

# Lesson 4

## Definitions

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1.	<b>altruistic</b>	al tru IS tik	unselfishly concerned for the welfare of others, generous
	Synonyms >>		
	Nuns and nurses are usually very altruistic people since they seek ways to help people.		
	Derivatives >>	altruism, altruist, altruistically	
2.	<b>ambivalent</b>	am BIV uh lunt	having contrary feelings or attitudes, uncertain as to course of action
	Synonyms >>	undecided	
	I am ambivalent about a permanent relationship with him, because I like him one day and don't the next.		
	Derivatives >>	ambivalence	
3.	<b>angular</b>	ANG gyuh ler	lean; sharp cornered; gaunt
	Synonyms >>		
	The patient has lost so much weight that his face has become quite angular.		
	Derivatives >>	angulate, angularity, angulation, angulator	
4.	<b>aversion</b>	uh VER shun	strong disinclination, disliking
	Synonyms >>	hesitance, loathing, reluctance	
	I have an aversion to getting married.		
	Derivatives >>	averseness, aversely, averse	
5.	<b>discern</b>	deh SURN	to differentiate between two or more things
	Synonyms >>		
	Because of the fog, I was barely able to discern the landing strip.		
	Derivatives >>	discerner, discernible, discernable, discernibleness, discernibly, discernably, discerningly, discernment	
6.	<b>disdain</b>	dis DANE	intense dislike; to treat with scorn or contempt, to reject as unworthy
	Synonyms >>	(to be) arrogant, haughty, high-handed, insolent, lordly, supercilious	
	Never having had to do manual labor, he disdained the idea of becoming a cotton picker.		
	Derivatives >>	disdained, disdaining, disdainer, disdainful, disdainfully, disdainfulness	
7.	<b>disparage</b>	deh SPAR ij	to degrade, to speak of someone or something in a derogatory manner
	Synonyms >>	belittle, decry, deprecate	
	His disparaging remarks about me caused the committee to give the job to another person.		
	Derivatives >>	disparagement, disparager, disparagingly	
8.	<b>disparity</b>	deh SPAR eh tee	inequality, the condition or fact of being unequal in age, rank, or degree
	Synonyms >>		
	The couple got married even though there was a great disparity in their ages.		
	Derivatives >>	disparate, disparately, disparateness, disparatum	
9.	<b>syntax</b>	SIN tax	the rules or patterns of grammatical sentences; sentence structure
	Synonyms >>		
	The test question asked how syntax produces effects.		
	Derivatives >>		
10.	<b>vulgarity</b>	vul GAR eh tee	something offensive to good taste and refinement
	Synonyms >>	coarseness, grossness, obscenity, ribaldness	
	She chose to ignore the vulgarity of his crude remark.		
	Derivatives >>	vulgar, vulgarian, vulgarism, vulgarization, vulgarize, vulgarizer	

# 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.  | altruistic | a. | to differentiate between two or more things            |
| _____ | 2.  | ambivalent | b. | to degrade, to speak of someone in a derogatory manner |
| _____ | 3.  | angular    | c. | having contrary feelings or attitudes, uncertain       |
| _____ | 4.  | aversion   | d. | strong disinclination, disliking                       |
| _____ | 5.  | discern    | e. | intense dislike; to treat with scorn or contempt       |
| _____ | 6.  | disdain    | f. | unselfishly concerned for the welfare of others        |
| _____ | 7.  | disparage  | g. | something offensive to good taste and refinement       |
| _____ | 8.  | disparity  | h. | inequality, the condition or fact of being unequal     |
| _____ | 9.  | syntax     | i. | lean; sharp cornered; gaunt                            |
| _____ | 10. | vulgarity  | j. | the rules or patterns of grammatical sentences         |

### Exercise B

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|-------|-----|-------------|----|--|
| _____ | 1.  | enfranchise | a. | a person who is able to predict the future, seer |
| _____ | 2.  | exalt       | b. | the art of using words effectively in speaking   |
| _____ | 3.  | legacy      | c. | conquered, overpowered                           |
| _____ | 4.  | mutinous    | d. | to grant in a condescending manner               |
| _____ | 5.  | prodigy     | e. | to delay in coming or going, to linger           |
| _____ | 6.  | rhetoric    | f. | a gift handed down by an ancestor or predecessor |
| _____ | 7.  | soothsayer  | g. | one with exceptional talents or powers           |
| _____ | 8.  | tarry       | h. | rebellious, unruly                               |
| _____ | 9.  | vanquished  | i. | to glorify, to praise, to raise in rank          |
| _____ | 10. | vouchsafe   | j. | to give the right to vote or citizenship         |

# Sentence Completion Test

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altruistic	ambivalent	angular	aversion	discern
disdain	disparaging	disparate	syntax	vulgarity

1. I cannot understand how anyone can be so \_\_\_\_\_ about this project; you either support it or you don't, but this constant changing of viewpoints is beyond my comprehension.
2. Even though the \_\_\_\_\_ programs had no similarities, they worked toward the same goals, and that made them compatible.
3. I met his subtle remarks with \_\_\_\_\_; I didn't appreciate his trying to hide his feelings. He should have been forthright, open and honest.
4. Her extended illness had resulted in her \_\_\_\_\_ look; she was so gaunt and lean that none of her clothes fit well.
5. The angry mob resorted to \_\_\_\_\_ as it shouted obscenities and clamored for the prisoner's release.
6. Because I have a natural \_\_\_\_\_ to hominy, I never eat the stuff; it is one food that I can't stand.
7. Because of his \_\_\_\_\_ remarks about me, the committee gave the job to another person; he had effectively ruined my reputation.
8. On hot summer days it is difficult to \_\_\_\_\_ the difference between a puddle of water and heat waves produced on the road.
9. Missionaries are considered \_\_\_\_\_ because they are unselfishly concerned for the welfare of others.
10. If you are asked a question about \_\_\_\_\_, you should immediately look at the structure of sentences and begin to analyze that structure.

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instigation	kindle	muse	mutinous	prodigy
rhetoric	soothsayer	sterile	taper	vanquished

11. The king should have listened to the \_\_\_\_\_; although the prophet foretold his future, the warning was not heeded.
12. The poor country had finally been \_\_\_\_\_; economic sanctions had overpowered the people, conquering the nation for the enemy.
13. A new means of insect control uses chemicals to render insects incapable of reproducing; once they are \_\_\_\_\_, no new generations can be bred.
14. The politician's speech was full of pompous \_\_\_\_\_, mere inflated language.
15. Jim was told to cut the wood so that it would \_\_\_\_\_, decreasing from a width of four inches to a width of two inches.
16. The child \_\_\_\_\_ was an amazing individual; not only did he have exceptional talent, but he was also versatile in many fields.
17. The captain was not able to pacify the \_\_\_\_\_ crew before they attacked him and took over the ship.
18. The gypsy woman carefully laid out the cards that she had prepared for the auguries of the future, and then she sat silently in contemplation of them and began to \_\_\_\_\_.
19. The young puppy was able to \_\_\_\_\_ energy, warmth and love in the old man's heart.
20. I look forward to your \_\_\_\_\_ of this new project; it takes special people to "get the ball rolling" and start things moving.