

# Lesson 31

## Definitions

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|-----|---|--|--|
| 1.  | <b>decry</b>  | deh KRY  | to speak against, to rail against, to disparage              |
|     | Synonyms >>   |  |  |
|     | Many decry the lack of concern for this problem.  |  |  |
|     | Derivatives >>  | decried, decrying, decrier   |  |
| 2.  | <b>eclectic</b>   | eh KLEK tik  | coming from a variety of diverse sources                     |
|     | Synonyms >>   |  |  |
|     | His eclectic tastes range from Bach to the Beatles.   |  |  |
|     | Derivatives >>  | eclectically, eclecticism  |  |
| 3.  | <b>enhance</b>  | en HANS  | to make better, to improve                                   |
|     | Synonyms >>   |  |  |
|     | Your chances of passing the test will be enhanced if you study.                                   |  |  |
|     | Derivatives >>  | enhanced, enhancement, enhancing, enhancer, enhancive  |  |
| 4.  | <b>euphonious</b>   | yoo FOE nee us   | pleasant or agreeable (sound); dulcet                        |
|     | Synonyms >>   |  |  |
|     | The euphonious sound of the record lulled the baby to sleep.                                      |  |  |
|     | Derivatives >>  | euphonym euphonic, euphonia, euphonically, euphonical, euphoniouly, euphonioussness          |  |
| 5.  | <b>fervid</b>   | FUR vid  | ardent, burning, impassioned                                 |
|     | Synonyms >>   | fervent, passionate, perfervid   |  |
|     | The evangelist is a fervid crusader against sin.  |  |  |
|     | Derivatives >>  | fervidity, fervidly, fervidness  |  |
| 6.  | <b>impecunious</b>  | im puh KYOO nee us   | without money  |
|     | Synonyms >>   | destitute, indigent  |  |
|     | Some formerly rich people have become impecunious because of the poor oil and real estate market. |  |  |
|     | Derivatives >>  | impecuniary, impecuniosity, impecuniously, impecuniousness, impecunity                       |  |
| 7.  | <b>ingratiate</b>   | in GRAY she ate  | to make an effort to gain good favor with someone            |
|     | Synonyms >>   |  |  |
|     | He tried to ingratiate himself with the girl's parents by always being polite.                    |  |  |
|     | Derivatives >>  | ingratiating, ingratiatingly, ingratiating, ingratiatory                                     |  |
| 8.  | <b>luxuriant</b>  | lug ZHOOR ee unt   | abundant in growth, very fertile                             |
|     | Synonyms >>   | lavish, lush, prodigal, profuse  |  |
|     | The luxuriant farmland of Iowa provides an abundant amount of food.                               |  |  |
|     | Derivatives >>  | luxuriance, luxurancy, luxuriantly, luxuriate, luxurious, luxuriously, luxuriousness, luxury |  |
| 9.  | <b>paltry</b>   | PAWL tree  | trifling; petty; worthless                                   |
|     | Synonyms >>   | minor, inconsiderable, slight, insignificant, petty  |  |
|     | He was building paltry houses unfit for occupancy.  |  |  |
|     | Derivatives >>  | paltrier, paltriest, paltrily, paltriness  |  |
| 10. | <b>pedantry</b>   | PED un tree  | act of showing off learning in a manner that is needless and |
|     | Synonyms >>   |  |  |
|     | The teacher's lectures are a demonstration of pedantry without scholarship.                       |  |  |
|     | Derivatives >>  | pedantic, pedantical, pedantically, pedanticism, pedant                                      |  |

# 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.  | decry       | a. | to make an effort to gain good favor with someone                          |
| _____ | 2.  | eclectic    | b. | trifling; petty; worthless   |
| _____ | 3.  | enhance     | c. | coming from a variety of diverse sources                                   |
| _____ | 4.  | euphonious  | d. | to speak against, to rail against, to disparage                            |
| _____ | 5.  | fervid      | e. | without money  |
| _____ | 6.  | impecunious | f. | pleasant or agreeable (sound); dulcet                                      |
| _____ | 7.  | ingratiate  | g. | ardent, burning, impassioned   |
| _____ | 8.  | luxuriant   | h. | abundant in growth, very fertile   |
| _____ | 9.  | paltry      | i. | to make better, to improve   |
| _____ | 10. | pedantry    | j. | act of showing off learning in a manner that is needless and unimaginative |

### Exercise B

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|-------|-----|---------------|----|--|
| _____ | 1.  | abet          | a. | commonplace, uninspired, banal   |
| _____ | 2.  | abridge       | b. | prompt and cheerful response   |
| _____ | 3.  | alacrity      | c. | to shorten, to diminish  |
| _____ | 4.  | malevolence   | d. | inactive, dormant  |
| _____ | 5.  | obliterate    | e. | sparkling, shining, or flashing  |
| _____ | 6.  | piety         | f. | devotion and reverence to God  |
| _____ | 7.  | prosaic       | g. | to remove all traces of; to do away with; to destroy                             |
| _____ | 8.  | quiescent     | h. | ill will or evil intentions  |
| _____ | 9.  | satire        | i. | to assist in an offense against justice or the law                               |
| _____ | 10. | scintillating | j. | a work that ridicules human vices, follies, social institutions, and conventions |

# Sentence Completion Test

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|             |            |           |            |          |
|-------------|------------|-----------|------------|----------|
| decry       | eclectic   | enhance   | euphonious | fervid   |
| impecunious | ingratiate | luxuriant | paltry     | pedantry |

1. The rain forest's \_\_\_\_\_ green growth is made possible by its climate and rainfall.
2. The man's \_\_\_\_\_ made others despise him for showing off; everyone knew he was smart, so it was quite unnecessary for him to flaunt it.
3. We heard the \_\_\_\_\_ cries of the evangelist; his impassioned voice endlessly urging us to sin no more.
4. His room was filled with \_\_\_\_\_ antiques that he had gathered from numerous places around the world.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ sounds of the symphony were quite pleasing; the harmonious tones produced a most soothing effect.
6. He tried to \_\_\_\_\_ himself with the girl's parents by always being polite; he was sure he could make them like him.
7. The young woman tried to \_\_\_\_\_ her appearance with beautiful clothes and heavy make-up.
8. The preacher began to \_\_\_\_\_ the emphasis that the younger generation has put on drugs; his strong expression of disapproval could not go unheard by his congregation.
9. The man made only a \_\_\_\_\_ attempt at doing the job; what he accomplished was worthless and practically insignificant.
10. The prodigal child spent all his inheritance money, leaving him totally \_\_\_\_\_.

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|           |           |            |         |            |
|-----------|-----------|------------|---------|------------|
| antipathy | ascertain | enervation | eulogy  | obliterate |
| paucity   | prosaic   | quiescence | squalid | vexation   |

11. Policemen generally have an \_\_\_\_\_ for crime and criminals; if they did not dislike these things so much, they would not have gone into the profession of law enforcement.
12. There was nothing \_\_\_\_\_ about that story; it was the most imaginative and creative piece that he had ever written.
13. The \_\_\_\_\_ surroundings caused the man much discomfort and distress, but it was more than the dirt and filth that caused his \_\_\_\_\_.
14. The noise of people in a crowded street was gone, replaced by the \_\_\_\_\_ of a village emptied by the national holiday.
15. The \_\_\_\_\_ was delivered to a large gathering of friends and relatives; but after the funeral only a few relatives came to the house.
16. It was quite alarming to find that we had to survive for an entire week with such a \_\_\_\_\_ of food; we actually had enough for only two days, not seven.
17. It was the task of the company to \_\_\_\_\_ the town completely; there seemed to be no concern that its total destruction would cause extreme suffering.
18. Though it was difficult to \_\_\_\_\_ what she meant in the letter, we tried to determine the meaning.
19. The toxic substance caused immediate \_\_\_\_\_; the first symptom of the man's poisoning was his total loss of energy and vitality.