

# Lesson 7

## Definitions

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1.	<b>aphorism</b>	A for is um	a terse saying embodying a general truth
	Synonyms >>		
	The author summed up the theme of his work in an appropriate aphorism.		
	Derivatives >>		
2.	<b>benign</b>	buh NINE	not causing harm, of gentle disposition, beneficial
	Synonyms >>		
	The minister was loved because of his benign attitude toward all types of people.		
	Derivatives >>	benignly, benignant, benignancy, benignantly, benignity	
3.	<b>capricious</b>	kuh PRISH us	changing suddenly, fickle
	Synonyms >>	inconstant, mercurial, unstable	
	Her capricious moods are difficult to anticipate.		
	Derivatives >>	caprice, capriciously, capriciousness	
4.	<b>dawdle</b>	DOD ul	to waste time, to spend time idly, to move in a lackadaisical manner
	Synonyms >>	dally, loiter, procrastinate	
	Since we have a deadline, do not dawdle over your work.		
	Derivatives >>	dawdled, dawdling	
5.	<b>defamation</b>	def uh MAY shun	act of harming or ruining another's reputation
	Synonyms >>		
	The defamation of another's character is a horrible thing.		
	Derivatives >>	defamatory, defame, defamed, defamer, defamingly	
6.	<b>esoteric</b>	es uh TER ik	understood only by a small group or a select few
	Synonyms >>		
	The English teachers were having an esoteric discussion about the correct usage of some obscure word.		
	Derivatives >>	esoterical, esoterically, esotericism, esotericist, esoterism, esotery	
7.	<b>extol</b>	ik STOLE	to praise, to glorify
	Synonyms >>		
	The teacher would always extol students who tried to do their best.		
	Derivatives >>	extolled, extolling, extollingly, extollment, extoller	
8.	<b>fastidious</b>	fa STID ee us	reflecting a meticulous or demanding attitude, critical to an extreme
	Synonyms >>	finicky	
	He considered her fastidious because she was offended by insignificant mistakes or errors.		
	Derivatives >>	fastidiously, fastidiousness, fastidium	
9.	<b>furtive</b>	FUR tiv	secret in an underhanded way, stealthy
	Synonyms >>	clandestine, covert, stealthy, surreptitious, underhanded	
	During the test, he made some furtive glances at other classmates' papers.		
	Derivatives >>	furtively, furtiveness	
10.	<b>taciturn</b>	TAS eh turn	quiet, not verbose
	Synonyms >>	reserved, reticent	
	A shy person is usually taciturn.		
	Derivatives >>	tacit, tacitly, tacitness, taciturnity, taciturnly	

# 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.  | aphorism   | a. | quiet, not verbose                                  |
| _____ | 2.  | benign     | b. | secret in an underhanded way, stealthy              |
| _____ | 3.  | capricious | c. | reflecting a meticulous or demanding attitude       |
| _____ | 4.  | dawdle     | d. | changing suddenly, fickle                           |
| _____ | 5.  | defamation | e. | to waste time, to spend time idly                   |
| _____ | 6.  | esoteric   | f. | a terse saying embodying a general truth            |
| _____ | 7.  | extol      | g. | act of harming or ruining another's reputation      |
| _____ | 8.  | fastidious | h. | understood only by a small group or a select few    |
| _____ | 9.  | furtive    | i. | not causing harm, of gentle disposition, beneficial |
| _____ | 10. | taciturn   | j. | to praise, to glorify                               |

### Exercise B

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|-------|-----|--------------|----|---|
| _____ | 1.  | angular      | a. | restraint in speech, reluctance to speak                              |
| _____ | 2.  | antithesis   | b. | common, ordinary, lacking freshness, hackneyed                        |
| _____ | 3.  | autonomous   | c. | a direct opposite, a contrast   |
| _____ | 4.  | banal        | d. | to honor, to regard with respect                                      |
| _____ | 5.  | innocuous    | e. | independent, self-contained   |
| _____ | 6.  | repudiate    | f. | to reject, to disown, to disavow                                      |
| _____ | 7.  | ostentatious | g. | harmless, producing no injury   |
| _____ | 8.  | reticence    | h. | showy, pretentious  |
| _____ | 9.  | revere       | i. | lean; sharp cornered; gaunt   |
| _____ | 10. | syntax       | j. | the rules or patterns of grammatical sentences;<br>sentence structure |

# Sentence Completion Test

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aphorism	benign	capricious	dawdle	defamation
esoteric	extolled	fastidious	furtive	taciturn

1. The woman is suing the magazine for \_\_\_\_\_ of character because she thinks that the publicized comments have ruined her reputation.
2. It was difficult to get the \_\_\_\_\_ girl to settle down and stay on one topic; her subjects of conversation changed as rapidly as her moods.
3. The woman was happy to learn that the tumor was \_\_\_\_\_ and would not cause her harm.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ man said very little; he spoke only when spoken to, and even then he was direct and concise.
5. The woman's \_\_\_\_\_ housekeeping caused her family much discomfort; if they left anything out of place she became unreasonable.
6. The student was not able to hide his \_\_\_\_\_ glances at another child's paper; consequently, he received a zero on the test.
7. After her superb performance, the critics \_\_\_\_\_ her wonderful work; among the many things they praised was her sensitivity.
8. The boss of the company does not allow his employees to \_\_\_\_\_; he expects them to work quickly and efficiently.
9. Only those who go through initiation ceremonies of the cult understand the meaning of their \_\_\_\_\_ vows.
10. The author summed up the theme of his work in an \_\_\_\_\_; it was a terse statement embodying a general truth.

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altruistic	analogous	antithesis	banal	embellish
engender	laud	subtle	superfluous	syntax

11. 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.
12. A simile is an \_\_\_\_\_ comparison which shows the likeness between one thing and another.
13. This paper is marred by \_\_\_\_\_ details that could have been left out.
14. The essay was marred by \_\_\_\_\_ comments that had already been made by thousands of uncreative students.
15. I met his \_\_\_\_\_ remarks with disdain; I didn't appreciate his trying to hide his feelings. He should have been forthright, open and honest.
16. If you show respect for a person, you are likely to \_\_\_\_\_ a similar regard in that person to show respect for you.
17. The young girl tried to \_\_\_\_\_ her handwriting by adding swirls and curls to her letters.
18. To give praise to mental laziness is difficult for me, but to \_\_\_\_\_ students with quick minds is a pleasure.
19. Missionaries are considered \_\_\_\_\_ because they are unselfishly concerned for the welfare of others.
20. If you are asked a question about \_\_\_\_\_, you should immediately look at the structure of sentences and begin to analyze that structure.