

# Lesson 16

## Definitions

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1.	<b>antiquated</b>	AN tuh kwat id	obsolete, out of fashion, no longer usable	
	Synonyms >>	antique, archaic, obsolete, venerable		
	We cannot afford to have antiquated military forces.			
	Derivatives >>	antiquate, antiquating, antiquation, antiquatedness		
2.	<b>arable</b>	AIR uh bul	fit for plowing, tillable	
	Synonyms >>			
	If a farmer does not use good conservation measures, the land will not stay arable.			
	Derivatives >>	arability		
3.	<b>ascendancy</b>	uh SIN dun see	domination; growing power	
	Synonyms >>			
	The United States would not patiently submit to the ascendancy of Hitler.			
	Derivatives >>	ascendance, ascend, ascendant, ascension, ascending, ascended		
4.	<b>atrophy</b>	AT row fee	to waste away, to wither	
	Synonyms >>			
	His hunger strike caused his body to atrophy.			
	Derivatives >>	atrophied, atrophying, atrophic		
5.	<b>clandestine</b>	klan DES tin	secret	
	Synonyms >>	covert, furtive, stealthy, surreptitious, underhanded		
	The C.I.A. is involved in clandestine activities.			
	Derivatives >>	clandestinely, clandestineness		
6.	<b>malice</b>	MAL is	desire to harm others	
	Synonyms >>	malevolence, malignity, spite, spleen		
	His death was caused by malice and was not accidental.			
	Derivatives >>	maliceful, malicious, maliciously, maliciousness		
7.	<b>oblique</b>	uh BLEEK	slanting, indirect, evasive, devious, misleading	
	Synonyms >>			
	Because of the suspect's oblique answers, our interrogation of him led us in the wrong direction.			
	Derivatives >>	obliquate, obliquation, obliquely, obliqueness, obliquely		
8.	<b>opulence</b>	OP yuh luns	wealth, affluence, abundance	
	Synonyms >>			
	Until the recent decline in the price of oil, the Hunt name was synonymous with opulence.			
	Derivatives >>	opulent, opulently		
9.	<b>penitent</b>	PEN eh tunt	showing or feeling regret for wrongdoing, repentant	
	Synonyms >>	compunctual, contrite, remorseful		
	He became penitent when he realized that his prank resulted in serious injury.			
	Derivatives >>	penitence, penitency, penitential		
10.	<b>perfunctory</b>	pur FUNGK tuh ree	acting routinely with little interest or care	
	Synonyms >>			
	Due to his perfunctory manner of inspecting the factory, he did not notice some serious problems.			
	Derivatives >>	perfunctorily, perfunctoriness, perfunctorious, perfunctoriously		

# Matching Test

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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.  | antiquated  | a. | slanting, indirect, evasive, devious, misleading    |
| _____ 2.  | arable      | b. | acting routinely with little interest or care       |
| _____ 3.  | ascendancy  | c. | showing or feeling regret for wrongdoing, repentant |
| _____ 4.  | atrophy     | d. | desire to harm others                               |
| _____ 5.  | clandestine | e. | to waste away, to wither                            |
| _____ 6.  | malice      | f. | fit for plowing, tillable                           |
| _____ 7.  | oblique     | g. | secret  |
| _____ 8.  | opulence    | h. | domination; growing power                           |
| _____ 9.  | penitent    | i. | wealth, affluence, abundance                        |
| _____ 10. | perfunctory | j. | obsolete, out of fashion, no longer usable          |

### Exercise B

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|-----------|-------------|----|--|
| _____ 1.  | acrimonious | a. | savagery   |
| _____ 2.  | ameliorate  | b. | caustic  |
| _____ 3.  | amenable    | c. | arrogant, excessively proud and vain                                   |
| _____ 4.  | amorphous   | d. | difficult to understand; mysterious                                    |
| _____ 5.  | ferocity    | e. | incapable of error   |
| _____ 6.  | haughty     | f. | shapeless, having no definite form                                     |
| _____ 7.  | impervious  | g. | willing to follow advice or suggestion, tractable                      |
| _____ 8.  | infallible  | h. | to make better, to relieve, to improve                                 |
| _____ 9.  | inscrutable | i. | threatening  |
| _____ 10. | ominous     | j. | incapable of being entered or penetrated, not capable of being damaged |

# Sentence Completion Test

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antiquated	arable	ascendancy	atrophy	clandestine
malice	oblique	opulence	penitent	perfunctory

1. 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.
2. His \_\_\_\_\_ toward his ex-wife was shown in his attempt to cause her serious harm.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of one country often signals the decline of another.
4. Because the soil was so \_\_\_\_\_, the farmer had a surplus of good crops.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ theory was rendered ineffective by the new discovery.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ activities are always an important part of secret groups such as the FBI and the CIA.
7. Only after he had become truly \_\_\_\_\_ was he able to ask for forgiveness.
8. Evasive, devious and misleading, her testimony was \_\_\_\_\_, full of answers that sought not to inform, but to deceive.
9. After months in a cast, his leg began to wither and \_\_\_\_\_.
10. The queen lived in incredible \_\_\_\_\_, even drinking from an ornate, golden cup.

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ameliorate	cajole	connotation	elucidate	haughty
impervious	inane	infallible	inscrutable	verbose

11. After being elected class president, Sally became \_\_\_\_\_ and arrogant; suddenly she seemed to consider everyone else beneath her.
12. The \_\_\_\_\_ passage was mysterious and difficult to understand.
13. Like me, she seemed \_\_\_\_\_ to his rude comments; I always treat such remarks with disdain and contempt and try to remain unaffected by them.
14. They once thought that their leader was \_\_\_\_\_, but they soon learned that he, too, made mistakes.
15. Because some of my writing has occasionally been meaningless, my teacher now considers all of it to be \_\_\_\_\_.
16. The governor tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the conditions that had caused inflation to soar.
17. My teacher expected me to \_\_\_\_\_ the point and to make the thesis clear in my essay.
18. The child tried to \_\_\_\_\_ his mother into giving him another piece of candy; she was frequently unable to stand up to his persuasion.
19. The speaker was so \_\_\_\_\_ that her speech lasted forty minutes longer than it should have.
20. I did not understand the \_\_\_\_\_ you intended when you used that word. It implied something very different to me.

