

# Lesson 5

## Definitions

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1.	<b>allusion</b>	uh LOO shun	a passing or casual reference to something; an incidental mention of something
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>		
	The poem contains an allusion to Adam and Eve.		
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>		
2.	<b>embellish</b>	em BEL ish	to decorate, to make beautiful with ornamentation
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>	deck, garnish, ornament, adorn	
	He would embellish his narratives with anecdotes about famous people.		
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	embellisher, embellishment	
3.	<b>engender</b>	en JEN der	to cause, to produce, to create
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>		
	His angry words engendered strife in his relationship with his wife.		
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	engendered, engenderer, engenders, engendering	
4.	<b>innocuous</b>	eh NOK yoo us	harmless, producing no injury
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>		
	Since the drink is innocuous, it is okay for us to have some.		
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	innocuously, innocuousness	
5.	<b>insipid</b>	in SIP id	boring and stupid
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>	banal, flat, inane, jejune, vapid	
	I am bored by your insipid talk.		
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	insipidity, insipidly, insipidness	
6.	<b>laud</b>	LAWD	to praise, to extol
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>	revere	
	Her performance was lauded by all of the critics.		
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	laudability, laudable, laudableness	
7.	<b>obscure</b>	ub SKYOOR	difficult to see, vague
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>	abstruse, ambiguous, cryptic, enigmatic, equivocal, recondite	
	Because the meaning of the play was obscure, I was unable to enjoy it.		
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	obscuration, obscurative, obscuredly, obscurely, obscurement, obscureness, obscurity	
8.	<b>ostentatious</b>	os ten TAY shus	showy, pretentious
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>	pompous	
	The ostentatious socialite wore her mink fur coat even during the warmest days of August.		
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	ostentation, ostentate, ostentatiously, ostentatiousness, ostentative	
9.	<b>prodigal</b>	PROD uh gul	wasteful, a person given to extravagance
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>	lavish, lush, luxuriant, profuse	
	The prodigal son squandered his inheritance.		
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	prodigality, prodigally, prodigalize	
10.	<b>repudiate</b>	reh PYOO dee ate	to reject, to disown, to disavow
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>		
	He announced that he would repudiate all debts that had been created by his wife.		
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	repudiation, repudiationist, repudiator	

# 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.  | allusion     | a. | difficult to see, vague                           |
| _____ 2.  | embellish    | b. | to reject, to disown, to disavow                  |
| _____ 3.  | engender     | c. | to decorate, to make beautiful with ornamentation |
| _____ 4.  | innocuous    | d. | to praise, to extol                               |
| _____ 5.  | insipid      | e. | to cause, to produce, to create                   |
| _____ 6.  | laud         | f. | boring and stupid                                 |
| _____ 7.  | obscure      | g. | harmless, producing no injury                     |
| _____ 8.  | ostentatious | h. | showy, pretentious                                |
| _____ 9.  | prodigal     | i. | a passing or casual reference to something        |
| _____ 10. | repudiate    | j. | wasteful, a person given to extravagance          |

### Exercise B

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|-----------|--------------|----|---|
| _____ 1.  | alliteration | a. | to differentiate between two or more things                     |
| _____ 2.  | ambivalent   | b. | to degrade, to speak of someone in a derogatory manner          |
| _____ 3.  | aversion     | c. | having contrary feelings or attitudes, uncertain                |
| _____ 4.  | discern      | d. | strong disinclination, disliking                                |
| _____ 5.  | disdain      | e. | intense dislike; to treat with scorn or contempt                |
| _____ 6.  | disparage    | f. | incapable of reproducing  |
| _____ 7.  | mirth        | g. | undisputable, not able to be attacked with success              |
| _____ 8.  | sterile      | h. | to decrease in thickness or width                               |
| _____ 9.  | taper        | i. | gladness and merriment accompanied by laughter                  |
| _____ 10. | unassailable | j. | The repetition of initial consonant sounds in neighboring words |

# Sentence Completion Test

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allusion

embellish

engender

innocuous

insipid

laud

obscure

ostentatious

prodigal

repudiate

1. The girl's \_\_\_\_\_ conversation bored him to tears; he abhorred silly, meaningless chatter.
2. Certain passages of the book were so \_\_\_\_\_ that it was difficult to get a clear understanding of exactly what the author had intended to say.
3. It was hard to believe that her feelings could be hurt over such \_\_\_\_\_ remarks, for nothings he said was really harmful.
4. Her \_\_\_\_\_ to the literary figure made the point she wanted.
5. A few hints of sophistication began to appear in the woman's \_\_\_\_\_ apparel; she soon dropped the gaudy accessories and became a conservative dresser.
6. If you show respect for a person, you are likely to \_\_\_\_\_ a similar regard in that person to show respect for you.
7. The young girl tried to \_\_\_\_\_ her handwriting by adding swirls and curls to her letters.
8. To give praise to mental laziness is difficult for me, but to \_\_\_\_\_ students with quick minds is a pleasure.
9. He hired a team of lawyers to \_\_\_\_\_ the charge that he had embezzled any funds from the company.
10. The man never saved any money because of his \_\_\_\_\_ attitude; he has never been able to hold on to a dollar when it could be spent on something frivolous.

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alliteration	ambivalent	angular	disdain	disparate
replicate	routed	tarry	vouchsafed	vulgarity

11. 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.
12. Even though the \_\_\_\_\_ programs had no similarities, they worked toward the same goals, and that made them compatible.
13. I met his subtle remarks with \_\_\_\_\_; I didn't appreciate his trying to hide his feelings. He should have been forthright, open and honest.
14. Her extended illness had resulted in her \_\_\_\_\_ look; she was so gaunt and lean that none of her clothes fit well.
15. The angry mob resorted to \_\_\_\_\_ as it shouted obscenities and clamored for the prisoner's release.
16. The woman did not \_\_\_\_\_ in the park; she stayed only five minutes before she left.
17. The troops \_\_\_\_\_ the invading army and expelled them from the fort.
18. My boss \_\_\_\_\_ my job, but I did not like the condescending manner of his guarantee.
19. The difference between the original painting and the forgery was obscure and hard to see; to \_\_\_\_\_ such a work involved copying even the style of brush strokes.
20. The author began several words in the sentence with a consonant sound. This \_\_\_\_\_ gave the poem a stunning sound effect.