

# Lesson 32

## Definitions

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1.	<b>placid</b>	PLAS id	peaceful, calm
	Synonyms >>	serene, tranquil	
	The wilderness is usually a placid place where one can relax.		
	Derivatives >>	placidity, placidly, placidness	
2.	<b>preclude</b>	preh KLOOD	to make impossible
	Synonyms >>		
	A low SAT score may preclude your acceptance to that college.		
	Derivatives >>	precludable, precluded, preclusion, preclusive	
3.	<b>promontory</b>	PROM un tore ee	land or rock projecting into a body of water
	Synonyms >>		
	A promontory is an ideal place to build a lighthouse.		
	Derivatives >>	promontories, promontoried	
4.	<b>raze</b>	RAZE	to completely destroy
	Synonyms >>		
	Atomic war will raze many cities.		
	Derivatives >>	razed, razing	
5.	<b>secular</b>	SEK yuh lur	nonreligious, worldly
	Synonyms >>		
	"Jingle Bells" is a secular Christmas song.		
	Derivatives >>	secularism, secularist, secularity, secularization, secularize, secularly	
6.	<b>static (adj.)</b>	STAT ik	having no motion, showing little change
	Synonyms >>		
	Since our town has attracted little new industry, the population of the city has become static.		
	Derivatives >>	statically, statical	
7.	<b>tact</b>	TAKT	a keen sense for what is appropriate or tasteful in delicate situations
	Synonyms >>	diplomacy, perception, sensitivity, poise	
	The diplomat handled the situation with much tact and courteous behavior.		
	Derivatives >>	tactful, tactfully, tactfulness	
8.	<b>torpid</b>	TOR pid	sluggish, inactive, dull
	Synonyms >>		
	He is always torpid on Sunday mornings.		
	Derivatives >>	torpor, torpidity, torpidness, torpify, torpidly, torpitude, torporific	
9.	<b>vindicated</b>	VIN duh kay ted	cleared of accusations or charges
	Synonyms >>	absolved, acquitted, exculpated, exonerated	
	I am willing to go to trial and believe that I will be vindicated of all charges.		
	Derivatives >>	vindicate, vindication, vindicative, vindicator, vindicatory, vindictive, vindictively, vindictiveness	
10.	<b>vindictive</b>	vin DIK tiv	revengeful, spiteful
	Synonyms >>		
	You should be more forgiving and less vindictive.		
	Derivatives >>	vindicated, vindication, vindicative, vindicator, vindicatory, vindictive, vindictively, vindictiveness	

# 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.  | placid        | a. | nonreligious, worldly                            |
| _____ | 2.  | preclude      | b. | to make impossible                               |
| _____ | 3.  | promontory    | c. | land or rock projecting into a body of water     |
| _____ | 4.  | raze          | d. | to completely destroy                            |
| _____ | 5.  | secular       | e. | sluggish, inactive, dull                         |
| _____ | 6.  | static (adj.) | f. | cleared of accusations or charges                |
| _____ | 7.  | tact          | g. | having no motion, showing little change          |
| _____ | 8.  | torpid        | h. | a keen sense for what is appropriate or tasteful |
| _____ | 9.  | vindicated    | i. | peaceful, calm                                   |
| _____ | 10. | vindictive    | j. | revengeful, spiteful                             |

### Exercise B

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|-------|-----|-------------|----|---|
| _____ | 1.  | antipathy   | a. | to make an effort to gain good favor with someone |
| _____ | 2.  | bombastic   | b. | trifling; petty; worthless                        |
| _____ | 3.  | decry       | c. | coming from a variety of diverse sources          |
| _____ | 4.  | eclectic    | d. | to speak against, to rail against, to disparage   |
| _____ | 5.  | eulogy      | e. | without money                                     |
| _____ | 6.  | impecunious | f. | using inflated language, pompous                  |
| _____ | 7.  | ingratiate  | g. | a dislike, distaste, or enmity                    |
| _____ | 8.  | ornate      | h. | discomfort or distress                            |
| _____ | 9.  | paltry      | i. | excessively decorated                             |
| _____ | 10. | vexation    | j. | praise or tribute                                 |

# Sentence Completion Test

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preclude

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tact

torpid

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vindictive

1. The man handled the situation with such \_\_\_\_\_ that I could not help but be impressed; his diplomacy in such a delicate situation is to be admired.
2. The man was \_\_\_\_\_ when he was cleared of all charges of the crime.
3. Life in this small town is \_\_\_\_\_, having changed very little in twenty years.
4. The lighthouse sat on the \_\_\_\_\_ overlooking the sea, casting its beams of light on the dark waters far below.
5. The disenchanted priest left his religious calling for the \_\_\_\_\_ world and soon became a policeman.
6. Her inner peace and serenity were obvious from the \_\_\_\_\_ expression on her face.
7. Though he was cleared of all charges, the stranger's spiteful, \_\_\_\_\_ accusers vowed to get revenge against the man.
8. His \_\_\_\_\_ movements were the first indication that he was getting sick; because he is usually so active and full of vitality, we knew that something was wrong when he slowed down so much.
9. The people were afraid the invading army would completely \_\_\_\_\_ their village in its wake of destruction, so they tried to bury some valuables for protection.
10. It was unusual that he did so well on the test; however, we couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ the possibility that he did, in fact, study this time.

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alacrity	augment	eclectic	euphonious	fervid
inert	luxuriant	pedantry	scintillating	syllogism

11. The rain forest's \_\_\_\_\_ green growth is made possible by its climate and rainfall.
12. 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.
13. We heard the \_\_\_\_\_ cries of the evangelist; his impassioned voice endlessly urging us to sin no more.
14. His room was filled with \_\_\_\_\_ antiques that he had gathered from numerous places around the world.
15. The \_\_\_\_\_ sounds of the symphony were quite pleasing; the harmonious tones produced a most soothing effect.
16. The students approached the task of solving the problem with \_\_\_\_\_; they were anxious to solve it promptly.
17. The \_\_\_\_\_ brightness of Judy's engagement ring was noticeable to all her envious friends.
18. Because she needed more money, the woman tried to \_\_\_\_\_ her income by getting a second job.
19. The drug, having sat so long on the shelf, had lost all its active properties and had become \_\_\_\_\_.
20. A \_\_\_\_\_ presents two valid premises that inevitably lead to a sound conclusion.