

# Lesson 22

## Definitions

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1.	<b>inference</b>	IN fer uns	a reasonable conclusion from information actually presented
	Synonyms >>		
	The idea that he was very hungry was merely an inference based upon his behavior around the food.		
	Derivatives >>		
2.	<b>irascible</b>	uh RAS uh bul	irritable, easily angered, cranky, cross
	Synonyms >>		
	Just about anything could set off his irascible temper.		
	Derivatives >>	irascibleness, irascibly, irascibility	
3.	<b>laconic</b>	luh KON ik	using a minimum of words; concise to the point of seeming rude
	Synonyms >>	compendious, concise, pithy, succinct, summary, terse	
	After the loss, the coach's remarks were laconic.		
	Derivatives >>	laconian, laconical, laconically, laconicism, laconism	
4.	<b>magnanimity</b>	mag nuh NIM eh tee	having a lofty, generous, and courageous spirit
	Synonyms >>		
	The magnanimity of the king endeared him to his subjects.		
	Derivatives >>	magnanimous, magnanimously, magnanimousness	
5.	<b>obsequious</b>	uh SEE kwee us	overly attentive, like a sycophant, servile
	Synonyms >>	slavish, subservient	
	I believe that his obsequious behavior toward his grandmother is to ensure being included in the will.		
	Derivatives >>	obsequence, obsequent, obsequience, obsequiously, obsequiousness, obsequity	
6.	<b>proliferation</b>	pro lif uh RAY shun	an increase in number, multiplication
	Synonyms >>		
	Many are afraid of nuclear proliferation and the possibility that a terrorist country will explode a bomb.		
	Derivatives >>	proliferate, proliferative, proliferous, proliferously, prolific	
7.	<b>scrupulous</b>	SKROO pyuh lus	very principled, very careful and conscientious
	Synonyms >>	meticulous, punctilious	
	The scrupulous police officer never took a bribe, and he ceaselessly tried to prevent crime.		
	Derivatives >>	scruple, scrupulosity, scrupulousness, scrupulously	
8.	<b>surreptitious</b>	sur up TISH us	secret, clandestine, stealthy
	Synonyms >>	covert, furtive, underhanded	
	The Watergate burglars tried to attain information in a surreptitious manner.		
	Derivatives >>	surreptitiously	
9.	<b>veracity</b>	vuh RAS eh tee	devotion to the truth
	Synonyms >>	truthfulness, accuracy, correctness	
	The lawyer had no confidence in the veracity of the witness.		
	Derivatives >>	veracious, veraciously, veraciousness	
10.	<b>zeal</b>	ZEEL	enthusiasm, fervor
	Synonyms >>		
	To the delight of his students, he brought great zeal to the teaching profession.		
	Derivatives >>	zeals, zealous, zealot, zealotic, zealotism, zealotry	

# 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.  | inference     | a. | using a minimum of words; concise                  |
| _____ 2.  | irascible     | b. | overly attentive, like a sycophant, servile        |
| _____ 3.  | laconic       | c. | irritable, easily angered, cranky, cross           |
| _____ 4.  | magnanimity   | d. | an increase in number, multiplication              |
| _____ 5.  | obsequious    | e. | a reasonable conclusion from information presented |
| _____ 6.  | proliferation | f. | devotion to the truth                              |
| _____ 7.  | scrupulous    | g. | having a lofty, generous, and courageous spirit    |
| _____ 8.  | surreptitious | h. | very principled, very careful and conscientious    |
| _____ 9.  | veracity      | i. | secret, clandestine, stealthy                      |
| _____ 10. | zeal          | j. | enthusiasm, fervor                                 |

### Exercise B

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|-----------|---------------|----|-------------------------------------------------------|
| _____ 1.  | acquiesce     | a. | ruling oppressively and absolutely; tyrannical        |
| _____ 2.  | ascetic       | b. | very thin (as a result of starvation), wasting away   |
| _____ 3.  | buttress      | c. | confirmation                                          |
| _____ 4.  | corroboration | d. | inactive, plowed but not sowed                        |
| _____ 5.  | deplete       | e. | to use up gradually, to lessen in amount or value     |
| _____ 6.  | despotic      | f. | very alert, watchful                                  |
| _____ 7.  | emaciated     | g. | to give in, to comply                                 |
| _____ 8.  | fallow        | h. | a support or prop                                     |
| _____ 9.  | poignant      | i. | piercing, incisive, and keen                          |
| _____ 10. | vigilant      | j. | one who leads a life of self-denial and contemplation |

# Sentence Completion Test

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inference	irascible	laconic	magnanimity	obsequious
proliferation	scrupulous	surreptitious	veracity	zeal

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of insects in the garden was uncontrollable; they had already destroyed most of the vegetables and were still multiplying.
2. I do not doubt Tom's \_\_\_\_\_, but I have some questions as to his brother's devotion to the truth.
3. He approached the task with great \_\_\_\_\_, anxious to get the job done well.
4. Mother Theresa is known for her love and \_\_\_\_\_ toward the poor.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ child had absolutely no control over his temper and was always angry.
6. The waiter's \_\_\_\_\_ manner ruined our meal; he would not leave us alone even for a minute because of his attentiveness.
7. Their \_\_\_\_\_ meetings could not be discovered; they had taken great care to keep them secret.
8. The president's \_\_\_\_\_ speech was brief, but to the point.
9. There was one man \_\_\_\_\_ enough to trust with the position; he alone had the integrity and the honesty to lead the people.
10. We can draw an \_\_\_\_\_ from the information we have that the man was extremely unhappy with his position at work.

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acquiesce	blasphemous	corroboration	empirical	expunge
extraneous	fallow	incontrovertible	reiterate	spontaneous

11. In the absence of \_\_\_\_\_ evidence, evidence based on specific facts, we may have to theorize about the results of the data we have gathered.
12. I depended upon my brother for \_\_\_\_\_ of my story to prove to my mother that I did not, in fact, break the vase.
13. The rich field had not been planted for two years; after this period of lying \_\_\_\_\_, the soil was even better than before.
14. These facts are simply \_\_\_\_\_; they cannot be argued.
15. None of the many parts were \_\_\_\_\_; if just one of the hundreds had been missing, the machine would not have worked.
16. The drama teacher encouraged us to be \_\_\_\_\_ with our actions, not planning them out beforehand but instead acting almost on impulse.
17. The book was unjustly censured for containing what some people thought to be \_\_\_\_\_ remarks about the church.
18. The man saw that he was losing the argument and decided to \_\_\_\_\_ to his opponent's view.
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.