

# Lesson 20

## Definitions

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1.	<b>acquiesce</b>	AK wee es	to give in, to comply
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>	accede, agree, assent, consent, subscribe	
	I was so desperate that I had to acquiesce to his demands.		
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	acquiescence, acquiescent, acquiescingly, acquiescently	
2.	<b>affinity</b>	uh FIN uh tee	a likeness, a natural relationship, a kinship
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>		
	Having suffered himself, he felt an affinity for the homeless.		
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	affinitive	
3.	<b>blasphemous</b>	BLAS fuh mus	irreverent, profane
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>		
	Telling that sacrilegious joke is blasphemous.		
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	blaspheme, blasphemed, blaspheming, blaspemer, blasphemousness, blasphemously, blasphemy	
4.	<b>buttress</b>	BUH tris	a support or prop
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>		
	Many cathedrals are supported by buttresses.		
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	buttresses, buttressless	
5.	<b>circumspect</b>	SIR kum spekt	careful to consider consequences, cautious, prudent
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>	chary, wary	
	Her circumspect behavior left no doubts as to her integrity.		
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	circumspectness, circumspectly, circumspection, circumspective	
6.	<b>irony</b>	EYE row nee	a figure of speech in which the literal meaning is opposite of what is intended
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>		
	The fact that the author states exactly opposite of what he really means is verbal irony.		
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>		
7.	<b>spontaneous</b>	spou TAY nee us	having no external cause, acting on impulse
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>		
	He knew exactly what I was thinking because my reaction was so spontaneous.		
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	spontaneously, spontaneousness, spontaneity	
8.	<b>synthesis</b>	SIN thuh sis	combining parts into a whole
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>		
	Before the project is complete, we need to establish synthesis.		
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	synthesist, synthesize, synthesizer	
9.	<b>vigilant</b>	VIJ uh lunt	very alert, watchful
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>		
	I have been vigilant in trying to find the thief.		
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	vigilance, vigilantly, vigilantness, vigil	
10.	<b>voluble</b>	VOL yuh bul	ability to use words easily, fluent and glib
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>	garrulous, loquacious	
	A disc jockey needs to be a voluble speaker.		
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	volubility, volubleness, volubly	

# 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.  | acquiesce   | a. | ability to use words easily, fluent and glib  |
| _____ 2.  | affinity    | b. | combining parts into a whole  |
| _____ 3.  | blasphemous | c. | a likeness, a natural relationship, a kinship   |
| _____ 4.  | buttress    | d. | having no external cause, acting on impulse   |
| _____ 5.  | circumspect | e. | careful to consider consequences, cautious, prudent                                   |
| _____ 6.  | irony       | f. | very alert, watchful  |
| _____ 7.  | spontaneous | g. | to give in, to comply   |
| _____ 8.  | synthesis   | h. | a support or prop   |
| _____ 9.  | vigilant    | i. | irreverent, profane   |
| _____ 10. | voluble     | j. | a figure of speech in which the literal meaning is opposite of that which is intended |

### Exercise B

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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 repugnance; to detest utterly; to loathe |
| _____ 8.  | placate       | h. | to appease or to pacify by making concessions           |
| _____ 9.  | provincial    | i. | showing high spirits                                    |
| _____ 10. | reiterate     | j. | a large fire  |

# Sentence Completion Test

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acquiesce	affinity	blasphemous	buttress	circumspect
irony	spontaneous	synthesis	vigilant	voluble

1. However strong the \_\_\_\_\_ between two lovers, sometimes it is better for them to resist this attraction.
2. In order to destroy the building, the charges were set beside the \_\_\_\_\_; if the support could be destroyed, the wall would fall easily.
3. Because the committee was headed by the most \_\_\_\_\_ woman in the club, the meetings frequently ran overtime because it was difficult to get her to stop talking.
4. The woman was characterized by her \_\_\_\_\_ behavior after her divorce; she was hesitant to trust anyone again after having been hurt so badly.
5. We need to establish \_\_\_\_\_ before we end this project; let's try to combine some of these diverse parts into a unified whole.
6. The drama teacher encouraged us to be \_\_\_\_\_ with our actions, acting almost on impulse rather than planning them out beforehand.
7. The book was unjustly censured for containing what some people thought to be \_\_\_\_\_ remarks about the church.
8. The man saw that he was losing the argument and decided to \_\_\_\_\_ to his opponent's view.
9. Always alert, the \_\_\_\_\_ guard stood in front of the mayor's residence.
10. I was not blind to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the situation; it was the opposite of what one would expect.

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abhor	accolades	ascetic	bequeath	charlatan
conflagration	dearth	diffidence	effervescence	ethereal

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