

Lesson 1

Definitions

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1.	alchemist	AL kuh mist	one who practices medieval chemistry or tries to change metals into gold
	Synonyms >>		
	The alchemist wanted to change iron into gold.		
	Derivatives >>	alchemistic, alchemical, alchemize, alchemy, alchemic, alchemical, alchemically	
2.	allegory	Al uh gor ee	The device of using character symbolically to represent an abstract idea.
	Synonyms >>		
	The novel portrays the concepts of freedom and tyranny through allegory.		
	Derivatives >>	allegorical	
3.	augury	AW gyuh ree	an omen or prophecy
	Synonyms >>		
	Several auguries were revealed to Caesar before his death.		
	Derivatives >>	augur, auguries, augured	
4.	baseness	BASE ness	the quality of lacking higher values
	Synonyms >>	vileness, servility, unworthiness	
	We were shocked at the criminal's baseness.		
	Derivatives >>	base, baser, basest, basely	
5.	bestow	be STOW	to grant or to give
	Synonyms >>		
	The country bestowed honor for Martin Luther King, Jr., by making his birthday a national holiday.		
	Derivatives >>	bestowal, bestowed, bestowment	
6.	conceit	kun SEET	An elaborate, fanciful metaphor
	Synonyms >>		
	A conceit makes use of a metaphor as a literary characteristic.		
	Derivatives >>		
7.	confound	kon FOUND	to cause one to become confused
	Synonyms >>		
	I am confounded by the tax forms of the IRS.		
	Derivatives >>	confounded, confoundedly, confounding, confounds	
8.	contaminant	kun TAM uh nunt	something that causes impurity; something that defiles or pollutes
	Synonyms >>	pollutant	
	The polluted water contained many dangerous contaminants.		
	Derivatives >>	contaminate, contaminated, contaminating, contaminator, contamination	
9.	covert	KUV urt, KO vurt	secret, concealed
	Synonyms >>	clandestine, furtive, stealthy, surreptitious, underhanded	
	The spy was engaged in many covert activities; it was his job to keep them secret.		
	Derivatives >>	covertly, covertness	
10.	crave	KRAVE	to desire intensely
	Synonyms >>		
	During the man's diet, he began to crave sweets.		
	Derivatives >>	craved, craving, cravingly, cravingness	

11.	enfranchise	en FRAN chize	to give or to bestow something such as the right to vote or citizenship
	Synonyms >>		
	This bill will cause many young people to be enfranchised with the right to vote.		
	Derivatives >>	enfranchisement, enfranchiser	
12.	exalt	ig ZALT	to glorify, to praise, to raise in rank
	Synonyms >>		
	The woman was exalted for her successes in the field of science.		
	Derivatives >>	exalted, exalting, exalts, exaltation, exaltedly, exaltedness, exalter	
13.	gravity	GRAV eh tee	seriousness, importance
	Synonyms >>	earnestness, sedateness, sobriety, solemnity, staidness	
	The gravity of the situation was heightened by the death of the president .		
	Derivatives >>	grave, graver, gravely	
14.	grievous	GREE vus	characterized by severe suffering or sorrow, serious or grave
	Synonyms >>		
	You made a grievous error when you spoke to your parents in such a horrible fashion.		
	Derivatives >>	grievously, grievousness	
15.	hideous	HID ee us	very ugly, offensive, shocking
	Synonyms >>		
	Some characters in the horror movie had hideous faces.		
	Derivatives >>	hideously, hideousness, hideosity	
16.	homage	HOM ij	a reverential regard; respect shown by external action
	Synonyms >>	honor, reverence, deference, obeisance	
	The people went to pay homage to their respected leader.		
	Derivatives >>	homages, homager	
17.	instigation	in stuh GAY shun	urging, provocation; initiation
	Synonyms >>	abetment, fomentation, incitement	
	This project would never have been attempted without his instigation.		
	Derivatives >>	instigate, instigatingly, instigative, instigator	
18.	kindle	KIN dul	to start a fire, to stir up
	Synonyms >>		
	The boys were taught to kindle a fire.		
	Derivatives >>	kindled, kindling, kindles	
19.	knotty	NOT ee	so complicated that it can probably not be solved; full of knots
	Synonyms >>	abstruse, complex, intricate, recondite	
	A contest's knotty problems leave contestants disheartened. The knotty trees added an eerie feeling to the night.		
	Derivatives >>	knotted, knoter, knottily	
20.	malefactor	MAL uh fak tur	a criminal
	Synonyms >>		
	The candidate for attorney general said that he will see that all malefactors are locked up.		
	Derivatives >>	malefaction, malefactress, maleficence, malefice, maleficent	



Matching Test Lesson 1

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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. | alchemist | a. | an elaborate, fanciful metaphor |
| _____ 2. | augury | b. | so complicated that it can not be solved; full of knots |
| _____ 3. | bestow | c. | to desire intensely |
| _____ 4. | conceit | d. | to cause one to become confused |
| _____ 5. | confound | e. | an omen or prophecy |
| _____ 6. | crave | f. | very ugly, offensive, shocking |
| _____ 7. | hideous | g. | one who tries to change metals into gold |
| _____ 8. | kindle | h. | to start a fire, to stir up |
| _____ 9. | knotty | i. | a criminal |
| _____ 10. | malefactor | j. | to grant or to give |

Exercise B

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|-----------|-------------|----|---|
| _____ 1. | allegory | a. | seriousness, importance |
| _____ 2. | baseness | b. | using character symbolically to represent an abstract idea |
| _____ 3. | contaminant | c. | a reverential regard; respect shown by external action |
| _____ 4. | covert | d. | something that causes impurity, defiles or pollutes |
| _____ 5. | enfranchise | e. | secret, concealed |
| _____ 6. | exalt | f. | to glorify, to praise, to raise in rank |
| _____ 7. | gravity | g. | to give or to bestow the right to vote or citizenship |
| _____ 8. | grievous | h. | urging, provocation; initiation |
| _____ 9. | homage | i. | the quality of lacking higher values |
| _____ 10. | instigation | j. | characterized by severe suffering or sorrow, serious or grave |

Sentence Completion Test

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alchemist	allegory	augury	baseness	bestowed
conceit	confound	contaminants	covert	crave

1. The fortune teller was paid for the _____ she would present.
2. The competition called for the poets to use a _____ in their work, a fanciful elaborate metaphor.
3. The _____ worked many unsuccessful hours trying to get lead to turn into gold.
4. The C.I.A. worked undercover on their _____, secret activities, away from the eye of the general public.
5. The poisonous water had many _____ in it because the factories dumped their waste products into the river.
6. The author discussed the subject of economics under the guise of a farm through the use of _____.
7. The _____ of their relationship lies in the fact that it is strictly a vile one, lacking any spiritual dimension.
8. The problem is very difficult and can easily _____ you if you are not extremely careful.
9. The man began to _____ various foods during his diet; he had a strong desire for them.
10. His grandfather _____ many gifts upon him through a will.

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enfranchisement	exalt	gravity	grievous	hideous
homage	instigation	kindle	knotty	malefactor

11. Though a criminal for most of his life, the _____ had a sudden change of heart and was working to redeem himself in the hearts of his earlier victims.
12. The congregation's reverent regard was evident as they paid _____ to the departing pastor through many gifts that were showered upon him.
13. There was severe suffering and sorrow as a result of the _____ actions of the boys; their behavior brought serious condemnation.
14. The _____ of the situation was apparent in the serious countenance of the woman; we could all tell how important the condition was.
15. Unable to move, the prince's horse was caught in the thicket, entangled in vines up to his neck. The rider could see no solution to the _____ problem of freeing him.
16. The _____ of women and minorities by giving them the right to vote is only a beginning. It is the responsibility of these groups to galvanize their power into a unified base.
17. The officer wanted to _____ the soldier for his bravery; he enjoyed praising his men for good work.
18. The young puppy was able to _____ energy, warmth and love in the old man's heart.
19. I look forward to your _____ of this new project; it takes special people to "get the ball rolling" and start things moving.
20. Some characters in the horror movie had _____ faces.