it is better for them to resist this attraction.
5. I depended upon my brother for _____ of my story to prove to my mother that I did not, in fact, break the vase.
6. Hitler's _____ rule was brought to an end after World War II.
7. The man saw that he was losing the argument and decided to _____ to his opponent's view.
8. The book was unjustly censured for containing what some people thought to be _____ remarks about the church.
9. The _____ prisoner of war was near death as a result of his lack of nourishment.
10. The woman was characterized by her _____ behavior after her divorce; she was hesitant to trust anyone again after having been hurt so badly.
11. If I continue to withdraw my money and not replace it, I will _____ my savings account in another month.
12. In order to destroy the building, the charges were set beside the _____; if the support could be destroyed, the wall would fall easily.

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homogeneous	hyperbole	incontrovertible	irascible	laconic
magnanimity	obsequious	proliferation	scrupulous	sublime
surreptitious	veracity	zeal		

13. He loves to use exaggeration; his favorite _____ is “I’m so hungry, I could eat a horse.”
14. We tried to maintain _____ grouping in the class; it is easier to teach when everyone in the room is at the same level.
15. The president’s _____ speech was brief, but to the point.
16. The romantic dinner, which included delicious food, soft music and a beautiful setting was simply _____.
17. Their _____ meetings could not be discovered; they had taken great care to keep them secret.
18. He approached the task with great _____, anxious to get the job done well.
19. The _____ of insects in the garden was uncontrollable; they had already destroyed most of the vegetables and were still multiplying.
20. The _____ child had absolutely no control over his temper and was always angry.
21. There was one man _____ enough to trust with the position; he alone had the integrity and the honesty to lead the people.
22. The waiter’s _____ manner ruined our meal; he would not leave us alone even for a minute because of his attentiveness.
23. Mother Theresa is known for her love and _____ toward the poor.
24. I do not doubt Tom’s _____, but I have some questions as to his brother’s devotion to the truth.
25. These facts are simply _____; they cannot be argued.

Lesson 9

Definitions



1.	ambiguous	am BIG yew us	having more than one meaning; unclear, uncertain
	Synonyms >>	cryptic, enigmatic, equivocal, obscure	Antonym >> clear; certain
	Finding an ambiguous test question is frustrating, since more than one answer could be correct.		
	Derivatives >>	ambiguity, ambiguously, ambiguity	
2.	amiable	A mee uh bul	friendly, sociable, and congenial; civil and urbane
	Synonyms >>	good-natured, obliging, complaisant	Antonym >>
	She was blessed with having such an amiable friend who was almost always good-natured and obliging.		
	Derivatives >>	amiableness, amiably, amicable, amicability, amiability	
3.	crass	KRASS	coarse, crude, and unrefined
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> refined; sophisticated
	Using foul language in front of your mother is crass.		
	Derivatives >>	crassly, crassness, crassitude	
4.	discursive	deh SKUR siv	rambling, moving from one topic to another randomly
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> concise
	His discursive speech was hard to follow.		
	Derivatives >>	discursion, discursively, discursiveness	
5.	docile	DOS ul	easily managed, obedient, passive
	Synonyms >>	amenable, tractable	Antonym >> unruly; unmanageable
	The dog was docile until the doorbell rang.		
	Derivatives >>	docible, docibility, docilely, docility	
6.	estrangle	eh STRANJ	to alienate, to separate
	Synonyms >>	disaffect, wean	Antonym >> to unite; to join
	The necessity to travel in his business may estrange him from his family for a short period of time.		
	Derivatives >>	estranged, estrangedness, estrangement	
7.	exonerate	ig ZON uh rate	to free from blame, obligation, or responsibility; to exculpate
	Synonyms >>	absolve, acquit, vindicate	Antonym >> to convict
	I need your testimony to exonerate me from this charge.		
	Derivatives >>	exoneration, exonerated, exoner	
8.	gratuitous	gruh TOO eh tus	given freely, unwarranted
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> demanded
	I resent your gratuitous comments because no one asked for them.		
	Derivatives >>	gratis, gratuitous, gratuitousness, gratuital, gratuitously	
9.	hypothesize	high POTH eh size	to reach a conclusion based on an assumption or something not proven
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to know with certainty
	Before you begin your experiment, you should hypothesize about the possible outcome.		
	Derivatives >>	hypothesized, hypothesis, hypotheses, hypothetical, hypothetically	
10.	indignation	in dig NAY shun	anger as a result of something unjust
	Synonyms >>	fury, ire, rage, wrath	Antonym >> serenity
	I have much indignation about the light sentence given to the drunk driver who ran over my child .		
	Derivatives >>	indignant, indignantly, indignance, indignify, indignities	
11.	induce	in DOOS, in DYOOOS	to bring on or to bring about
	Synonyms >>	cause, effect, influence, persuade, prevail	Antonym >> to impede
	His personality changes were induced by drugs.		
	Derivatives >>	induced, inducing, inducement, inducer	

12.	intractable	in TRAK tuh bul	stubborn, difficult to manage
	Synonyms >>	headstrong, recalcitrant, refractory, unruly, willful	Antonym >> manageable; agreeable
	The intractable child was a discipline problem in every class.		
	Derivatives >>	intractability, intractableness, intractably	
13.	introspective	in truh SPEK tiv	the quality of examining one's own mind or thoughts
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	I must be very introspective before I make my decision.		
	Derivatives >>	introspect, introspection, introspector, introspectable, introspectional, introspectively, introspectionism	
14.	lucid	LOO sid	easily understood, mentally sound
	Synonyms >>	perspicuous	Antonym >> obscure
	His lucid remarks helped everyone understand the new tax code.		
	Derivatives >>	lucidity, lucidly, lucidness	
15.	meticulous	muh TIK yuh lus	taking great care
	Synonyms >>	punctilious, scrupulous	Antonym >> careless
	I am usually very meticulous in completing my assignments.		
	Derivatives >>	meticulously, meticulousness	
16.	misanthrope	MIS un thrope	a hater of mankind
	Synonyms >>	misanthropist	Antonym >> philanthropist
	Hopefully, nuclear weapons will never fall into the hands of a misanthrope.		
	Derivatives >>	misanthropy, misanthropic, misanthropically, misanthropical, misanthropism, misanthropize	
17.	munificent	myoo NIF eh sent	very generous
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> parsimonious; stingy
	The munificent gift to the school was appreciated by all of the students.		
	Derivatives >>	munificence, munificency, munificently, munificentness	
18.	plagiarize	PLAY juh rize	to steal and to use another's writings as one's own
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to originate
	English teachers are always on the lookout for materials in themes that are plagiarized.		
	Derivatives >>	plagiarism, plagiarist, plagiaristic, plagiary	
19.	profuse	pruh FYOOS	extravagantly abundant, flowing freely
	Synonyms >>	lavish, lush, luxuriant, prodigal	Antonym >> meager
	Cutting that artery will cause profuse bleeding.		
	Derivatives >>	profusely, profuseness, profusion, profusive, profusively	
20.	recluse	REK loos	a person who lives in solitude, a hermit
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> cosmopolitan
	Howard Hughes is the most famous recluse of the century.		
	Derivatives >>	reclusion, reclusive	
21.	sated	SAY ted	satisfied fully, indulged to excess
	Synonyms >>	cloyed, glutted, gorged, palled, satiated, surfeited	Antonym >> ravenous
	He was quite sated after finishing the seven course meal.		
	Derivatives >>	sate, satiate, satiated, satiation, satiety	
22.	stupefy	STOO puh fie	to dull the senses as to put into a stupor
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to excite
	That boring lecture would stupefy anyone with any intelligence.		
	Derivatives >>	stupefyingly, stupefaction, stupeficient, stupefactive	
23.	terse	TERS	concise
	Synonyms >>	compendious, laconic, pithy, succinct, summary	Antonym >> long-winded
	The president gave a terse statement dismissing the charges of the opposing party.		
	Derivatives >>	tersely, terseness	
24.	transient	TRAN shunt	quickly passing, fleeting
	Synonyms >>	ephemeral, evanescent, fugitive, transitory	Antonym >> enduring; everlasting
	The moment of happiness she enjoyed was merely transient; soon she was depressed again.		
	Derivatives >>	transience, transiently, transiency, transience	
25.	virtuoso	vur choo OH so	one skilled in the fine arts as an accomplished musician, a savant
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> unskilled beginner
	Having played with some of the greatest symphonies in the world, he was known as a virtuoso.		
	Derivatives >>	virtuosity	

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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. | ambiguous | a. | to alienate; to separate |
| _____ | 2. | amiable | b. | to bring on or bring about |
| _____ | 3. | crass | c. | not clear in meaning |
| _____ | 4. | discursive | d. | friendly; sociable; congenial |
| _____ | 5. | docile | e. | examining one's own thoughts |
| _____ | 6. | estrangle | f. | to free from blame; to exculpate |
| _____ | 7. | exonerate | g. | given freely; unwarranted |
| _____ | 8. | gratuitous | h. | rambling |
| _____ | 9. | hypothesize | i. | crude; unrefined |
| _____ | 10. | induce | j. | stubborn; difficult to manage |
| _____ | 11. | intractable | k. | easily managed; obedient |
| _____ | 12. | introspective | l. | to reach a conclusion based on assumption |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|-------------|----|--|
| _____ | 1. | indignation | a. | taking greatest care |
| _____ | 2. | lucid | b. | very generous |
| _____ | 3. | meticulous | c. | satisfied; filled |
| _____ | 4. | misanthrope | d. | to use another's writings as one's own |
| _____ | 5. | munificent | e. | evident; clear; easily understood |
| _____ | 6. | plagiarize | f. | abundant; flowing freely |
| _____ | 7. | profuse | g. | quickly passing; fleeting |
| _____ | 8. | recluse | h. | a hater of mankind |
| _____ | 9. | sated | i. | one skilled in the arts |
| _____ | 10. | stupefy | j. | concise; to the point |
| _____ | 11. | terse | k. | hermit; person living in solitude |
| _____ | 12. | transient | l. | to dull the senses |
| _____ | 13. | virtuoso | m. | anger as a result of something unjust |

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Sentence Completion



ambiguous	amiable	crass	discursive
docile	estranged	exonerate	gratuitous
hypothesize	indignation	induce	intractable

1. In the speech he tried to _____ a change in the people's attitude, but nothing he said could incite them to action.
2. The _____ millionaire would never deny anyone's request for aid; he was always friendly and never reluctant to give.
3. The professor's tests were extremely hard because of their _____ questions; one could never be sure exactly what he was asking because each question seemed to have two meanings.
4. We might _____ that there was no oxygen on the earth and then try to find solutions to the problem.
5. The dog was _____ and easily managed until a cat ran across his path.
6. The _____ child was sent to the principal's office for the third time that day; he was totally unmanageable.
7. The witness took the stand with the hope that he could _____ his friend from conviction of the crime.
8. There seemed to be no main idea behind his _____ statements; he just rambled aimlessly.
9. The man's _____ comments were unsolicited; he gave them freely without being asked for an opinion.
10. The man's coarse and crude language emphasized his _____ manners.
11. Having been separated for two years, his _____ wife finally divorced him.
12. The brusque comments from the man caused a sense of _____ in the woman; she was not accustomed to such language and was quite insulted.

Lesson 9



introspective	lucid	meticulous	misanthrope	munificent
plagiarize	profuse	recluse	sated	stupefy
terse	transient	virtuoso		

13. The woman was _____ with her housecleaning; she felt that her house had to be spotless and orderly at all times.
14. Although the woman was burning with fever, she remained _____ and was able to give directions to the child about how to care for her.
15. The student carried the heavy books to his table and started to _____, stealing not only the words of the author but the ideas as well.
16. That author's style is concise; he wastes no words in his _____, succinct sentences.
17. The _____ woman was giving gifts not only to relatives she knew but also to strangers she did not know, simply because she enjoyed giving things to people.
18. The girl became rather _____ when she heard the news; she began to examine her own mind and thoughts about how she would deal with the information.
19. Homeless people are usually _____, moving from place to place, never staying long.
20. Before Stanley moved away from civilization to become a _____; he was a _____, hating everyone whom he met.
21. The hungry man made several return trips to the buffet table before he was finally _____.
22. The boring lecture would _____ anyone with the slightest bit of intelligence; half the audience fell asleep.
23. The cutting of that artery will result in _____ bleeding; without immediate medical attention, she could bleed to death.
24. Being an avid opera fan, I cherish the memory of the operatic _____ who recently passed away.

Lesson 10

Definitions



1.	abstracted	ab STRAK ted	removed in thought from the immediate situation, lost in one's own mind
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> attentive
	The child, thinking of Christmas, had an abstracted look on his face.		
	Derivatives >>	abstractedly, abstractedness	
2.	adulation	ad u LAY shun	extreme praise or admiration
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> defamation; slander
	Due to the great adulation of the crowds, the politician thought that he might win the election.		
	Derivatives >>	adulate, adulator, adulatory, adulated, adulating	
3.	adversity	ad VER suh tee	misfortune, unfavorable happening
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> prosperity
	He has suffered much adversity by first losing his job and then losing his wife.		
	Derivatives >>	adverse	
4.	burgeon	BUR jun	to sprout, to newly emerge
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to shrivel and die; to wither
	Plants burgeon with the coming of spring.		
	Derivatives >>	burgeoned, burgeoning	
5.	chimera	kuh MEER uh	a fantasy; a horrible creature of the imagination
	Synonyms >>	fantasy, vision	Antonym >> gentle creature
	He is not the chimera your fears have made him in your mind.		
	Derivatives >>	chimerical, chimeric, chimerically	
6.	culpable	KUL puh bul	deserving blame; guilty
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> blameless
	He was culpable for his children's constant bad behavior.		
	Derivatives >>	culpability, culpableness, culpably	
7.	decadent	DEK uh dunt	decaying
	Synonyms >>	declined, degenerated	Antonym >> flourishing
	Drugs, prostitution, and crime are signs of a decadent society.		
	Derivatives >>	decadently, decadence, decadency	
8.	entreaty	en TREE tee	a plea, an earnest request
	Synonyms >>	adjuration, appeal, suit, importunity, supplication	Antonym >> denial
	The lawyer made a lengthy entreaty to the jury before they retired to chambers.		
	Derivatives >>	entreat, entreatingly, entreatment	
9.	fatuous	FACH oo us	foolish, silly in an obnoxious way, inane
	Synonyms >>	asinine, silly, simple	Antonym >> sensible
	The woman was fatuous to think that she needed three thousand pairs of shoes.		
	Derivatives >>	fatuously, fatuity, fatuitous, fatuitousness	
10.	humane	hyoo MANE	kind, compassionate, sympathetic and considerate
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> brutal
	The United States was very humane in its treatment of prisoners of war.		
	Derivatives >>	humanely, humaneness	
11.	indulgent	in DUL junt	lenient, especially toward oneself
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> harsh; strict
	The boy did not learn respect from his indulgent parents.		
	Derivatives >>	indulge, indulged, indulging, indulgence, indulgently, indulger	

12.	ineptness	in EPT nes	lack of competence or judgment
	Synonyms >>	gauche, maladroit	Antonym >> expertise
	The evidence of his ineptness as a coach is his poor win-loss record.		
	Derivatives >>	inept, ineptly, ineptitude	
13.	ingrate	IN grate	an ungrateful person
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> grateful person
	I was stunned when I didn't even receive a "thank you" from the ingrate.		
	Derivatives >>	ingrateful	
14.	inundate	IN un date	to flood, to overflow
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to drain
	The television station was inundated with phone calls when the basketball game was interrupted.		
	Derivatives >>	inundable, inundant, inundation, inundator, inundatory	
15.	miser	MY zur	one who lives in wretched circumstances to save and hoard money
	Synonyms >>	niggard, skinflint, tightwad, pinchpenny	Antonym >> one who spends money easily
	The old miser lived in a shack but was actually a millionaire.		
	Derivatives >>	miserly, miserliness	
16.	nefarious	neh FARE ee us	extremely wicked, evil, vicious
	Synonyms >>	degenerate, iniquitous, villainous	Antonym >> righteous
	Hitler's treatment of Jewish people was a sign that he was a very nefarious person.		
	Derivatives >>	nefariously, nefariousness	
17.	prattle	PRAT ul	meaningless sounds, babble
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> articulate language
	I have difficulty understanding the prattle of young children.		
	Derivatives >>	prattled, prattling, prattlement, prattler, prattlingly	
18.	predilection	pred uh LEK shun	preference
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> dislike; disinclination
	He has a predilection for fish when he goes out to eat.		
	Derivatives >>	predilect, predilected	
19.	procrastinate	pro KRAS tuh nate	to defer action; to delay
	Synonyms >>	prolong, postpone	Antonym >>
	We try not to procrastinate when asked to do a job.		
	Derivatives >>	procrastinated, procrastinating, procrastinatingly, procrastinatively, procrastination, procrastinative,	
20.	stoic	STOW ik	a stoical person; not showing passion or feeling, indifference, impassive
	Synonyms >>	apathetic, phlegmatic, stolid	Antonym >> impassioned; ardent
	The umpire remained quite stoic despite the manager's screaming and the intense booing of the crowd.		
	Derivatives >>	stoical, stoically, stoicism	
21.	suffrage	SUF rij	right to vote
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> lack of franchise
	Woman's suffrage was a movement and a cause at the beginning of the twentieth century.		
	Derivatives >>	suffragette, suffragetism, suffragism, suffragist	
22.	summon	SUM un	to call together, to send for or to request to appear
	Synonyms >>	convene, convoke, muster	Antonym >> to turn away
	I am frightened because I have been summoned to the principal's office.		
	Derivatives >>	summoner, summons	
23.	transparent	trans PARE unt	quality of being able to be seen through, clear
	Synonyms >>	limpid, translucent	Antonym >> opaque
	Glass is a transparent substance.		
	Derivatives >>	transparently, transparentness, transparency	
24.	turbulence	TUR byuh luns	wild or disturbing activity
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> stillness
	There is a lot of turbulence during a hurricane.		
	Derivatives >>	turbulent, turbulation, turbulator, turbulency, turbulently	
25.	viable	VIE uh bul	capable of working, functioning, or developing adequately
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> moribund; incapable of
	He is a viable candidate because he has experience and can attract votes.		
	Derivatives >>	viability, viably	

Lesson 10

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. | abstracted | a. | deserving blame |
| _____ | 2. | adulation | b. | decaying |
| _____ | 3. | adversity | c. | imaginary, fanciful being |
| _____ | 4. | burgeon | d. | extreme praise or admiration |
| _____ | 5. | chimera | e. | kind; compassionate |
| _____ | 6. | culpable | f. | a plea; an earnest request |
| _____ | 7. | decadent | g. | lost in one's own thoughts |
| _____ | 8. | entreaty | h. | foolish; silly |
| _____ | 9. | fatuous | i. | lack of competence |
| _____ | 10. | humane | j. | to sprout; to emerge recently |
| _____ | 11. | indulgent | k. | misfortune |
| _____ | 12. | ineptness | l. | lenient (especially toward oneself) |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|---------------|----|--------------------------------------|
| _____ | 1. | ingrate | a. | extremely wicked; evil |
| _____ | 2. | inundate | b. | to call together; to send for |
| _____ | 3. | miser | c. | to defer action; to delay |
| _____ | 4. | nefarious | d. | capable of working |
| _____ | 5. | prattle | e. | a person who hoards money |
| _____ | 6. | predilection | f. | to flood; to overflow |
| _____ | 7. | procrastinate | g. | impassive; indifferent to pain |
| _____ | 8. | stoic | h. | unpredictable or disturbing activity |
| _____ | 9. | suffrage | i. | preference |
| _____ | 10. | summon | j. | right to vote |
| _____ | 11. | transparent | k. | an ungrateful person |
| _____ | 12. | turbulence | l. | meaningless sounds; babble |
| _____ | 13. | viable | m. | quality of allowing passage of light |

Lesson 10

Sentence Completion



abstracted	adulation	adversity	burgeon
chimera	culpable	decadent	entreaty
fatuous	humane	indulgent	ineptness

1. The girl's _____ remarks were so silly that we nearly laughed her out of the room.
2. The plants in the garden began to _____ as soon as the spring rains came.
3. His _____ as a teacher was reflected in his students' poor test scores and in his inability to maintain discipline in class.
4. He is not the _____ your fears have made him out to be; he is no monster.
5. The _____ look on the girl's face made me think that she was not paying attention.
6. The reason the girl cannot lose any weight is that she is so _____ when it comes to food; she is so lenient with herself that she eats until she is stuffed at every meal.
7. His new sonnet caused the poet to receive praise and _____ from many of his readers.
8. The society had become so _____ that morality was a thing of the past, and people could not count on laws that had previously been part of their culture.
9. Contrary to the emotional _____ for help that was delivered by the last speakers, this woman's plea was rational but without sincerity.
10. No matter how great _____ seems to be, it is better to fight against misfortune and hardship than to give in to it.
11. The woman made a plea that the government might be _____ and stop the practice of polluting the country's rivers with toxic waste; her concern was for the people, not the industries.
12. You will never prove me _____ of the crime; I am not guilty and do not deserve the blame.

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ingrate	inundated	miser	nefarious	prattle
predilection	procrastinate	stoic	suffrage	summon
transparent	turbulence	viable		

13. The _____ curtains allowed light to enter the room so that the whole atmosphere was more pleasant.
14. _____, the right to vote, was slow in coming to women and minorities in America.
15. The _____, evil wizard crouched over the body of its victim.
16. The bridge collapsed when it was _____ by the flood waters.
17. When you begin to _____ like that, I can't understand a word you say; you babble just like a child.
18. The woman was hesitant to _____ her husband to the meeting because she knew that his hostile attitude was likely to cause much _____ in the family.
19. Because of my _____ for classical music, I buy season tickets to the symphony each year.
20. The man's _____ attitude made loving him quite difficult; he seemed totally indifferent to any affection displayed toward him.
21. If you do not attend the study sessions, you must find a _____ alternative for learning the material before the test.
22. It is not a good idea to _____ on this project; if you postpone doing the work until a later date, you will be so far behind that you can't catch up.
23. It was strange to see the old _____ give money to the cause; he was usually so tight with his money that he wouldn't let go of a single penny.
24. The _____ did not even say "thank you" when I gave him my life savings.

Lesson 11

Definitions



1.	abet	uh BET	to encourage or to assist (usually an offense against justice or the law)
	Synonyms >>	foment, incite, instigate	Antonym >> to discourage; to interfere
	To aid and abet an enemy of the country is a crime.		
	Derivatives >>	abetment, abettor, abetted, abetting	
2.	agile	AJ uhl	characterized by ability to move quickly with suppleness and grace
	Synonyms >>	nimble, brisk, spry	Antonym >> clumsy
	The girl's agile movements were the mark of a great gymnast.		
	Derivatives >>	agilely, agility	
3.	antidote	AN teh dote	something that relieves the effects of poison
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> poison
	A snake bite need not be deadly, as long as one can get an antidote quickly.		
	Derivatives >>	antidotal	
4.	ascertain	as sur TANE	to find out definitely; to determine
	Synonyms >>	learn	Antonym >>
	The detective attempted to ascertain the truth through his questioning of the suspect.		
	Derivatives >>	ascertainable, ascertainableness, ascertainably, ascertainment, ascertained	
5.	benevolence	buh NEV uh lunz	kindness, generosity, charity
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> antagonism; avarice; malevolence
	His benevolence was shown when he set up soup kitchens for the poor.		
	Derivatives >>	benevolent, benevolently	
6.	desolate	DES uh lit	deserted, without inhabitants, barren
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> populous
	Some of the western states have large areas that are desolate.		
	Derivatives >>	desolately, desolateness, desolater, desolating, desolation	
7.	din	DEN	loud and discordant noises, cacophony
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> euphony
	The din in the senate was so great that I could not hear the speaker.		
	Derivatives >>	dins, dinned, dinning	
8.	dissuade	deh SWADE	to advise against, to talk out of
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to persuade, to encourage
	I tried to dissuade him from going over Niagara Falls in a barrel, but he would not listen.		
	Derivatives >>	dissuadable, dissuasion, dissuasive, dissuasively, dissuasiveness	
9.	distend	deh STEND	to expand, to swell
	Synonyms >>	amplify, dilate, inflate	Antonym >> to contract
	If a balloon is distended too much, it will break.		
	Derivatives >>	distended, distendedly, distendedness, distensibility, distensible, distensile, distension, distention, distensive	
10.	enervation	en er VAY shun	weakness
	Synonyms >>	emasculatation	Antonym >> strength
	A poor diet will cause enervation.		
	Derivatives >>	enervate, enervated, enervator	
11.	eulogy	YOO luh jee	praise or tribute
	Synonyms >>	encomium, panegyric, tribute	Antonym >> defamation
	The young woman presented a touching eulogy at her father's funeral.		
	Derivatives >>	eulogic, eulogious, eulogism, eulogist, eulogistic, eulogium, eulogization, eulogize, eulogizer	

12.	fitful	FIT ful	irregular		
	Synonyms >>	convulsive, spasmodic		Antonym >>	constant
	Due to fitful sleep last night, I am not rested.				
	Derivatives >>	fitfully, fitfulness			
13.	indelible	in DEL uh bul	cannot be removed, washed away or erased		
	Synonyms >>	permanent, lasting		Antonym >>	fleeting
	Her comments made an indelible impression on his mind, and he was never able to forget.				
	Derivatives >>	indelibility, indelibly			
14.	inert	in URT	unable to move or to act, sluggish		
	Synonyms >>	idle, passive, supine		Antonym >>	active
	It takes a long time to get things done when we must depend on inert bureaucrats.				
	Derivatives >>	inertia, inertial, inertiion, inertness, inertly			
15.	malevolence	muh LEV uh lens	ill will or evil intentions		
	Synonyms >>	malice, malignity, spite, spleen		Antonym >>	benevolence
	The old man's malevolence was obvious when he removed the girl from his will.				
	Derivatives >>	malevolent, malevolently			
16.	obliterate	uh BLIT eh rate	to remove all traces of; to do away with; to destroy completely; to cancel		
	Synonyms >>	expunge, efface		Antonym >>	
	The men began to obliterate the old building.				
	Derivatives >>	obliterated, obliterating, obliterated, obliteration, oblitative			
17.	ornate	or NATE	excessively decorated		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	austere, bare
	The ornate Christmas tree provided us with many hours of pleasure.				
	Derivatives >>	ornately, ornateness, ornature			
18.	paucity	PAH seh tee	scarcity, fewness of number, dearth		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	plenty
	The low achievement test scores indicate that I have a paucity of intelligent students this year.				
	Derivatives >>	pauciloquy			
19.	piety	PIE eh tee	devotion and reverence to God		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	irreverence
	The man was noted for his piety and devotion to the church.				
	Derivatives >>	pietism, pietist, pietistic, pietistically			
20.	precarious	pre KARE ee us	dangerous, risky, not a secure situation		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	safe
	It seems that a tightrope walker is often in a precarious situation.				
	Derivatives >>	precariously, precariousness			
21.	prosaic	pro ZAY ik	commonplace, uninspired, banal		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	imaginative
	Because his writings are so prosaic, I find them boring and unimaginative.				
	Derivatives >>	prosaical, prosaically, prosaicalness, prosaicism, prosaism, prosaist			
22.	quiescent	kwee ES unt	inactive, dormant		
	Synonyms >>	abeyance, latent		Antonym >>	active
	The eruption was a surprise because the volcano had been quiescent for many years.				
	Derivatives >>	quiescence, quiesce, quiescency, quiescently			
23.	scintillating	SIN tuh lay ting	sparkling, shining, or flashing		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	dull
	The fireworks during a Fourth of July celebration are a scintillating display.				
	Derivatives >>	scintillate, scintillant, scintillantly, scintillatingly, scintillation, scintillator, scintillescent			
24.	squalid	SKWOL id	filthy in appearance, sordid		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	clean
	There are squalid and depressed areas in most of the world's major cities.				
	Derivatives >>	squalidity, squalidly, squalidness			
25.	vexation	vek SAY shun	discomfort or distress		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	pleasantry
	The young children were a source of vexation to their nervous, neurotic mother.				
	Derivatives >>	vex, vexatious, vexedly, vexedness, vexingly			

Lesson 11

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

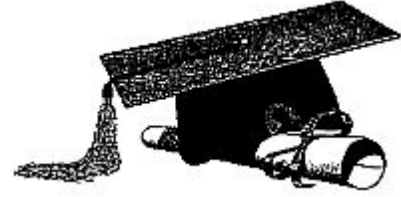
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|-------|-----|-------------|----|-----------------------------------|
| _____ | 1. | abet | a. | to advise against; to talk out of |
| _____ | 2. | agile | b. | to encourage or to assist; to aid |
| _____ | 3. | antidote | c. | weakness |
| _____ | 4. | ascertain | d. | deserted; without inhabitants |
| _____ | 5. | benevolence | e. | to learn with certainty |
| _____ | 6. | desolate | f. | inactive; dormant |
| _____ | 7. | din | g. | medicine or remedy |
| _____ | 8. | dissuade | h. | irregular; not consistent |
| _____ | 9. | distend | i. | loud and discordant noises |
| _____ | 10. | enervation | j. | kindness; generosity; charity |
| _____ | 11. | fitful | k. | to expand; to swell; to dilate |
| _____ | 12. | inert | l. | able to move quickly and easily |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|---------------|----|-------------------------------------|
| _____ | 1. | eulogy | a. | commonplace; dull; banal |
| _____ | 2. | indelible | b. | scarcity; fewness; dearth |
| _____ | 3. | malevolence | c. | to remove all traces of; to destroy |
| _____ | 4. | obliterate | d. | dangerous; risky; not secure |
| _____ | 5. | ornate | e. | permanent; cannot be erased |
| _____ | 6. | paucity | f. | filthy in appearance; sordid |
| _____ | 7. | piety | g. | quiet; still; inactive |
| _____ | 8. | precarious | h. | high praise or commendation |
| _____ | 9. | prosaic | i. | excessively decorated |
| _____ | 10. | quiescent | j. | devotion and reverence to God |
| _____ | 11. | scintillating | k. | discomfort or distress |
| _____ | 12. | squalid | l. | sparkling; shining; flashing |
| _____ | 13. | vexation | m. | act of wishing ill will on someone |

Lesson 11

Sentence Completion



abetting	agility	antidote	ascertain
benevolence	desolate	din	dissuade
distend	enervation	eulogy	fitful

1. As the man ran from the building, the police chased him into a _____ alley that was empty except for one trash can.
2. The man could not be heard above the _____ of the screams from the crowd.
3. The _____ was delivered to a large gathering of friends and relatives; but after the funeral only a few relatives came to the house.
4. The _____ of the old man was amazing; he was as graceful as a professional dancer.
5. The boy was charged with _____ a criminal even though he himself did not commit the robbery; he merely drove the get away car.
6. The philanthropist's _____ was rewarded with a medal lauding his generosity and good citizenship.
7. My friend will try to _____ me from taking calculus; she always tries to talk me out of taking difficult classes.
8. The inhabitants living around the lake were horrified to think the water might _____ beyond the safety barriers; it had already swelled to an unprecedented level.
9. The toxic substance caused immediate _____; the first symptom of the man's poisoning was his total loss of energy and vitality.
10. Because the images of the monster were vivid in my mind, I had a _____ sleep last night.
11. The _____ to the poison must be given within one hour of the poison's entrance into the body; otherwise, it cannot relieve the effects of the toxin.
12. Though it was difficult to _____ what she meant in the letter, we tried to determine the meaning.

Lesson 11



indelible	inert	malevolence	obliterate	ornate
paucity	piety	precarious	prosaic	quiescence
scintillating	squalid	vexation		

13. The man regarded the _____, fabulously decorated mansion as his home.
14. The pilgrims came to the religious shrine to demonstrate their great _____ and reverence.
15. The _____ brightness of Judy's engagement ring was noticeable to all her envious friends.
16. The _____ surroundings caused the man much discomfort and distress, but it was more than the dirt and filth that caused his _____.
17. The _____ of the evil witch doctor was obvious to all as he deliberately caused the man to suffer.
18. India ink is _____ and cannot be removed from your clothes.
19. The noise of people in a crowded street was gone, replaced by the _____ of a village emptied by the national holiday.
20. The _____ drug had sat so long on the shelf that it had lost all its active properties.
21. Because of the unsettled economy, the business was in a _____ position, perhaps facing bankruptcy.
22. There was nothing _____ about that story; it was the most imaginative and creative piece that he had ever written.
23. It was quite alarming to find that we had to survive for an entire week with such a _____ of food; we actually had enough for only two days, not seven.
24. It was the task of the company to _____ the town completely; there seemed to be no concern that its total destruction would cause extreme suffering.

Lesson 12

Definitions



1.	abridge	uh BRIJ	to shorten, to diminish
	Synonyms >>	abbreviate, curtail, retrench, shorten	Antonym >> to expand
	Some companies publish abridged versions of novels.		
	Derivatives >>	abridgable, abridged, abridger, abridgment	
2.	alacrity	uh LAK ruh tee	prompt and cheerful response
	Synonyms >>	celerity	Antonym >> indolence
	I accepted his invitation to the prom with alacrity.		
	Derivatives >>	alacritous	
3.	antipathy	an TIP uh thee	a dislike, distaste, or enmity
	Synonyms >>	animosity, animus, antagonism, hostility, rancor	Antonym >> propensity; amity
	The woman's obvious antipathy toward snakes surfaced when she came into contact with the slithering reptile.		
	Derivatives >>	antipathetic, antipathic, anthipathist, antipathize, antipathies	
4.	augment	awg MENT	to make greater or to supplement
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to diminish
	We must try to augment our savings this year.		
	Derivatives >>	augmentable, augments, augmentation, augmentative, augmented	
5.	bombastic	bom BASS tik	using inflated language, pompous
	Synonyms >>	claptrap, declamatory, fustian, ranting, rodomontade	Antonym >> meek; humble
	The politician was bombastic as he railed against big government.		
	Derivatives >>	bombastically, bombastical	
6.	decry	deh KRY	to speak against, to rail against, to disparage
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to laud
	Many decry the lack of concern for this problem.		
	Derivatives >>	decried, decrying, decrier	
7.	eclectic	eh KLEK tik	coming from a variety of diverse sources
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> from one source
	His eclectic tastes range from Bach to the Beatles.		
	Derivatives >>	eclectically, eclecticism	
8.	enhance	en HANS	to make better, to improve
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to worsen
	Your chances of passing the test will be enhanced if you study.		
	Derivatives >>	enhanced, enhancement, enhancing, enhancer, enhancer	
9.	euphonious	yoo FOE nee us	pleasant or agreeable (sound); dulcet
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> raucous; dissonant
	The euphonious sound of the record lulled the baby to sleep.		
	Derivatives >>	euphony euphonic, euphonia, euphonicity, euphonical, euphonicity, euphonicity	
10.	fervid	FUR vid	ardent, burning, impassioned
	Synonyms >>	fervent, passionate, fervid	Antonym >> indifferent
	The evangelist is a fervid crusader against sin.		
	Derivatives >>	fervidity, fervidly, fervidness	
11.	impecunious	im puh KYOO nee us	without money
	Synonyms >>	destitute, indigent	Antonym >> rich
	Some formerly rich people have become impecunious because of the poor oil and real estate market.		
	Derivatives >>	impecuniary, impecuniosity, impecuniously, impecuniousness, impecuniousness	

12.	ingratiate	in GRAY she ate	to make an effort to gain good favor with someone
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to alienate
	He tried to ingratiate himself with the girl's parents by always being polite.		
	Derivatives >>	ingratiating, ingratiatingly, ingratiating, ingratiatory	
13.	luxuriant	lug ZHOOR ee unt	abundant in growth, very fertile
	Synonyms >>	lavish, lush, prodigal, profuse	Antonym >> scanty
	The luxuriant farmland of Iowa provides an abundant amount of food.		
	Derivatives >>	luxuriance, luxurancy, luxuriantly, luxuriate, luxurious, luxuriously, luxuriousness, luxury	
14.	paltry	PAWL tree	trifling; petty; worthless
	Synonyms >>	minor, inconsiderable, slight, insignificant, petty	Antonym >> superior
	He was building paltry houses unfit for occupancy.		
	Derivatives >>	paltrier, paltriest, paltrily, paltriness	
15.	pedantry	PED un tree	act of showing off learning in a manner that is needless and unimaginative
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The teacher's lectures are a demonstration of pedantry without scholarship.		
	Derivatives >>	pedantic, pedantical, pedantically, pedanticism, pedant	
16.	placid	PLAS id	peaceful, calm
	Synonyms >>	serene, tranquil	Antonym >> disturbed
	The wilderness is usually a placid place where one can relax.		
	Derivatives >>	placidity, placidly, placidness	
17.	preclude	preh KLOOD	to make impossible
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to aid
	A low SAT score may preclude your acceptance to that college.		
	Derivatives >>	precludable, precluded, preclusion, preclusive	
18.	promontory	PROM un tore ee	land or rock projecting into a body of water
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	A promontory is an ideal place to build a lighthouse.		
	Derivatives >>	promontories, promontoried	
19.	raze	RAZE	to completely destroy
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to construct
	Atomic war will raze many cities.		
	Derivatives >>	razed, razing	
20.	secular	SEK yuh lur	nonreligious, worldly
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> religious
	"Jingle Bells" is a secular Christmas song.		
	Derivatives >>	secularism, secularist, secularity, secularization, secularize, secularly	
21.	static (adj.)	STAT ik	having no motion, showing little change
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> active
	Since our town has attracted little new industry, the population of the city has become static.		
	Derivatives >>	statically, statical	
22.	tact	TAKT	a keen sense for what is appropriate or tasteful in delicate situations
	Synonyms >>	diplomacy, perception, sensitivity, poise	Antonym >>
	The diplomat handled the situation with much tact and courteous behavior.		
	Derivatives >>	tactful, tactfully, tactfulness	
23.	torpid	TOR pid	sluggish, inactive, dull
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> active; animated
	He is always torpid on Sunday mornings.		
	Derivatives >>	torpor, torpidity, torpidness, torpify, torpidly, torpitude, torporific	
24.	vindicated	VIN duh kay ted	cleared of accusations or charges
	Synonyms >>	absolved, acquitted, exculpated, exonerated	Antonym >> accused
	I am willing to go to trial and believe that I will be vindicated of all charges.		
	Derivatives >>	vindicate, vindication, vindicative, vindicator, vindicatory, vindictive, vindictively, vindictiveness	
25.	vindictive	vin DIK tiv	revengeful, spiteful
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> loving; forgiving
	You should be more forgiving and less vindictive.		
	Derivatives >>	vindicated, vindication, vindicative, vindicator, vindicatory, vindictive, vindictively, vindictiveness	

Lesson 12

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. | abridge | a. | pompous; boastful |
| _____ | 2. | alacrity | b. | briskness; swiftness; celerity |
| _____ | 3. | antipathy | c. | to make an effort to gain favor |
| _____ | 4. | augment | d. | to shorten; to diminish |
| _____ | 5. | bombastic | e. | without money; broke |
| _____ | 6. | decry | f. | ardent; burning; impassioned |
| _____ | 7. | eclectic | g. | to make greater; to supplement |
| _____ | 8. | enhance | h. | harmonious; pleasant to hear |
| _____ | 9. | euphonious | i. | a dislike; distaste; enmity |
| _____ | 10. | fervid | j. | to make better; to improve |
| _____ | 11. | impecunious | k. | to speak against; to disparage |
| _____ | 12. | ingratiate | l. | coming from a variety of sources |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|---------------|----|---------------------------------------|
| _____ | 1. | luxuriant | a. | abundant; very fertile |
| _____ | 2. | paltry | b. | to destroy completely |
| _____ | 3. | pedantry | c. | trifling; worthless; insignificant |
| _____ | 4. | placid | d. | revengeful; spiteful |
| _____ | 5. | preclude | e. | non-religious; worldly |
| _____ | 6. | promontory | f. | peaceful; calm |
| _____ | 7. | raze | g. | cleared of accusations |
| _____ | 8. | secular | h. | having no motion |
| _____ | 9. | static (adj.) | i. | to make impossible |
| _____ | 10. | tact | j. | sluggish; dull; apathetic |
| _____ | 11. | torpid | k. | projection into water |
| _____ | 12. | vindicated | l. | a showing off of learning |
| _____ | 13. | vindictive | m. | sense for knowing what is appropriate |

Lesson 12

Sentence Completion



abridged	alacrity	antipathy	augment
bombastic	decry	eclectic	enhance
euphonious	fervid	impecunious	ingratiate

1. _____ The students approached the task of solving the problem with _____; they were anxious to solve it promptly.
2. The _____ sounds of the symphony were quite pleasing; the harmonious tones produced a most soothing effect.
3. Because she needed more money, the woman tried to _____ her income by getting a second job.
4. His room was filled with _____ antiques that he had gathered from numerous places around the world.
5. The man's _____ speech did not impress me; I prefer someone more reserved and humble than he seemed to be with all his pompousness.
6. The prodigal child spent all his inheritance money, leaving him totally _____.
7. He tried to _____ himself with the girl's parents by always being polite; he was sure he could make them like him.
8. The _____ version of the novel was not as thorough as the longer version; it left out the entire episode of the war.
9. The preacher began to _____ the emphasis that the younger generation has put on drugs; his strong expression of disapproval could not go unheard by his congregation.
10. The young woman tried to _____ her appearance with beautiful clothes and heavy make-up.
11. We heard the _____ cries of the evangelist; with his impassioned words, he denounced the many sins of the world.
12. Policemen generally have an _____ for crime and criminals; if they did not dislike these things so much, they would not have gone into the profession of law enforcement.

Lesson 12



luxuriant	paltry	pedantry	placid	preclude
promontory	raze	secular	static	tact
torpid	vindicated	vindictive		

13. The rain forest's _____ green growth is made possible by its climate and rainfall.
14. Her inner peace and serenity were obvious from the _____ expression on her face.
15. The disenchanted priest left his religious calling for the _____ world and soon became a policeman.
16. Life in this small town is _____, having changed very little in twenty years.
17. Though he was cleared of all charges, the stranger's spiteful, _____ accusers vowed to get revenge against the recently _____ man.
18. His _____ movements were the first indication that he was getting sick; because he is usually so active and full of vitality, we knew that something was wrong when he slowed down so much.
19. It was unusual that he did so well on the test; however, we couldn't _____ the possibility that he did, in fact, study this time.
20. The lighthouse sat on the _____ overlooking the sea, casting its beams of light on the dark waters far below.
21. Because the people were afraid the invading army would completely _____ their village in its wake of destruction, they tried to bury some valuables for protection.
22. The man's _____ made others despise him for showing off; everyone knew he was smart, and his flaunting his intelligence and knowledge was disgusting.
23. The man made only a _____ attempt at doing the job; what he accomplished was worthless and practically insignificant.
24. The man handled the situation with such _____ that I could not help but be impressed; his diplomacy in such a delicate situation is to be admired.

Lesson 13

Definitions



1.	allure	uh LUR	to influence, sway, or entice with some tempting appeal
	Synonyms >>	attract, fascinate, charm	Antonym >>
	The child tried to allure the stray dog into her yard with a piece of bread.		
	Derivatives >>	allured, alluring, allures, allurement, allurer	
2.	apathy	AP uh thee	a lack of concern or feeling, indifference
	Synonyms >>	phlegm, stoicism, stolidness	Antonym >> enthusiastic devotion
	The man looked upon the turn of events with apathy.		
	Derivatives >>	apathetic, apathetical, apathetically	
3.	auspicious	aw SPISH us	favorable
	Synonyms >>	propitious	Antonym >> ill-omened
	Making an "A" on the first test was an auspicious way to begin the year.		
	Derivatives >>	auspiciously, auspiciousness	
4.	caricature	KARE uh kuh chur	a portrayal where features are distorted, a parody
	Synonyms >>	burlesque, travesty	Antonym >> somber portrait
	The caricature of the presidential nominee was hysterical.		
	Derivatives >>	caricatured, caricaturing, caricaturist	
5.	cordial	KOR jul	courteous and gracious; friendly; warm
	Synonyms >>	affectionate, genial, cheering	Antonym >>
	We received a very cordial reception from the hostess of the party.		
	Derivatives >>	cordially, cordialness, cordiality	
6.	cosmopolitan	koz muh POL uh tun	dealing with the whole world
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> parochial
	His cosmopolitan views make him a natural delegate to the world convention.		
	Derivatives >>	cosmopolitanism, cosmopolite	
7.	deplore	deh PLORE	to regret deeply or strongly; to feel or to express deep grief for
	Synonyms >>	bemoan, bewail, lament, mourn	Antonym >> to celebrate
	The students deplored the death of their teacher.		
	Derivatives >>	deplored, deploring, deploration, deplorer, deploringly	
8.	discrepant	deh SKREP unt	disagreeing, inconsistent
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> same; consistent
	The auditor became suspicious when he found the discrepant accounts.		
	Derivatives >>	discrepancy, discrepantly	
9.	ecstasy	EK stuh see	extreme happiness
	Synonyms >>	rapture, transport	Antonym >> wretchedness
	The music was so beautiful that it put the crowd into a state of ecstasy.		
	Derivatives >>	ecstatic, ecstasical, ecstatically	
10.	empathy	EM puh the	understanding or identification with another's feelings or situation
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> unconcern; disinterest
	Having been discriminated against, I have a lot of empathy for those seeking equal pay for equal work.		
	Derivatives >>	empathetic, empathetically, empathize	
11.	equivocal	eh KWIV uh kul	ambiguous (usually intended to mislead)
	Synonyms >>	abstruse, ambiguous, cryptic, enigmatic, obscure, recondite	Antonym >> clear; straightforward
	His speech was difficult to understand because of all his equivocal statements.		
	Derivatives >>	equivocacy, equivocality, equivocally, equivocalness, equivocate, equivocation, equivocator, equivocity	

12.	expeditious	ek speh DISH us	done with speed and efficiency
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> sluggish
	You need to be expeditious in solving this matter.		
	Derivatives >>	expedite, expeditor, expedition, expeditionary, expeditioner, expeditiously, expeditiousness, expeditive	
13.	galvanize	GAL vuh nize	to stimulate or to excite as if by an electric shock
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to calm; to soothe
	We are hoping that these new discoveries will galvanize the public support of our research.		
	Derivatives >>	galvanization, galvanized, galvanizer, galvanic	
14.	implacable	im PLAK uh bul	incapable of being appeased
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> yielding
	That young man is the enemy of the implacable woman standing in the corner; she will never stop hating him.		
	Derivatives >>	implacability, implacableness, implacably	
15.	inimitable	eh NIM eh tuh bul	not able to be imitated
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> imitable
	He has his own inimitable way of doing things.		
	Derivatives >>	inimitability, inimitableness, inimitably	
16.	mutability	myoo tuh BILL uh tee	the degree to which something is subject and likely to change
	Synonyms >>	inconsistency	Antonym >> consistency
	The mutability of his opinions was because of political pressures; these alone caused his changing attitudes.		
	Derivatives >>	mutable, mutably, mutation	
17.	odious	OH dee us	deserving hate or contempt
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> respectable
	Pornography is an odious business.		
	Derivatives >>	odiously, odiousness, odium	
18.	parochial	puh ROE key ul	limited in range or scope, narrow, provincial
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> broadminded
	Having parochial attitudes, she was not receptive to new ideas.		
	Derivatives >>	parochialism, parochiality, parochialize, parochially	
19.	penchant	PEN chunt	a strong inclination
	Synonyms >>	leaning, proclivity, propensity	Antonym >> disinclination
	He has a penchant for chemistry, and he has won many science awards.		
	Derivatives >>	penchants	
20.	ponderous	PON dur us	very heavy, unwieldy from weight
	Synonyms >>	cumbersome, cumbrous	Antonym >> lightweight
	The ponderous furniture was hard to move, and thus became a burden.		
	Derivatives >>	ponderosity, ponderously, ponderousness	
21.	protract	pro TRAKT	to prolong
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to shorten
	The union hopes to protract the strike in order to force management to settle.		
	Derivatives >>	protractedly, protractedness, pretractible, protraction, protractive	
22.	replete	reh PLETE	filled to capacity, abundantly supplied
	Synonyms >>	plenary	Antonym >> devoid
	The bar was replete with every possible kind of alcohol.		
	Derivatives >>	repletteness, repletion, repletive	
23.	soporific	sop uh RIF ik	something that tends to cause sleep and to dull awareness or alertness
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> exciting
	Quiet music late at night is soporific.		
	Derivatives >>	soporiferous, soporiferously, soporiferousness, soporifical, soporifically	
24.	strident	STRIDE unt	loud and harsh sounding
	Synonyms >>	raucous, stentorian, boisterous, clamorous, obstreperous	Antonym >> soft and pleasant
	The teacher used a strident voice when reprimanding a student.		
	Derivatives >>	stridently	
25.	treachery	TRECH uh ree	violation of faith; betrayal of trust; treason
	Synonyms >>	disloyalty	Antonym >>
	The man's ruthless act of treachery was expected.		
	Derivatives >>	treacheries, treacherous, treacherously, treacherousness	

Lesson 13

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. | allure | a. | to regret deeply; to lament |
| _____ | 2. | apathy | b. | lack of concern; indifference |
| _____ | 3. | auspicious | c. | a parody; comic imitation |
| _____ | 4. | caricature | d. | disagreeing; inconsistent |
| _____ | 5. | cordial | e. | extreme happiness |
| _____ | 6. | cosmopolitan | f. | dealing with the whole world |
| _____ | 7. | deplore | g. | to influence, sway, or entice |
| _____ | 8. | discrepant | h. | quick and efficient |
| _____ | 9. | ecstasy | i. | favorable |
| _____ | 10. | empathy | j. | ambiguous; not clear |
| _____ | 11. | equivocal | k. | courteous; friendly |
| _____ | 12. | expeditious | l. | understanding of another's feelings |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|------------|----|----------------------------------|
| _____ | 1. | galvanize | a. | a strong inclination |
| _____ | 2. | implacable | b. | narrow-minded; provincial |
| _____ | 3. | inimitable | c. | incapable of being appeased |
| _____ | 4. | mutability | d. | filled to capacity |
| _____ | 5. | odious | e. | very heavy; unwieldy |
| _____ | 6. | parochial | f. | to prolong |
| _____ | 7. | penchant | g. | deserving hate or contempt |
| _____ | 8. | ponderous | h. | tending to cause sleep |
| _____ | 9. | protract | i. | to stimulate or to excite |
| _____ | 10. | replete | j. | loud and harsh sounding |
| _____ | 11. | soporific | k. | violation of faith; treason |
| _____ | 12. | strident | l. | not able to be imitated |
| _____ | 13. | treachery | m. | ability to change; inconsistency |

Lesson 13

Sentence Completion



allure	apathetic	auspicious	caricature
cordial	cosmopolitan	deplore	discrepant
ecstasy	empathy	equivocal	expeditious

1. The painting was a _____ which distorted the woman's nose so that it resembled that of an elephant.
2. I was in a state of _____ as we flew over the Grand Canyon; never before had I been so excited about seeing something so incredible.
3. _____ and uncaring, the student filled his essay with nonsense.
4. The politician seemed to have no _____ with the poor people of the nation and could not identify with their problems.
5. My wife's checkbook is almost always _____ with mine; we can never seem to get the two to match each other.
6. Seeing her ex-boyfriend wasn't an _____ event, but then she never seems to have any good luck where men are concerned.
7. The man's _____ attitudes obviously resulted from his many world-wide travels.
8. The woman was friendly and _____, kind to everyone she met.
9. The government expects the people to be _____ about filing their income tax returns; there is a fine for those who don't file them on time.
10. I don't mean to be _____ about the matter, but I simply can't make up my mind about what I want to do.
11. The perfume is designed to _____ and entice men; as soon as the woman puts it on, she is supposed to get a man's eager attention.
12. The people _____ the conditions of the starving masses, but their deep grief is not enough to change the situation.

Lesson 13



galvanize	implacable	inimitable	mutability	odious
parochial	penchant	ponderous	protract	replete
soporific	strident	treachery		

13. He has his own _____ way of doing things; people try to copy him, but they always fall short of it.
14. The politician's skill in oratory enabled him to _____ the public support of his constituency; the people were finally stimulated into action.
15. The man is an _____ tyrant; nothing will appease him when he is angry.
16. I fell asleep in her class because her lectures were so _____.
17. The teacher used a _____ voice when reprimanding the student; because she was loud and harsh, she got the child's attention.
18. The evangelist expressed his contempt for the _____ pornography business in this country.
19. His views on the subject were rather _____; they were narrow-minded and petty.
20. It is the _____ of man that allows for an ever-changing society such as ours.
21. Sally's _____ for travel has helped her to become acquainted with foreign countries and customs; she has always had an inclination for world travel.
22. The field is _____ with insects; it must, therefore, be sprayed if we intend to reduce the numbers of pests.
23. The criminal was angered by having to drag the long, heavy, _____ chain that was fastened to his leg.
24. The numerous stoplights in the city are likely to _____ my journey by many hours; it may take longer traveling this route.
25. We could not believe the _____ of the man; he had actually committed treason.

Lesson 14

Definitions



1.	adulterate	uh DUL ter ate	to make impure by adding lesser substances; to corrupt
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to purify
	The authorities were concerned that the drugs might have been adulterated intentionally.		
	Derivatives >>	adulterator, adulterant, adulteration, adulterine, adulterous, adulterated, adulterating	
2.	animosity	an uh MAH suh tee	harsh feelings, enmity, resentment, hatred
	Synonyms >>	animus, antagonism, antipathy, enmity, hostility, rancor	Antonym >> love
	I have a lot of animosity for him, since he attempted to steal my girlfriend.		
	Derivatives >>	animus	
3.	apocryphal	uh PA kra ful	of doubtful origin or authenticity, not genuine
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> of known origin; genuine
	The jury saw through the apocryphal tears of the witness.		
	Derivatives >>	apocryphally, apocryphalness	
4.	avarice	AV uh ris	greed for wealth
	Synonyms >>	cupidity	Antonym >> generosity
	Avarice and gluttony are two vices that can destroy lives.		
	Derivatives >>	avaricious, avariciously, avariciousness	
5.	coalesce	ko uh LESS	to merge, to fuse, to join, or to unite
	Synonyms >>	amalgamate, commingle	Antonym >> to break up; to disperse
	If the party can coalesce diverse groups into a united force, it might win the election.		
	Derivatives >>	coalesced, coalescing, coalescent	
6.	collaborate	kuh LAB uh rate	to work together
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to work alone
	Sometimes singers who have never worked together will collaborate to make a new album.		
	Derivatives >>	collaborated, collaborating, collaboration, collaborationism, collaborationist, collaborative, collaborator	
7.	cryptic	KRIP tik	mysterious, secret
	Synonyms >>	abstruse, ambiguous, enigmatic, obscure, recondite	Antonym >> clear; revealed
	I did not understand his cryptic message.		
	Derivatives >>	cryptical, cryptically, cryptogram, cryptography, cryptonym, cryptonymous	
8.	desultory	DES ul tore ee	jumping around, aimless, random
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> concentrated
	The man's desultory attempts at finding employment wasted his time.		
	Derivatives >>	desultorious, desultoriness, desultorily, desultor	
9.	dissipation	dis uh PAY shun	wasteful spending, squandering
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> collection
	Even though he inherited a million dollars, I expect quick dissipation of his fortune.		
	Derivatives >>	dissipate, dissipated, dissipatedly, dissipatedness, dissipater, dissipative	
10.	edifying	ED uh fie ing	instructing and improving spiritually or morally
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> heinous; nefarious
	Visiting the cathedral was an edifying experience.		
	Derivatives >>	edification, edificatory, edify, edifier, edifyingness	
11.	equivocate	eh KWIV uh kate	to attempt to lie, to mislead, or to hide the truth
	Synonyms >>	palter, prevaricate	Antonym >> to tell the truth
	Tell the truth and do not attempt to equivocate.		
	Derivatives >>	equivocal, equivocacy, equivocality, equivocally, equivocalness, equivocation, equivocator, equivocality	

12.	espousing	eh SPOUZ ing	marrying, giving one's loyalty; adopting or embracing a cause
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> denying
	The politician seems to be espousing the issue of decreased taxation in order to gain supporters.		
	Derivatives >>	espoused, espousing, espousal, espouser	
13.	hedonist	HEED un ist	one who seeks pleasure as the sole aim in life
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> ascetic
	The world is full of hedonists who seek nothing but their own pleasures.		
	Derivatives >>	hedonism, hedonistically, hedonistical, hedonics, hedonic, hedonically	
14.	indefatigable	in deh FAT uh guh bul	tireless, incapable of being fatigued
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> easily tired
	The indefatigable army moved ahead steadily over the many days without rest.		
	Derivatives >>	indefatigability, indefatigableness, indefatigably	
15.	interminable	in TUR mun uh bul	having or seeming to have no end, wearisomely protracted
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> short and limited
	Although the reading assignment was only ten pages, it seemed interminable to the bored student.		
	Derivatives >>	interminability, interminableness, interminably, interminate	
16.	naive	na EVE	unsophisticated; inexperienced
	Synonyms >>	natural, artless, ingenuous	Antonym >> sophisticated; experienced; wise
	Many naive young women go to Hollywood believing that they will become movie stars.		
	Derivatives >>	naively, naivete, naiveness, naivety	
17.	parody	PAIR uh dee	humorous or ridiculous imitation
	Synonyms >>	burlesque, caricature, travesty	Antonym >> reverent imitation
	Many skits on "Saturday Night Live" are parodies of current events.		
	Derivatives >>	parodies	
18.	peripheral	puh RIF ur ul	on the edge, not important
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> central; essential; at the core
	Let's discuss the main topic now and save peripheral issues for later.		
	Derivatives >>	peripheral, peripheric, peripheralism, peripherally, peripherically, periphery	
19.	portent	PORE tent	a sign or forewarning
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The stock market crash was a portent of the coming of a depression.		
	Derivatives >>	portentive, portentous, portentously, portentousness	
20.	prodigious	pruh DIJ us	extraordinary in bulk, quantity, or degree, great in size, enormous
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> puny; minuscule
	His prodigious appetite allowed him to eat the entire turkey.		
	Derivatives >>	prodigiously, prodigiousness	
21.	profane	pruh FANE	showing contempt toward sacred things
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> holy
	Profane language will not be tolerated on the tennis court.		
	Derivatives >>	profanation, profanatory, profanely, profaneness, profaner, profanity	
22.	respite	RES pit	a rest, a delay, a period of relief
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> continuance
	I enjoy a quiet lunch that serves a respite from my tense job of being an air traffic controller.		
	Derivatives >>	respiteless	
23.	sordid	SOR did	filthy, foul
	Synonyms >>	abject, ignoble, mean	Antonym >> nice; harmless
	The sordid details of the brutal ax murder sickened the jurors.		
	Derivatives >>	sordidness, sordidly	
24.	surfeited	SUR feh ted	fed or supplied to excess
	Synonyms >>	cloyed, glutted, gorged, palled, sated, satiated	Antonym >> starved
	I was surfeited after having eaten so much food at the banquet.		
	Derivatives >>	surfeit, surfeiter	
25.	trifling	TRY fling	not significant, frivolous
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> important; significant
	Some think that watching MTV is a trifling experience.		
	Derivatives >>	trifle, trifled, trifling, trifles	

Lesson 14

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. | adulterate | a. | greed for wealth |
| _____ | 2. | animosity | b. | to work together |
| _____ | 3. | apocryphal | c. | squandering; foolish spending |
| _____ | 4. | avarice | d. | to mislead or to hide the truth |
| _____ | 5. | coalesce | e. | mysterious; secret |
| _____ | 6. | collaborate | f. | to corrupt |
| _____ | 7. | cryptic | g. | to merge; to fuse; to unite |
| _____ | 8. | desultory | h. | to marry; to give one's loyalty |
| _____ | 9. | dissipation | i. | not genuine; of unknown origin |
| _____ | 10. | edifying | j. | harsh feelings; enmity; hate |
| _____ | 11. | equivocate | k. | aimless; random |
| _____ | 12. | espouse | l. | instructing and improving spiritually |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|---------------|----|------------------------------------|
| _____ | 1. | hedonist | a. | a sign or forewarning |
| _____ | 2. | indefatigable | b. | unsophisticated |
| _____ | 3. | interminable | c. | one who feels pleasure only |
| _____ | 4. | naive | d. | unending |
| _____ | 5. | parody | e. | enormous; vast; huge |
| _____ | 6. | peripheral | f. | tireless |
| _____ | 7. | portent | g. | filthy; foul |
| _____ | 8. | prodigious | h. | fed or supplied to excess |
| _____ | 9. | profane | i. | not significant; frivolous |
| _____ | 10. | respite | j. | reprieve; interval of rest |
| _____ | 11. | sordid | k. | relating to external boundary |
| _____ | 12. | surfeited | l. | humorous, ridiculous imitation |
| _____ | 13. | trifling | m. | showing contempt for sacred things |

Lesson 14

Sentence Completion



adulterate	animosity	apocryphal	avarice
coalesce	collaborate	cryptic	desultory
dissipation	edifying	equivocate	espousing

1. We tried to avoid the conversation when we saw the _____ that the woman had about the issue; she was extremely angry and resentful about the matter.
2. Though each man had his own opinion, the group decided to _____ into a unified force against the enemy.
3. Although the heroine over-acted, she did not stop the morally uplifting play from _____ me.
4. We encouraged the scientist not to _____ the substance with the additional chemicals; we preferred it in its pure form.
5. The meaning of the _____ note was hidden from everyone who looked at it.
6. The woman saw a steady _____ of her funds as she continually spent her money on such frivolous items as jewelry and make-up.
7. The _____ of the man was obvious when he wanted everything he saw; it was the result of being raised in such a greedy family.
8. Witnesses are encouraged to tell the truth and not to attempt to _____; telling lies on the witness stand is punishable.
9. The jury saw through the _____ tears of the witness, knowing they weren't genuine.
10. The class was told to _____ on the assignment so that no one would have to do all the work totally alone.
11. The woman is _____ the MADD program because she lost her son in a DWI-related accident; otherwise, she would not adopt the cause so seriously.
12. The man made only _____ attempts at finding employment with random visits to companies when he was in the mood.

Lesson 14



hedonists	indefatigable	interminable	naive	parody
peripheral	portent	prodigious	profane	respite
sordid	surfeited	trifling		

13. My teacher gave us a huge amount of homework, a _____ task by anyone's standards.
14. You must use your _____ vision when performing in a marching band so that you can watch those on each side of you while you look straight ahead.
15. A quiet walk in the woods would be a nice _____ from the drudgery of city life; we all need a relaxing break once in awhile.
16. The world is becoming full of _____ who are only interested in fulfilling their sensual desires and nothing more.
17. Although the reading assignment was only ten pages, it seemed _____ to the bored students.
18. The comedian's skit was a _____ of the recent inaugural address; although it was intended to be funny, not many people laughed.
19. The young men were raised to believe that anyone who dared to _____ the sacred words would pay for his contempt with his life.
20. The large raindrops were a _____ of the thunderous storm about to occur.
21. The starving boys were finally able to eat until they were _____.
22. Many people are making money from printing _____ details of scandal, pornography and violence; some unscrupulous people seem to like such filth.
23. Some teachers regard watching videos a _____ waste of time; they think I should avoid such frivolous pastimes and do more studying.
24. The candidate was _____, working tirelessly for months in order to win the election.
25. Even a beginner should not be so _____ and so unsophisticated as she is.

Lesson 15

Definitions



1.	abate	uh BAYT	to reduce in intensity or amount
	Synonyms >>	decrease, diminish, dwindle, ebb, lessen, reduce, wane	Antonym >> to increase
	The flood waters abated after forty days of rain.		
	Derivatives >>	abatable, abater, abatement, abated, abating	
2.	antecedent	an tuh SEE dunt	preceding a cause
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> following; later
	The argument between the two men was antecedent to the fight which followed.		
	Derivatives >>	antecedence, antecedency, antecede, antecedently	
3.	arid	AIR id	very dry
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> moist
	The desert is an arid place.		
	Derivatives >>	aridity, aridness, aridly	
4.	baneful	BANE ful	a source of harm or destruction; harmful, destructive
	Synonyms >>	deleterious, detrimental, noxious, pernicious	Antonym >> benign influence; harmless
	Overeating was the bane of her existence. The baneful herbs made the woman extremely ill.		
	Derivatives >>	baneful, banefully, banefulness	
5.	beleaguer	buh LEEG er	to harass
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to shield from
	The scandal caused the President to be beleaguered by the press.		
	Derivatives >>	beleaguered, beleaguerer	
6.	contempt	kun TEMPT	scorn, extreme dislike or disdain
	Synonyms >>	despicableness, pitiableness, scurviness	Antonym >> respect
	The man treated the gossiping woman with contempt; talking about other people was beneath his dignity.		
	Derivatives >>	contemptible, contemptuous	
7.	cynical	SIN uh kul	given to faultfinding, sneering, and sarcasm; exhibiting mocking disbelief
	Synonyms >>	misanthropic, pessimistic, misogynic	Antonym >>
	Some people are so cynical they sneer at everything that would make life worthwhile.		
	Derivatives >>	cynic, cynically, cynicism	
8.	dexterous	DEK struss	skillful and active with the hands; manually adroit and skillful
	Synonyms >>	deft, handy	Antonym >> clumsy
	The machine shop advertised for a dexterous worker.		
	Derivatives >>	dexterity, dexterously, dexterousness, dextral	
9.	dour	DOUR, DOW ur	sullen, stern, harsh
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> cheerful in appearance
	His dour behavior was caused by the rain washing out his golf game.		
	Derivatives >>	dourly, dourer, dourest	
10.	exalt	ig ZALT	to glorify, to praise, to raise in rank
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to defame; to deprecate
	The woman was exalted for her successes in the field of science.		
	Derivatives >>	exalted, exalting, exalts, exaltation, exaltingly, exaltedness, exalter	
11.	felicitous	feh LIS eh tus	happy or delightful
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> sad; gloomy; morose
	Her marriage was a felicitous occasion.		
	Derivatives >>	felicitate, felicitic, felicitation, felicitously, felicitousness, felicity	

12.	impeccable	im PEK uh bul	free from fault or blame
	Synonyms >>	flawless, irrepochable	Antonym >> flawed
	She was a woman of impeccable character and could not be blamed for the smallest wrongdoing.		
	Derivatives >>	impeccability, impeccableness, impeccably	
13.	imperturbable	im pur TUR buh bul	marked by extreme calm, impassivity, assurance and steadiness
	Synonyms >>	composed, collected, cool, unruffled, nonchalant	Antonym >> frantic
	Before the accident he seemed imperturbable, but now he is becoming frantic.		
	Derivatives >>	imperturbability, imperturbableness, imperturbably, imperturbation, imperturbed	
14.	malleable	MAL ee uh bul	capable of being shaped, influenced, or altered; tractable
	Synonyms >>	plastic, pliable, pliant, ductile	Antonym >> unpliable
	Gold is a malleable metal.		
	Derivatives >>	malleability, malleabilization, malleableize, malleableness	
15.	mortify	MORE tuh fie	to humiliate, to wound pride, to experience shame
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to calm; to soothe
	It would simply mortify me to have someone say such shameful things about my family.		
	Derivatives >>	mortifyingly, mortifier, mortified, mortifiedly, mortification	
16.	obdurate	OB doo rit	extremely stubborn, unwilling to accept advice
	Synonyms >>	inflexible, inexorable, adamant	Antonym >> tractable
	She was obdurate in her refusal to listen to our concerns about her cocaine problem.		
	Derivatives >>	obdurately, obdurateness, obduration, obdure, obduracy	
17.	platitide	PLAT eh tood	trite remark, banal statement
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> profundity
	That politician can spout platitudes, but he has never passed a bill that has substance.		
	Derivatives >>	platitudinal, platitudinarian, platitudinize, platitudinous, platitudinously	
18.	profligate	PROF luh git	a wasteful person; extremely wasteful, given to licentiousness
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> thrifty
	The profligate son wasted the family fortune on wine, women, and song.		
	Derivatives >>	profligacy, profligated, profligately, profligateness	
19.	pugnacious	pug NAY shus	looking for a fight, combative, belligerent
	Synonyms >>	bellicose, contentious, quarrelsome	Antonym >> peaceful
	There are many pugnacious punks at the high school that bully other students.		
	Derivatives >>	pugnaciously, pugnaciousness, pugnacity	
20.	savory	SAY vuh ree	appetizing
	Synonyms >>	palatable, toothsome	Antonym >> unappetizing
	My mother is known for her savory meals.		
	Derivatives >>	savor, savored, savorer, savorily, savoriness, savoringly, savorous, savorsome	
21.	spurn	SPURN	to reject or to refuse with hostility
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to embrace
	The woman had always viewed the man with disdain and would spurn his attempts at friendship forever.		
	Derivatives >>	spurner, spurned, spurning	
22.	supercilious	soo pur SIL ee us	haughty, vain and arrogant
	Synonyms >>	disdainful, high-handed, insolent, lordly	Antonym >> servile
	I do not like your arrogant and supercilious attitude toward poor people.		
	Derivatives >>	superciliously, superciliousness	
23.	trite	TRITE	overused, commonplace, hackneyed
	Synonyms >>	threadbare	Antonym >> unusual
	This essay is full of trite phrases; it needs a fresh approach, avoiding phrases so hackneyed and overused.		
	Derivatives >>	triter, tritest, tritely, triteness	
24.	vociferous	voe SIF ur us	clamorous; boisterous (suggests a vehement outcry)
	Synonyms >>	blatant, obstreperous, strident	Antonym >> quiet; subdued
	The rock crowd became vociferous in its anger when it was announced that the show was cancelled.		
	Derivatives >>	vociferator, vociferously, vociferousness	
25.	vulgarity	vul GAR eh tee	something offensive to good taste and refinement
	Synonyms >>	coarseness, grossness, obscenity, ribaldness	Antonym >> refinement
	She chose to ignore the vulgarity of his crude remark.		
	Derivatives >>	vulgar, vulgarian, vulgarism, vulgarization, vulgarize, vulgarizer	

Lesson 15

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

- | | | |
|-------|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| _____ | 1. abate | a. very dry |
| _____ | 2. antecedent | b. skillful with the hands; deft |
| _____ | 3. arid | c. harmful or destructive |
| _____ | 4. baneful | d. to decrease; to subside |
| _____ | 5. beleaguer | e. scorn; dislike; disdain |
| _____ | 6. contempt | f. free from fault or blame |
| _____ | 7. cynical | g. sullen; stern; harsh |
| _____ | 8. dexterous | h. festive; wonderful; happy |
| _____ | 9. dour | i. to harass or to surround |
| _____ | 10. exalt | j. to glorify; to praise; to extol |
| _____ | 11. felicitous | k. preceding; existing before |
| _____ | 12. impeccable | l. given to faultfinding and sarcasm |

Exercise B

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|-------|------------------|--|
| _____ | 1. imperturbable | a. haughty; vain; arrogant |
| _____ | 2. malleable | b. combative; belligerent |
| _____ | 3. mortify | c. stubborn; obstinate |
| _____ | 4. obdurate | d. extremely wasteful |
| _____ | 5. platitude | e. something offensive |
| _____ | 6. profligate | f. trite remark; banal statement |
| _____ | 7. pugnacious | g. marked by extreme calm |
| _____ | 8. savory | h. clamorous; boisterous |
| _____ | 9. spurn | i. appetizing |
| _____ | 10. supercilious | j. overused; hackneyed; ordinary |
| _____ | 11. trite | k. to humiliate; to wound pride |
| _____ | 12. vociferous | l. capable of being altered |
| _____ | 13. vulgarity | m. to reject or to refuse with hostility |

Lesson 15

Sentence Completion



abate	antecedent	arid	baneful
beleaguered	contempt	cynical	dexterous
dour	exalt	felicitous	impeccable

1. The defendant believed his alibi was _____, so perfect that it would free him from blame, leaving him no need to worry.
2. The sarcastic, faultfinding student offered his peers nothing but _____ comments.
3. The clown's _____ left hand juggled three balls while his equally skillful right hand picked the spectator's pockets.
4. The officer wanted to _____ the soldier for his bravery; he enjoyed praising his men for good work.
5. Because it is so hot and dry, Death Valley is known as the most _____ region of the United States.
6. The _____ attitude of the girl was caused by a teacher's being harsh with her; she remained sullen for the entire day.
7. Homesteaders in the Old West were _____ during events like weddings; there were too few happy events in lives _____ by rampaging Indians and harassed by continual drought.
8. The decisions made _____ to the Supreme Court's ruling were independent of each other; however, those made afterward were all related.
9. The deadly spread of AIDS is a _____ epidemic plaguing the entire world.
10. The intensity of the storm began to _____; apparently the worst part was over.
11. The woman viewed the issue with hate and _____; because of her dislike, she would do anything in her power to change the situation.

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imperturbable	malleable	mortified	obdurate	platitudes
profligate	pugnacious	savory	spurn	supercilious
trite	vociferous	vulgarity		

12. The _____ child had to be expelled from school; he was embroiled in a different fight almost every day.
13. I do not like your arrogant and _____ attitude toward poor people.
14. I was looking forward to a _____ meal with an abundance of delicious desserts.
15. _____ are common sayings, yet even though they are _____ and overused, they can be a source of wisdom.
16. The defendant remained _____ throughout the trial; he had plenty of assurance that he would be found not guilty.
17. Some plastics are easily formed and _____ to even a child's molding, but most are hard and _____.
18. Deeply ashamed of the unadorned house in which I lived, I was _____ to have him come into my home.
19. The _____ wasted his money on a number of sins and vices.
20. Sam's childish behavior has caused his girlfriend to _____ him; she refuses to answer any of his calls.
21. The _____ mob resorted to _____ as it shouted obscenities and clamored for the prisoner's release.

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, 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			

Lesson 16

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 |

Lesson 16

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.

Lesson 16



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.

Lesson 17

Definitions



1.	abstemious	ab STEM ee us	sparing (usually in eating or drinking); temperate
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> gluttonous
	A person who is abstemious in his alcohol intake might not be welcome by that wild fraternity.		
	Derivatives >>	abstemiously, abstemiousness, abstention, abstentious	
2.	admonish	ad MAH nish	to caution, to advise, or to counsel against something
	Synonyms >>	warn, rebuke, censure, notify, jog, apprise, reprove, scold	Antonym >> to condone; to praise
	The teacher admonished him about excessively loud noise.		
	Derivatives >>	admonisher, admonishingly, admonishment, admonition, admonished	
3.	amity	AM uh tee	friendship
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> hostility
	That small town is well-known for its amity; the town has very friendly people.		
	Derivatives >>	amities	
4.	bastion	BASS chun	a fortification, a stronghold
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The enemy could not get past the bastion of the fort and therefore lost the battle.		
	Derivatives >>	bastioned	
5.	callous	KAL us	hardened; insensitive, indifferent, unsympathetic
	Synonyms >>	hard, inured, insensible, obtuse	Antonym >> soft, sensitive
	He became callous after many years in the war.		
	Derivatives >>	callously, callousness	
6.	clemency	KLEM un see	leniency
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> harshness
	Governors are usually allowed to grant clemency to deserving prisoners.		
	Derivatives >>	clemencies, clement, clemently	
7.	debunk	deh BUNGK	to expose the falseness or hypocrisy of something
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to cover up; to conceal
	The charlatan was quickly debunked by the perceptive doctor.		
	Derivatives >>	debunker, debunkers, debunked, debunking	
8.	diffuse	deh FYOOZ	to spread in all directions
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to bring together
	The rioting crowd was diffused by tear gas and water hoses.		
	Derivatives >>	diffusedness, diffusedly, diffusely, diffuseness, diffuser, diffusibility, diffusion, diffusible	
9.	dupe	DOOP, DYOOP	to trick, to fool, to deceive, or to cheat; to bilk
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	He was duped into investing his life savings into a bankrupt company.		
	Derivatives >>	duped, duping, dupery	
10.	exorcise	EK sor size	to expel an evil spirit, to get rid of something troublesome
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	I am going to try to exorcise all negative thoughts from my mind.		
	Derivatives >>	exorcisation, exorcise, exorcism, exorcismal, exorcisory, exorcist, exorcistate, exorcistical	
11.	finesse	feh NESS	delicate skill
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> clumsiness
	A successful diplomat must have finesse when dealing with representatives of other countries.		
	Derivatives >>	finessed, finessing	

12.	humility	hyoo MIL eh tee	the quality or state of being humble in spirit
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> pride; arrogance
	The humility of the man was astounding: he gave no sign of having excessive pride or arrogance.		
	Derivatives >>	humilities, humble, humbly	
13.	imperious	im PEER ee us	extremely overbearing
	Synonyms >>	domineering, imperative, masterful, preemptory	Antonym >> meek
	The imperious behavior of the dictator led to his overthrow.		
	Derivatives >>	imperiously, imperiousness	
14.	larceny	LAR suh nee	the act of stealing another's property
	Synonyms >>	theft	Antonym >>
	After being convicted of larceny, the man offered to return the stolen items for a shorter prison term.		
	Derivatives >>	larcener, larcenist, larcenous, larcenously, larcenies	
15.	mirth	MURTH	gladness and merriment usually accompanied by laughter
	Synonyms >>	glee, hilarity, jollity	Antonym >> sadness
	The party was a source of mirth and gaiety.		
	Derivatives >>	mirthful, mirthfully, mirthfulness, mirthless, mirthlessly, mirthlessness	
16.	mollify	MOL eh fie	to soothe or to appease, to assuage
	Synonyms >>	conciliate, pacify, placate, propitiate	Antonym >> to aggravate
	The woman promised to buy candy in order to mollify her screaming child.		
	Derivatives >>	mollification, mollifyingly, mollifier, mollifiable	
17.	neologism	nee OL uh jiz um	a newly coined word or phrase; new use of a word (often disapproved of)
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The student received a low grade because of the neologism in his paper.		
	Derivatives >>	neology, neological, neologian, neologist, neologistic, neologize	
18.	orthodox	OR thuh doks	conforming to established standards, conventional
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> unconventional
	The church is founded upon a set of orthodox views.		
	Derivatives >>	orthodoxness, orthodoxical, orthodoxically, orthodoxism, orthodoxly, orthodoxy	
19.	plight	PLITE	difficult or adverse situation
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> fortunate situation
	My plight is that I do not have enough money to pay my bills.		
	Derivatives >>	plights, plighted, plighting	
20.	repertoire	REP ur twar	a list of works of music or readings that are ready for performance
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The orchestra has added some selections of Mozart to its repertoire.		
	Derivatives >>	repertorial, repertorium, repertory	
21.	rupture	RUP chur	to break apart, to burst
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to repair; to mend
	The rupture of the appendix is a life-threatening situation.		
	Derivatives >>	ruptured, rupturing	
22.	solicitous	suh LIS eh tus	worried, concerned
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> unconcerned
	He was very solicitous about the health of his ill grandmother.		
	Derivatives >>	solicitously, solicitousness, solicitude	
23.	stolid	STOL id	showing little emotion
	Synonyms >>	apathetic, phlegmatic, stoic	Antonym >> emotional
	He always has a stolid appearance at the poker table.		
	Derivatives >>	stolidly, stolidity	
24.	tempestuous	tem PES choo us	turbulent, stormy
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> calm
	The mayoral candidates had a tempestuous debate in which they exchanged many personal accusations.		
	Derivatives >>	tempestuously, tempestuousness, tempest	
25.	untenable	un TEN uh bul	not able to be defended
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> defensible
	Taking a bribe is an untenable act for a politician.		
	Derivatives >>	untenability, untenableness	

Lesson 17

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. | abstemious | a. | insensitive; hardened |
| _____ | 2. | admonish | b. | to spread in all directions |
| _____ | 3. | amity | c. | to caution against; to scold |
| _____ | 4. | bastion | d. | delicate skill |
| _____ | 5. | callous | e. | quality of being humble |
| _____ | 6. | clemency | f. | forgiveness; leniency |
| _____ | 7. | debunk | g. | to expel something evil |
| _____ | 8. | diffuse | h. | sparing; temperate |
| _____ | 9. | dupe | i. | fortification; stronghold |
| _____ | 10. | exorcise | j. | to trick; to fool; to cheat |
| _____ | 11. | finesse | k. | friendship; goodwill; peace |
| _____ | 12. | humility | l. | to expose the falseness of something |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|-------------|----|-----------------------------------|
| _____ | 1. | imperious | a. | difficult or adverse situation |
| _____ | 2. | larceny | b. | gladness or merriment |
| _____ | 3. | mirth | c. | showing little emotion |
| _____ | 4. | mollify | d. | to break apart; to burst |
| _____ | 5. | neologism | e. | turbulent; stormy |
| _____ | 6. | orthodox | f. | stealing of another's property |
| _____ | 7. | plight | g. | to soothe; to appease |
| _____ | 8. | repertoire | h. | not able to be defended |
| _____ | 9. | rupture | i. | concerned; worried |
| _____ | 10. | solicitous | j. | new use of a word |
| _____ | 11. | stolid | k. | extremely overbearing |
| _____ | 12. | tempestuous | l. | conventional |
| _____ | 13. | untenable | m. | music that is prepared to perform |

Lesson 17

Sentence Completion



abstemious	admonish	amity	bastion
callous	clemency	debunk	diffused
dupe	exorcise	finesse	humility

1. Because of the child's angelic face, people generally approach her with natural _____, eager to be friendly with her.
2. Fortunately, the young boy was put only on probation; the judge treated his case with _____ and decided not to commit him to prison.
3. In order to lose weight, the woman was _____ in her consumption of fatty foods.
4. I am going to try to _____ all negative thoughts from my mind; I know removing them will be hard, but it is worth the effort to try.
5. She handled the hysterical woman with a great deal of _____; she was able to calm the woman without upsetting her any further.
6. The United States is a _____ of freedom, a fortress of free speech and thought.
7. The television news reporter was determined to reveal the hypocrisy of the man and to _____ his "get rich quick" scheme.
8. Although the pearls were _____ across a wide area, they were easy to find as they sparkled in the sun.
9. In some parts of the world, medicine men _____ sick people, tricking them into believing that a harmless substance is actually medicine.
10. _____ is a virtue that many people lack; instead, they are proud and arrogant.
11. The mother began to _____ the child softly, but then her scolding became louder and louder.
12. The man has become _____ after so many years of hardship and pain; now he hardly has any feelings left at all.

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imperious	larceny	mirth	mollify	neologisms
orthodox	plight	repertoire	rupture	solicitous
stolid	tempestuous	untenable		

13. Jeremy frequently finds himself in difficult situations; his latest _____ is a love triangle.
14. The reason the man stopped stealing other people's property is that he had been convicted of _____ three times, and he was afraid of being caught again.
15. An apology was the only thing that would _____ and soothe her hurt feelings.
16. The group was made up of _____ Christians who were extremely conventional in their beliefs.
17. The king called in his jester, proclaiming, "What is needed in this court is _____. I want merriment and laughter."
18. When the earthquake occurred, it caused a _____ in the earth several feet wide; the hole eventually had to be filled for safety reasons.
19. Our uncle was very _____ about our education; as a result of his concern, he provided us with special tutors to insure our success.
20. The _____ of the musician was extremely broad and diversified; he knew hundreds of pieces.
21. He was a quiet, _____ man, not easily aroused or excited.
22. My term paper was severely criticized for the many words I coined, _____ which I thought were quite extraordinary.
23. The _____ tempers of the men caused them both to storm out of the room in anger at the slightest word.
24. Taking a bribe is an _____ act for a politician; there is simply no defense for that kind of behavior.
25. The people overthrew the dictator because of his _____, overbearing rule.

Lesson 18

Definitions



1.	accord	uh KORD	agreement, state of harmony
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> disharmony; disagreement
	We are in accord concerning the method of handling this problem.		
	Derivatives >>	accordable, accorder, accordance, accordant	
2.	annulment	uh NUL munt	a voiding, invalidation
	Synonyms >>	abrogation, invalidation, negation, nullification, extirpation	Antonym >> consummation
	The two parties sought an annulment to the contract that bound them together.		
	Derivatives >>	annul, annulled, annulling, annulable	
3.	arduous	AR jew us	very difficult to accomplish or to achieve, very demanding (task)
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> easy; not difficult
	Training to be a gymnast is an arduous activity.		
	Derivatives >>	arduously, arduousness	
4.	astute	uh STOOT	shrewd, perspicacious, perceptive
	Synonyms >>	sagacious	Antonym >> undiscerning
	One must be astute to do a geometry proof.		
	Derivatives >>	astutely, astuteness	
5.	carping	KAR ping	finding fault
	Synonyms >>	captious, censorious, critical	Antonym >> praising
	My mother is always carping at me.		
	Derivatives >>	carp, carper, carpingly, carped	
6.	covert	KUV ert, KO vurt	secret, concealed
	Synonyms >>	clandestine, furtive, stealthy, surreptitious, underhanded	Antonym >> open, conspicuous
	The spy was engaged in many covert activities; it was his job to keep them secret.		
	Derivatives >>	covertly, covertness	
7.	desecrate	DES uh krate	to violate the sanctity of something, to profane, to adulterate
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to consecrate; to laud; to praise
	The hoodlums desecrated the cemetery by painting on the tombstones.		
	Derivatives >>	desecrater, desecration	
8.	dilatory	DIL uh tor ee	delaying, slow
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> proceeding
	The Senator is employing the filibuster as a dilatory tactic.		
	Derivatives >>	dilatoriness, dilatorily	
9.	esteem	eh STEEM	estimate of value; approval and respect often blended with fondness
	Synonyms >>	regard, valuation, reputation	Antonym >> disrespect
	The people held their leader in the highest esteem.		
	Derivatives >>	esteemed, esteeming, esteems, esteemable	
10.	expatriate	eks PAY tree ate	an exile
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> citizen
	I am now living in the United States, but I am an expatriate of Russia.		
	Derivatives >>	expatriation, expatriated, expatriating	
11.	fortuitous	fore TOO eh tus	something that happens by accident or chance (usually good)
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> predetermined
	Being picked first in the lottery is a fortuitous experience.		
	Derivatives >>	fortuitously, fortuitousness, fortuity	

12.	guileless	GILE les	without deceit		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	deceitful
		The voting public looks for a leader who is guileless; they want one who is full of integrity.			
	Derivatives >>	guileful, guilefulness, guileness, guilelessly, guilelessness, guilery			
13.	hackneyed	HAK need	trite, banal, lacking freshness		
	Synonyms >>	threadbare		Antonym >>	inventive; fresh
		The teacher instructed her students to avoid hackneyed phrases and instead to use something fresh and new.			
	Derivatives >>				
14.	illustrious	eh LUS tree us	notably outstanding, famous		
	Synonyms >>	celebrated, distinguished, eminent, noted, renowned		Antonym >>	infamous
		I was impressed by the illustrious personage at the ball.			
	Derivatives >>	illustriously, illustriousness			
15.	insatiable	in SAY shuh bul	incapable of being satisfied		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	capable of being satisfied
		She became quite fat because of her insatiable desire for chocolate.			
	Derivatives >>	insatiability, insatiableness, insatiably, insatiate, insatiated, insatiately, insatiateness, insatiety			
16.	loquacious	low KWAY shus	very talkative		
	Synonyms >>	garrulous, voluble		Antonym >>	taciturn
		The twins are quite different: one is taciturn and the other is loquacious.			
	Derivatives >>	loquaciousness, loquaciously, loquacity			
17.	neurotic	noo ROT ik	an emotionally unstable person; emotionally unstable		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	mentally healthy; sound mind
		My mother is so neurotic that she is difficult to be around.			
	Derivatives >>	neurotically, neuroticism, neurotogenic			
18.	parch	PARCH	to become dry from heat, to shrivel from heat		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to refresh
		The fruit was parched from staying in the sun so long.			
	Derivatives >>	parched, parchedly, parchedness, parches, parching			
19.	porous	PORE us	something that permits the passage of substances through pores		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	impermeable
		The porous material did not keep the rain off of us.			
	Derivatives >>	porosity, porose, porosis, porotic			
20.	rancid	RAN sid	having a foul or offensive smell or taste		
	Synonyms >>	fetid, fusty, malodorous, musty, noisome, putrid, rank		Antonym >>	pleasant
		A rancid odor came from the garbage pail.			
	Derivatives >>	rancidly, rancidness, rancidification, rancidify, rancidity			
21.	reconcile	REK un sile	to reestablish friendship, to resolve a dispute		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to alienate
		The family will never be the same until Mom and Grandma reconcile their differences.			
	Derivatives >>	reconcilability, reconcilable, reconcilableness, reconcilably, reconcileness, reconciliation, reconcilement, reconcile			
22.	saccharine	SAK uh rin	overly sweet attitude		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	vitriolic
		Her saccharine attitude disgusted me, but it seemed to win her many friends.			
	Derivatives >>	saccharinity			
23.	sonorous	suh NOR us, SAN uh	resonant, producing a full and rich sound		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
		Orson Wells was known for his sonorous voice.			
	Derivatives >>	sonorant, sonoriferous, sonoriferously, sonority, sonorization, sonorously, sonorousness			
24.	tentative	TEN tuh tiv	not fully worked out, provisional, uncertain		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	permanent
		We have a tentative arms-control agreement, but we hope to have a signed agreement by the end of the year.			
	Derivatives >>	tentatively, tentativeness			
25.	utility	yoo TIL eh tee	usefulness		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	uselessness
		A hammer has much utility to a carpenter.			
	Derivatives >>	utilize, utilizer, utilization			

Lesson 18

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. | accord | a. | delaying |
| _____ | 2. | annulment | b. | shrewd; perceptive |
| _____ | 3. | arduous | c. | to violate the sanctity of |
| _____ | 4. | astute | d. | secret; concealed |
| _____ | 5. | carping | e. | estimate of value; regard |
| _____ | 6. | covert | f. | finding fault |
| _____ | 7. | desecrate | g. | happening by accident |
| _____ | 8. | dilatory | h. | difficult to accomplish |
| _____ | 9. | esteem | i. | agreement; state of harmony |
| _____ | 10. | expatriate | j. | an exile |
| _____ | 11. | fortuitous | k. | without deceit |
| _____ | 12. | guileless | l. | invalidation; act of making void |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|-------------|----|--------------------------------------|
| _____ | 1. | hackneyed | a. | ordinary; commonplace; trite; banal |
| _____ | 2. | illustrious | b. | very talkative |
| _____ | 3. | insatiable | c. | not fully worked out |
| _____ | 4. | loquacious | d. | to reestablish friendship |
| _____ | 5. | neurotic | e. | permeable by water |
| _____ | 6. | parch | f. | incapable of being satisfied |
| _____ | 7. | porous | g. | excessively sweet |
| _____ | 8. | rancid | h. | having a foul smell or taste |
| _____ | 9. | reconcile | i. | notably outstanding; famous |
| _____ | 10. | saccharine | j. | resonant; producing full sound |
| _____ | 11. | sonorous | k. | usefulness |
| _____ | 12. | tentative | l. | emotionally unstable |
| _____ | 13. | utility | m. | to become dry or shriveled from heat |

Lesson 18

Sentence Completion



accord	annulment	arduous	astute
carping	covert	desecrate	dilatory
esteem	expatriate	fortuitous	guileless

1. Because the man was convinced that his wife was sufficiently sorry for writing the hot check, he stopped _____ on the issue; however, he soon found fault with her in other ways.
2. We seem to be in _____ concerning the handling of this problem; it is nice that we can finally agree on something.
3. It was a _____ occasion for us to meet the man; we certainly did not expect to have such luck as that.
4. The _____ man approached the people with absolute honesty; there was no indication of deceit about him.
5. Young children are taught to honor holy things; for instance, they cannot _____ the Holy Bible by drawing pictures on the pages of scripture.
6. The couple decided to seek an _____ of their wedding vows; they wanted to make the marriage invalid immediately.
7. The shrewd detective was most _____ as he cleverly stalked the suspect.
8. Most _____ activities involving the C.I.A. are kept secret from the American people.
9. James Baldwin spent much of his life as an _____, preferring to live in France rather than in his native America.
10. The man is held in highest _____ by all who know him; his friends have the utmost respect for him.
11. Her tears were a _____ tactic; she was merely trying to delay her punishment.
12. It was an _____ task which was assigned to me, but I finished it rather quickly even though it was difficult.

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hackneyed	illustrious	insatiable	loquacious	neurotic
parch	porous	rancid	reconcile	saccharine
sonorous	tentative	utility		

13. The man's _____ career was quickly ruined by the news of his behavior; as famous as he was, he still faced humiliation.
14. The twins are very different from each other; while one is quiet and reserved, the other is extremely _____, the most talkative child I know.
15. The language of that novel was _____; I found nothing fresh and creative whatsoever in its content.
16. Jan's _____ appetite for shrimp remained unsatisfied even after she had eaten twenty of them.
17. The couple was encouraged to _____ their differences and try to resolve their dispute.
18. The full, rich sounds of the singer's _____ voice echoed throughout the hall.
19. The hammer is considered an instrument of _____ to the carpenter; in his job, it is a useful tool.
20. After the first experiment, the man made a _____ judgment on the results; however, before he could be certain, he would complete the experiment three more times.
21. The _____ meat gave off a foul smell that warned of its spoilage.
22. My parents are complete opposites; one is mentally stable while the other is _____ and extremely emotional.
23. Some people are so insincere that their _____ smiles are almost sickening with artificial sweetness.
24. The sun will _____ the fruit if you leave it out too long; then it will be dried out, and we will not be able to eat it.
25. Because the vessel was too _____ to hold liquid, the water seeped into the soil beneath the container.

Lesson 19

Definitions



1.	adjunct	AD junkt	something joined or added to a thing but not necessarily a part of it
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	An adjunct professor is one who is associated with a college faculty only in a temporary or auxiliary manner.		
	Derivatives >>	adjunctive, adjunctively	
2.	anomalous	uh NAHM uh lus	out of place, abnormal
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> fitting a pattern
	Seeing a Toyota in the background of that World War II movie was anomalous.		
	Derivatives >>	anomalously, anomalousness, anomaly, anomalies	
3.	belligerent	buh LIJ er unt	waging war; inclined to or exhibiting assertiveness
	Synonyms >>	bellicose, pugnacious, combative, contentious, quarrelsome	Antonym >> peaceful
	A belligerent nation always seems to be at war.		
	Derivatives >>	belligerence, belligerency, belligerently	
4.	censure	SEN shur	to blame or to condemn
	Synonyms >>	denounce, reprehend, reprobate (verb)	Antonym >> to praise
	The congressman was censured for taking a bribe.		
	Derivatives >>	censured, censuring, censorer, censures	
5.	compliance	kum PLY uns	a yielding; acquiescence
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> rebellion
	We intend to be in full compliance with the court order.		
	Derivatives >>	compliant, compliantly, compliancy, compliant, compliablens, compliably	
6.	defile	deh FILE	to make dirty, to desecrate, to pollute
	Synonyms >>	contaminate, taint	Antonym >> to enhance
	The gang defiled the school with obscene graffiti.		
	Derivatives >>	defilement, defiler, defiling, defilingly	
7.	diligent	DIL eh junt	characterized by steady, attentive and energetic effort in a pursuit or study
	Synonyms >>	industrious, assiduous, sedulous	Antonym >>
	The students in the special course were studious and diligent.		
	Derivatives >>	diligence, diligency, diligently, diligentness	
8.	expedient	ik SPEE dee unt	appropriate for a purpose but not necessarily moral, right, or just.
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> disadvantageous
	In trying to increase political support, the candidate found it expedient to change his stand on taxation.		
	Derivatives >>	expediate, expedience, expediency, expediential, expedientist, expediently	
9.	flout	FLOUT	to treat with contempt
	Synonyms >>	scoff, jeer, gibe, sneer, mock, insult	Antonym >>
	When the boy answered the question he flouted a response that was both rude and insulting.		
	Derivatives >>	flouted, flouting, flouts, flouter, floutingly	
10.	galling	GAUL ing	very irritating
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> soothing
	It was a galling experience to have my boyfriend ask another girl to the prom.		
	Derivatives >>	gallingly, gallingness, gall, galls, galled	
11.	heralded	HER ul did	announced or publicized
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> unannounced
	The approaching event was heralded by the newspapers.		
	Derivatives >>	heraldic, heraldically, heraldist, heraldry	

12.	incantation	in kan TAY shun	a spell, written or recited formula of words designed for a particular effect
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The purpose of the witch doctor's incantations was to scare evil spirits.		
	Derivatives >>	incant, incantational, incantatory	
13.	indigenous	in DIJ eh nus	native to a certain area
	Synonyms >>	aboriginal, endemic, native	Antonym >> alien
	Many types of cacti are indigenous to the southwest deserts of the United States.		
	Derivatives >>	indigenously, indigenize, indigenization	
14.	luscious	LUSH us	very pleasant to the taste
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> unpleasant to the taste
	The meal was absolutely luscious.		
	Derivatives >>	lusciously, lusciousness	
15.	nomadic	no MAD ik	characterized by moving about from place to place as nomads
	Synonyms >>	transient	Antonym >> not mobile; stationary
	The nomadic people traveled across the continent.		
	Derivatives >>	nomad, nomadism, nomadically, nomadize	
16.	parry	PAIR ee	to deflect or to ward off a blow
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The champion boxer won the match because he was able to parry his opponent's blows so successfully.		
	Derivatives >>	parried, parrying	
17.	precipitate	preh SIP eh tate	to cause to speedily occur, to throw headlong
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to delay
	Coming home late at my house will always precipitate a fight.		
	Derivatives >>	precipitation, precipitancy, precipitately, precipitator, precipitous	
18.	pungent	PUN junt	sharp or irritating to the taste or smell, acrid
	Synonyms >>	piquant, poignant, racy	Antonym >> sweet; pleasant
	There was a pungent odor in the stockyard.		
	Derivatives >>	pungence, pungency, pungently	
19.	ratify	RAT eh fie	to give formal approval
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to reject
	In the United States, a treaty must be ratified by two-thirds of the Senate in order to take effect.		
	Derivatives >>	ratification, ratificationist, ratifier	
20.	sagacious	suh GAY shus	wise, shrewd, very discerning
	Synonyms >>	astute, perspicacious	Antonym >> ignorant; uninformed; undiscerning
	The sagacious freshman knew not to buy an elevator pass from the senior attempting a clever ruse.		
	Derivatives >>	sagaciate, sagaciously, sagaciousness, sagacity	
21.	slovenly	SLUV un lee	messy, untidy, careless
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> fastidious
	A person with slovenly work habits will likely lose his job.		
	Derivatives >>	slovenry, slovenness, slovenliness	
22.	spiteful	SPITE ful	full of spite or malice; malicious; malevolent
	Synonyms >>	vengeful, cruel, rancorous	Antonym >> benevolent; kind
	She is a spiteful child, always seeking revenge for any injury.		
	Derivatives >>	spitefully, spitefulness	
23.	tangential	tan JEN shul	slightly connected, divergent
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> pertinent
	Since we are short of time, tangential remarks are not appreciated.		
	Derivatives >>	tangent, tangentially, tangently	
24.	taper	TAY pur	to decrease in thickness or width
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to make wider
	The intensity of the pain will taper off as time goes on. Some shirts are tapered at the bottom.		
	Derivatives >>	tapered, tapering	
25.	vagrant	VAY grunt	a wanderer who does not have a home
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	There are many vagrants who sleep under freeways in urban areas.		
	Derivatives >>	vagrance, vagrancy, vagrantly	

Lesson 19

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. | adjunct | a. | industrious; assiduous |
| _____ | 2. | anomalous | b. | a yielding; acquiescence |
| _____ | 3. | belligerent | c. | announced or publicized |
| _____ | 4. | censure | d. | joined but not a part of |
| _____ | 5. | compliance | e. | to make dirty; to desecrate |
| _____ | 6. | defile | f. | to treat with contempt; to scoff |
| _____ | 7. | diligent | g. | to blame or to condemn |
| _____ | 8. | expedient | h. | out of place; abnormal |
| _____ | 9. | flout | i. | a spell |
| _____ | 10. | galling | j. | advantageous; desirable |
| _____ | 11. | heralded | k. | very irritating |
| _____ | 12. | incantation | l. | waging war; exhibiting assertiveness |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|-------------|----|-----------------------------------|
| _____ | 1. | indigenous | a. | irritating taste or smell |
| _____ | 2. | luscious | b. | moving from place to place |
| _____ | 3. | nomadic | c. | wise; shrewd; very discerning |
| _____ | 4. | parry | d. | to cause to occur speedily |
| _____ | 5. | precipitate | e. | native to a certain area |
| _____ | 6. | pungent | f. | messy; untidy; careless |
| _____ | 7. | ratify | g. | full of malice |
| _____ | 8. | sagacious | h. | to deflect or ward off a blow |
| _____ | 9. | slovenly | i. | slightly connected; divergent |
| _____ | 10. | spiteful | j. | to decrease in thickness or width |
| _____ | 11. | tangential | k. | very pleasant to the taste |
| _____ | 12. | taper | l. | to give formal approval |
| _____ | 13. | vagrant | m. | wanderer who does not have a home |

Lesson 19

Sentence Completion



adjunct	anomalous	belligerent	censure
compliance	defile	diligent	expedient
flout	galling	heralded	incantation

1. The child's behavior was absolutely _____; I can't recall having been so irritated before.
2. Without the recital of the _____, the black magic was useless.
3. The committees sought to _____ the book because of some pornographic language that it contained.
4. The group of delinquents began to _____ the building by writing obscene language on the walls.
5. The dark sky _____ the coming of the storm.
6. The man took the bully's _____ remarks as an open invitation to fight and immediately took the first punch.
7. After years of _____ study, Frank saw his earnest effort pay off when he graduated from high school.
8. The convict began to _____ the judge's authority, showing nothing but contempt for the court.
9. This company is in full _____ with all federal hiring laws; its officers are willing to support the regulations established by the government.
10. Because his friends were having only a small cookout, Jim's formal tuxedo was _____; everyone else's shorts and swimsuits made his attire out of place.
11. The professor was a member of the university's _____ faculty; though she was teaching classes, she was not an official member of the staff.
12. You might find it _____ to devote two hours each night to study if you intend to raise your scores very much.

Lesson 19



indigenous	luscious	nomadic	parry	precipitate
pungent	ratify	sagacious	slovenly	spiteful
tangential	taper	vagrant		

13. In order to solve this problem, he first tried a _____ solution, one that appeared to be only slightly related to the problem.
14. The president was willing to _____ a treaty with the country, but the formal approval would take place only after many conditions were met.
15. While some young people often appear to be fools, older men use their wisdom and gain a reputation for being _____.
16. The _____ man was dressed in rags and covered with dirt and filth.
17. His harsh words were likely to _____ a fight between the two boys; they were both ready to throw themselves into battle.
18. The dinner party was served the most _____ dessert; nothing could have been more pleasing to the taste.
19. Jim was told to cut the wood so that it would _____, decreasing from a width of four inches to a width of two inches.
20. Some say the live oak is _____ only to Texas, but it is actually native to the entire Southwest.
21. The man was able to _____ the blow that might have knocked him unconscious; fortunately he was able to avoid the strike.
22. This city now has one more _____; the number of these homeless people is growing by leaps and bounds.
23. The small tribe of _____ natives was moving again; they rarely stayed more than a month in one place as they moved about the country.
24. The girl was hurt by his _____ remarks; his intent to harm her often caused him to be malicious.
25. The _____ aroma of the food is spicy and sharp.

Lesson 20

Definitions



1.	affluent	uh FLU unt	abounding in wealth; prosperous; flowing freely	
	Synonyms >>	rich, teeming	Antonym >>	impoverished
	Because the man was so affluent, he was able to donate large sums of money to the organization.			
	Derivatives >>	affluence, affluently		
2.	antiquity	an TIK wuh tee	the quality of being ancient; ancient times	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	
	Many scholars spend years studying the records left from antiquity.			
	Derivatives >>	antiquities, antiquarian		
3.	blandishment	BLAN dish munt	flattery	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	
	Due to the salesman's blandishments, the customer bought the jacket.			
	Derivatives >>	blandish, blandisher, blandished		
4.	chasten	CHAY sun	to discipline, to use punishment to correct behavior	
	Synonyms >>	admonish, castigate, chastise, chide, rebuke, reproach	Antonym >>	to reward
	I was chastened by my mother for not cleaning up my room.			
	Derivatives >>	chastened, chastening, chastener		
5.	civility	suh VIL uh tee	polite and courteous behavior	
	Synonyms >>	mannerly behavior	Antonym >>	rudeness, boorishness, impoliteness
	Diplomats are expected to display a great deal of civility in their interactions with one another.			
	Derivatives >>	civil, civilities, civilize, civilizatory, civilizedness		
6.	congenial	kun JEEN yul	characterized by friendly sociability	
	Synonyms >>	compatible, consonant, genial, pleasant, attractive	Antonym >>	
	The family decided to settle in the congenial little town.			
	Derivatives >>	congeniality, congenially, congenialness		
7.	deft	DEFT	skillful, adroit	
	Synonyms >>	clever, cunning, dexterous, ingenious	Antonym >>	clumsy
	He was very deft in handling the questions from the reporter.			
	Derivatives >>	deftness, deftly		
8.	dispatch	deh SPATCH	to send away with promptness or speed; speed, quickness	
	Synonyms >>	haste, expediency	Antonym >>	to delay; slowness, inefficiency
	The officer dispatched his troops to the scene of conflict.			
	Derivatives >>	dispatched, dispatching, dispatches		
9.	embroil	em BROIL	to entangle, to throw into confusion or strife	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	to unhamper; to free
	The senators are embroiled in an argument over raising taxes.			
	Derivatives >>	embroiled, embroiling, embroiler, embroilment, embroils		
10.	expurgate	EK spur gate	to remove obscene or objectionable material usually before publication	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	to include
	The censors felt that certain words needed to be expurgated from the book.			
	Derivatives >>	expurgation, expurgator, expurgatorial, expurgatory		
11.	garner	GAR nur	to gather together, to store up	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	to disperse
	I will need to garner all of my allies in order to win this vote.			
	Derivatives >>	garnering, garnered		

12.	heretical	huh RET eh kul	contrary to church doctrine or accepted beliefs or standards
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> sacred
		His heretical statements were offensive to many believers.	
	Derivatives >>	heretic, heretically, hereticalness, hereticate, heretication, hereticator	
13.	iconoclast	eye KON uh klast	one who attacks established beliefs or institutions
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> disciple
		The church is constantly under attack by iconoclasts.	
	Derivatives >>	iconoclasm, iconoclastic, iconoclastically	
14.	irreproachable	ear eh PRO chuh bul	faultless, not discreditable
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> wrong; faulty
		The woman's morals are so high that she is irreproachable.	
	Derivatives >>	irreproachability, irreproachableness, irreproachably	
15.	mercurial	mur KYOOR ee ul	changing unpredictably, fickle
	Synonyms >>	capricious, inconstant, unstable	Antonym >> stolid
		Due to his mercurial temperament, employees always approached him carefully, unsure of what his mood would be.	
	Derivatives >>	mercuriality, mercurially	
16.	nuance	NOO awns	a subtle distinction or difference
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
		The nuance of flavor cannot be described adequately.	
	Derivatives >>	nuances, nuanced, nuancing	
17.	partisan	PAR ti zen	one who exhibits extreme or possibly blind allegiance to a group or cause
	Synonyms >>	adherent, disciple, follower	Antonym >> antagonist
		The cause was supported by a small group of partisans.	
	Derivatives >>	partisanism, partisanry, partisanship	
18.	pious	PIE us	marked by showing zealous devotion to the rites of religion
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
		He engages in many pious practices such as attending mass.	
	Derivatives >>	piety, piously	
19.	raucous	RAH kus	loud and boisterous, harsh, disorderly
	Synonyms >>	stentorian, strident	Antonym >> quiet; mild
		The raucous crowd at the fight threw chairs into the ring to show disagreement with the decision.	
	Derivatives >>	raucously, raucousness, raucid, raucity	
20.	repugnant	reh PUG nunt	disgusting, offensive
	Synonyms >>	abhorrent, invidious, obnoxious, repellent	Antonym >> appealing
		It is repugnant to spit on the sidewalk.	
	Derivatives >>	repugnancy, repugnantly, repugnatorial, repugnance	
21.	satiric	suh TER ik	characterized by satire (a branch of literature ridiculing vice or folly)
	Synonyms >>	sarcastic, sardonic, ironic	Antonym >>
		The political cartoonist was known for his satiric drawings.	
	Derivatives >>	satire, satirical, satirically, satirism, satirist, satirize, satirizer	
22.	sporadic	spo RAD ik	occasionally occurring
	Synonyms >>	infrequent, rare, scarce, uncommon	Antonym >> constant
		While there are sporadic showers, the summers in the western part of Texas are usually hot and dry.	
	Derivatives >>	sporadically, sporadicity	
23.	succulent	SUK yuh lunt	very juicy
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> dry
		An orange is an example of a succulent fruit.	
	Derivatives >>	succulency, succulence	
24.	terrestrial	teh RES tree ul	of the earth or pertaining to the earth
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> heavenly
		Humans are terrestrial beings.	
	Derivatives >>	terrestrially, terrain	
25.	ungainly	un GANE lee	awkward
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> agile
		Boys who grow very fast are sometimes ungainly.	
	Derivatives >>	ungainliness	

Lesson 20

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

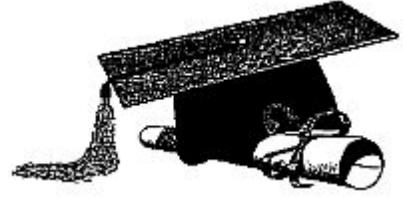
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|-------|-----|--------------|----|--------------------------------------|
| _____ | 1. | affluent | a. | to gather up; to store up |
| _____ | 2. | antiquity | b. | to remove obscene material |
| _____ | 3. | blandishment | c. | to discipline |
| _____ | 4. | chasten | d. | to send away with speed |
| _____ | 5. | civility | e. | flattery |
| _____ | 6. | congenial | f. | contrary to church doctrine |
| _____ | 7. | deft | g. | to entangle; to throw into confusion |
| _____ | 8. | dispatch | h. | abounding in wealth |
| _____ | 9. | embroil | i. | polite and courteous behavior |
| _____ | 10. | expurgate | j. | quality of being ancient |
| _____ | 11. | garner | k. | skillful; adroit |
| _____ | 12. | heretical | l. | friendly; sociable |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|----------------|----|-------------------------------------|
| _____ | 1. | iconoclast | a. | loud and boisterous |
| _____ | 2. | irreproachable | b. | one who shows blind allegiance |
| _____ | 3. | mercurial | c. | of or pertaining to earth |
| _____ | 4. | nuance | d. | without fault |
| _____ | 5. | partisan | e. | sarcastic |
| _____ | 6. | pious | f. | very juicy |
| _____ | 7. | raucous | g. | zealous toward religion |
| _____ | 8. | repugnant | h. | subtle distinction |
| _____ | 9. | satiric | i. | disgusting; offensive |
| _____ | 10. | sporadic | j. | changing unpredictably; fickle |
| _____ | 11. | succulent | k. | awkward |
| _____ | 12. | terrestrial | l. | occurring irregularly |
| _____ | 13. | ungainly | m. | one who attacks established beliefs |

Lesson 20

Sentence Completion



affluent	antiquity	blandishments	chasten
civility	congenial	deft	dispatched
embroiled	expurgate	garner	heretical

1. The man is both sociable and _____; his friendship is sought by all.
2. The king promptly _____ his trusty messenger on a secret errand.
3. The city's _____ was not fully realized until the archeologists ran some sophisticated tests in order to reveal just how old the remains actually were.
4. It was a pleasure to meet with someone who was polite and courteous; such _____ in people is pleasing, and it creates a favorable impression.
5. Even though the two people met with _____ to flatter each other, they were still mortal enemies.
6. Because I will need to _____ all of my money in order to buy that house, I should start saving now.
7. Editors often try to _____ objectionable material in stories before they go to the publisher.
8. Since the child was so good, the mother rarely needed to _____ him for bad behavior; consequently, he was seldom scolded.
9. The priest's statements were considered _____ by many members of the church; what he was saying was totally against established doctrine.
10. With his _____ hands, the craftsman began to fashion a gorgeous piece of jewelry; he was truly skilled in his craft.
11. The senators were _____ in an argument; because both men refused to change their opinions, they were involved for several hours.
12. These houses belong to the more _____ people of the city, people who abound in wealth.

Lesson 20



iconoclast	irreproachable	mercurial	nuance	partisans
pious	raucous	repugnant	satiric	sporadic
succulent	terrestrial	ungainly		

13. The _____ of flavor cannot be described adequately; the distinction is so subtle that it eludes description.
14. The woman's _____ moods annoyed her husband, who, unlike her, was so stable that he seemed almost static at times.
15. The revolution was instigated by a small group of _____ who exhibited extreme and blind allegiance to the cause.
16. My little brother is loud and boisterous at home, but his _____ behavior is not tolerated at school.
17. His _____ behavior is so disgusting that I cannot stand to be around him.
18. The young social worker was an _____ who attacked the institutions of government and finance with equal fervor.
19. Of all the juicy fruits that we have, watermelon is one of the most _____.
20. Unable to fly, the kiwi is a _____ bird, which is confined to earth.
21. My interest in school is _____; it occurs just before each grading period ends.
22. The _____ young horse wobbled about as he tried to stand; even when he finally made it, he was so awkward that he was laughable.
23. The actor's sarcastic monologue ridiculed all of the political candidates; however, none of them seemed to take offense at the _____ comments.
24. The standards of that woman are so high that she is _____ and is practically faultless.
25. Some people are annoyed by his _____ attitude, but he is simply devoted to his religion and does not really intend to offend anyone with his zeal.

Lesson 21

Definitions



1.	aggregate	AG ruh git	sum total, whole amount		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	partial amount
		Although difficult to mine, the aggregate of mineral resources in Alaska are immense.			
	Derivatives >>	aggregative, aggregately, aggregation, aggregated, aggregating			
2.	archipelago	are kuh PEL uh go	a group of islands		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
		The sailors were excited when they reached the archipelago.			
	Derivatives >>	archipelagic			
3.	boon	BOON	favorable; a blessing, a benefit		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	curse
		Hiring that young man was a boon for our company.			
	Derivatives >>	boons, boonless			
4.	buffoon	buh FOON	a clown, a silly or stupid person		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
		Only a buffoon would stand on the table during the Christmas dinner.			
	Derivatives >>	buffoonery, buffoonish			
5.	chicanery	sheh KAY nuh ree	unethical methods, trickery		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	honesty; truthfulness
		The lawyer used chicanery to get the witness off guard in his testimony.			
	Derivatives >>	chicaner, chicane, chicaned, chicaning, chicaneries			
6.	contaminant	kun TAM uh nunt	something that causes impurity; something that defiles or pollutes		
	Synonyms >>	pollutant		Antonym >>	disinfectant
		The polluted water contained many dangerous contaminants.			
	Derivatives >>	contaminate, contaminated, contaminating, contaminator, contamination			
7.	corrugated	KOR uh gay ted	bent into folds		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	smooth
		A corrugated box absorbs shock and helps to protect its contents.			
	Derivatives >>	corrugate, corrugating			
8.	deleterious	del eh TEER ee us	harmful; dangerous; injurious		
	Synonyms >>	baneful, detrimental, noxious, pernicious		Antonym >>	harmless, benign
		Some chemicals have deleterious effects on those who must handle them.			
	Derivatives >>	deleter, deleteriously, deleteriousness			
9.	disputatious	dis pyoo TAY shus	inclined to fight, to argue, or to debate		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	conciliatory
		People avoided serious discussions with him because of his disputatious manner.			
	Derivatives >>	dispute, disputability, disputation, disputatiously, disputatiousness, disputative, disputatively, disputativeness			
10.	emend	eh MEND	to correct (usually by a critic)		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
		The newspaper had to emend the incorrect statement printed in the paper.			
	Derivatives >>	emendable, emendate, emendation, emendator, emendatory, emends, emending, emended			
11.	fetter	FET ur	to restrict by shackling or chaining		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to liberate
		The convict was fettered to prevent his escape.			
	Derivatives >>	fettered, fettering			

12.	giddy	GID ee	dizzy		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	levelheaded
	I became giddy after drinking the champagne at the reception.				
	Derivatives >>	giddify, giddily, giddiness			
13.	heterogeneity	het uh ro je NEE eh tee	state of being dissimilar, composition from unlike elements		
	Synonyms >>	disparateness, dissimilarity		Antonym >>	homogeneity
	Coming from many countries and cultures, students in my class are an example of heterogeneity.				
	Derivatives >>	heterogeneous, heterogenesis, heterogeneously, heterogeneousness			
14.	indomitable	in DOM eh tuh bul	incapable of being conquered		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	weak
	He was from a tribe that was thought to be indomitable but finally was forced to live on the reservation.				
	Derivatives >>	indomitability, indomitableness, indomitably			
15.	irresolute	eh REZ uh loot	indecisive, unsure of how to proceed		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	sure; decisive; certain
	The confused child stood irresolute, waiting for some instruction.				
	Derivatives >>	irresolutely, irresoluteness, irresolution			
16.	metaphorically	met uh FOR ik lee	compared nonliterally		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	literally
	Metaphorically speaking, he is drowning in oil.				
	Derivatives >>	metaphor, metaphorical, metaphoricalness, metaphorist, metaphorize			
17.	panacea	pan uh SEE uh	cure-all, remedy for all ills		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
	Love, not money, is the panacea for your problems.				
	Derivatives >>	panacean, panace			
18.	peruse	puh ROOZ	to read or to examine		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to skim
	My lawyer says he has not had time to peruse the contract.				
	Derivatives >>	perusal, perusable, perused, perusing			
19.	prodigy	PROD eh jee	one with exceptional talents or powers; an extraordinary accomplishment		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	ordinary occurrence
	Mozart was considered a child prodigy since he had great musical talents at a very early age.				
	Derivatives >>	prodigies			
20.	rebuff	reh BUFF	to snub or to refuse bluntly		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to accept
	The woman was not afraid to rebuff the man's inappropriate advances toward her.				
	Derivatives >>	rebuffed, rebuffing, rebuffs			
21.	resilient	reh ZIL yunt	ability to return to a former state		
	Synonyms >>	supple		Antonym >>	static
	There is a need for more resilient bumpers on cars that can withstand minor accidents.				
	Derivatives >>	resiliency, resiliently			
22.	scapegoat	SKAPE gote	one who takes the blame for others		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
	Since no one wanted to point a finger at the real culprit, the innocent man was made a scapegoat for the crime.				
	Derivatives >>				
23.	spurious	SPYOOR ee us	false or deceitful		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	honest
	Cashing forged checks is a spurious activity.				
	Derivatives >>	spuriously, spuriousness			
24.	tractable	TRAK tuh bul	capable of being easily led, taught, or controlled; obedient		
	Synonyms >>	amenable, docile		Antonym >>	willful; unruly
	It is odd that the students in first period are so unruly, while those in second period are very tractable.				
	Derivatives >>	tractability, tractableness, tractably			
25.	vivacious	vi VAY shus	full of life, very animated		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	sluggish
	Game shows are looking for vivacious contestants who are fun to watch and who will liven up the show.				
	Derivatives >>	vivaciously, vivaciousness, vivacity			

Lesson 21

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

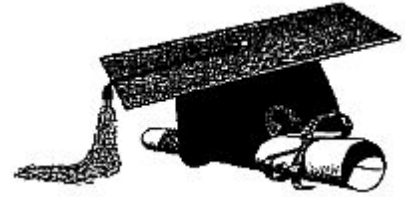
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|-------|-----|--------------|----|----------------------------------|
| _____ | 1. | aggregate | a. | sum total; whole amount |
| _____ | 2. | archipelago | b. | unethical methods; trickery |
| _____ | 3. | boon | c. | to correct (usually by a critic) |
| _____ | 4. | buffoon | d. | bent into folds |
| _____ | 5. | chicanery | e. | dizzy |
| _____ | 6. | contaminant | f. | a group of islands |
| _____ | 7. | corrugated | g. | harmful; injurious |
| _____ | 8. | deleterious | h. | clown; a silly or stupid person |
| _____ | 9. | disputatious | i. | something favorable; a blessing |
| _____ | 10. | fetter | j. | to restrict by shackling |
| _____ | 11. | giddy | k. | argumentative; contentious |
| _____ | 12. | emend | l. | something that causes impurity |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|----------------|----|-------------------------------------|
| _____ | 1. | heterogeneity | a. | full of life; animated |
| _____ | 2. | indomitable | b. | person of exceptional talent |
| _____ | 3. | irresolute | c. | one who takes blame for others |
| _____ | 4. | metaphorically | d. | incapable of being conquered |
| _____ | 5. | panacea | e. | to snub or to refuse bluntly |
| _____ | 6. | peruse | f. | cure-all; remedy for all ills |
| _____ | 7. | prodigy | g. | compared nonliterally |
| _____ | 8. | rebuff | h. | capable of being easily led |
| _____ | 9. | resilient | i. | not similar; unlike elements |
| _____ | 10. | scapegoat | j. | false or deceitful |
| _____ | 11. | spurious | k. | to read or to examine |
| _____ | 12. | tractable | l. | indecisive |
| _____ | 13. | vivacious | m. | ability to return to a former state |

Lesson 21

Sentence Completion



aggregate	archipelago	boon	buffoon
chicanery	contaminates	corrugated	deleterious
disputatious	emend	fetter	giddy

1. While the classroom is no place for _____ students, teachers may sometimes find themselves confronted with a student who enjoys arguing and creating conflict.
2. Some foods have a _____ effect on me; I am particularly allergic to tomatoes, and I become quite ill whenever I eat them.
3. The poisonous water had many _____ in it because the factories dumped their waste products into the river.
4. Hiring that extraordinary young man has been a _____ for our company; we are suddenly experiencing growth and prosperity.
5. I, too, became _____ after having been in such silly company for so long.
6. Some unethical lawyers try to use _____ to confuse witnesses in their testimonies so that they can be tricked into saying something incriminating.
7. It was necessary to _____ the play when we noticed the objectionable material; it was not difficult, however, to correct it.
8. The audience laughed at the antics of the _____; like most other clowns, he, too, elicited much laughter.
9. We thought that if we pooled our _____ resources, we might have enough material for the project.
10. The group of islands made a delightful picture; seeing the _____ against the setting sun was a memorable experience.
11. The old farmhouse had a rusty, _____ tin roof; the folds of metal undulated across the eaves of the house like rhythmic waves.
12. The jailer began to _____ the prisoner to the wall, placing chains around his wrist and shackling him to the structure.

Lesson 21



heterogeneity	indomitable	irresolute	metaphorically	panacea
peruse	prodigy	rebuffed	resilient	scapegoat
spurious	tractable	vivacious		

13. Although I was bluntly _____ by the man, I took his refusal with good humor.
14. Because certain metal alloys are _____, they will return to their original shape after they have been bent.
15. The child _____ was an amazing individual; not only did he have exceptional talent, but he was also versatile in many fields.
16. Unfortunately, your _____ motives are obvious; I see your deceitful purposes clearly.
17. _____ and full of life, the dancer appeared on the stage in glorious attire.
18. Frequently in life one person will take the blame for another; he is the _____ who “takes the fall.”
19. The knight was considered to be _____, but he, too, was finally defeated.
20. Rarely speaking literally, he almost always said things that were to be interpreted _____.
21. It is odd that the students in first period are so unruly while those in second period are very _____.
22. I stood _____ until I received instructions; I was so confused that I did not know where to begin.
23. The student had not had time to _____ the text, and merely glancing over it was not enough to learn the material.
24. Our schools are known for their _____ since we have students from all parts of the world, not just those born in America.
25. The charlatan tried to persuade the gullible crowd that his medicinal potion was the _____ for all aches and pains.

Lesson 22

Definitions



1.	approbation	ap row BAY shun	official approval, praise, commendation
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> disapprobation, disapproval
	We initiated the attack with the approbation of the general.		
	Derivatives >>	approbate, approbated, approbating, approbative, approbatory, approbateness	
2.	assent	uh CENT	to agree or to concur; to give in, to yield; agreement
	Synonyms >>	acquiesce, concede; compliance	Antonym >> dissent
	Assenting to his demands, she did as she was told.		
	Derivatives >>	assenting, assented, assentingly, assentive, assentiveness, assentation, assentor	
3.	boorish	BOOR ish	rude or insensitive; ill-mannered
	Synonyms >>	churlish, clownish, loutish	Antonym >> sophisticated; well-mannered
	How could you get me a date with such a boorish person?		
	Derivatives >>	boorishly, boorishness, boor	
4.	circumlocution	sir kum low KEW shun	talking around a subject
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> brevity; conciseness; terseness
	Politicians are known for circumlocution.		
	Derivatives >>	circumlocutory	
5.	copious	KO pee us	abundant
	Synonyms >>	ample	Antonym >> sparse
	I always take copious notes in my history class.		
	Derivatives >>	copiousness, copiously	
6.	delineation	deh len ee A shun	an outline, depiction, portrayal
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The profits of the company were delineated to the board.		
	Derivatives >>	delineate, delineative, delineator	
7.	dissemble	deh SEM bul	to disguise, to pretend
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to reveal
	Although he tried to dissemble his motive for seeing me, I knew the real reason.		
	Derivatives >>	dissembled, dissembling, dissembler, dissemblingly	
8.	emulate	EM yuh late	to try to equal or to be like (usually through imitation)
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	He has a lot of fine qualities that I try to emulate.		
	Derivatives >>	emulation, emulative, emulator, emulatively	
9.	fickle	FIK ul	likely to change, capricious
	Synonyms >>	inconstant, mercurial, unstable	Antonym >> steadfast; constant
	Because of her fickle behavior, he had little trust that she would continue to love him.		
	Derivatives >>	fickler, ficklest, fickleness	
10.	gravity	GRAV eh tee	seriousness, importance
	Synonyms >>	earnestness, sedateness, sobriety, solemnity, staidness	Antonym >> unimportance
	The gravity of the situation was heightened by the death of the president .		
	Derivatives >>	grave, graver, gravely	
11.	homely	HOME lee	plain or unattractive in appearance
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> pretty; attractive
	The girl was rather homely, but she had a wit and an intellect that could not be matched.		
	Derivatives >>	homeliness, homlier, homliest	

12.	indigence	IN deh juns	poverty		
	Synonyms >>	destitution, penury, want		Antonym >>	wealth
		His ragged clothes are a sign of his indigence.			
	Derivatives >>	indigency, indigent			
13.	jingoist	JING go ist	an extreme patriot, usually calls for a belligerent foreign policy		
	Synonyms >>	chauvinist, nationalist		Antonym >>	traitor
		The jingoist was in the streets, loudly urging the public toward aggression against the foreign power.			
	Derivatives >>	jingoism, jingoish, jingoistic, jingoistically			
14.	migratory	MY gruh tor ee	moving from place to place, wandering, transient		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	stationary
		The migratory whooping cranes always return to Padre Island.			
	Derivatives >>	migrate, migratorial, migrator, migration, migrationist			
15.	obfuscating	ob FUS kay ting	confusing, making unclear		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	clear
		His speech was obfuscating because it made people concentrate on irrelevant issues.			
	Derivatives >>	obfuscated, obfuscate, obfuscalable, obfuscation, obfuscator, obfuscatory, obfuscated			
16.	proclivity	pro KLIV eh tee	inclination, tendency		
	Synonyms >>	leaning, penchant, propensity		Antonym >>	disinclination
		Most immigrants, because they are anxious to succeed, have a proclivity for hard work.			
	Derivatives >>	proclive, proclivities			
17.	prostration	pros TRAY shun	a stretching out due to lacking vitality and being completely overcome		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	vitality
		During late summer football practices, players sometimes suffer from heat prostration.			
	Derivatives >>	prostrate, prostrator, prostrating			
18.	recalcitrant	reh KAL seh trunt	very stubborn, refusing to obey, unruly		
	Synonyms >>	headstrong, intractable, refractory, willful		Antonym >>	compliant
		Recalcitrant students are usually tardy, do not complete class assignments, and disrupt class.			
	Derivatives >>	recalcitrance, recalcitrancy, recalcitrate, recalcitration			
19.	resolute	REZ uh loot	characterized by a decided purpose		
	Synonyms >>	staunch, steadfast, determined, resolved, faithful, firm		Antonym >>	
		The business was run by a resolute man who set his mind on a goal and followed through with it.			
	Derivatives >>	resoluter, resolute, resolutely, resoluteness, resolution, resolutionary, resolutioner, resolute			
20.	sectarian	sek TARE ee un	a member of a sect that is a faction with extreme beliefs		
	Synonyms >>	narrow-minded		Antonym >>	broad-minded
		His sectarian beliefs marked him as being extremely narrow-minded.			
	Derivatives >>	sectarianism, sectarianize			
21.	stalwart	STAL wurt	one who supports a cause with firm partisanship		
	Synonyms >>	resolute, strong		Antonym >>	
		That justice was known as a stalwart in defending 1st amendment rights.			
	Derivatives >>	stalwartly, stalwartness			
22.	tacit	TAS it	understood, silent, not spoken, implicit		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	spoken; verbalized
		We have a tacit agreement that the goods are delivered only after payment is made.			
	Derivatives >>	tacitly, tacitness, taciturn			
23.	transcended	tran SEND ed	surpassed, exceeded		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
		His actions in the crisis transcended the call of duty.			
	Derivatives >>	transcend, transcendence, transcendancy, transcendent, transcendental, transcendentalistic			
24.	virtuous	VIR choo us	having excellent morals; righteous		
	Synonyms >>	ethical, noble		Antonym >>	depraved
		One would expect nuns to be very virtuous.			
	Derivatives >>	virtuously, virtuousness, virtue			
25.	whets	HWETS	stimulates, sharpens		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	stifles; dulls; suppresses
		The smell of fresh bread always whets my appetite.			
	Derivatives >>	whet, whetted			

Lesson 22

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

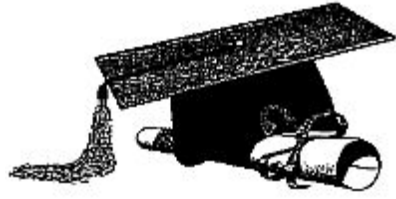
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|-------|-----|----------------|----|-------------------------------------|
| _____ | 1. | approbation | a. | poverty |
| _____ | 2. | assent | b. | approval; praise |
| _____ | 3. | boorish | c. | talking around a subject |
| _____ | 4. | circumlocution | d. | likely to change; capricious |
| _____ | 5. | copious | e. | to disguise; to pretend |
| _____ | 6. | delineation | f. | to try to be like someone |
| _____ | 7. | dissemble | g. | plentiful; abundant |
| _____ | 8. | emulate | h. | to agree, concur or yield to |
| _____ | 9. | fickle | i. | acting rudely or insensitively |
| _____ | 10. | gravity | j. | an outline; depiction; portrayal |
| _____ | 11. | homely | k. | seriousness; importance |
| _____ | 12. | indigence | l. | plain or unattractive in appearance |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|--------------|----|------------------------------------|
| _____ | 1. | jingoist | a. | understood; silent; not spoken |
| _____ | 2. | migratory | b. | having outstanding strength |
| _____ | 3. | obfuscating | c. | exhaustion |
| _____ | 4. | proclivity | d. | confusing or unclear |
| _____ | 5. | prostration | e. | extreme patriot or nationalist |
| _____ | 6. | recalcitrant | f. | a narrow-minded member of a sect |
| _____ | 7. | resolute | g. | stimulates; sharpens |
| _____ | 8. | sectarian | h. | having excellent morals |
| _____ | 9. | stalwart | i. | surpassed; exceeded |
| _____ | 10. | tacit | j. | inclination; tendency |
| _____ | 11. | transcended | k. | moving from place to place |
| _____ | 12. | virtuous | l. | obstinately defiant; stubborn |
| _____ | 13. | whets | m. | characterized by a decided purpose |

Lesson 22

Sentence Completion



approbation	boorish	circumlocution	copious
delineated	dissemble	emulate	fickle
gravity	homely	indigence	jingoist

1. The _____ of the situation was apparent in the serious countenance of the woman; we could all tell how important the condition was.
2. Because of his _____ nature, people had little faith in his promises; he had made them too often and had always changed his mind.
3. Although he tried to _____ his motive for seeing me, I knew the real reason; he could not hide that from me.
4. Without my parents' _____ to go to the movies, I was forced to stay home; they would not give their approval on week nights.
5. If you take _____ notes during the lecture, you will be better prepared for the exam; the abundance of material will give you more to study.
6. His _____ was clear from his ragged clothes and bare feet; anyone who dressed like that must have been poor.
7. The _____ girl was hurt when someone told her how plain and unattractive she was.
8. The man was so _____ that I blushed as I witnessed his rudeness.
9. The man _____ his accomplishments, sketching a story of bravery and good deeds.
10. The man's _____ was rather obvious as he avoided the delicate subject of pay raises.
11. John looked at his father as a perfect role model and tried to _____ the man's behavior, copying him in every aspect.
12. The _____ labeled everyone who favored trade with the Soviets as a traitor; that was not an uncommon reaction for such an extreme patriot.

Lesson 22



assent	migratory	obfuscating	proclivity	prostration
recalcitrant	resolute	sectarian	stalwart	tacit
transcended	virtuous	whets		

13. The father gave his _____ to his daughter's marriage after the young bridegroom asked for his official permission.
14. The track star seemed to be suffering complete _____, but the doctor said the runner's vitality would return after a period of rest.
15. _____ birds are predictable in their annual move across the country; at the first indication of cool weather, they begin their flight, looking for warmer climates.
16. The man gave his _____ approval as he sat silently in the corner of the room.
17. The _____, a recent convert to the religious cult, was narrow-minded and was difficult to talk to.
18. The man surrounded himself with _____ bodyguards whose strength was enough to frighten away any enemies.
19. Your bravery has _____ our expectations, exceeding our wildest dreams.
20. That food _____ my appetite, stimulating my desire to stuff myself.
21. The witness was _____ in his denial of guilt, firmly and decidedly denying any involvement in the crime.
22. His reply was particularly _____; it seemed as though he was deliberately trying to confuse us.
23. The child has a _____ for getting into trouble; he seems to gravitate naturally toward bad company and bad situations.
24. The _____ student had completely ignored the teacher's request for him to move his chair; he was as stubborn and unmanageable as anyone I had ever seen.
25. The man loved the _____ woman for her purity, honesty and integrity.

Lesson 23

Definitions



1.	ambulatory	AM bew luh tor ee	able to walk or move around		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	bedridden
	I will be glad when I get out of this wheelchair and am ambulatory again.				
	Derivatives >>	ambulant, ambulate, ambulated, ambulating, ambulation			
2.	anarchy	AN ar kee	the absence of government; a state of lawlessness		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
	During the revolution, the government was overthrown and the country was in a state of anarchy.				
	Derivatives >>	anarches, anarchist, anarchism, anarchic, anarch			
3.	breadth	BREDTH	the width of something, comprehensive quality		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	narrowness
	The breadth of his knowledge about art is amazing.				
	Derivatives >>	breadths, breadthens, broadened, broadening			
4.	cant	KANT	secret jargon or slang		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
	The rites of the Masons are characterized by their cant.				
	Derivatives >>	cants, canted, canting			
5.	circumscribed	SIR kum skribd	restricted or limited		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	unbounded
	The triangle circumscribed the circle.				
	Derivatives >>	circumscribe, circumscribing, circumscription, circumscriptive			
6.	congeal	kun JEEL	to solidify or to coagulate		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to become fluid
	We waited three hours for the Jell-O to congeal.				
	Derivatives >>	congealing, congealed, congealment, congelative			
7.	demagogue	DEM uh gog	a person or leader who appeals to passions or prejudices		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
	Hitler is an example of a demagogue who claimed power by appealing to people's emotions and prejudices.				
	Derivatives >>	demagogic, demagogical, demagogically, demagogism, demagoguism, demagoguery, demagogy			
8.	dissonance	DIS uh nuns	unrelated and harsh combination of sounds, discord		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	harmony
	Dissonance is a part of some contemporary music.				
	Derivatives >>	dissonant, dissonancy			
9.	dubious	DOO be us	doubtful; not clear		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	distinct, doubtless, assured
	Since he had not read the document, he was a little dubious about signing his name to it.				
	Derivatives >>	dubiously, dubiousness, dubitable, dubitancy, dubitate, dubitation, dubitative, dubiety			
10.	engrossed	en GROSD	completely occupied or absorbed		
	Synonyms >>	preoccupied		Antonym >>	
	The woman was so engrossed in her knitting that she did not notice her child walk out the door.				
	Derivatives >>	engross, engrossing, engrossedly, engrosser, engrossingly, engrossingness, engrossment			
11.	facilitate	fuh SIL eh tate	to make less difficult		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to complicate
	Appliances are useful in facilitating housework.				
	Derivatives >>	facilitated, facilitating, facilitates, facilitation, facilitator, facilitatory			

12.	fledgling	FLEJ ling	an immature or inexperienced person, a young bird that is ready to fly
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> veteran
		The rookie policeman is just a fledgling compared to the captain.	
	Derivatives >>	fledglings, fledgy, fledged	
13.	gilded	GIL did	covered with gold or a golden color; having a background of wealth
	Synonyms >>	prosperous, luxurious, ornate, meretricious, tawdry	Antonym >>
		The gilded and perfumed nobles were inwardly deceptive and rotten to the core.	
	Derivatives >>	gild, gilding, gilder	
14.	graphic	GRAF ik	vivid
	Synonyms >>	descriptive	Antonym >> simple; unadorned
		I have trouble looking at graphic films of concentration camps.	
	Derivatives >>	graphical, graphically, graphicness	
15.	introvert	IN truh vurt	one who turns inward and concentrates thoughts upon himself
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> extrovert
		He is such an introvert that he is not even interested in making new friends.	
	Derivatives >>	introverted, introvertive, introversion, introversive, introversively	
16.	jocular	JOK yu lur	jesting or joking
	Synonyms >>	facetious, jocose, jocund	Antonym >> serious
		The man's jocular mood kept us all entertained throughout the evening.	
	Derivatives >>	jocularity, jocularly, jocularness, jocator	
17.	malcontent	MAL kun tent	a person who is constantly dissatisfied and discontented
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
		The principal blamed the disturbance on malcontents who were never happy with anything.	
	Derivatives >>	malcontented, malcontentedly, malcontentedness	
18.	misnomer	mis NO mur	misnaming, use of a wrong name
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
		Some think that "a peacekeeper" is a misnomer for an MX missile .	
	Derivatives >>	misnomered, misnomed	
19.	obstinate	OB stuh nit	unyielding regardless of reason or logic
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> yielding
		He will not accept advice on many things because of his obstinate attitude.	
	Derivatives >>	obstinacy, obstinancy, obstinance, obstinately, obstinateness, obstination	
20.	prevalent	PREV uh lunt	generally or widely accepted, current, or practiced
	Synonyms >>	prevailing, victorious, dominant	Antonym >> limited, uncommon
		The state of lethargy is a prevalent problem in education.	
	Derivatives >>	prevalence, prevalently	
21.	prudent	PROOD unt	wise and careful about practical matters
	Synonyms >>	judicious, sage, sane, sapient	Antonym >> indiscreet; incautious
		In the city, it is prudent to have locks on all doors and windows.	
	Derivatives >>	prudence, prudential, prudently	
22.	pulverize	PUL vuh rize	to reduce into small pieces, to demolish
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to mold together
		The rocks were pulverized by the heavy machine rolling over them.	
	Derivatives >>	pulverization, pulverized, pulverizer, pulverous, pulverulent, pulverulently	
23.	recapitulation	ree kuh pich uh LAY	a summary
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
		It is usually a good idea for a teacher to give a recapitulation of the previous day's topics.	
	Derivatives >>	recapitulate, recapitulationist, recapitulative, recapitulatory, recapitulatively	
24.	steadfastness	STED fas nes	quality of being fixed with little chance of moving or changing
	Synonyms >>	resolution, staunchness	Antonym >> irresolution
		The steadfastness of her position not to sell her land is remarkable considering what she has been offered.	
	Derivatives >>	steadfast, steadfastly	
25.	tactile	TAK til	perceptible by touch; capable of being felt
	Synonyms >>	tangible	Antonym >> intangible
		The woman's stroke left her with no tactile sensations at all.	
	Derivatives >>	tactilist, tactility, taction	

Lesson 23

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

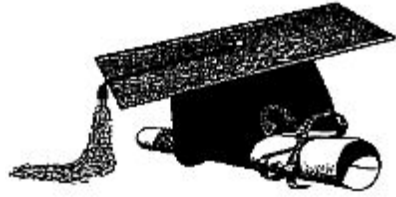
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|-------|-----|---------------|----|----------------------------------|
| _____ | 1. | ambulatory | a. | immature person; young bird |
| _____ | 2. | anarchy | b. | doubtful |
| _____ | 3. | breadth | c. | to solidify or to coagulate |
| _____ | 4. | cant | d. | width of something |
| _____ | 5. | circumscribed | e. | able to walk or to move around |
| _____ | 6. | congeal | f. | to make less difficult |
| _____ | 7. | demagogue | g. | restricted or limited |
| _____ | 8. | dissonance | h. | completely absorbed |
| _____ | 9. | dubious | i. | absence of government |
| _____ | 10. | engrossed | j. | harsh combinations of sound |
| _____ | 11. | facilitate | k. | secret jargon or slang |
| _____ | 12. | fledgling | l. | a person who appeals to passions |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|----------------|----|---------------------------------|
| _____ | 1. | gilded | a. | jesting or joking |
| _____ | 2. | graphic | b. | widely accepted or current |
| _____ | 3. | introvert | c. | resolution; constancy |
| _____ | 4. | jocular | d. | to demolish |
| _____ | 5. | malcontent | e. | tinged with gold; luxurious |
| _____ | 6. | misnomer | f. | perceptible by touch; tangible |
| _____ | 7. | obstinate | g. | vivid; very clear; descriptive |
| _____ | 8. | prevalent | h. | wise about practical matters |
| _____ | 9. | prudent | i. | unyielding regardless of reason |
| _____ | 10. | pulverize | j. | misnaming; use of wrong name |
| _____ | 11. | recapitulation | k. | one who turns inward |
| _____ | 12. | steadfastness | l. | constantly dissatisfied person |
| _____ | 13. | tactile | m. | summary |

Lesson 23

Sentence Completion



ambulatory	anarchy	breadth	cant
circumscribed	congeal	demagogue	dissonant
dubious	engrossed	facilitate	fledgling

1. Knowing that it was time for the young bird to learn to fly, the mother pushed the _____ out of the nest.
2. The patient hated being confined to his bed, and he was anxious to be _____ again so that he could move around.
3. Hitler is an example of a _____ whose rise to power was based on his appeal to people's prejudices and emotions.
4. Because the professor was anxious to help, he tried to _____ the students' research by suggesting some valuable resources.
5. The farmer built a fence that _____ the area he had set aside for his corn crop; the fence encircled the plot of land.
6. Because the composer had so many _____ sounds in his music, it was not pleasing to hear.
7. The _____ of the wall makes it difficult to cross; if it were just a little narrower, it would be a simpler task.
8. The _____ of the brotherhood was never explained; their secret jargon prevented outsiders from understanding their slang.
9. If you leave the gelatin in the refrigerator for one hour, it will _____ into a solid mass.
10. It is doubtful that Quasimodo enjoyed the _____ honor of being the "King of Fools."
11. Without the protection of laws, _____ would soon be the outcome.
12. Completely absorbed in her task, Sara was so _____ in reading her lesson that she never even heard the bell.

Lesson 23



gilded	graphic	introvert	jocular	malcontent
misnomer	obstinate	prevalent	prudent	pulverize
recapitulation	steadfastness	tactile		

13. The _____ visual effects contained in that film made me ill; I had never seen anything so vivid and realistic before.
14. An _____ desperately wants solitude, whereas an extrovert desires the company of others.
15. He was the most _____ and stubborn person I have ever met; he was unwilling to do anything that I asked of him.
16. The child's _____ of calling a tea strainer a "tea stringer" was comical to everyone.
17. The _____ circus clown made us laugh with his antics.
18. Everyone considers Jeff a _____ because he is never satisfied with anything.
19. The _____ chain appeared to be priceless, but the thin layer of gold soon began to wear away.
20. In Detroit, American cars are _____ while foreign cars are hardly accepted at all.
21. Those deprived of sight may still read Braille, using the _____ sense in their fingertips.
22. Her _____ was remarkable; she simply refused to change or to be easily upset.
23. We used a food processor to _____ the oranges, grinding them into small bits.
24. Sara is always _____ and careful when she invests her money.
25. It is a good idea to have a _____ of the day's activities before class is over; a summary reinforces the main idea from the lecture.

Lesson 24

Definitions



1.	abase	uh BAYS	to degrade, to humiliate		
	Synonyms >>	corrupt, debase, debauch, demean, deprave, vitiate, pervert		Antonym >>	to exalt
	The bitter woman deliberately set out to abase her husband in public.				
	Derivatives >>	abasement, abaser, abased, abasing			
2.	abdicate	AB duh kayt	to renounce or to give up a power		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to usurp
	In order to marry the commoner, the king had to abdicate his throne.				
	Derivatives >>	abdicable, abdicative, abdicator, abdicated, abdicating			
3.	brazen	BRAY zen	shameless, insolent, disrespectful		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	reserved; mild
	Pinching that woman was a very brazen act.				
	Derivatives >>	brazenly, brazenness, brazenfaced			
4.	caustic	KAW stik	sarcastically biting, acrid		
	Synonyms >>	mordant, scathing		Antonym >>	kind; gentle
	Critics are known for their caustic remarks about movies that they do not like.				
	Derivatives >>	caustically, causticity			
5.	commiserate	kuh MIZ uh rate	to express sympathy or pity		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to remain aloof
	I commiserated with the family about their loss.				
	Derivatives >>	commiserated, commiserating, commiseration, commiseratively, commiserative			
6.	decorum	deh KOR um	appropriate conduct, correct and proper behavior		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	impropriety
	The students' decorum at the dance was excellent.				
	Derivatives >>	decorous, decorously, decorousness			
7.	deference	DEF ur uns	courteous going along with the opinions or wishes of another		
	Synonyms >>	homage, reverence, respect		Antonym >>	disrespect
	In deference to your wishes, I will not see him again.				
	Derivatives >>	deferential, deferentially, deferentiality			
8.	drone	DRONE	speaking in a monotonous tone; a continuous low humming sound		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
	I could hardly endure the constant drone of the speaker's voice.				
	Derivatives >>	droned, droning, drones, droner, droningly, dronish			
9.	enunciate	eh NUN see ate	to pronounce clearly		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to slur
	Please enunciate your response so that everyone can understand you.				
	Derivatives >>	enunciabile, enunciation, enunciative, enunciator			
10.	girth	GURTH	size or dimensions (usually the measure around a body)		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
	To be a sumo wrestler, one must have a large girth.				
	Derivatives >>	girths			
11.	grandiose	GRAN dee ose	impressive, imposing		
	Synonyms >>	grand, magnificent, majestic, stately		Antonym >>	small and unimpressive
	They have grandiose plans to build a new football stadium				
	Derivatives >>	grandiosely, grandioseness, grandiosity			

12.	inception	in SEP shun	the beginning of something
	Synonyms >>	origin, source	Antonym >> conclusion
	Joe has worked for the company since its inception in 1935.		
	Derivatives >>	incept, inceptive, inceptively, inceptor	
13.	ineffable	in EF uh bul	incapable of being expressed in speech or words
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> easily expressed
	Her delight in being selected as a cheerleader was ineffable.		
	Derivatives >>	ineffability, ineffableness, ineffably	
14.	nebulous	NEB yuh lus	lacking clarity of feature or sharpness of outline
	Synonyms >>	hazy, indistinct, turbid, clouded	Antonym >>
	She had a nebulous recollection of the meeting with the man, unable to provide any specific facts about it.		
	Derivatives >>	nebulously, nebulousness, nebulosity	
15.	neophyte	NEE uh fite	a recent convert, beginner, novice
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> veteran
	Being a neophyte to surfing, he is having trouble catching a wave.		
	Derivatives >>	neophytic, neophytism	
16.	obtuse	ub TUSE	dull of mind, insensitive, stupid
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> intelligent
	His obtuse response to the question showed that he did not understand the nature of the discussion.		
	Derivatives >>	obtusely, obtuseness, obtusion, obtusity	
17.	parable	PAIR uh bul	a short fictitious story that has a moral
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	Jesus often imparted knowledge to his disciples through parables.		
	Derivatives >>	parables	
18.	rant	RANT	to rave, to speak in a loud and attacking manner
	Synonyms >>	bombastic, claptrap, declamation, fustian, rodomontade	Antonym >> to speak peaceably
	He ranted constantly about how everyone was out to get him.		
	Derivatives >>	ranted, ranting	
19.	reproach	reh PROCH	to blame for something; a disgrace
	Synonyms >>	admonish, castigate, chasten, chastise, chide, rebuke,	Antonym >> to praise; accolade
	Her conduct was so good that it was beyond reproach.		
	Derivatives >>	reproachable, reproachful, reproachfully, reproachfulness, reproachingly	
20.	savant	suh VAHNT, SAY vant	a scholar, a learned person
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> dunce
	Woodrow Wilson is an example of a savant who became president .		
	Derivatives >>	savants	
21.	stultifying	STUL tuh fie ing	causing to be useless, crippling, causing to appear stupid
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The teacher stultifies his position in the classroom if he permits bad behavior.		
	Derivatives >>	stultification	
22.	syllabus	SIL uh bus	a brief outline of the main points of a text or course of study
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The syllabus that the professor gave to us stated that the final exam counts for 60% of our grade.		
	Derivatives >>	syllabi, syllabuses	
23.	troupe	TROOP	a company or group--usually theatrical performers
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	A Shakespeare troupe is coming to town to perform Macbeth.		
	Derivatives >>	trouper	
24.	unequivocal	un eh KWIV uh kul	without a doubt, clear
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> doubtful; questionable; ambiguous
	The President stated in an unequivocal manner, "If nominated, I will run; and if elected, I will serve."		
	Derivatives >>	unequivocally, unequivocalness	
25.	vapid	VAP id	dull, inane, insipid
	Synonyms >>	banal, flat, jejune	Antonym >> intelligent; interesting
	The vapid discussion between the two girls was boring and uninteresting.		
	Derivatives >>	vapidly, vapidness	

Lesson 24

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. | abase | a. | sarcastically biting; acrid |
| _____ | 2. | abdicate | b. | insensitive; stupid |
| _____ | 3. | brazen | c. | size or dimension |
| _____ | 4. | caustic | d. | to speak in a monotonous tone |
| _____ | 5. | commiserate | e. | to degrade; to humiliate |
| _____ | 6. | decorum | f. | impressive; imposing |
| _____ | 7. | deference | g. | shameless; insolent |
| _____ | 8. | drone | h. | proper behavior; appropriate conduct |
| _____ | 9. | enunciate | i. | to express pity or sorrow |
| _____ | 10. | girth | j. | to pronounce clearly |
| _____ | 11. | grandiose | k. | to renounce or to give up power |
| _____ | 12. | obtuse | l. | going along with wishes of another |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|-------------|----|-------------------------------------|
| _____ | 1. | ineffable | a. | fictitious story with a moral |
| _____ | 2. | nebulous | b. | without a doubt |
| _____ | 3. | neophyte | c. | company of performers |
| _____ | 4. | inception | d. | lacking clarity; hazy; indistinct |
| _____ | 5. | parable | e. | a recent convert; beginner |
| _____ | 6. | rant | f. | scholar; learned person |
| _____ | 7. | reproach | g. | causing to appear useless or stupid |
| _____ | 8. | savant | h. | to rave |
| _____ | 9. | stultifying | i. | brief outline of main points |
| _____ | 10. | syllabus | j. | uninteresting; dull; insipid |
| _____ | 11. | troupe | k. | to blame for something |
| _____ | 12. | unequivocal | l. | beginning of something |
| _____ | 13. | vapid | m. | cannot be expressed in speech |

Lesson 24

Sentence Completion



abase	abdicate	brazen	caustic
commiserate	decorum	deference	drone
enunciated	girth	grandiose	obtuse

1. The _____ of the gentleman was noticed by everyone; impeccable manners and proper behavior are signs of sophistication and good breeding.
2. The bitter woman deliberately set out to humiliate and _____ her husband in public
3. The king decided to _____ his throne when he realized that he was about to be overthrown; he thought that it was better to step down quietly than to endure a revolution.
4. In _____ to the woman's wishes, her husband sat quietly through the play even though he hated it; he was merely showing a high regard for her desires.
5. His snide remarks were _____ so clearly that they sounded ever more _____ and bitter than ever before.
6. It is easy to _____ with a dieter who has failed to reduce the size of his _____; that portion of the body generally spreads in middle age, and we all know the problems of trying to control weight.
7. The _____ girl who wore the bikini to the wedding either does not know the rules of proper conduct or she does not care what people may think of her.
8. The teacher bored us all with the _____ of her monotonous voice.
9. The magnificent house was so _____ that we stood in awe as we looked at its massive structure and lavish decorations.
10. We did, indeed, hear the story, but only in the most _____, unclear terms; we did not, therefore, really understand.

Lesson 24



inception	ineffable	nebulous	neophyte	parable
rant	reproach	savant	stultifying	syllabus
troupe	unequivocal	vapid		

11. The young _____ had barely begun to master the new skills; he was merely a novice, a beginner learning a new trade.
12. The scenic river presented an _____ sight to those writers who tried to describe it; sometimes it's impossible to find the words to express what one sees.
13. The student was so _____ and dim-witted that he had a _____ effect on the rest of the class, making them all appear stupid.
14. I was surprised that the leader of the theatrical _____ could lead such an interesting group while being so dull himself.
15. Although my father would mildly _____ me to correct my mistakes, he would never _____ at me the same way some parents yell at their children.
16. The _____ uttered his scholarly words of wisdom to his followers so that they could understand, sometimes imparting them through a _____.
17. The teacher presented a _____ of the class on the first day; she wanted us to receive an outline of our assignments immediately.
18. We are seeking _____ support for this project; there can be no doubts about where one stands.
19. Because it was such a short time since the _____ of his training, his skills were still undeveloped; had he begun a month earlier, he would have been farther along.
20. We looked through the hazy windows at the _____, indistinct outlines of the figures outside.

Lesson 25

Definitions



1.	arcane	are KANE	secret, mysterious		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	obvious; easily understood
	The material that is arcane to the students is easily understood by the professor.				
	Derivatives >>	arcanely, arcanist, arcanite, arcanum			
2.	artifacts	ARE tuh faks	simple objects showing human workmanship		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
	After supplying the finishing touches, the craftsman set the artifacts carefully on a shelf to dry.				
	Derivatives >>	artifact, artefact, artefac, artifactual, artifactitious			
3.	atone	uh TONE	to make amends		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to offend
	He atoned for his theft by repaying his victims.				
	Derivatives >>	atoned, atoning, atoner, atonement			
4.	callow	KAL oh	immature, inexperienced		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	mature; experienced
	Rash and hasty decisions are the mark of impetuous, callow youth.				
	Derivatives >>	callowness			
5.	clamor	KLAM ur	loud noise or shouting		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	quiet
	The clamor finally subsided when the children went to bed.				
	Derivatives >>	clamors, clamored, clamoring, clamorous, clamorously, clamorousness			
6.	countenance	KOUN tuh nuns	to condone or to give approval		
	Synonyms >>	approve, sanction, endorse		Antonym >>	to disapprove
	I do not countenance any form of cheating.				
	Derivatives >>	countenanced, countenancing, countenancer			
7.	dilettante	dil eh TANT tee	an aimless and superficial follower of the arts, a dabbler		
	Synonyms >>	amateur, tyro		Antonym >>	virtuoso; professional
	The dilettante could be seen at all the art exhibits though he was far from being an accomplished artist himself.				
	Derivatives >>	dilettantish, dilettantism, dilettantist			
8.	foreboding	fore BOE ding	premonition of evil, an ominous omen		
	Synonyms >>	prediction, portent, presentiment		Antonym >>	serene
	The black clouds overhead were a foreboding of bad weather.				
	Derivatives >>	forebode, foreboder			
9.	hack	HAK	one who forfeits professional integrity in exchange for money or reward		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
	Only a hack would go to work for one of those offensive tabloid newspapers.				
	Derivatives >>	hacks			
10.	impede	im PEDE	to interfere with or to obstruct the progress		
	Synonyms >>	hinder, obstruct		Antonym >>	to assist, to promote
	While the hurricane has impeded the building's construction, the builder feels that it can be completed on time.				
	Derivatives >>	impeded, impeding, impeder, impedibility, impedible, impedingly, impedient, impediment, impedimental,			
11.	indubitable	in DOO beh tuh bul	not open to question or doubt		
	Synonyms >>	unquestionable, certain		Antonym >>	questionable; doubtful
	At the base of the experiment was a core of indubitable knowledge.				
	Derivatives >>	indubitability, indubitableness, indubitably			

12.	invective	in VEK tiv	critical or abusive language; violent abuse
	Synonyms >>	vituperation, obloquy, scurrility, billingsgate	Antonym >> liberal praise
	As his anger mounted, slander and invective poured from his mouth.		
	Derivatives >>	invectively, invectives	
13.	philanthropist	feh LAN thruh pist	one who tries to do good for mankind; lover of mankind
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> misanthrope
	Ross Perot is a philanthropist, donating money for many projects and causes.		
	Derivatives >>	philanthrope, philanthropic, philanthropically, philanthropism, philanthropicist, philanthropy	
14.	precursor	preh KUR sur	something that comes before, forerunner
	Synonyms >>	harbinger, herald	Antonym >> descendant
	A good education is usually a precursor to finding a good job.		
	Derivatives >>	precurse, precursive, precursory	
15.	relish	REL ish	to take great pleasure or delight in
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to detest
	I relish the thought of graduating from high school and getting out on my own.		
	Derivatives >>	relishable, relished, relishing	
16.	rhetoric	RET ur ik	the art of using words effectively in speaking or writing; inflated language
	Synonyms >>	verbosity, bombast; discourse, speech	Antonym >>
	Freshman composition is a course in rhetoric.		
	Derivatives >>	rhetorical, rhetorically, rhetoricalness, rhetoricate, rhetorician, rhetorize	
17.	rigor	RIG ur	strictness, severity
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> laxity
	Calculus and physics are courses that require rigor in study habits.		
	Derivatives >>	rigorism, rigorist, rigoristic, rigoristic, rigorous, rigorously, rigorousness	
18.	somnambulist	som NAM byuh list	a sleepwalker
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	Many people with sleeping disorders are classified as somnambulists.		
	Derivatives >>	somniaambulic, somniaambulant, somniaambular, somniaambulation, somniaambule, somniaambulism, somniaambulistic	
19.	stymie	STY mee	to block, to present an obstacle
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to assist
	After hitting the golf ball into the rough, I could not shoot directly at the hole as I was stymied by a tree.		
	Derivatives >>	stymied, stymieing, stymies	
20.	tepid	TEP id	moderately warm; lacking in passion, force, or animation
	Synonyms >>	lukewarm; dull, lifeless, halfhearted	Antonym >> passionate
	The girl enjoyed a tepid bath. She had only a tepid interest in her grades.		
	Derivatives >>	tepidly, tepidness, tepidarium, tepidity	
21.	unkempt	un KEMPT	disheveled in appearance
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> neat
	When the child came to school unkempt and dirty, I became concerned.		
	Derivatives >>	unkemptly, unkemptness	
22.	vacuous	VAK yoo us	lacking content; marked by a lack of intelligence
	Synonyms >>	empty, vacant, void	Antonym >> intelligent
	The girl's vacuous statements labeled her as silly and immature.		
	Derivatives >>	vacuously, vacuousness	
23.	variegated	VAR ee uh gay tid	changed in appearance by using or applying different colors
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> same; alike
	The variegated roses were not only beautiful, but were also extremely unusual.		
	Derivatives >>	variegate, variegation, variegator	
24.	vehement	VEE uh munt	forcefully expressing emotion or conviction
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> meek
	He vehemently denied that he had said those harsh words.		
	Derivatives >>	vehemence, vehemency, vehemently	
25.	zealot	ZEL ot	one who embraces a cause and supports it with vigor
	Synonyms >>	enthusiast	Antonym >> one without enthusiasm or passion
	The man was known as a religious zealot, as he never stopped trying to convert others to his beliefs.		
	Derivatives >>	zealotic, zealotism, zealotry, zealous, zealously	

Lesson 25

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. | arcane | | a. | to interfere with the progress |
| _____ | 2. | artifacts | | b. | loud noise or shouting |
| _____ | 3. | atone | | c. | ominous omen |
| _____ | 4. | callow | | d. | to condone or to give approval |
| _____ | 5. | clamor | | e. | to make amends |
| _____ | 6. | countenance | | f. | not open to question or doubt |
| _____ | 7. | dilettante | | g. | one who forfeits integrity for money |
| _____ | 8. | foreboding | | h. | secret; mysterious |
| _____ | 9. | hack | | i. | superficial follower of the arts |
| _____ | 10. | impede | | j. | immature; inexperienced |
| _____ | 11. | indubitable | | k. | critical or abusive language |
| _____ | 12. | invective | | l. | simple objects of human workmanship |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|----------------|--|----|-----------------------------------|
| _____ | 1. | philanthropist | | a. | lacking content; empty; void |
| _____ | 2. | precursor | | b. | to block; to present an obstacle |
| _____ | 3. | relish | | c. | strictness; severity |
| _____ | 4. | rhetoric | | d. | lover of mankind |
| _____ | 5. | rigor | | e. | disheveled; disorderly |
| _____ | 6. | somnambulist | | f. | a sign or forewarning |
| _____ | 7. | stymie | | g. | varied; diversified (with colors) |
| _____ | 8. | tepid | | h. | showing emotion forcefully |
| _____ | 9. | unkempt | | i. | inflated language; verbosity |
| _____ | 10. | vacuous | | j. | a sleepwalker |
| _____ | 11. | variegated | | k. | an enthusiast |
| _____ | 12. | vehement | | l. | to take great pleasure in |
| _____ | 13. | zealot | | m. | half-hearted; dull; lifeless |

Lesson 25

Sentence Completion



arcane	artifacts	atone	callow
clamor	countenance	dilettante	foreboding
hack	impede	indubitable	invective

1. His powerful _____ against the candidate left no doubt as to his opinion; it was _____ from such language that he hated the man.
2. I must warn you that I do not _____ any form of cheating; I do not condone it, even though I do not interfere with what you are doing.
3. I was amazed when the _____ youth began to scream as his mother left; I could not stand the _____ of the immature child.
4. It was easy for the _____ to condemn her friend, the _____ while she dabbled in writing merely as a hobby, her friend wrote out of necessity, even if he felt he was sacrificing his own personal integrity.
5. I will not attempt to _____ your progress on the test; you may work as quickly or as slowly as you wish without any interference from me.
6. Among the _____ found in the tomb were several cups bearing mysterious, _____ writings.
7. The wealthy old man hoped to _____ for his life of stinginess by giving money to the poor.
8. The ominous dark clouds above created a _____ of dangerous events about to occur.

Lesson 25



philanthropist	precursor	relished	rhetoric	rigors
somnambulist	stymie	tepid	unkempt	vacuous
variegated	vehement	zealot		

9. The senator's _____ objection to the bill may _____ it in committee and block its passage into law; while others were emotional, he was the most forceful in his expression of conviction.
10. Although some found the wildflower garden beautiful, I considered it to be _____, a messy conglomeration of _____, multi-colored weeds.
11. The politician's empty, _____ speech was full of pompous _____, mere inflated language.
12. The religious _____ was far from _____ in his beliefs; indeed, he was a vigorous supporter of the faith, condemning anyone whom he considered to be lacking in passion for it.
13. Jim is not prepared for the _____ of college study; he lives to party, and he avoids strictness of any kind.
14. The great pleasure with which he _____ his daughter's graduation showed in the delight of his face.
15. The wealthy man became a _____, giving large sums of money to needy and deserving people.
16. The woman's first indication that her new husband was a _____ occurred when she found him walking down the stairs while sound asleep.
17. The wind that bounced the ship around like a punching bag was a _____ of the hurricane yet to come.

Lesson 26

Definitions



1.	abominable	uh BOM uh nuh bul	repugnantly hateful; very unpleasant, detestable, loathsome
	Synonyms >>	abhorrent, horrible, revolting, foul	Antonym >> likable
		The weather was abominable last week with temperatures reaching as high as 115 degrees.	
	Derivatives >>	abominableness, abominably, abominate, abominated, abominating, abomination	
2.	abscond	ab SKOND	to leave secretly and hide
	Synonyms >>	flee, fly	Antonym >> to give oneself up
		After the thief absconded with the bonds, he was never found.	
	Derivatives >>	absconder, absconded	
3.	capitulate	kuh PICH uh late	to surrender
	Synonyms >>	defer, relent, submit, succumb, yield	Antonym >> to resist
		The army was expected to capitulate after having lost that last battle with so many casualties.	
	Derivatives >>	capitulated, capitulating, capitulation	
4.	castigate	KAS tuh gate	to punish or to subdue by punishment; to criticize with drastic severity
	Synonyms >>	punish, chastise	Antonym >> to salute
		The psychologist suggested that the father might begin to castigate his unruly son for his belligerent behavior.	
	Derivatives >>	castigated, castigating, castigates, castigation, castigator, castigatory	
5.	comatose	KOM uh tose	lethargic, unconscious
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> conscious; aware
		After the operation, he was in a comatose state.	
	Derivatives >>	comatosely	
6.	consolidate	kun SOL uh date	to make solid, to unite, or to merge
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to break into parts
		Medical professionals need to consolidate their forces to seek a cure for the AIDS virus.	
	Derivatives >>	consolidated, consolidating, consolidator, consolidation	
7.	despondency	deh SPON dun see	depression, dejection
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> blithe hopefulness
		Because he thought that he had failed the test, he felt great despondency.	
	Derivatives >>	despondent, despondence, despondently, desponding, despondingly	
8.	destitution	des teh TOO shun	state of being extremely poor, in extreme want
	Synonyms >>	impecunity, indigence, penury, want	Antonym >> prosperity
		We face destitution if our father loses his job.	
	Derivatives >>	destitute, destitutely, destituteness	
9.	eddy	ED ee	a current of air or water moving contrary to the main current (circularly)
	Synonyms >>	whirlpool	Antonym >>
		An eddy of wind picked up debris in the street and scattered it along the walks.	
	Derivatives >>	eddies, eddyings	
10.	enfranchise	en FRAN chize	to give or to bestow something such as the right to vote or citizenship
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to remove; to take away
		This bill will cause many young people to be enfranchised with the right to vote.	
	Derivatives >>	enfranchisement, enfranchiser	
11.	ennoble	en NOE bul	to elevate, to raise in rank
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to defame
		The man was ennobled by his true devotion to mankind.	
	Derivatives >>	ennobled, ennoblement, ennobling, ennoblish	

12.	fecund	FEE kund, FEK und	capable of reproducing, intellectual productivity
	Synonyms >>	fertile, fruitful, prolific	Antonym >> barren
		The Amazon, with abundant plant and animal life, is a fecund area.	
	Derivatives >>	fecundate, fecundation, fecundative, fecundator, fecundity	
13.	inebriation	in ee bree A shun	drunkenness, intoxication
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> sobriety
		One should not drive when in a state of inebriation.	
	Derivatives >>	inebriant, inebriate, inebriated, inebriety, inebrious	
14.	inopportune	in op ur TOON	inconvenient, poorly timed
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> convenient
		Today is an inopportune time to get together since my parents are in town.	
	Derivatives >>	inopportunately, inopportuneness	
15.	inviolable	in VIE uh luh bul	secure from violation or from being profaned
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> destructible
		The numerous guards attempt to make the President inviolable.	
	Derivatives >>	inviolate, inviolability, invioableness, invioably, inviolacy, inviolateness, inviolately, inviolated, inviolating	
16.	nonchalance	non shuh LAWNS	indifference, a showing of little interest
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> intensity
		He took the news of his failing grade with nonchalance.	
	Derivatives >>	nonchalant, nonchalantly, nonchalantness	
17.	prevarication	preh var uh KAY shun	evasiveness, lie
	Synonyms >>	equivocation	Antonym >> honesty
		Prevarication is a dangerous activity when under oath on the witness stand.	
	Derivatives >>	prevaricate, prevaricative, prevaricator, prevaricatory	
18.	primordial	pry MORE dee ul	original, existing at the beginning (usually relates to time)
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
		Some believe that an ape-like creature is the human's primordial ancestor.	
	Derivatives >>	primordially, primordium	
19.	punctilious	pungk TILL ee us	stressing precise following of instructions, details, codes or conduct
	Synonyms >>	meticulous, scrupulous	Antonym >> lackadaisical
		The boss insists that we be punctilious in following company policy.	
	Derivatives >>	punctiliously, punctiliousness	
20.	remonstrate	reh MON strate	to protest, to make objections
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to agree; to acquiesce
		I must remonstrate about the treatment of the residents of the rest home.	
	Derivatives >>	remonstrance, remonstrancer, remonstrant, remonstrantly, remonstratingly, remonstration, remonstrative	
21.	rudimentary	roo duh MEN tuh ree	consisting in first principles, of a primitive kind; relating to basic skills
	Synonyms >>	basic, fundamental, undeveloped, elementary	Antonym >> fully developed
		Second grade students have only rudimentary skills in reading.	
	Derivatives >>	rudiment, rudiments, rudimental, rudimentarily, rudimentariness, rudimentation	
22.	sonnet	SON it	a fourteen line form of poetry
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
		The sonnet is a favorite form of poetry with many writers.	
	Derivatives >>	sonnets	
23.	tantamount	TAN tuh mount	equivalent in value or significance
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> unlike in significance
		In my father's eyes anything less than an "A" is tantamount to failure.	
	Derivatives >>		
24.	turgid	TUR jid	swollen
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> deflated
		The body was turgid from being in the water for so long.	
	Derivatives >>	turgidity, turgidly, turgidness	
25.	vestigial	veh STIJ ee ul	something in an underdeveloped form
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> fully developed
		Some animals still have vestigial tails, although they are hardly noticeable.	
	Derivatives >>	vestigially	

Lesson 26

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

- | | | | | |
|-------|-----|-------------|----|-------------------------------------|
| _____ | 1. | abominable | a. | depression; dejection |
| _____ | 2. | abscond | b. | to make solid; to unite; to merge |
| _____ | 3. | capitulate | c. | to punish or to criticize severely |
| _____ | 4. | castigate | d. | fertile; fruitful |
| _____ | 5. | comatose | e. | to leave secretly and hide |
| _____ | 6. | consolidate | f. | to raise in rank, time, or position |
| _____ | 7. | despondency | g. | to surrender |
| _____ | 8. | destitution | h. | to give something (right to vote) |
| _____ | 9. | eddy | i. | repugnantly hateful |
| _____ | 10. | enfranchise | j. | lethargic; unconscious |
| _____ | 11. | ennoble | k. | extreme poverty |
| _____ | 12. | fecund | l. | whirlpool |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|---------------|----|--|
| _____ | 1. | inebriation | a. | basic; fundamental |
| _____ | 2. | inopportune | b. | to protest; to make objections |
| _____ | 3. | inviolable | c. | indifference; lack of concern |
| _____ | 4. | nonchalance | d. | underdeveloped |
| _____ | 5. | prevarication | e. | inconvenient; poorly timed |
| _____ | 6. | primordial | f. | equivalent in value |
| _____ | 7. | punctilious | g. | a fourteen-line form of poetry |
| _____ | 8. | remonstrate | h. | secure from violation |
| _____ | 9. | rudimentary | i. | swollen; bloated |
| _____ | 10. | sonnet | j. | drunkenness; intoxication |
| _____ | 11. | tantamount | k. | evasiveness; a lie |
| _____ | 12. | turgid | l. | original; existing at beginning |
| _____ | 13. | vestigial | m. | stressing precise following of details |

Lesson 26

Sentence Completion



abominable	abscond	capitulate	castigate
comatose	consolidate	despondent	destitution
eddy	enfranchisement	ennobled	fecund

1. The soil was even more _____ than before; after adding fertilizers and letting it lie fallow for two years, it was certainly the most fertile land in the area.
2. The _____ patient had been unconscious for almost two weeks.
3. The substitute teacher was compelled to _____ the disorderly student, criticizing his behavior with drastic severity.
4. A whirlwind of air rushed down the street, picking up little bits of paper and trash and swirling them in the _____ as it traveled.
5. The police were close behind the criminal as he tried to _____ with the stolen money; though he tried to leave secretly and hide, the attempt was useless.
6. The general of the troops decided to _____ when he saw that he was outnumbered; he surrendered immediately.
7. The _____ of women and minorities by giving them the right to vote is only a beginning. It is the responsibility of these groups to _____ their power into a unified base.
8. The previously rich man was in utter depression; he was _____ as a result of his recent _____, which had occurred when he lost all his money in the stock market crash.
9. When the man made his proposal to the crowd, he was met with derision and ridicule by only a few; for the vast majority, airing his views _____ him in their minds, elevating him to the highest regard.
10. I found that new novel completely _____; the language was repugnant, and the scenes that the author described were loathsome.

Lesson 26



inebriation	inopportune	inviolable	nonchalance	prevarication
primordial	punctilious	remonstrate	rudimentary	sonnet
tantamount	turgid	vestigial		

1. The state of _____ that follows drinking too much alcohol may leave a person oblivious to his surroundings.
12. The sanctity of the priest's position made his decisions _____, unable to be violated or profaned.
13. The man's derogatory remarks were _____ to an insult; in the duke's mind, they were equivalent to asking him to fight, so he challenged the man to a duel.
14. I intend to _____ about the care of the residents in that rest home; if enough of us object to the treatment they are receiving, something may be done.
15. The lawyer was hoping the court would reduce the original sentence; unfortunately, the judge seemed totally uninterested and treated the case with _____.
16. Only fourteen lines are required in a _____, but a poet often works very diligently to compose such a poem.
17. He tells lies with the grace of one skilled in _____.
18. Some scientists believe that the sun, planets and stars originated from a _____ mass of gas.
19. The test administrator urged us to be _____ and to follow all of the instructions.
20. Your broken leg is still so _____ that we cannot put a cast on it; we will have to wait until some of the swelling goes down.
21. The refrigerator stopped working at the most _____ time; because I had just bought groceries, the breakdown was extremely inconvenient.
22. His wife had not mastered even the basic, _____ skills of cooking; as a matter of fact, she knew so little that she could hardly boil water.
23. Some scientists believe that tonsils are a _____ or underdeveloped part of the body's immune system.

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Definitions



1.	abyss	uh BISS	bottomless hole, a vast expanse or depth
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The man had fallen into the abyss of depravity.		
	Derivatives >>	abysm, abysmal, abysmally, abyssal	
2.	acrid	AK rid	caustic, bitter, harsh (relates sometimes to taste and smell)
	Synonyms >>	caustic, mordant, scathing	Antonym >> agreeable
	The acrid odor in the restaurant caused me to leave.		
	Derivatives >>	acridity, acridness, acridly	
3.	acuity	uh KEW uh tee	sharpness of perception
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> denseness
	His acuity in determining the facts made him a good judge.		
	Derivatives >>	acuties, acute, acuteness	
4.	baleful	BALE ful	destructive, deadly
	Synonyms >>	malign, sinister	Antonym >> benign
	War is a baleful experience for many.		
	Derivatives >>	bale, balefully, balefulness	
5.	cataclysm	KAT uh kliz um	an event or situation that causes a momentous change or upheaval
	Synonyms >>	calamity, catastrophe	Antonym >>
	The San Francisco earthquake was a cataclysmic event.		
	Derivatives >>	cataclysmic, cataclysmal	
6.	catharsis	kuh THAR sis	a purification or purging of emotions that brings about spiritual renewal
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> repression
	The child had so many repressed emotions that a catharsis was needed to restore his normal state of mind.		
	Derivatives >>	catharses, cathartic, cathartically	
7.	dogma	DOG muh	a system of beliefs or principles
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The foreigner was anxious to learn the dogma of the church since he had never been exposed to it.		
	Derivatives >>	dogmatic	
8.	edifice	ED uh fis	a very large building
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> shack; small building
	This particular edifice has the title of being the tallest building in the world.		
	Derivatives >>		
9.	enumerate	eh NOO muh rate	to count one by one
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to group
	In his summation, my lawyer enumerated all of the reasons why I should receive a verdict of "not guilty."		
	Derivatives >>	enumeration, enumerative, enumerator	
10.	grate	GRATE	to cause irritation
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to soothe
	Her acrimonious comments grate on my nerves.		
	Derivatives >>	grated, grating, grater	
11.	inertia	in UR shuh	resistance to motion or action
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> disposition to action
	In order to move, a force must first overcome a body's initial inertia.		
	Derivatives >>	inert, inertial, inertia, inertness, inertly	

12.	inordinate	in OR duh nit	exceeding reasonable limits, excessive
	Synonyms >>	exorbitant, extravagant, extreme, immoderate	Antonym >> small
	It is a sign of trouble when a student has an inordinate number of absences.		
	Derivatives >>	inordinately, inordinateness, inordination	
13.	luminous	LOO muh nus	shining, full of light
	Synonyms >>	bright, brilliant, lustrous	Antonym >> dark; dull
	The most luminous thing visible from Earth is the sun.		
	Derivatives >>	luminosity, luminously, luminousness	
14.	maudlin	MOD lin	overly sentimental
	Synonyms >>	mawkish	Antonym >>
	The maudlin clown cried excessively over a simple popped balloon.		
	Derivatives >>	maudlinism, maudlinly, maudlinness	
15.	novice	NOV is	a beginner
	Synonyms >>	apprentice, probationer, neophyte, tyro	Antonym >> a veteran; a professional
	A novice in swimming should stay in the shallow end of the pool until he is more skilled.		
	Derivatives >>	novicehood, novicelike, novitiate	
16.	pique	PEEK	resentment, irritation
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> acceptance
	After finding that he had been seeing other women, she showed her pique by not speaking to him.		
	Derivatives >>	piqued, piquing	
17.	propensity	pruh PEN seh tee	preference, natural inclination
	Synonyms >>	leaning, penchant, proclivity	Antonym >> aversion
	I have a propensity for rising early.		
	Derivatives >>	propension, propense, propend	
18.	purse	PURS	to pucker or to tighten one's lips
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The angrier he got, the more he pursed his lips.		
	Derivatives >>	pursed, pursing	
19.	refute	reh FYOOT	to disprove, to show as erroneous
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to prove; to avow
	The lawyer presented evidence that refuted the testimony of the witness.		
	Derivatives >>	refutable, refutability, refutably, refutal, refutation, refutative, refutatory, refuter	
20.	remuneration	reh myoo nuh RAY	the act of paying for a service, loss, or expense
	Synonyms >>	compensation, reimbursement	Antonym >>
	The man sought remuneration for his expenses from his boss.		
	Derivatives >>	remunerate, remunerative, remunerator, remuneratively, remunerativeness	
21.	soothsayer	SOOTH say ur	a person who is able to predict the future, seer
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	After John Kennedy was shot, many self-proclaimed soothsayers claimed to have predicted the assassination.		
	Derivatives >>	soothsay, soothsaying	
22.	supple	SUP ul	easily bent, elastic, pliable
	Synonyms >>	resilient	Antonym >> rigid
	Her supple bones allowed her to perform strange feats in gymnastics.		
	Derivatives >>	suppler, supplest	
23.	travail	truh VALE	difficult labor
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> relaxing diversion
	It took years of travail to build this business.		
	Derivatives >>	travails	
24.	understate	UN dur state	to show restraint or lack of emphasis
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to embroider
	I believe that you are understating the danger of nuclear energy.		
	Derivatives >>	understated, understatement	
25.	vibrant	VIE brunt	full of life
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> lifeless
	She was a vibrant young woman before she went into a coma.		
	Derivatives >>	vibrance, vibrancy, vibrantly	

Lesson 27

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. | abyss | a. | sharpness of perception |
| _____ | 2. | acid | b. | bottomless hole |
| _____ | 3. | acuity | c. | system of beliefs, principles |
| _____ | 4. | baleful | d. | to count one by one |
| _____ | 5. | cataclysm | e. | resistance to motion or action |
| _____ | 6. | catharsis | f. | caustic; bitter; harsh |
| _____ | 7. | dogma | g. | destructive; deadly |
| _____ | 8. | edifice | h. | exceeding reasonable limits |
| _____ | 9. | enumerate | i. | a purification of emotions |
| _____ | 10. | grate | j. | a very large building |
| _____ | 11. | inertia | k. | to cause irritation |
| _____ | 12. | inordinate | l. | event that causes great change |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|--------------|----|-------------------------------------|
| _____ | 1. | luminous | a. | natural inclination |
| _____ | 2. | maudlin | b. | payment for a service |
| _____ | 3. | novice | c. | show lack of emphasis |
| _____ | 4. | pique | d. | easily bent; elastic; pliable |
| _____ | 5. | propensity | e. | overly sentimental |
| _____ | 6. | purse | f. | difficult labor |
| _____ | 7. | refute | g. | shining; full of light |
| _____ | 8. | remuneration | h. | to disprove |
| _____ | 9. | soothsayer | i. | a beginner |
| _____ | 10. | supple | j. | resentment; irritation |
| _____ | 11. | travail | k. | to pucker one's lips |
| _____ | 12. | understate | l. | full of life |
| _____ | 13. | vibrant | m. | a person able to predict the future |

Lesson 27

Sentence Completion



abyss	acrid	acuity	baleful
cataclysmic	catharsis	dogma	edifice
enumerate	grate	inertia	inordinate

1. The doctor said that my _____ consumption of food was much greater than was good for my health.
2. The irritating sounds of the child's screaming began to _____ on my nerves and drove me to distraction.
3. Most Californians would prefer the minor damage associated with many mild earthquakes to the _____ destruction associated with one major upheaval.
4. The crowd gathered in front of the building to protest, but the _____ was completely surrounded by guards.
5. The teacher asked the student to _____ all the ways he had been helped; as the student counted the ways, another child recorded them.
6. In order to move this object, you must first apply a force strong enough to overcome its _____, the property that makes it resistant to motion.
7. The chemical became bitter and _____ when the additional substance was added to it.
8. The wise man saw the situation with _____; his sharp perception always added to his wisdom.
9. The religious _____ was upheld by members of the congregation; their beliefs were fundamental and very important to them all.
10. His tears acted as a _____, cleansing the emotions of the lonely man.
11. The _____ winds took yet another life as the tornado struck another row of houses.
12. The mountain climber was cautious in order to prevent falling into the _____ below him; the hole, which seemed bottomless, was quite terrifying.

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luminous	maudlin	novice	pique	propensity
purse	refute	remuneration	soothsayer	supple
travail	understate	vibrant		

13. The girl has a _____ for helping others in need; her natural inclinations for serving others would be of benefit in the field of nursing.
14. The _____ sky helped us to find our way in the night; it was not difficult when the evening sky was so full of light.
15. The _____ clown made fun of emotional people by acting overly sentimental.
16. The girl was a _____ in the class, but even a beginner should know more than what she did.
17. Bill collectors who seek _____ from people who are reluctant to pay must be prepared to be verbally abused by their clients.
18. Eating the sour pickle caused him to _____ his lips into a tight pucker.
19. The plastic rod was just _____ enough to bend the needed amount without breaking. We were fortunate to have found something so pliable.
20. After Mary heard the horrid things that Alex had said about her, she showed her _____ by not speaking to him; her irritation and resentment were obvious to everyone.
21. Paul has a tendency to _____ the seriousness of the problem; he often fails to give emphasis to the importance of things.
22. The professor began to _____ the theory; he disproved it by using simple math.
23. All the characters in this novel are _____ and full of life.
24. The woman was having a difficult labor, but it was nothing compared to the _____ of another woman in the adjoining room.
25. The king should have listened to the _____; although the prophet foretold his future, the warning was not heeded.

Lesson 28

Definitions



1.	abeyance	uh BAY uns	suspension of action
	Synonyms >>	dormancy, latency, quiescence	Antonym >> activity
	The meeting was held in abeyance until the chairperson arrived.		
	Derivatives >>	abeyant	
2.	burly	BUR lee	great in bodily size, sturdy; brusque
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> slight; refined; mannered
	When we saw the burly man appear in the door, we knew it was no time to pick a fight.		
	Derivatives >>	burlier, burliest, burly, burliness	
3.	cavalier	kav uh LEER	an armed horseman, a knight; treating important matters lightly
	Synonyms >>	disdainful	Antonym >> reserved; humble; meek
	His arrogant and cavalier attitude has offended many people.		
	Derivatives >>	cavalierly	
4.	chagrin	shuh GRIN	vexation through humiliation, hurt pride, or disappointment
	Synonyms >>	trouble, grief	Antonym >> self-satisfaction
	The chagrin the girl felt as a result of her abject poverty kept her from associating with her school peers.		
	Derivatives >>	chagrined, chagrining, chagrins	
5.	coagulate	ko AG yuh late	to gather together in a mass, to clot; to congeal
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to flow freely
	Because blood coagulates, people do not bleed to death from small cuts.		
	Derivatives >>	coagulable, coagulant, coagulated, coagulating, coagulation, coagulative, coagulator	
6.	compilation	kom puh LAY shun	an accumulation of many things
	Synonyms >>	accretion	Antonym >>
	The book was an interesting compilation of many sources.		
	Derivatives >>	compiler, compilatory, compile, compiled, compilement, compiler	
7.	contest	kun TEST	to compete, to attempt to disprove
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to accept without dispute
	I contest your statement about his lack of courage.		
	Derivatives >>	contested, contesting, contests	
8.	defoliate	dee FOE lee ate	to deprive of leaves
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The chemical Agent Orange was used in Vietnam to defoliate the trees so the enemy could be found.		
	Derivatives >>	defoliant, defoliated, defoliating, defoliator	
9.	effigy	EF eh jee	a dummy or image of a person (usually one who is not liked)
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The ball team hung the opponent's mascot in effigy at the pep rally before the game.		
	Derivatives >>	effigies	
10.	eon	EE un, EE on	a long period of time
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> short time
	It seems like it will be eons before I am allowed to date.		
	Derivatives >>	aeon, aeonian, eonian, aeonic, aeonial	
11.	fervent	FUR vent	ardent, showing great emotion, impassioned
	Synonyms >>	fervid, passionate, perfervid	Antonym >> indifferent
	I have a fervent love for that man.		
	Derivatives >>	fervency, fervently, ferventness, fervid, fervidly, fervidity, fervidness	

12.	ingenuity	in juh NOO eh tee	cleverness, inventiveness, resourcefulness
	Synonyms >>	adroitness, cunning, deftness, dexterity	Antonym >> lack of cleverness
	He showed much ingenuity in his unique way of solving the problem.		
	Derivatives >>	ingenious, ingeniously, ingeniousness	
13.	insidious	in SID ee us	treacherous or dangerous in a secret sort of way
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> harmless
	AIDS is insidious because one can have it and transmit it before showing symptoms of the disease.		
	Derivatives >>	insidiously, insidiousness	
14.	myopic	my OP ik	unable to discern, unable to think clearly or objectively; shortsighted
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> perceptive
	She is so myopic that she never sees all of her options.		
	Derivatives >>	myopically	
15.	plethora	PLETH ur uh	superabundance, excessive amount
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> scarcity
	She offered a plethora of excuses for failing French, none of which were acceptable.		
	Derivatives >>	plethoric	
16.	propitious	pruh PISH us	favorably disposed, graciously inclined
	Synonyms >>	helpful, advantageous, benevolent, favorable, auspicious	Antonym >> unfavorable; inauspicious
	America has conditions propitious to democracy.		
	Derivatives >>	propitiously, propitiousness, propitiate, propitiated, propitiatory	
17.	protrusion	pro TROO zhun	something sticking out
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> indentation
	A large protrusion on his head was the result of being hit by the bat.		
	Derivatives >>	protusive, protusively, protusiveness	
18.	quack	KWAK	an unqualified or fake doctor, charlatan
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> qualified physician
	Fortunately the girl was saved from the scalpel of the quack who called himself a doctor.		
	Derivatives >>	quackery, quackish, quackishly, quackishness, quackism	
19.	querulous	KWER uh lus	constantly complaining, whining
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> uncomplaining
	Amy irritates me when she constantly speaks in her querulous voice.		
	Derivatives >>	querulously, querulousness, querulist, querulent	
20.	rustic	RUS tik	relating to the country
	Synonyms >>	rural, coarse	Antonym >> urban; relating to the city
	The rustic cabin in the mountains was small but comfortable.		
	Derivatives >>	rustical, rustically, rusticate, rustication, rusticator	
21.	sovereign	SOV rin	possessed of controlling power
	Synonyms >>	predominant, paramount, preponderant	Antonym >> without power
	The king is sovereign within his country.		
	Derivatives >>	sovereignly, sovereignty, sovranity	
22.	temperance	TEM pur uns	moderation or self-restraint in action or statement
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The woman exercised temperance in filling her plate with small portions of food.		
	Derivatives >>	temperate, temperately, temperateness	
23.	truncate	TRUNG kate	to shorten by cutting
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to lengthen
	If you truncate the board, it will fit into the space you desire.		
	Derivatives >>	truncated, truncately, truncation, truncature	
24.	undulant	UN juh lunt	moving with or resembling a wavelike motion
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> motionless
	Playing golf on an undulant terrain is usually difficult.		
	Derivatives >>	undulance, undulate, undulated, undulating, undulation, undulatory	
25.	viscosity	vis KOS eh tee	property of having a high resistance to flow
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	Heinz ketchup has a high viscosity.		
	Derivatives >>	viscous	

Lesson 28

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. | abeyance | a. | suspension of action |
| _____ | 2. | burly | b. | ardent; showing great emotion |
| _____ | 3. | cavalier | c. | to compete; to attempt to disprove |
| _____ | 4. | chagrin | d. | to gather together in a mass; to clot |
| _____ | 5. | coagulate | e. | a long period of time |
| _____ | 6. | compilation | f. | to deprive of leaves |
| _____ | 7. | contest | g. | accumulation of many things |
| _____ | 8. | defoliate | h. | vexation through humiliation |
| _____ | 9. | effigy | i. | great in bodily size; brusque |
| _____ | 10. | eon | j. | cleverness; inventiveness |
| _____ | 11. | fervent | k. | a dummy image of a person |
| _____ | 12. | ingenuity | l. | disdainful; treating matters lightly |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|------------|----|----------------------------------|
| _____ | 1. | insidious | a. | relating to the country; rural |
| _____ | 2. | myopic | b. | unqualified doctor; fake |
| _____ | 3. | plethora | c. | having a high resistance to flow |
| _____ | 4. | propitious | d. | a narrow view of something |
| _____ | 5. | protrusion | e. | something sticking out |
| _____ | 6. | quack | f. | moderation or self-restraint |
| _____ | 7. | querulous | g. | moving with a wavelike motion |
| _____ | 8. | rustic | h. | favorable disposed; helpful |
| _____ | 9. | sovereign | i. | possessed of controlling power |
| _____ | 10. | temperance | j. | constantly whining; complaining |
| _____ | 11. | truncate | k. | dangerous in a secretive way |
| _____ | 12. | undulant | l. | shorten by cutting |
| _____ | 13. | viscosity | m. | superabundance; excessive amount |

Lesson 28

Sentence Completion



abeyance	burly	cavalier	chagrin
coagulate	compilation	contest	defoliate
effigy	eons	fervent	ingenuity

1. Sara was so completely absorbed in reading the _____ of accumulated stories and poems that she was late for work, much to her humiliation and _____.
2. I can prove that you are wrong about me, and I have a witness to help me _____ your statement.
3. The woman made a _____ plea to the government to stop the practice of polluting the country's rivers with toxic waste; her impassioned words impressed the officials.
4. The doctor insisted that the blood not be allowed to _____; he did not want a blood clot forming and endangering the man's life.
5. Although the chemical claimed to _____ the trees, not all the leaves were completely removed.
6. The man's _____ was amazing; he had his car held together by clothes hangers and paperclips. He could solve any problems with those two items.
7. I am sure it will be _____ before I can save enough money to buy another car; I'll be dead before that much time passes.
8. The mob was held in _____ by the man's pacifying words; the crowd seemed suspended in time as they listened to his every word.
9. His disdainful and uncaring altitude caused him to be described as _____.
10. The football pep rally ended when the _____ of the opponent was thrown on the fire to burn; fortunately it was only a dummy that they were burning.
11. I was shocked when I found the _____ man at my door; his great bodily size and brusque manner alarmed me at first.

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insidious	myopic	plethora	propitious	protrusion
quack	querulous	rustic	sovereign	temperance
truncated	undulant	viscosity		

12. It is because of her _____ vision that she cannot get out of her predicament; she can see only one course of action.
13. The mother always had a _____ of advice for her daughter, but the child sometimes grew tired of the abundant suggestions.
14. The ill man had been treated by the _____ for several months, but of course he did not get well since the so-called “doctor” had no real training or expertise.
15. The _____ work of a con man often leaves gullible people secretly tricked out of their life savings.
16. The general’s _____ reception of the enemy messenger showed his favorable inclination toward a peace treaty.
17. Formally speaking, the _____ of lumber was _____ by the carpenter; simply stated, he cut off the long boards that were sticking out.
18. Because I wanted to try country life, I moved to a _____ country shack with no electricity or indoor plumbing.
19. The President possesses _____ and complete power over the executive branch of our government.
20. The _____ of honey is similar to that of molasses: both flow slowly.
21. The field was _____ with green corn stalks that waved like the ocean as the breeze blew across them.
22. That is the most _____ child I have ever seen; all she ever does is whine and complain.
23. We encouraged the man to use _____ in his drinking; if he could practice moderation he would not get drunk so much.

Lesson 29

Definitions



1.	adherent	ad HEER unt	a follower of something such as a leader, party, philosophy, or profession
	Synonyms >>	disciple, follower, partisan	
	Antonym >>	dissenter	
	He is an adherent of the Democratic party.		
2.	advent	AD vent	a coming or arrival
	Synonyms >>		
	Antonym >>	departure, demise	
	The children anxiously awaited the advent of summer.		
3.	cache	KASH	a hole or hiding place used to store supplies
	Synonyms >>		
	Antonym >>		
	The child hid his treasured toy in a cache in the corner.		
4.	celestial	seh LES chul	pertaining to the sky or heavens
	Synonyms >>		
	Antonym >>	earthly	
	Stars are celestial bodies.		
5.	certitudes	SIR tuh toods	things that are inevitable or certain, certainties
	Synonyms >>		
	Antonym >>	doubt	
	He was able to take his vows with absolute certitude.		
6.	chide	CHIDE	to voice disapproval, to scold
	Synonyms >>	admonish, castigate, chasten, chastise, rebuke, reprove	
	Antonym >>	to applaud	
	I was chided by my teacher for not completing my assignment.		
7.	converge	kun VERJ	to move together
	Synonyms >>		
	Antonym >>	to move apart	
	The cars converged at the intersection at the same time and crashed.		
8.	dictum	DIK tum	an authoritative statement, decree
	Synonyms >>	saying, maxim	
	Antonym >>		
	The dictum from the Pope allows this activity.		
9.	effusion	eh FYOO zhun	a pouring forth (usually overdone in writing or speech)
	Synonyms >>		
	Antonym >>	restraint; reserve	
	The effusion of profane language in his speech offended many.		
10.	exacting	ig ZAK ting	demanding, requiring great care
	Synonyms >>	burdensome, onerous, oppressive	
	Antonym >>	indulgent	
	Concerning the form of the outline, the teacher was very exacting.		
11.	excise	ik SIZE	to remove by cutting
	Synonyms >>		
	Antonym >>		
	Hopefully, the doctor can excise the cancer from his liver.		
	Derivatives >>	excision, excisional	

12.	fetid	FET id	having an offensive smell, malodorous
	Synonyms >>	fusty, musty, noisome, putrid, rancid, rank	Antonym >> aromatic
	The dead body became fetid.		
	Derivatives >>	fetidly, fetidness, fetidity	
13.	harbor	HAR bur	to give shelter or refuge
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to turn away
	It is illegal to harbor an escaped convict.		
	Derivatives >>	harbors, harbored, harboring, harborage	
14.	impermeable	im PUR mee uh bul	not able to be penetrated, unable to be passed through
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> penetrable
	Boats are coated with an impermeable substance that keeps water and moisture out.		
	Derivatives >>	impermeability, impermeabilization, impermeabilize, impermeableness, impermeably	
15.	incipient	in SIP ee unt	beginning to come into being, the early stage of something
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> waning
	He is not able to recognize his own incipient drug problem.		
	Derivatives >>	incipiative, incipency, incipience, incipiently	
16.	insolvent	in SOL vunt	without money, broke
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> solvent; wealthy
	Before Congress passed the legislation, many worried that the social security fund might become insolvent.		
	Derivatives >>	insolence, insolvency	
17.	jettison	JET eh sun	to discard or to cast off, many times relates to spacecraft
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to bring aboard
	The sailors were forced to jettison all excess weight in order to stay afloat.		
	Derivatives >>	jettisonable	
18.	obtrude	ub TROOD	to thrust out, to thrust forward
	Synonyms >>	intrude	Antonym >> to hold in; to recoil
	It is often rude to obtrude one's opinions upon another when no invitation for them has been given.		
	Derivatives >>	obtrusive, obtruder, obtrusion, obtrusively, obtrusiveness	
19.	quandary	KWON duh ree	dilemma
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> state of peace and calm
	She was in a quandary because two boys whom she liked wanted to take her to the senior prom.		
	Derivatives >>	quandaries	
20.	repentant	reh PEN tunt	penitent; characterized by showing repentance or contrition for a past sin
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	Her repentant mood touched the jury, and she was absolved of guilt.		
	Derivatives >>	repent, repenter, repenting, repented, repentance, repentantly	
21.	salubrious	suh LOO bree us	healthful, favorable to one's well-being
	Synonyms >>	salutary, wholesome	Antonym >> poisonous; harmful
	Arizona's dry climate is salubrious for many people with allergies.		
	Derivatives >>	salubriously, salubriousness, salubrity	
22.	squander	SKWON dur	to waste
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to conserve
	He squandered the family fortune on wine, women, and song.		
	Derivatives >>	squanderer, squandered, squandering	
23.	tenet	TEN ut	a doctrine or principle held as being true
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The principle that only men may become priests is a tenet of that church.		
	Derivatives >>	tenets	
24.	validate	VAL eh date	to give official sanction
	Synonyms >>	authenticate, confirm, corroborate, substantiate, verify	Antonym >> to invalidate; to void; to nullify
	The election results must be validated by the school board before they are official.		
	Derivatives >>	validation, validatory, validity, validly	
25.	vista	VIS tuh	a distant view seen through an opening
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	As he reached the forest, he saw vistas of stone passages leading in many directions.		
	Derivatives >>	vistaed, vistas	

Lesson 29

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. | adherent | a. | having an offensive smell |
| _____ | 2. | advent | b. | things that are inevitable |
| _____ | 3. | cache | c. | to move together |
| _____ | 4. | celestial | d. | follower of something |
| _____ | 5. | certitudes | e. | an authoritative statement |
| _____ | 6. | chide | f. | unrestrained expression |
| _____ | 7. | converge | g. | to voice disapproval; to scold |
| _____ | 8. | dictum | h. | to remove by cutting |
| _____ | 9. | effusion | i. | a hole to store supplies |
| _____ | 10. | exacting | j. | demanding |
| _____ | 11. | excise | k. | a coming or arrival |
| _____ | 12. | fetid | l. | pertaining to the sky or heavens |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|-------------|----|--|
| _____ | 1. | harbor | a. | dilemma |
| _____ | 2. | impermeable | b. | harmless; innocent |
| _____ | 3. | incipient | c. | beginning to come into being |
| _____ | 4. | insolvent | d. | to waste |
| _____ | 5. | jettison | e. | to discard or to cast off |
| _____ | 6. | obtrude | f. | to give shelter or refuge |
| _____ | 7. | quandary | g. | principle held as true |
| _____ | 8. | repentant | h. | without money; broke |
| _____ | 9. | salubrious | i. | showing contrition for past sin |
| _____ | 10. | squander | j. | impenetrable |
| _____ | 11. | tenet | k. | to thrust out; to thrust forward |
| _____ | 12. | validate | l. | to give official sanction |
| _____ | 13. | vista | m. | a distant view seen through an opening |

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Sentence Completion



adherent	advent	affront	cache
celestial	certitudes	chided	converged
dictum	effusion	harbored	squandered

1. The young girl _____ resentment when her mother _____ her for not keeping her room clean since her brother, whose room looked like a pig sty, was never chastised.
2. As the extravagant fool _____ his money, the _____ where he had been hiding his money began to appear emptier and emptier.
3. He is an _____ of the philosophy “live and let live;” he follows the guidelines of this precept in all his affairs.
4. As they _____ at the doorway, the two men, having run into each other, realized that only one of them could enter at a time.
5. The _____ from the court was a statement allowing the demonstration; without this authoritative permission, the crowds would have to disperse.
6. The _____ of the computer age marked the arrival of a new way of life.
7. The _____ bodies peered from the heavens and winked “Goodnight” to the lovers below.
8. Many things are inevitable in life; one of these _____ is death.
9. He was not impressed with the woman’s _____; she talked so much he became tired of hearing her voice.
10. She considered it a personal _____ when he bumped into her; even though it was an accident, she thought he had deliberately tried to make a personal offense.

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exacting	excise	fetid	impermeable	incipient
insolvent	jettison	obtrude	quandary	repentant
salubrious	tenets	vista		

11. The wall was _____; try as they might, the army could not break through.
12. The _____ foods were suggested by the director of the health food store; she believed they had wonderful healing effects on the body.
13. Your comments about our doctrine are quite interesting; you have managed to explain the _____ in a meaningful way so that anyone could understand our beliefs.
14. The doctor was _____ in his efforts to _____ the bullet from the patient; he was very careful as he cut into the skin to remove the foreign object.
15. The _____ odor of the body was sickening; having been dead so long, it gave off a very offensive smell.
16. Because his son's first word happened to be "stethoscope," Bill swore that the boy was an _____ doctor.
17. The _____ of the valley below was breathtaking; seen through the opening in the mountain pass, it was a glorious view.
18. The federal government took control of two _____ banks in order to guarantee customers their right to funds.
19. No matter which choice I made it was going to hurt either my mother or my father; it was a terrible _____ that I tried to resolve.
20. Prior to reentering the atmosphere, the Apollo astronauts had to _____ the lunar landing module; it was costly to discard the attachment, but necessary for proper reentry.
21. I disliked being around the man because he always tried to _____ his opinions upon other people around him.
22. The child seemed _____ for having said those ugly things; she said she was sorry, and I believed she was, indeed, penitent.

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Definitions



1.	affront	uh FRONT	an offensive act or word; an offense to one's dignity or self-respect	
	Synonyms >>	impertinence, contumely, scorn, indignity, abuse, outrage,	Antonym >>	
	I considered his rude remarks a personal affront.			
	Derivatives >>	affrontedly, affrontedness, affronter, affrontingly, affrontiveness		
2.	alcove	AL kove	a partially enclosed extension of a room or part of a room	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	
	An alcove is to a room as an inlet is to a lake.			
	Derivatives >>	alcoves		
3.	blanch	BLANCH	to take the color out of, to bleach, to make white	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	to color
	It is popular to blanch new blue jeans before wearing them.			
	Derivatives >>	blancher, blanched		
4.	champion	CHAM pee un	to defend or to support	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	to persecute
	The senator championed the cause of the homeless.			
	Derivatives >>	championship, championless, championlike, championed, championing		
5.	compress	kum PRESS	to contract, to reduce in size or volume	
	Synonyms >>	condense, constrict, contract, deflate	Antonym >>	to expand
	Farmers now have machines to compress hay into bales.			
	Derivatives >>	compressible, compressibility, compressed, compression, compressive, compressor, compressively,		
6.	convivial	kun VIV ee ul	fond of good company and of festivity	
	Synonyms >>	friendly, sociable	Antonym >>	unsociable
	He was of the convivial sort, fond of people, parties, and pleasures.			
	Derivatives >>	conviviality, convivially, convivium, convivia		
7.	dilation	die LAY shun	expansion	
	Synonyms >>	amplification, distention, inflation, swelling	Antonym >>	constriction
	Some drugs will cause the dilation of the pupil of the eye.			
	Derivatives >>	dilate, dilated, dilatedly, dilatedness, dilative		
8.	elegiac	el uh JEE uk	mournful, expressing sorrow	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	rejoicing
	His elegiac poem about the war deaths moved everyone.			
	Derivatives >>	elegiacal, elegy		
9.	exculpate	EK skul pate	to clear from blame or guilt	
	Synonyms >>	absolve, acquit, exonerate, vindicate	Antonym >>	to convict
	The governor was petitioned to exculpate the prisoner.			
	Derivatives >>	exculpation, exculpatory		
10.	fiasco	fee AS ko	a total failure and a mess	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	unqualified success
	The man's attempt to run the business was such a fiasco that a small fortune was lost because of his failure.			
	Derivatives >>	fiascoes, fiascos		
11.	heedless	HEED les	disregarding, thoughtless	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	aware; concerned; attentive
	He walked on, heedless of the signs warning about the mine field.			
	Derivatives >>	heed, heeded, heeding, heeds, heedlessly, heedful, heedfully		

12.	incisive	in SIE siv	very perceptive, clear and to the point
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> obtuse
	His incisive remarks swayed the crowd.		
	Derivatives >>	incisively, incisiveness	
13.	instigation	in stuh GAY shun	urging, provocation; initiation
	Synonyms >>	abetment, fomentation, incitement	Antonym >> dissuasion
	This project would never have been attempted without his instigation.		
	Derivatives >>	instigate, instigatingly, instigative, instigator	
14.	interloper	IN tur lope ur	one who interferes in the affairs or with the rights of others
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> ascetic; hermit
	As the man tried to work out his difficulties a busy-body interloper jumped in and made matters worse.		
	Derivatives >>	interlope	
15.	labyrinthine	lab uh RIN thin	like a maze, very convoluted and intricate
	Synonyms >>	mazy	Antonym >>
	The senator vowed to unravel the labyrinthine welfare bureaucracy.		
	Derivatives >>	labyrinth, labyrinthal, labyrinthical, labyrinthian, labyrinthic, labyrinthically	
16.	molt	MOLT	to shed an outer covering such as feathers or skin periodically
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	Feathers are everywhere since my birds are molting.		
	Derivatives >>	molts, molted, molting	
17.	pariah	puh RIE uh	an outcast
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> accepted citizen
	He became a pariah among his friends when he admitted being a Nazi during the war.		
	Derivatives >>	pariahdom, pariahism	
18.	philanderer	feh LAN dur ur	one who engages in love affairs lightly or insincerely
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	I asked my daughter how she could fall in love with a playboy and a philanderer.		
	Derivatives >>	philander, philandered, philandering	
19.	predisposed	pree deh SPOZD	inclined toward something in advance
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> objective or neutral
	I believe that the judge was predisposed to freeing the man.		
	Derivatives >>	predispose, predisposition	
20.	quench	KWENCH	to extinguish, to put out; to relieve with liquid
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to stir up
	He quenched the hot coals in the barbecue pit with water.		
	Derivatives >>	quencher, quenched, quenching, quenchable, quenchableness	
21.	reprobate	REP ruh bate	to disapprove of; a person with no moral principles, a depraved individual
	Synonyms >>	blame, censure, condemn, denounce, reprehend	Antonym >> saint
	Some thought that the ax murderer was a reprobate who deserved to die.		
	Derivatives >>	reprobation, reprobative, reprobator, reprobatory	
22.	salutary	SAL yuh ter ee	promoting good health or beneficial effects
	Synonyms >>	salubrious, wholesome	Antonym >> harmful
	Your talk has had a salutary effect on your child. His class behavior has really improved.		
	Derivatives >>	salutarily, salutariness	
23.	tenacious	teh NAY shus	persistent, holding fast to a position
	Synonyms >>	mettlesome, resolved	Antonym >> fickle
	England was tenacious in its desire not to fall to the Germans.		
	Derivatives >>	tenaciously, tenaciousness, tenacity	
24.	tenuous	TEN yoo us	flimsy, barely attached
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> firm or substantial
	His position with the law firm became tenuous when he objected to hiring women.		
	Derivatives >>	tenuously, tenuousness, tenuity	
25.	unfrock	un FROK	to deprive the right to be in a profession (usually applies to a priest)
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to decorate
	The priest was unfrocked as a result of his moral depravity.		
	Derivatives >>	unfrocked	

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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. | affront | a. | partly enclosed extension of a room |
| _____ | 2. | alcove | b. | to clear from blame or guilt |
| _____ | 3. | blanch | c. | to reduce in size or volume |
| _____ | 4. | champion | d. | disregarding; thoughtless |
| _____ | 5. | compress | e. | expansion |
| _____ | 6. | convivial | f. | to bleach; to remove color |
| _____ | 7. | dilation | g. | mournful; sorrowful |
| _____ | 8. | elegiac | h. | a personally offensive act or word |
| _____ | 9. | exculpate | i. | to defend or to support |
| _____ | 10. | fiasco | j. | a total failure and a mess |
| _____ | 11. | heedless | k. | friendly; sociable |
| _____ | 12. | incisive | l. | perceptive, clear, to the point |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|--------------|----|---|
| _____ | 1. | instigation | a. | flimsy; barely attached |
| _____ | 2. | interloper | b. | inclined to something in advance |
| _____ | 3. | labyrinthine | c. | persistent |
| _____ | 4. | molt | d. | to extinguish; to put out |
| _____ | 5. | pariah | e. | to shed an outer covering |
| _____ | 6. | philanderer | f. | to deprive the right of profession |
| _____ | 7. | predisposed | g. | like a maze; convoluted |
| _____ | 8. | quench | h. | one who interferes in affairs of others |
| _____ | 9. | reprobate | i. | one who engages in love affairs |
| _____ | 10. | salutary | j. | a depraved individual |
| _____ | 11. | tenacious | k. | an outcast |
| _____ | 12. | tenuous | l. | promoting good; beneficial |
| _____ | 13. | unfrock | m. | initiation; beginning of action; urging |

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Sentence Completion



alcove	blanching	champion	compress
convivial	dilation	elegiac	exculpate
fiasco	heedless	incisive	instigation

1. His favorite hiding place was in the _____; a partly enclosed extension to the room.
2. The song writer tends to write _____ songs; they always deal with death or sorrow.
3. The doctor had to wait for the _____ of the patient's eyes before he could make a thorough exam; in order to see the entire eye, the pupil had to expand.
4. The soldiers were _____ about the warning they received that there might be mines in the field; because they did not pay attention, they lost three men.
5. I look forward to your _____ of this new project; it takes special people to "get the ball rolling" and start things moving.
6. The woman was able to be _____ and jolly even in the middle of such a _____; it was the biggest mess I've ever seen, but through it all she was friendly and sociable.
7. With his _____ intelligence, he is never at a loss for words; he is always clear and to the point.
8. _____ will remove the color from the skin of vegetables, while keeping the taste intact.
9. If this witness will _____ me in the crime, then the charges against me will be dropped and I will not be blamed.
10. It is simplistic to think we can _____ into one sentence a problem so complicated that the original statement required three pages of text; nothing can be reduced that much.
11. We expect our heroes to _____ the weak and defenseless by coming to their aid and defending them.

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interloper	labyrinthine	molt	pariah	philanderer
predisposed	quench	reprobate	salutary	tenaciously
tenuous	unfrock	validate		

12. Forced out of the community, he was considered a _____, an outcast of society.
13. Because it is one of the rules of the park to extinguish all camp fires, we decided to _____ the fire with water.
14. Your talk has had a _____ effect on the child; his class behavior has really improved.
15. The _____ constantly sought the love of one girl after another, not really concerned that his insincerity was obvious.
16. The solution to the problem was not straightforward; instead, it was a _____ maze of false starts and turns.
17. The group would have worked very well during the week except for an _____ who slowed them down; he kept trying to interfere with the actions of the others.
18. The old _____ had the morals of an alley cat; in other words, he had none.
19. In the spring we sometimes find the feathers of a bird that has begun to _____, but we know that in place of the feathers he has shed, new ones grow.
20. Holding on tightly for his life, the man _____ gripped the rocks until his rescuers arrived.
21. Barely attached by a single thread, the button on his ragged shirt finally lost its _____ and fell off.
22. Having decided in advance, I am _____ to buying that new car.
23. The bishop has decided to _____ the priest, formally dismissing him from the priesthood.
24. My university i.d. card will not be made official until you _____ it.

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Definitions



1.	alloy	AL oh ee	a substance that is a mixture of metals
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	This alloy is less expensive than pure gold since it is composed of a mixture of metals.		
	Derivatives >>	alloyed, alloying, alloyage	
2.	altercation	al ter KAY shun	a heated or angry dispute; noisy argument or controversy
	Synonyms >>	quarrel, contention	Antonym >> accord; agreement
	We were not surprised at the altercation of the two enemies; they often fought in public.		
	Derivatives >>	altercate, altercated, altercating	
3.	blighted	BLIE ted	destroyed or caused by decline or decay
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> good; healthy; wholesome
	The blighted fruit had to be separated from the rest.		
	Derivatives >>	blight	
4.	charismatic	care iz MAT ic	having special qualities or powers that are used for healing or prophecy
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	Many charismatic religions believe in faith healing.		
	Derivatives >>	charisma, charism	
5.	chary	SHAR ee	careful, cautious
	Synonyms >>	circumspect, wary	Antonym >> trustful; uncritical
	He is chary when he meets a new person.		
	Derivatives >>	charier, chariest	
6.	convoke	kun VOKE	to summon or to call together
	Synonyms >>	convene, muster	Antonym >> to revoke; to disassemble
	The meeting of the board was convoked to discuss the chairman's resignation.		
	Derivatives >>	convocation, convoke, convoker	
7.	despicable	des PIK uh bul	very bad, contemptible
	Synonyms >>	pitiable, scurvy	Antonym >> likable
	Acting like a bully is despicable.		
	Derivatives >>	despicability, despicableness, despicably	
8.	embed	em BED	to enclose firmly in some mass
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to extract
	The fossil has been embedded in the rock for millions of years.		
	Derivatives >>	embedment	
9.	embolden	em BOL dun	to encourage one to be bold or to have courage
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to discourage
	The general tried to embolden his men before battle.		
	Derivatives >>	emboldened, emboldening, emboldens	
10.	florid	FLOR id	flowery, flushed with color
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> plain; simple; pale
	His face becomes florid when he gets angry.		
	Derivatives >>	floridity, floridly, floridness	
11.	hiatus	high ATE us	gap, pause, interruption in time
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> continuation
	Our vacation will be a short hiatus from our work.		
	Derivatives >>	hiatuses	

12.	incurious	in KYOOR ee us	uninterested, lacking normal curiosity
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> interested; curious
	I was surprised at his incurious reaction when I told him that the prom queen was interested in him.		
	Derivatives >>	incuriosity, incuriously, incuriousness	
13.	insubordination	in suh bor duh NAY	disobedience to authority
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> obedience
	The student was reprimanded for his insubordination to the teacher.		
	Derivatives >>	insubordinate, insubordinately	
14.	lassitude	LAS eh tood	feeling of weariness; fatigue
	Synonyms >>	languor, lethargy, stupor, torpor	Antonym >> restlessness
	The hot weather in some parts of Mexico probably created the lassitude that led to the siesta.		
	Derivatives >>	lassitudes	
15.	montage	mon TAZH	any combination of disparate elements that form a unified, single image
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	His memory was a montage of varied experiences.		
	Derivatives >>		
16.	officious	uh FISH us	overly dutiful or obliging, insisting on providing a service not requested
	Synonyms >>	impertinent, intrusive, meddlesome, obtrusive	Antonym >> disinterested
	The boss is not pleased with that employee's officious conduct.		
	Derivatives >>	officiously, officiousness	
17.	premature	pree muh TOOR	occurring or existing earlier than what is normal
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> overdue
	Premature children need special care because their vital systems are not fully developed.		
	Derivatives >>	prematurely, prematureness, prematurity	
18.	presumptuous	preh ZUMP choo us	brazenly overstepping bounds, arrogant
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> humble
	It was presumptuous of him to think that I would loan him the money.		
	Derivatives >>	presume, presumer, presumption, presumptive, presumptively, presumptuously, presumptuousness	
19.	relegate	REL uh gate	to assign to an inferior position
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to promote
	The veteran ball player knew it was time to retire when he was relegated to sitting on the bench.		
	Derivatives >>	relegation, relegable, relegates, relegated, relegating	
20.	rescind	reh SEND	to cancel
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to restore
	He said that he will have to rescind his offer if he does not hear from us by Tuesday.		
	Derivatives >>	rescindable, rescinder, rescindment	
21.	saturate	SACH uh rate	to soak, to completely fill
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to desiccate; to dry out
	Floods sometimes occur when the ground becomes saturated from a heavy rain and can absorb no more water.		
	Derivatives >>	saturation, saturated, saturating	
22.	sterile	STER ul	incapable of reproducing
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> productive
	Since the woman was sterile, she and her husband decided to adopt children.		
	Derivatives >>	sterilely, sterility, sterilizable, sterilizability, sterilization, sterilize	
23.	tumultuous	too MUL choo us	marked by disturbance and uproar; raising a great clatter and commotion
	Synonyms >>	uproarious, turbulent, violent, boisterous, unquiet	Antonym >> calm; quiet; peaceful
	Our class reunion had a tumultuous celebration.		
	Derivatives >>	tumult, tumultuary, tumultuously, tumultuousness	
24.	unimpeachable	un im PEE chuh bul	not to be called into question, exempt from liability
	Synonyms >>	irreproachable, blameless	Antonym >> liable; full of blame
	The man had an unimpeachable reputation and was considered by all to be extremely trustworthy.		
	Derivatives >>	unimpeachableness, unimpeachably, unimpeached	
25.	voracious	voe RAY shus	having a large appetite, ravenous
	Synonyms >>	gluttonous, rapacious	Antonym >> temperate
	Henry the VIII allegedly had a voracious appetite.		
	Derivatives >>	voraciously, voraciousness, voracity	

Lesson 31

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. | alloy | a. | flowery; flushed with color |
| _____ | 2. | altercation | b. | careful; cautious |
| _____ | 3. | blighted | c. | heated or angry dispute |
| _____ | 4. | charismatic | d. | uninterested |
| _____ | 5. | chary | e. | decayed; unhealthy |
| _____ | 6. | convoke | f. | very bad; contemptible |
| _____ | 7. | despicable | g. | to summon or to call together |
| _____ | 8. | embed | h. | to encourage one to be bold |
| _____ | 9. | embolden | i. | substance of mixed metals |
| _____ | 10. | florid | j. | pause; interruption in time |
| _____ | 11. | hiatus | k. | having qualities for healing |
| _____ | 12. | incurious | l. | to enclose firmly in some mass |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|-----------------|----|--|
| _____ | 1. | insubordination | a. | disobedience to authority |
| _____ | 2. | lassitude | b. | overly dutiful or obliging |
| _____ | 3. | montage | c. | arrogant; rash; insolent |
| _____ | 4. | officious | d. | having a large appetite |
| _____ | 5. | premature | e. | occurring earlier than normal |
| _____ | 6. | presumptuous | f. | exempt from liability |
| _____ | 7. | relegate | g. | incapable of reproducing |
| _____ | 8. | rescind | h. | marked by disturbance and uproar |
| _____ | 9. | saturate | i. | to cancel |
| _____ | 10. | sterile | j. | feeling of weariness |
| _____ | 11. | tumultuous | k. | to assign to an inferior position |
| _____ | 12. | unimpeachable | l. | to soak; to fill completely |
| _____ | 13. | voracious | m. | disparate elements that come together in some form |

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Sentence Completion



alloy	altercation	blighted	charismatic
chary	convoke	despicable	embedded
emboldened	florid	hiatus	incurious

1. Even people who were interested became _____ after five minutes of his boring lecture.
2. Trying to show how contemptible it was, the man pleaded with the factories to stop the _____ practices of polluting the rivers with the chemical waste products.
3. It seemed that all the plants had been _____ with disease and were dying.
4. The family decided to _____ a meeting after her death, coming together to discuss the will.
5. An _____ is more than a combination of two metals; an aggregate implies that two or more elements are mixed together, but it does not suggest that the resulting metal will have properties different from each constituent.
6. The once cowardly jackets now had the courage of lions, having been _____ by the smell of food.
7. The coin was securely _____ in the stone; to remove it we had to use a chisel.
8. The people were confused by the _____; the temporary pause in action caused much disorientation.
9. I was shocked to see the couple arguing like that; if they wanted an _____, they should have it at home behind closed doors.
10. After running in the marathon, the runner's face was _____; it was several minutes before the flushed coloring left.
11. Faith healing is an accepted practice in many _____ religions.
12. In all his endeavors he is _____, sometimes caution to an extreme.

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insubordination	lassitude	montage	officious	premature
presumptuous	relegated	rescind	saturate	sterile
tumultuous	unimpeachable	voracious		

13. The hot weather in some parts of Mexico probably created the _____ that led to the siesta; a sense of fatigue makes the people sleepy.
14. The soldier's disrespectful comment to the captain caused the officer to _____ the pass, canceling a well-earned vacation.
15. When it rains enough to _____ the ground, construction must stop; otherwise the heavy equipment will get stuck in the mud.
16. The _____ host spoiled the casual dinner party by waiting on his guests hand and foot.
17. After he disobeyed the orders, the corporal was tried for _____.
18. To say that we will win the championship is _____, for it is far too early in the season to predict an outcome.
19. She may be the most attractive girl in the class, but her arrogance also makes her the most _____; she frequently oversteps her bounds.
20. A new means of insect control uses chemicals to render insects incapable of reproducing; once they are _____, no new generations can be bred.
21. Seth is a _____ eater who satisfies his ravenous appetite at every chance he gets.
22. The new employee had hoped to be made vice president; instead, he was _____ to a much lower position in the mail room.
23. The doctor's credentials were _____; they were simply not to be called into question.
24. The picture can be called a _____ since so many different elements seem to form a single image.
25. We were disturbed by the _____ celebration next door; the neighbors were raising such a great clatter and commotion that we couldn't sleep.

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Definitions



1.	amenity	uh MEN uh tee	agreeable ways or manners; the quality of being agreeable or pleasant
	Synonyms >>	courtesies, civilities	Antonym >> unpleasant feature
	The woman was adored for her social amenities.		
	Derivatives >>	amenities	
2.	anathema	uh NATH uh muh	a vigorous denunciation; one who is intensely disliked
	Synonyms >>	imprecation, curse	Antonym >>
	The rebellious boy continued in his wayward actions despite the anathema pronounced by his father.		
	Derivatives >>	anathemas, anathematic, anathematical, anathematically, anathemation, anathematize, anathemize	
3.	atypical	a TIP uh kul	unusual or abnormal; odd
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> usual
	Screaming at the referee is atypical for that normally calm coach.		
	Derivatives >>	atypic, atypically	
4.	balky	BALL kee	refusing to proceed in an expected direction
	Synonyms >>	contrary, perverse, restive, wayward	Antonym >> easily led
	When he refused to move he acted just like a balky mule.		
	Derivatives >>	balkily, balkiness, balkingly	
5.	bourgeois	BOOR zhwah	a person with the traits or viewpoints of the bourgeoisie
	Synonyms >>	middle class, mediocre	Antonym >>
	Your outdated ideas are so bourgeois.		
	Derivatives >>	bourgeoisie	
6.	concert	KON surt	agreement in purpose or feeling, consensus
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> discord
	My wife and children were in concert together to destroy me.		
	Derivatives >>	concerted, concertedly	
7.	confluence	KON floo uns	a coming together
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> divergence
	What is the name of the town that sits at the confluence of the Missouri and Mississippi rivers?		
	Derivatives >>	confluent	
8.	corpulence	KOR pyuh luns	state of being very fat
	Synonyms >>	obesity	Antonym >> emaciation
	Overeating will lead to corpulence.		
	Derivatives >>	corpulent, corpulently	
9.	dirge	DURJ	funeral hymn, lament
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> dance
	The music was so morose and solemn that it sounded like a dirge.		
	Derivatives >>	dirgeful, dirges	
10.	disconcerting	dis kun SUR ting	upsetting, frustrating
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> refreshing; calming
	That he has not responded to the medicine is disconcerting.		
	Derivatives >>	disconcert, disconcerted, disconcertedness, disconcerting, disconcertingly, disconcertingness, disconcertment	
11.	endemic	en DEM ik	peculiar to or a trait of a group or area
	Synonyms >>	aboriginal, indigenous, native	Antonym >> alien
	Great height is endemic to members of that African tribe.		
	Derivatives >>	endemic, endemically, endemicity, endemism	

12.	focus	FOE kus	to concentrate		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to scatter
		We need to focus our attention on today's topic and not on extraneous matters.			
	Derivatives >>	focused, focusing, focuses, focusable, focuser, focusless			
13.	hilarity	heh LAR eh tee	boisterous merriment, mirth		
	Synonyms >>	glee, jollity		Antonym >>	gloominess
		The party was marked by great hilarity.			
	Derivatives >>	hilarious, hilariously, hilariousness			
14.	indict	in DITE	to charge or to accuse		
	Synonyms >>	incriminate, blame, impeach		Antonym >>	to absolve, to exonerate, to acquit
		If the Grand Jury indicts the man, he will be tried for murder.			
	Derivatives >>	indicter, indictor, indictable, indictably, indictment			
15.	latent	LATE unt	not visible, dormant		
	Synonyms >>	abeyant, quiescent		Antonym >>	obvious
		Sometimes a teacher can cause latent talents to emerge.			
	Derivatives >>	latency			
16.	monumental	mon yuh MEN tul	massive, very great, very important		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	trivial
		Sending man to the moon was a monumental achievement.			
	Derivatives >>	monumentalism, monumentality, monumentally			
17.	myriad	MIR ee id	a very large and indefinite number		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	small number
		The myriad of races and cultures that make up America is said to resemble a mosaic.			
	Derivatives >>	myriadfold, myriadly			
18.	oscillating	OS uh lay ting	moving back and forth, swinging, varying		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	remaining steady
		The oscillating pendulum was beginning to unnerve me.			
	Derivatives >>	oscillate, oscillates, oscillated, oscillation, oscillator, oscillatory			
19.	pithy	PITH ee	concise and meaningful		
	Synonyms >>	compendious, laconic, succinct, summary, terse		Antonym >>	long and drawn out
		Due to great demands on his time, the President needs memos that he must read to be pithy.			
	Derivatives >>	pithier, pithiest, pith			
20.	premeditated	pree MED eh tay ted	thought out beforehand		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	spontaneous
		Premeditated murder is punishable by the death penalty in Texas.			
	Derivatives >>	premeditate, premeditatedly, premeditatedness, premeditatingly, premeditation, premeditative			
21.	presage	PRES ij	something that foreshadows a future event; foreknowledge of the future		
	Synonyms >>	omen, foreboding, presentiment, prediction		Antonym >>	
		Many view a rainbow as a presage of good fortune.			
	Derivatives >>	presageful, presagement, presager, presaging, presagingly, presagious			
22.	quixotic	kwik SOT ik	idealistic but impractical		
	Synonyms >>	chimera, fanciful, fantastic, visionary		Antonym >>	practical
		It is usually quixotic for a commoner to pursue a relationship with a member of the royal family.			
	Derivatives >>	quixote, quixotical, quixotically, quixotism, quixotize, quixotry			
23.	reserve	reh ZURV	self-restraint		
	Synonyms >>	reticence		Antonym >>	lack of restraint
		He showed a lot of reserve in dealing with the harsh critics at the meeting.			
	Derivatives >>	reserved, reservedly, reserveless			
24.	stasis	STAY sis	motionlessness, stagnation		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	flux
		At a particular point of stasis, one cannot advance in growth or understanding.			
	Derivatives >>	stases			
25.	warranted	WOR un ted	justified		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	unjustified
		The jury felt that the death penalty was warranted because of the heinous nature of the crime.			
	Derivatives >>	warrant, warrantable, warrantableness, warrantably			

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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. | amenity | a. | native; indigenous |
| _____ | 2. | anathema | b. | state of being very fat |
| _____ | 3. | atypical | c. | agreement in purpose or feeling |
| _____ | 4. | balky | d. | middle class; mediocre |
| _____ | 5. | bourgeois | e. | not usual or normal |
| _____ | 6. | concert | f. | funeral hymn; lament |
| _____ | 7. | confluence | g. | vigorous denunciation |
| _____ | 8. | corpulence | h. | to concentrate |
| _____ | 9. | dirge | i. | an agreeable manner; a courtesy |
| _____ | 10. | disconcerting | j. | a coming together |
| _____ | 11. | endemic | k. | upsetting; frustrating |
| _____ | 12. | focus | l. | refusing to proceed in an expected manner |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|--------------|----|------------------------------|
| _____ | 1. | hilarity | a. | foreknowledge of the future |
| _____ | 2. | indict | b. | concise and meaningful |
| _____ | 3. | latent | c. | very large indefinite number |
| _____ | 4. | monumental | d. | self-restraint |
| _____ | 5. | myriad | e. | not visible; dormant |
| _____ | 6. | oscillating | f. | justified |
| _____ | 7. | pithy | g. | boisterous merriment |
| _____ | 8. | premeditated | h. | to charge or to accuse |
| _____ | 9. | presage | i. | motionlessness; stagnation |
| _____ | 10. | quixotic | j. | very great; very important |
| _____ | 11. | reserve | k. | idealistic but impractical |
| _____ | 12. | stasis | l. | moving back and forth |
| _____ | 13. | warranted | m. | thought out beforehand |

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Sentence Completion



amenity	anathema	atypical	balky
bourgeois	concert	confluence	corpulence
dirge	disconcerting	endemic	focused

1. The traitor's name became an _____ to his countrymen; he was vigorously denounced by all.
2. The _____ man refused to go shopping with his wife, and nothing she said could make him change his mind.
3. Once, fat men regarded their _____ as a sign of success; today, they worry that being overweight will lead to a heart attack
4. The secret documents proved that an agreement had been reached for the two countries to work in _____ with each other.
5. It was _____ for me to listen to the _____; the funeral song upset me considerably.
6. John is _____ because, unlike most people, he writes with his left hand.
7. I was not impressed with his _____ behavior; his manners quickly labeled him as a common, middle-class citizen.
8. The teacher handed out the lenses to the class, giving the students a means to study the effects of concentrated light _____ on paper.
9. Throughout the region the _____ condition of poverty existed everywhere.
10. Three major rivers meet at the same point; their _____ makes the resulting river one of the world's largest.
11. Having the table decorated according to her color scheme is an _____ we didn't expect; but she always does things in a most agreeable way.

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hilarity	indict	latent	monumental	myriad
oscillating	pithy	premeditated	presage	quixotic
reserve	stasis	warranted		

12. It is usually _____ for a commoner to pursue a relationship with a member of the royalty; it is impractical and not likely to happen.
13. The _____ of the clown's skit caused us to laugh so hard we fell over.
14. This battle will go down in history as one of _____ importance, for it was the turning point of the war.
15. The fan's _____ blades moved back and forth, blowing the cool air first to the left and then to the right.
16. Your comments about the book are quite _____; you say things in a very concise and direct manner.
17. Since he had carefully planned his crime for eight months, the suspect was found guilty of _____ murder.
18. The mother of the juvenile urged the judge not to _____ her son, but he still charged the boy with assault.
19. Claiming a knowledge of future events, the gypsy sought to _____ things to come.
20. Jane's extensive travels have helped her become acquainted with _____ foreign countries and customs.
21. His success, which did not come until later in life, was attributed to his _____ talents.
22. Ted is a man of great _____, but his self-restraint was really tested by the lawsuit filed against him.
23. Your excessive anger is neither _____ nor justified.
24. Suspended animation is a form of _____ in which people lie motionless for hundreds or even thousands of years.

Lesson 33

Definitions



1.	anchor	ANG kur	to secure firmly		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to release from restraint
	Anchor the boat to the dock.				
	Derivatives >>	anchored, anchoring, anchors			
2.	antediluvian	an tuh duh LEW vee un	very, very old (it literally means "before the Flood")		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	ultramodern
	The natives' antediluvian marriage rituals had not changed in thousands of years.				
	Derivatives >>	antediluvial			
3.	denigrate	DEN uh grate	to belittle, to run down, to deny the importance of something		
	Synonyms >>	aspere, calumniate, defame, malign, slander, traduce, vilify		Antonym >>	to praise; to laud; to acclaim
	To denigrate someone's reputation merely on hearsay is wrong.				
	Derivatives >>	denigration, denigrator, denigratory, denigrated, denigrating			
4.	doleful	DOL ful	having great sorrow		
	Synonyms >>	melancholy, plaintive, lugubrious, mournful		Antonym >>	cheerful
	By her doleful expression, I knew that she did not make the cheerleader squad.				
	Derivatives >>	dolefully, dolefulness			
5.	epilogue	EP uh log	a short addition to a literary work, a short speech given at the end of a play		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
	The author's intent in writing the novel can be found in the epilogue.				
	Derivatives >>	epilog, epilogist, epilogues, epologuize			
6.	epitaph	EP uh taf	an inscription in memory of a dead person (usually on a tombstone)		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
	She wants to write her own epitaph before she dies, rather than have someone else write it later.				
	Derivatives >>	epitaphial, epitaphless, epitaphic			
7.	foible	FOI bul	slight fault, minor weakness of character		
	Synonyms >>	failing, fragility, vice		Antonym >>	strong point
	His character is weakened only by a slight foible.				
	Derivatives >>	foibles			
8.	garish	GAR ish	crudely or tastelessly colorful or showy; excessively ornate or elaborate		
	Synonyms >>	loud, tawdry, gaudy		Antonym >>	austere; modest
	Her garish clothes made her look out of place in the conservative setting.				
	Derivatives >>	garishly, garishness			
9.	homage	HOM ij	a reverential regard; respect shown by external action		
	Synonyms >>	honor, reverence, deference, obeisance		Antonym >>	disrespect
	The people went to pay homage to their respected leader.				
	Derivatives >>	homages, homager			
10.	importune	im por TOON	to beg in earnest		
	Synonyms >>	entreat, implore, supplicate, adjure		Antonym >>	
	Although he importuned for one more chance, his former boss would not rehire him.				
	Derivatives >>	importuned, importuning, importunely, importuner, importunity, importunacy, importunate, importunateness			
11.	intangibles	in TAN juh buls	things that cannot be realized or defined		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	things that can be realized
	The coach said that he had the best team and that they should win, but one never knows about intangibles.				
	Derivatives >>	intangibility, intangibleness, intangibly			

12.	lecher	LECH ur	one who indulges excessively in sexual activity or in lasciviousness
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> ascetic
	The young woman was repulsed by the unwanted sexual advances of the lecher.		
	Derivatives >>	lechery, lecherous, lecherously, lecherousness	
13.	morbidity	mor BID eh tee	unwholesomeness and gloominess, gruesomeness
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> wholesomeness
	The boy talked about dead people and gruesome things. He soon frightened me with his morbidity.		
	Derivatives >>	morbid, morbidity	
14.	ostracize	OS truh size	to exclude by general consent from society or privileges
	Synonyms >>	exile, disenfranchise, excommunicate	Antonym >> to accept; to condone
	Her friends ostracized her after her husband's arrest.		
	Derivatives >>	ostracized, ostracizing, ostracization, ostracizable, ostracizer	
15.	patronizing	PAY truh niz ing	having a condescending attitude
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> accepting
	She hugged the poor children in the streets and flashed them patronizing smiles.		
	Derivatives >>	patronize, patronization, patronizer, patronizingly	
16.	plenitude	PLEN eh tood	abundance, a lot
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> dearth; scarcity
	I can always find a plenitude of advice but rarely a plausible solution.		
	Derivatives >>	plenitudinous	
17.	raconteur	rak on TUR	one who is skillful at telling stories and anecdotes
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	One of the reasons that most Americans loved Will Rogers was that he was a wonderful raconteur.		
	Derivatives >>	raconteuse	
18.	resonant	REZ uh nunt	echoing, continuing to sound
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The resonant sounds of the cello make it a pleasing instrument.		
	Derivatives >>	resonance, resonate, resonantly, resonator	
19.	sentinel	SEN tuh nul	one who keeps guard as a sentry
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The oak trees hovered over the house as sentinels.		
	Derivatives >>	sentineled, sentineling, sentinels	
20.	sequester	seh KWES tur	to seclude
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to allow to mingle freely
	Because of the publicity about the case and the defendant, the judge decided to sequester the jury.		
	Derivatives >>	sequestered, sequestrable, sequestrant, sequestration, sequestrator	
21.	slag	SLAG	the residue or mass of metal left after smelting; worthless matter
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The bottom of the pit was full of slag.		
	Derivatives >>	slagger	
22.	sumptuous	SUMP choo us	lavish, luxurious
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> paltry
	I like to go to my mother's house on Thanksgiving Day because we always have a sumptuous feast.		
	Derivatives >>	sumptuously, sumptuosity, sumptuousness	
23.	tinge	TINJ	to add a bit of color; to affect slightly; a slight coloration
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to blanch
	I wanted to add a tinge of red to the picture. The roses tinged the air with their fragrance.		
	Derivatives >>	tingent, tinged, tinging, tinges	
24.	unpalatable	un PAL eh tuh bul	distasteful, unpleasant, disagreeable
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> agreeable; tasty
	The speaker made harshly unpalatable but honest statements.		
	Derivatives >>	unpalatableness, unpalatably	
25.	workaday	WUR kuh day	ordinary, commonplace
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> extraordinary
	Because the novelist included workaday settings in her book, she was able to appeal to the ordinary man.		
	Derivatives >>		

Lesson 33

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

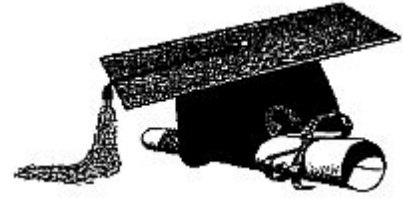
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|-------|-----|--------------|----|--------------------------------------|
| _____ | 1. | anchor | a. | having great sorrow |
| _____ | 2. | antediluvian | b. | reverential regard; honor |
| _____ | 3. | denigrate | c. | excessively ornate; elaborate |
| _____ | 4. | doleful | d. | slight fault; minor weakness |
| _____ | 5. | epilogue | e. | to belittle; to run down |
| _____ | 6. | epitaph | f. | to secure firmly |
| _____ | 7. | foible | g. | to beg in earnest |
| _____ | 8. | garish | h. | an inscription on a tombstone |
| _____ | 9. | homage | i. | things that cannot be realized |
| _____ | 10. | importune | j. | very old; before the Flood |
| _____ | 11. | intangibles | k. | short addition to literary work |
| _____ | 12. | lecher | l. | an indulger in excessive sexual acts |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|-------------|----|---------------------------------|
| _____ | 1. | morbidity | a. | costly and magnificent; lavish |
| _____ | 2. | ostracize | b. | skillful storyteller |
| _____ | 3. | patronizing | c. | to seclude |
| _____ | 4. | plentitude | d. | gloominess; gruesomeness |
| _____ | 5. | raconteur | e. | one who keeps guard |
| _____ | 6. | resonant | f. | residue of metal after smelting |
| _____ | 7. | sentinel | g. | to exclude from society |
| _____ | 8. | sequester | h. | abundance |
| _____ | 9. | slag | i. | echoing; continuing to sound |
| _____ | 10. | sumptuous | j. | distasteful; unpleasant |
| _____ | 11. | tinge | k. | ordinary; commonplace |
| _____ | 12. | unpalatable | l. | to add a bit of color |
| _____ | 13. | workaday | m. | having a condescending attitude |

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Sentence Completion



anchor	antediluvian	denigrate	doleful
epilogue	epitaph	foible	garish
homage	importune	intangibles	lecher

- It was clear from the sorrow on his face that Jon did not win the election to represent his class; his _____ expression was evidence that he had lost.
- The patient began to _____ the doctor not to amputate his leg, but his pleas were unheeded because the operation was necessary to save his life.
- Some things cannot be realized or defined; understanding the _____ can be difficult.
- The congregation's reverent regard was evident as they paid _____ to the departing pastor through many gifts that were showered upon him.
- Stan's 1940 Chevrolet looks positively _____; a car that is a few years old is one thing, but one is older than ten years is ancient!
- The teacher began to _____ the unruly student by belittling him in front of the entire class.
- The book contained an _____, probably because readers reaching the end wanted to know what happened to the characters later in their lives.
- Although I think he has many character defects, he admits to having only one slight _____.
- I would like to write my own _____, although I don't want it inscribed on my tombstone for a long time to come.
- The man's rapid state of moral decline soon turned him into a _____.
- The woman's _____ attire made her look like a clown. Her clothes were tastelessly colorful and showy.
- We tried to _____ the boat to the dock, but it was difficult to tie up securely to the shore.

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morbidity	ostracize	patronizing	plenitude	raconteur
resonant	sentinel	sequester	slag	sumptuous
tinge	unpalatable	workaday		

13. I couldn't believe the _____ being displayed in the experiments. The whole scene was gruesome and cruel.
14. Her husband's _____ smile merely enraged the woman more. She did not appreciate his condescending attitude at all.
15. Although the slight _____ of pink appeared to be a sign of health, the color deceived the doctor, and he thought his patient was well.
16. The farmer used a _____ solution for a commonly occurring problem.
17. The _____ that results from American agriculture is evident in a yearly surplus of most food items.
18. We knew that the opera was about to begin when we heard the _____ sounds of the orchestra's overture echoing throughout the hall.
19. In order to _____ the witness and seclude him during the trial, a police _____ was hired to guard him.
20. When the man continually disobeyed the laws of the tribe, the council decided to _____ him and insist that he move away to another village.
21. The food we had to eat during the camp was practically _____; it was so bad I couldn't force myself to swallow it.
22. Thanksgiving Day is a time my family joins together for a _____ feast; everyone brings something special, and no one goes away hungry.
23. The swimmers were careful to avoid the _____ in the bottom of the tank. It was difficult to tell what debris had accumulated there.
24. The _____ was honored with many awards for his skill in story telling.

Lesson 34

Definitions



1.	addendum	uh DEN dum	something added, usually to a book
	Synonyms >>	addition, supplement	Antonym >>
	The next edition of the book will have an addendum containing new information.		
	Derivatives >>	addend, addenda, addendums	
2.	anthology	an THAH luh gee	an assortment or collection of selected pieces of literature or art
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> novel
	The anthology we are using as a text contains many poems of various authors.		
	Derivatives >>	anthological, anthologist, anthologize, anthologies	
3.	bellicose	BELL uh kose	inclined or eager to fight; aggressively hostile
	Synonyms >>	belligerent, pugnacious	Antonym >> peaceful
	The bellicose young man was always trying to start a fight.		
	Derivatives >>	bellicosely, bellicosity, bellicoseness	
4.	bizarre	buh ZAR	out of the ordinary, odd
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> ordinary
	Snow in May is a bizarre occurrence for Texans.		
	Derivatives >>	bizarrely, bizarreness	
5.	cognizant	KOG nuh zunt	aware, having knowledge
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> ignorant
	I am cognizant of the importance of this situation.		
	Derivatives >>	cognition, cognizable, cognizably, cognizance, cognize, cognized, cognizing	
6.	declaim	deh KLAME	to harangue, to speak bombastically or vehemently
	Synonyms >>	bombast, fustian, rant, rodomontade	Antonym >> to mention
	He declaimed his opponents with oratorical vigor.		
	Derivatives >>	declaimer, declamation, declamatory, declaimed, declaiming	
7.	equanimity	ee kwuh NIM uh tee	a calm temper, an even disposition
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> lack of composure
	The rude behavior of the students did not disturb his equanimity.		
	Derivatives >>	equanimous, equanimously	
8.	eschew	es CHOO	to avoid or to shun
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to confront
	He eschewed situations in which there would be drinking.		
	Derivatives >>	eschewed, eschewal	
9.	exigent	EK seh junt	urgent, requiring immediate attention
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> lacking urgency
	The exigent situation required immediate attention.		
	Derivatives >>	exigency, exigencies, exigence, exigently	
10.	hone	HONE	to sharpen, to make more intense, to make more effective
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to dull
	I am going to the golf course to hone my putting skills.		
	Derivatives >>	honer	
11.	imbue	im BYOO	to impregnate or to inspire with feelings or opinions
	Synonyms >>	charge, infect, fire; permeate, infuse, tincture, soak	Antonym >> to drain
	The scholar was imbued with the teachings of the philosopher.		
	Derivatives >>	imbued, imbuing, imbuement	

12.	intemperance	in TEM pur uns	lack of moderation (usually relating to drinking alcohol)
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> temperance; moderation
		Some fraternity members are known for their intemperance.	
	Derivatives >>	intemperate, intemperancy, intemperately, intemperateness	
13.	intrepid	in TREP id	fearless
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> afraid
		The intrepid fireman rushed into the burning house and saved the baby.	
	Derivatives >>	intrepidity, intrepidly, intrepidness	
14.	levitate	LEV eh tate	to rise or to float in the air in seeming defiance of gravity
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to cause to fall, to descend
		The magician began his show by making a volunteer from the audience levitate.	
	Derivatives >>	levitated, levitating, levitation, levitational, levitative	
15.	moribund	MORE eh bund	close to death
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
		The moribund man asked to see a priest.	
	Derivatives >>	moribundity	
16.	pluralism	PLOOR uh liz um	condition when many cultures coexist in one society
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> segregation
		Having many ethnic groups and different religions, the United States is a pluralistic country.	
	Derivatives >>	pluralistic, pluralist, pluralistically, plurally, pluralization, pluralize	
17.	portly	PORT lee	heavy or rotund in a stately manner, stout
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> lean; slender; angular
		Winston Churchill was the portly prime minister of England during World War II.	
	Derivatives >>	portliness	
18.	resplendent	reh SPLEN dunt	brilliant, shining
	Synonyms >>	sublime, superb	Antonym >> dim
		The resplendent fireworks display pleased the Fourth of July crowd.	
	Derivatives >>	resplendence, resplendency, resplendently	
19.	retrogress	REH truh gres	to move backward, to degenerate
	Synonyms >>	recede, retract, retreat	Antonym >> moving forward
		Some ministers believe that society's morals have retrogressed.	
	Derivatives >>	retrogressed, retrogressing, retrogression, retrogressive, retrogressively	
20.	snippet	SNIP it	a small amount, morsel
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> large amount
		The professor learned mere snippets about the tribes he had visited.	
	Derivatives >>	snippiness, snippety, snippy	
21.	subvert	sub VURT	to destroy or to impair by insidious undermining
	Synonyms >>	raze, demolish, alienate, overturn, defeat	Antonym >>
		The revolution began when several citizens joined together in an effort to subvert their own government.	
	Derivatives >>	subverter, subverted, subvertible, subversion, subversive, subversively, subversiveness, subverse	
22.	sybarite	SIB uh rite	a person devoted to luxury
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> ascetic
		He is a sybarite and a hedonist and is quite different from his brother, the monk.	
	Derivatives >>	sybaritic, sybaritical, sybaritically, sybaritish, sybaritism	
23.	toady	TOE dee	a flatterer; an obsequious sycophant
	Synonyms >>	fawner, yes-man, parasite	Antonym >>
		The man flattered the woman so much that he appeared like a toady.	
	Derivatives >>	toadied, toadying, toadyish, toadyism	
24.	upbraid	up BRADE	to scold harshly, to reproach
	Synonyms >>	berate, rail at, revile, vituperate	Antonym >> to praise
		I must upbraid my son for staying out past his curfew.	
	Derivatives >>	upbraided, upbraider, upbraiding, upbraidingly	
25.	willful	WIL ful	unruly, self-willed in an obstinate manner
	Synonyms >>	intractable, recalcitrant, refractory	Antonym >> obedient
		The teacher did not like his willful behavior of violating class rules.	
	Derivatives >>	wilful, willfully, wilfully, willfulness, wilfulness	

Lesson 34

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. | addendum | a. | to speak bombastically |
| _____ | 2. | anthology | b. | to sharpen |
| _____ | 3. | bellicose | c. | to avoid or shun |
| _____ | 4. | bizarre | d. | inclined and eager to fight; hostile |
| _____ | 5. | cognizant | e. | out of the ordinary; odd |
| _____ | 6. | declaim | f. | something added |
| _____ | 7. | equanimity | g. | to inspire with feelings |
| _____ | 8. | eschew | h. | calm temper; even disposition |
| _____ | 9. | exigent | i. | aware; having knowledge |
| _____ | 10. | hone | j. | lack of moderation |
| _____ | 11. | imbue | k. | urgent |
| _____ | 12. | intemperance | l. | assortment of selected literature |

Exercise B

- | | | | | |
|-------|-----|-------------|----|---|
| _____ | 1. | intrepid | a. | heavy or rotund |
| _____ | 2. | levitate | b. | fearless |
| _____ | 3. | moribund | c. | to destroy; to raze |
| _____ | 4. | pluralism | d. | excessive flatterer; sycophant |
| _____ | 5. | portly | e. | a small amount; morsel |
| _____ | 6. | resplendent | f. | to rise in defiance of gravity |
| _____ | 7. | retrogress | g. | to scold harshly; to reproach |
| _____ | 8. | snippet | h. | a person devoted to luxury |
| _____ | 9. | subvert | i. | to move backward |
| _____ | 10. | sybarite | j. | close to death |
| _____ | 11. | toady | k. | brilliant; shining |
| _____ | 12. | upbraid | l. | unruly |
| _____ | 13. | willful | m. | many cultures coexisting in one society |

Lesson 34

Sentence Completion



addendum	anthology	bellicose	bizarre
cognizant	declaim	equanimity	eschew
exigent	hone	imbue	

1. While many novelists write about everyday things, this author is preoccupied with the odd and unusual, concentrating on the most _____ happenings.
2. The scientist was _____ of the fact that the test results left no room for doubt, but he had trouble accepting the truth.
3. This is one situation to _____ if at all possible; some things are best left alone and avoided.
4. This _____ is a collection of several short stories.
5. The man started to _____ his opponents in a loud, vehement voice; his bombastic speech was enough to capture everyone's attention.
6. The rude behavior of the students did not disturb the teacher's _____; he remained calm and composed during the entire time.
7. If you want to impress the committee, you should _____ your speaking skills; they need to be sharpened.
8. His _____ injury required the immediate attention of the paramedics.
9. Jeff was guilty of great _____, frequently drinking to excess.
10. The professor attempted to _____ his students with a love for the literature; he did whatever he could to inspire them with feelings and opinions.
11. We seemed to have walked into a room full of _____ ruffians; everyone in the room wanted to fight.
12. I enjoyed the story so much that I wished for an _____; with the addition to the book, I could continue reading about my favorite characters.

Lesson 34



intrepid	levitate	moribund	pluralistic	portly
resplendent	retrogress	snippet	subvert	sybarite
toady	upbraided	willful		

13. We must learn to live in a _____ society of many cultures if we are not to _____ to an earlier, intolerant era.
14. Just after stuffing myself at the banquet, I looked down at my _____, stout body and swore to begin a diet the next day.
15. Always requiring an abundance of everything, the Roman emperor Nero was a notorious _____ who was totally devoted to luxury.
16. Because no one can really make someone else float in mid-air, we figured that the magician's ability to _____ the girl must be a skillful trick.
17. For trying to _____ the government and undermine its power, the man was convicted of treason.
18. The queen's crown was _____ with the jewels shining like a thousand points of light.
19. All we heard of the lecture was a mere _____; had we been there earlier, we could have heard the entire speech rather than only a small portion of it.
20. The drowning man was saved by an _____ passerby who fearlessly jumped into the rushing waters to rescue him.
21. Because the man was easily flattered, the job of making the proposition was given to a _____, one skilled in the art of flattery.
22. The woman felt a sense of grief when she learned of the _____ condition of her dog; knowing that her pet was close to death deeply saddened her.
23. The stubborn, _____ child never obeyed his parents; he had a mind of his own, and he let everyone know it.
24. Because she had been warned that further misbehaving would result in a scolding, the young girl was severely _____ by her mom.

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	

Lesson 35

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

- | | | | | |
|-------|-----|--------------|----|--------------------------------------|
| _____ | 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 |

Lesson 35

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.

Lesson 35



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.

Lesson 36

Definitions



1.	ardor	AR dur	warmth or heat of emotion; extreme force, vigor, or energy
	Synonyms >>	passion, intensity, fervor, enthusiasm, zeal	Antonym >> lack of energy or enthusiasm
	His ardor for the revolution cooled off during the course of the war.		
	Derivatives >>	ardour, ardors	
2.	assiduous	uh SIJ you us	marked by careful and unremitting attention, constant in application
	Synonyms >>	industrious, sedulous, diligent	Antonym >> desultory; lazy
	He worked assiduously at studying geometry for weeks before he felt prepared to take the final exam.		
	Derivatives >>	assiduously, assiduousness	
3.	bestial	BES chul	brutal without reason, having the attributes of a savage
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> civilized
	The bestial traits of the man were offensive to refined ladies.		
	Derivatives >>	bestiality, bestialize, bestialized, bestializing	
4.	concord	KON kord	agreement; concurrence in attitudes, consensus
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> lack of harmony
	There was complete concord among the delegates.		
	Derivatives >>	concordal, concordance, concordant, concordatory	
5.	confound	kon FOUND	to cause one to become confused
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to distinguish between
	I am confounded by the tax forms of the IRS.		
	Derivatives >>	confounded, confoundedly, confounding, confounds	
6.	defer	deh FUR	to put off action until a future time; to delay
	Synonyms >>	postpone, procrastinate	Antonym >> to begin immediately
	The decision has been deferred by the board until next week.		
	Derivatives >>	deferred, deferring, deferrable	
7.	dissected	deh SEK tid	divided into numerous segments or parts
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> whole
	In biology today I dissected a frog.		
	Derivatives >>	dissect, dissecting, dissection, dissectional, dissective, dissector	
8.	evince	eh VINS	to show clearly
	Synonyms >>	manifest, evidence	Antonym >> to suppress, to hide, to conceal
	By making a 27 on the test, he evinced his lack of knowledge of the material.		
	Derivatives >>	evinced, evincing, evincible, evincive	
9.	husband	HUZ bund	to manage prudently and in a conservative manner
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to ignore; to slight
	A farmer must husband his animals if they are to remain healthy.		
	Derivatives >>	husbandry, husbandman, husbandly, husbander, husbandland	
10.	impertinent	im PUR tuh nunt	insolently rude, not within the proper bounds of good taste or manners
	Synonyms >>	intrusive, meddlesome, obtrusive, officious	Antonym >> reverent; respectful
	His impertinent remarks did not help his case in the eyes of the jury.		
	Derivatives >>	impertinence, impertinency, impertinently, impertinentness	
11.	inanimate	in AN uh mit	without life
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> alive
	A rock is an inanimate object.		
	Derivatives >>	inanimately, inanimateness	

12.	lithe	LIETH	flexible and graceful		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	inflexible
	Ballet is a dance for lithe dancers.				
	Derivatives >>	lithely			
13.	maladroit	mal uh DROIT	inept, awkward		
	Synonyms >>	gauche, clumsy, ungainly		Antonym >>	adept, adroit, skillful
	His maladroit attempts to repair the situation only made it worse.				
	Derivatives >>	maladroitly, maladroitness			
14.	muted	MYOO tid	toned down or silenced		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	amplified
	The conductor wanted the music to be muted at one spot in the performance.				
	Derivatives >>	mute, mutedly, mutely, muteness			
15.	paradigm	PAIR uh dim, -dime	a very good example or model		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	a bad example
	The English teacher gave the students a sample outline as a paradigm of good work.				
	Derivatives >>	paradigmatic, paradigmatic, paradigmatically, paradigmaticize			
16.	perfidious	pur FID ee us	calculated to deceive; deceitful; treacherous		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	honest; trustworthy
	You show a lack of character by spreading perfidious stories about your brother.				
	Derivatives >>	perfidiously, perfidiousness, perfidy			
17.	potable	POE tuh bul	something drinkable		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	unfit to drink
	The show "Jeopardy" used to have a category called "Pot & Potables" that concerned all kinds of drinks.				
	Derivatives >>	potability, potableness			
18.	redundant	reh DUN dunt	repetitious, superfluous		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	concise
	She is boring because she is a rambling and redundant speaker.				
	Derivatives >>	redundancy, redundance, redundantly			
19.	retinue	RET uh noo	a body of retainers who follow a prince or other distinguished person		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
	It was the largest retinue ever to accompany the president on a trip.				
	Derivatives >>	retinued			
20.	sinuous	SIN yoo us	bending in and out in a serpentine or wavy form		
	Synonyms >>	winding, intricate, complex		Antonym >>	straight
	The land was covered with a sinuous system of canals and irrigation ditches.				
	Derivatives >>	sinuosity, sinuously, sinuousness			
21.	subjugate	SUB juh gate	to bring under one's control		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
	It was the intent of the dictator to subjugate all the people in the land and control them.				
	Derivatives >>	subjugable, subjugation, subjugator			
22.	totter	TOT ur	to stagger as if about to fall		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to walk steadily
	Drinking heavily will usually cause one to totter.				
	Derivatives >>	tottered, tottering, totteringly, tottery, totters			
23.	usurp	yoo SURP	to take possession or authority over something without right		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to acquiesce
	The younger son tried to usurp the throne from the rightful heir.				
	Derivatives >>	usurpation, usurpative, usurpatory, usurpature			
24.	vicarious	vie KARE ee us	experienced through imagined participation in another's activity		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	firsthand
	Many people who watch football experience a vicarious release of aggression.				
	Derivatives >>	vicariate, vicarism, vicariously, vicariousness			
25.	woe	WOE	great sorrow, grief, or misfortune		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	happiness
	The woe she suffered at his death continued through months of depression.				
	Derivatives >>	woes, woebegone, woeful, woebegoneness, woefully, woefulness			

Lesson 36

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

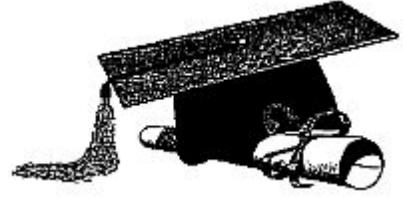
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|-------|-----|-------------|----|-----------------------------------|
| _____ | 1. | ardor | a. | diligent; constant in application |
| _____ | 2. | assiduous | b. | to cause to become confused |
| _____ | 3. | bestial | c. | agreement |
| _____ | 4. | concord | d. | flexible and graceful |
| _____ | 5. | confound | e. | having attributes of a savage |
| _____ | 6. | defer | f. | rude; insolent |
| _____ | 7. | dissected | g. | to show clearly |
| _____ | 8. | evince | h. | to delay |
| _____ | 9. | husband | i. | warmth or heat of emotion |
| _____ | 10. | impertinent | j. | without life |
| _____ | 11. | inanimate | k. | to manage conservatively |
| _____ | 12. | lithe | l. | divided into numerous segments |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|------------|----|--|
| _____ | 1. | maladroit | a. | drinkable |
| _____ | 2. | muted | b. | great sorrow, grief, or misfortune |
| _____ | 3. | paradigm | c. | inept; awkward |
| _____ | 4. | perfidious | d. | through imagined participation |
| _____ | 5. | potable | e. | to bring under one's control |
| _____ | 6. | redundant | f. | toned down or silenced |
| _____ | 7. | retinue | g. | intricate; complex; winding |
| _____ | 8. | sinuous | h. | to take possession without the right |
| _____ | 9. | subjugate | i. | deceptive; deceitful |
| _____ | 10. | totter | j. | to stagger as if about to fall |
| _____ | 11. | usurp | k. | repetitious; superfluous |
| _____ | 12. | vicarious | l. | a very good example; model |
| _____ | 13. | woe | m. | a body of attendants who follow a distinguished person |

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Sentence Completion



ardor	assiduous	bestial	concord
confound	defer	dissected	evinced
husband	impertinent	inanimate	lithe

1. The shepherd was told to _____ his herd, but he soon found that managing sheep was not as easy as he had imagined.
2. Calculus is so difficult that it can be _____ even very intelligent people who are not easily confused.
3. His _____ for the woman would never cool; he loved her more than life itself.
4. However sickening the _____ behavior of the savage is, most people can understand his uncivilized traits by identifying with his circumstances.
5. After the students had _____ the frog, they asked permission to bury him in the courtyard.
6. Above all, the council wanted _____ among its members; if they had agreement within the group, they could face many problems.
7. We may have to ask the bank officials to _____ our payment date since we can't pay the bill this week; they will sometimes delay a deadline if they are asked.
8. The _____ movements of the ballerina were astounding; her flexibility allows her to perform extraordinary feats.
9. The man looked at the _____ body and saw that there was no life left in it.
10. The young man annoyed me with his _____ comments; frankly, he sounded like a rude snob.
11. If you can _____ your capability for handling the job, you will be hired, but you must show clearly that you are qualified for such work.
12. The student was _____ in studying for the test; because of his diligence, he made a good grade.

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maladroit	muted	paradigm	perfidious	potable
redundant	retinue	sinuous	subjugate	tottered
usurp	vicarious	woe		

13. The student's essay was nicely written except that he was _____ much of the time; he said the same things over and over.
14. Because the water was not _____, we had to search for something else that we could drink.
15. The winding, _____ road stretched in complex turns for miles into the mountains, looking much like a path of a snake.
16. Members of the audience indulged in a _____ experience of watching the youthful dancer and imagining themselves on stage with her.
17. Jim is so _____ that he can hardly hammer a nail without injuring himself; he is the most awkward person I know.
18. The music was _____ by the closed doors of the auditorium, but we still managed to hear a few of the muffled sounds.
19. Hitler's goal was to _____ Europe, bringing the entire continent under his control.
20. Afraid of losing my balance, I _____ unsteadily on the edge of the pit.
21. His performance was truly a _____ of musical perfection; it was a magnificent example of great artistry.
22. The wicked queen sought to _____ the king's power and steal the throne from him.
23. My reputation was nearly ruined by the deceitful reporter and his treacherous, _____ stories.
24. Chaucer's "The Pardoner's Tale" is a tale of the _____ and misfortune that money can cause.
25. The king was accompanied by his _____ on the journey; his body of attendants always followed him wherever he went.