

# Lesson 6

## Definitions

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1.	<b>analogy</b>	uh NAL uh gee	a partial similarity between like features of two different things
	Synonyms >>		
	The comparison of the two traits is best made with an analogy.		
	Derivatives >>		
2.	<b>antithesis</b>	an TI thuh sis	a direct opposite, a contrast
	Synonyms >>		
	Good is the antithesis of evil.		
	Derivatives >>	antithetic, antithetical, antithetically	
3.	<b>ascend</b>	uh SEND	to move upward, to rise from a lower station
	Synonyms >>		
	The climbers ascended the mountain.		
	Derivatives >>	ascendancy, ascendancy, ascendant, ascension, ascending, ascended	
4.	<b>austere</b>	aw STEER	strict, stern; unadorned, ascetic
	Synonyms >>	severe	
	Pioneers usually led an austere existence.		
	Derivatives >>	austereness, austereity, austerity	
5.	<b>autonomous</b>	aw TON uh muhs	independent, self-contained
	Synonyms >>		
	One who is autonomous needs no help from others.		
	Derivatives >>	autonomic, autonomously, autonomy, autonomist	
6.	<b>banal</b>	BANE ul, buh NAL	common, ordinary, lacking freshness, hackneyed
	Synonyms >>	inane, insipid, jejune, vapid	
	Because of his use of overused trite remarks, his speeches are banal.		
	Derivatives >>	banality, banally	
7.	<b>reticence</b>	RET uh suns	restraint in speech, reluctance to speak
	Synonyms >>	reserve, taciturnity	
	A lawyer must have great reticence in discussing matters that could violate his client's rights.		
	Derivatives >>	reticency, reticent, reticently	
8.	<b>revere</b>	reh VERE	to honor, to regard with respect
	Synonyms >>	adore, venerate, worship	
	Nearly all Catholics revere the Pope.		
	Derivatives >>	reverence, reverent, reverentness, reverential, reverentiality, reverentially	
9.	<b>subtle</b>	SUT ul	delicate, elusive, not obvious
	Synonyms >>		
	To avoid being obtrusive in the elegant restaurant, he used subtle gestures to call the waiter to his table.		
	Derivatives >>	subtilist, subtlety, subtilization, subtilize, subtilizer, subtleness, subtlety	
10.	<b>superfluous</b>	soo PUR floo us	beyond what is needed or required, an overflow
	Synonyms >>		
	The meeting lasted so long because of many superfluous comments by some of the speakers.		
	Derivatives >>	superfluously, superfluousness, superfluent, superfluity	

# 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.  | analogy     | a. | restraint in speech, reluctance to speak  |
| _____ 2.  | antithesis  | b. | common, ordinary, lacking freshness, hackneyed  |
| _____ 3.  | ascend      | c. | a direct opposite, a contrast   |
| _____ 4.  | austere     | d. | to honor, to regard with respect  |
| _____ 5.  | autonomous  | e. | independent, self-contained   |
| _____ 6.  | banal       | f. | strict, stern; unadorned, ascetic   |
| _____ 7.  | reticence   | g. | to move upward, to rise from a lower station  |
| _____ 8.  | revere      | h. | delicate, elusive, not obvious  |
| _____ 9.  | subtle      | i. | beyond what is needed or required, an overflow  |
| _____ 10. | superfluous | j. | a partial similarity between like features of two different things on which a comparison can be based |

### Exercise B

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|-----------|------------|----|--|
| _____ 1.  | altruistic | a. | difficult to see, vague                                |
| _____ 2.  | disparity  | b. | boring and stupid                                      |
| _____ 3.  | embellish  | c. | to decorate, to make beautiful with ornamentation      |
| _____ 4.  | engender   | d. | to praise, to extol                                    |
| _____ 5.  | laud       | e. | to cause, to produce, to create                        |
| _____ 6.  | obscure    | f. | unselfishly concerned for the welfare of others        |
| _____ 7.  | insipid    | g. | something offensive to good taste and refinement       |
| _____ 8.  | rout       | h. | inequality, the condition or fact of being unequal     |
| _____ 9.  | spurn      | i. | to reject or to refuse with hostility                  |
| _____ 10. | vulgarity  | j. | to gouge out or to make a furrow in; to expel by force |

# Sentence Completion Test

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analogous	antithesis	ascend	austere	autonomous
banal	reticence	revere	subtle	superfluous

1. It was extremely unusual to see identical twins so vastly different; one seemed to be the very \_\_\_\_\_ of the other in every regard except appearance.
2. A simile is an \_\_\_\_\_ comparison which shows the likeness between one thing and another.
3. This paper is marred by \_\_\_\_\_ details that could have been left out.
4. The essay was marred by \_\_\_\_\_ comments that had already been made by thousands of uncreative students.
5. I met his \_\_\_\_\_ remarks with disdain. I didn't appreciate his trying to hide his feelings. He should have been forthright, open and honest.
6. The citizens of the small village longed to be \_\_\_\_\_, fully independent and self-contained.
7. The girl's \_\_\_\_\_ was not an asset to her; indeed, her inability to speak in public was like a curse.
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ life of a monk does not provide for luxury items.
9. In a society of increasing lawlessness, it seems that young children have not been taught to \_\_\_\_\_ authority and law.
10. The skillful mountain climbers were not afraid to \_\_\_\_\_ the towering cliff which hovered above them.

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allusion	aversion	discern	disparaging	innocuous
insipid	obscure	ostentatious	spurn	unassailable

11. The girl's \_\_\_\_\_ conversation bored him to tears; he abhorred silly, meaningless chatter.
12. 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.
13. It was hard to believe that her feelings could be hurt over such \_\_\_\_\_ remarks, for nothings he said was really harmful.
14. Her \_\_\_\_\_ to the literary figure made the point she wanted.
15. A few hints of sophistication began to appear in the woman's \_\_\_\_\_ apparel; she soon dropped the gaudy accessories and became a conservative dresser.
16. Because I have a natural \_\_\_\_\_ to hominy, I never eat the stuff; it is one food that I can't stand.
17. Because of his \_\_\_\_\_ remarks about me, the committee gave the job to another person; he had effectively ruined my reputation.
18. On hot summer days it is difficult to \_\_\_\_\_ the difference between a puddle of water and heat waves produced on the road.
19. Sam's childish behavior has caused his girlfriend to \_\_\_\_\_ him; she refuses to answer any of his calls.
20. The king's claim that his fortress was \_\_\_\_\_ was proven false when the bands of cutthroats conquered it, robbing and pillaging the place.