

# Lesson 19

## Definitions

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

11.	<b>expunge</b>	ik SPUNJ	to remove, to erase
	Synonyms >>		
	Their names were expunged from the social register after they were convicted of selling cocaine.		
	Derivatives >>	expunged, expunging, expunction	
12.	<b>guile</b>	GILE	deceitfulness, duplicity
	Synonyms >>		
	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.	<b>implausible</b>	im PLAU zuh bul	not believable
	Synonyms >>		
	His explanation of the accident is so implausible that no jury will believe him.		
	Derivatives >>	implausibility, implausibleness, implausibly	
14.	<b>incongruity</b>	in kon GROO eh tee	nonconformity, disagreement, incompatibility
	Synonyms >>		
	The incongruity between the two stories led me to doubt the accuracy of either report.		
	Derivatives >>	incongruent, incongruently, incongruence, incongruous, incongruously, incongruousness	
15.	<b>insularity</b>	in suh LAR eh tee	qualities of an island; narrow-mindedness of opinion
	Synonyms >>		
	The insularity of the president made it difficult to get a motion passed.		
	Derivatives >>	insularly, insular, insularize	
16.	<b>invective</b>	in VEK tif	an utterance of violent censure or verbal attack; a denunciation
	Synonyms >>		
	The character's invective made his strong views on the issue quite clear.		
	Derivatives >>		
17.	<b>placate</b>	PLAY kate	to appease or to pacify by making concessions
	Synonyms >>	conciliate, mollification, propitiate	
	My wife is so angry at me that I cannot placate her.		
	Derivatives >>	placater, placating, placatingly, placation, placative, placatory	
18.	<b>poignant</b>	POIN yunt	piercing, incisive, and keen
	Synonyms >>	piquant, pungent, racy	
	The man's poignant words struck the very heart of the matter.		
	Derivatives >>	poignance, poignancy, poignantly	
19.	<b>provincial</b>	pruh VEN shul	lacking sophistication, narrow-minded
	Synonyms >>		
	Her parents are so provincial that they believe they should arrange her marriage.		
	Derivatives >>	provinciate, provincialism, provinciality, provincialization	
20.	<b>reiterate</b>	ree IT uh rate	to repeat
	Synonyms >>		
	I hope that I am not becoming redundant by again reiterating the key facts.		
	Derivatives >>	reiteration, reiteratedly, reiterative, reiteratively	



# 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.  | abhor         | a. | shyness, reserve, unassertiveness                    |
| _____ 2.  | accolade      | b. | praise, an award                                     |
| _____ 3.  | bequeath      | c. | lacking sophistication, narrow-minded                |
| _____ 4.  | conflagration | d. | not believable                                       |
| _____ 5.  | diffidence    | e. | to hand down, to give or to leave in a will          |
| _____ 6.  | effervescent  | f. | to repeat  |
| _____ 7.  | implausible   | g. | to regard with extreme repugnance; to detest utterly |
| _____ 8.  | placate       | h. | to appease or to pacify by making concessions        |
| _____ 9.  | provincial    | i. | showing high spirits                                 |
| _____ 10. | reiterate     | j. | a large fire   |

### Exercise B

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|-----------|-------------|----|--|
| _____ 1.  | ascetic     | a. | an utterance of violent verbal attack; a denunciation      |
| _____ 2.  | charlatan   | b. | a lack, a scarcity   |
| _____ 3.  | dearth      | c. | heavenly, delicate; lacking material substance, intangible |
| _____ 4.  | ethereal    | d. | nonconformity, disagreement, incompatibility               |
| _____ 5.  | expunge     | e. | qualities of an island; narrow-mindedness of opinion       |
| _____ 6.  | guile       | f. | piercing, incisive, and keen                               |
| _____ 7.  | incongruity | g. | one who leads a life of self-denial; absent of luxury      |
| _____ 8.  | insularity  | h. | to remove, to erase  |
| _____ 9.  | invective   | i. | deceitfulness, duplicity                                   |
| _____ 10. | poignant    | j. | one who claims to know something that he does not, a quack |

# Sentence Completion Test

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abhor	accolades	ascetic	bequeath	charlatan
conflagration	dearth	diffidence	effervescence	ethereal

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

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expunge	guile	implausible	incongruity	insularity
invective	placate	poignant	provincial	reiterate

11. His powerful \_\_\_\_\_ against the candidate left no doubt as to his opinion; it was obvious from such language that he hated the man.
12. The woman was the unfortunate victim of \_\_\_\_\_ and deceit when she lost her money to that swindler.
13. The father's \_\_\_\_\_ attitude about his daughter's dating caused her to leave home prematurely, looking for the freedom she had never known.
14. The \_\_\_\_\_ of one green sock in a drawer with white socks led to the conclusion that the green sock was there by mistake.
15. Although her story seemed \_\_\_\_\_ to me, the jury believed enough of it to find the woman not guilty.
16. It was a \_\_\_\_\_ movie, cutting to the truth with keen and incisive dialogue.
17. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the rich and powerful often gives them a surprisingly narrow minded, isolated view of the real world.
18. The wild man would not be appeased, and only a visit from his wife served to \_\_\_\_\_ him into a more passive attitude.
19. Having been threatened with removal from the play, the students knew the ushers would soon be there to \_\_\_\_\_ them for their rowdy behavior.
20. 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.