

Lesson 61

Definitions



1.	afoot	uh FOOT	developing or in the process of happening
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> on hold
	The eclipse of the sun caused him to think that something bizarre was afoot.		
	Derivatives >>		
2.	anachronism	uh NAK ruh neh sum	an error in chronology; a chronological misplacing of persons or events
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> something chronologically correct
	The movie, though entertaining, was not historically accurate and was full of glaring anachronisms.		
	Derivatives >>	anachronic, anachronical, anachronically, anachrously, anachronisms, anachronistic, anachronistical	
3.	barb	BARB	a critical or caustic remark
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> kind remark
	He started the speech with a few barbs for his opponent.		
	Derivatives >>	barbs	
4.	ensorious	sen SORE ee us	critical
	Synonyms >>	carping, captious	Antonym >> complimentary
	The artist was hurt by the censorious remarks of the critic.		
	Derivatives >>	censor, censoriously, censoriousness, censorial, censorship	
5.	disinclination	dis in kluh NAY shun	a desire to avoid, aversion
	Synonyms >>	hesitance, loathing, reluctance	Antonym >> eagerness
	I have a disinclination to go to Europe this summer since the dollar is worth less.		
	Derivatives >>	disincline, disinclined	
6.	droll	DROLE	odd or whimsical
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> serious
	The droll expression on the man's face revealed his sense of humor.		
	Derivatives >>	drollery, drollingly, drolliness	
7.	extant	EK stunt	still in existence
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> inexistent
	Although his books are illegal, many are extant and available on the black market.		
	Derivatives >>		
8.	fractious	FRAK shus	unruly
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> manageable; easy to handle
	The fractious students started a food fight.		
	Derivatives >>	fractiously, fractiousness	
9.	franchise	FRAN chize	the right to vote
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> denial of the right to vote
	We have laws to guarantee the franchise of every citizen so that he may vote.		
	Derivatives >>	franchised, franchising, franchisement, franchiser	
10.	harbingers	HAR bin jers	things that precede and forecast
	Synonyms >>	forerunners, heralds, precursors	Antonym >>
	Thick fur on a wooly worm is a harbinger of a cold winter.		
	Derivatives >>	harbinger	
11.	inconsequential	in kon suh KWEN shul	not significant, unimportant
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> pivotal; important
	Since his team was ahead, the fact that the quarterback's last pass was intercepted was inconsequential.		
	Derivatives >>	inconsequential, inconsequentially, inconsequentiality	

12.	jargon	JAR gon	language used by a special group that is usually strange and confusing
	Synonyms >>	dialect, vernacular, lingo	Antonym >>
	In making transactions, the traders on the stock market floor used a jargon which we could not understand.		
	Derivatives >>	jargonical, jargonistic, jargonish, jargonesque, jargonist, jargoneer, jargonize, jargonizing, jargonization	
13.	mettle	MET ul	courage or spirit
	Synonyms >>	resolution, tenacity	Antonym >> lack of courage
	A crisis like this would test anyone's mettle.		
	Derivatives >>	mettles, mettled, mettlesome	
14.	obviates	OB vee ates	makes unnecessary, prevents as a result of anticipating
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> instigates; begins
	I hope that this settlement obviates any further contact between us.		
	Derivatives >>	obviated, obviable, obviation, obviative	
15.	opalescent	oh puh LES unt	showing or reflecting an iridescent light
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> dull
	She was even more beautiful against the opalescent sky.		
	Derivatives >>	opalescence, opalescently, opalesque	
16.	peevish	PEE vish	fretful, obstinate
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> tranquil; peaceful
	With a peevish gesture, Jane slammed the book shut.		
	Derivatives >>	peevishly, peevishness, peeve, peeved	
17.	perpetuate	pur PECH oo ate	to prolong the existence of something
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to destroy
	The Audubon Society works to perpetuate the species of many threatened birds.		
	Derivatives >>	perpetuation, perpetuator, perpetuity, perpetual, perpetually	
18.	polyphony	puh LIF uh nee	music in which two or more independent melodies are sounded together
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> homophony
	Most of the music heard today is based on polyphony.		
	Derivatives >>	polyphonic, polyphonist	
19.	propriety	pruh PRY eh tee	correct conduct
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> indecorum
	Those who attend the club meetings should conduct themselves with propriety.		
	Derivatives >>	proprieties	
20.	renunciation	reh nun see A shun	the act of renouncing; ascetic self-denial
	Synonyms >>	sacrifice, rejection, repudiation	Antonym >>
	The board member made a renunciation of his chairmanship.		
	Derivatives >>	renunciate, renunciant, renunciative, renunciatory	
21.	repress	reh PRES	to restrain, to hold back
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to release
	I feel that I need to repress my desires for him since he obviously does not like me.		
	Derivatives >>	repressed, repression, repressive, repressiveness	
22.	scanty	SKAN tee	less than or barely sufficient, meager
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> copious; abundant
	Because the details of the incident are so scanty, we are not able to make any firm conclusions at this time.		
	Derivatives >>	scantiness, scantily, scantly	
23.	simper	SIM pur	a silly or self-conscious smile, smirk
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> frown
	The young man made the silly remark with a simper.		
	Derivatives >>	simperer, simpering, simpered, simperingly	
24.	sublimate	SUB luh mate	to refine or to transform a primitive impulse into one socially acceptable
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	We are going to try to sublimate his natural rebelliousness into concern for righting the wrongs of mankind.		
	Derivatives >>	sublimation, sublimator	
25.	urbane	ur BANE	having a refined manner, suave and elegant
	Synonyms >>	diplomatic, politic	Antonym >> boorish; unrefined
	Southern gentlemen and English noblemen are known for their urbane manners.		
	Derivatives >>	urbanely	

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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. | afoot | a. | unruly |
| _____ | 2. | anachronism | b. | odd or whimsical sense of humor |
| _____ | 3. | barb | c. | desire to avoid; aversion |
| _____ | 4. | disinclination | d. | things that precede or forecast |
| _____ | 5. | droll | e. | developing |
| _____ | 6. | extant | f. | not significant; unimportant |
| _____ | 7. | fractious | g. | the right to vote |
| _____ | 8. | franchise | h. | an error in chronology |
| _____ | 9. | harbingers | i. | courage or spirit |
| _____ | 10. | inconsequential | j. | a critical or caustic remark |
| _____ | 11. | jargon | k. | still in existence |
| _____ | 12. | mettle | l. | strange, confusing language of a particular group |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|--------------|----|--|
| _____ | 1. | censorious | a. | music with melodies sounded together |
| _____ | 2. | obviates | b. | having a refined manner; suave |
| _____ | 3. | opalescent | c. | fretful; obstinate |
| _____ | 4. | peevish | d. | less than or barely significant |
| _____ | 5. | perpetuate | e. | correct conduct |
| _____ | 6. | polyphony | f. | reflecting an iridescent light |
| _____ | 7. | propriety | g. | critical |
| _____ | 8. | renunciation | h. | to refine into acceptability |
| _____ | 9. | repress | i. | to restrain; to hold back |
| _____ | 10. | scanty | j. | makes unnecessary |
| _____ | 11. | simper | k. | ascetic self-denial |
| _____ | 12. | sublimate | l. | a silly or self-conscious smile; a smirk |
| _____ | 13. | urbane | m. | to prolong the existence of something |

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Sentence Completion



afoot	anachronism	barbs	ensorious
disinclination	droll	extant	fractious
franchise	harbinger	inconsequential	jargon

1. As soon as the politician heard the _____ from his opponent, he knew a slanderous encounter was _____.
2. A red sky is said to be a _____ of an approaching storm.
3. The child seemed oblivious to the _____ remarks that the critical teacher made about his unacceptable behavior.
4. The unruly, _____ crowd was unwilling to sit quietly; their _____ to be silent eventually drove the performers away.
5. Stan's _____ sense of humor was not appreciated by everyone; it was too odd and whimsical for most people.
6. Those California redwood trees still in existence are some of the oldest _____ trees in the world.
7. One _____ in the movie about the Old West was the telephone that rang during one scene; they didn't have telephones at that particular time in history.
8. When we heard the _____ being used by the speaker, we had to consult a dictionary; fortunately it had the definitions for the strange and technical language that the man used.
9. We have laws in America to guarantee the _____ of every citizen; the right to vote is a freedom that we want to protect.
10. His comments to the woman were _____; they were trivial and had no significance whatsoever.

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mettle	obviated	opalescent	peevish	perpetuate
polyphony	propriety	renunciation	repress	scanty
simper	sublimated	urbane		

11. Those who attended the meeting conducted themselves with _____; the name of our club was at stake, and it was important to behave as properly as possible.
12. The _____ gentleman was noticed by everyone because of his sophistication and good breeding.
13. I was looking forward to choosing from an abundance of desserts but discovered, to my dismay, that there was only a _____ selection of pies and cakes.
14. It was hard to _____ my fears about the upcoming trial, but for my friend's sake I tried to restrain my anxiety and hold back my emotions.
15. The disciple of the guru wrote down all his master's teachings and was able to _____ those ideas for centuries through the written word.
16. The _____ jewel shined brightly as the king gave it to his trusty servant as payment for his allegiance.
17. Since the picture identified all those present at the meeting, it _____ the necessity for keeping a list of who was there.
18. The playoffs will test the _____ of the young team; their courage and spirit will either grow and lead them to victory, or it will fail them and they will lose.
19. The obstinate child was _____ and fretful.
20. The symphony is based on a _____ of several independent melodies which are sounded together.
21. A silly smile crossed the man's face when he heard his name called; the _____ revealed his self-consciousness.
22. Jack has _____ his primitive impulse of hostility into a more socially acceptable form: ambition.
23. The monk's vows included a _____ of ordinary civilian life, renouncing his family and denying his acquaintances with old friends.