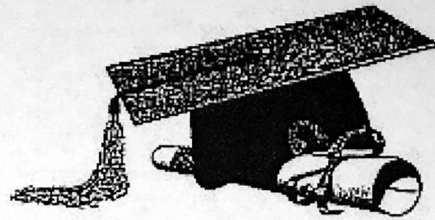


Lesson 2

Definitions



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| 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 | |

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| 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, hypocrital, 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, reprovod, 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, tranquillness, 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 | | |