

# Lesson 8

## Definitions

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1.	<b>abstruse</b>	ab STRUSE	difficult to understand, recondite, concealed	
	Synonyms >>	complex, complicated, intricate, knotty		
	Some concepts of Einstein were so abstruse that many physicists could not understand them.			
	Derivatives >>	abstrusely, abstruseness		
2.	<b>apostrophe</b>	uh POS tro fee	a figure of speech that addresses an absent or imaginary person	
	Synonyms >>			
	Through the use of an apostrophe, the poet addressed his deceased mother.			
	Derivatives >>			
3.	<b>gregarious</b>	greh GAR ee us	sociable and outgoing	
	Synonyms >>			
	He became much more gregarious after he developed an interest in girls.			
	Derivatives >>	gregariously, gregariousness		
4.	<b>hypocrite</b>	HIP uh krit	one who is insincere or deceitful	
	Synonyms >>			
	Saying one thing and then doing the other is the mark of a hypocrite.			
	Derivatives >>	hypocrites, hypocritical, hypocritically, hypocritical, hypocrisy		
5.	<b>innate</b>	eh NATE	existing from birth, inborn	
	Synonyms >>			
	He has innate athletic talents that cannot be taught.			
	Derivatives >>	innated, innately, innateness, innatism, innative		
6.	<b>lethargic</b>	luh THAR jik	sluggish, languid	
	Synonyms >>	stuporous, torpid		
	Having had too much to drink, he was very lethargic the morning after the party.			
	Derivatives >>	lethargically, lethargize, lethargy		
7.	<b>melancholy</b>	MEL un kol ee	depression of spirits	
	Synonyms >>			
	After Dad lost his job, he fell into a state of melancholy.			
	Derivatives >>	melancholia, melancholic, melancholiac, melancholically, melancholily, melancholiness, melancholious		
8.	<b>opaque</b>	oh PAKE	not allowing the passage of light, not transparent; hard to understand	
	Synonyms >>	dark		
	I am going to place something opaque in the window so that no one will be able to see into this room.			
	Derivatives >>	opaquely, opaqueness, opaquer		
9.	<b>prolific</b>	pro LIF ik	abundantly fruitful, marked by great productivity	
	Synonyms >>	fecund, fertile		
	Since he has written a great number of books in a short period, Stephen King is known as a prolific writer.			
	Derivatives >>	proliferation, proliferate, proliferative, proliferous, proliferously		
10.	<b>reprove</b>	reh PROOV	to scold or to rebuke for a misdeed usually with kindly intent	
	Synonyms >>	admonish, castigate, chastise, chide, rebuke, reproach		
	A teacher sometimes needs to reprove a student for talking during class.			
	Derivatives >>	reprovable, reprovably, reprovably, reprovably, reprovably, reprovably, reprovably		

# 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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| <p>_____ 1. abstruse</p> <p>_____ 2. apostrophe</p> <p>_____ 3. gregarious</p> <p>_____ 4. hypocrite</p> <p>_____ 5. innate</p> <p>_____ 6. lethargic</p> <p>_____ 7. melancholy</p> <p>_____ 8. opaque</p> <p>_____ 9. prolific</p> <p>_____ 10. reprove</p> | <p>a. to scold for a misdeed usually with kindly intent</p> <p>b. depression of spirits</p> <p>c. sluggish, languid</p> <p>d. sociable and outgoing</p> <p>e. existing from birth, inborn</p> <p>f. not allowing the passage of light; hard to understand</p> <p>g. one who is insincere or deceitful</p> <p>h. abundantly fruitful, marked by great productivity</p> <p>i. difficult to understand, recondite, concealed</p> <p>j. a figure of speech that addresses an absent or imaginary person or personified idea</p> |
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### Exercise B

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| <p>_____ 1. allusion</p> <p>_____ 2. analogy</p> <p>_____ 3. ascend</p> <p>_____ 4. austere</p> <p>_____ 5. capricious</p> <p>_____ 6. dawdle</p> <p>_____ 7. fastidious</p> <p>_____ 8. furtive</p> <p>_____ 9. prodigal</p> <p>_____ 10. taciturn</p> | <p>a. quiet, not verbose</p> <p>b. secret in an underhanded way, stealthy</p> <p>c. reflecting a meticulous or demanding attitude</p> <p>d. changing suddenly, fickle</p> <p>e. to waste time, to spend time idly</p> <p>f. strict, stern; unadorned, ascetic</p> <p>g. to move upward, to rise from a lower station</p> <p>h. wasteful, a person given to extravagance</p> <p>i. a passing or casual reference to something</p> <p>j. a partial similarity between like features of two different things on which a comparison can be based</p> |
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# Sentence Completion Test

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abstruse

apostrophe

gregarious

hypocrite

innate

lethargic

melancholy

opaque

prolific

reprove

1. The man was hailed as one of the most \_\_\_\_\_ writers of his time; he produced six complete novels in one year.
2. The woman sang a \_\_\_\_\_ song at the funeral.
3. The book was so \_\_\_\_\_ that after he had finished the first difficult chapter, he understood less than when he had begun.
4. Despite the overpowering sound of the bell, there was an \_\_\_\_\_ and natural tranquility about the church.
5. The boys tried to peek through the \_\_\_\_\_ window, but they could see nothing.
6. My younger sister has always been insincere; therefore, I feel justified in calling her a \_\_\_\_\_.
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ child could hardly keep his eyes open during the class; he was obviously lacking in energy.
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ boy was always the life of the party; he enjoyed being around large groups of people and would visit with everyone, even people he did not know.
9. His laziness led to a reduction in productivity, and eventually his boss had to \_\_\_\_\_ him for being so lazy.
10. Through the use of an \_\_\_\_\_ in the poem, the author addresses his dead mother.

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austere	autonomous	benign	capricious	defamation
fastidious	prodigal	repudiate	reticence	taciturn

11. The woman is suing the magazine for \_\_\_\_\_ of character because she thinks that the publicized comments have ruined her reputation.
12. 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.
13. The woman was happy to learn that the tumor was \_\_\_\_\_ and would not cause her harm.
14. The \_\_\_\_\_ man said very little; he spoke only when spoken to, and even then he was direct and concise.
15. The woman's \_\_\_\_\_ housekeeping caused her family much discomfort; if they left anything out of place she became unreasonable.
16. The citizens of the small village longed to be \_\_\_\_\_, fully independent and self-contained.
17. The girl's \_\_\_\_\_ was not an asset to her; indeed, her inability to speak in public was like a curse.
18. The \_\_\_\_\_ life of a monk does not provide for luxury items.
19. He hired a team of lawyers to \_\_\_\_\_ the charge that he had embezzled any funds from the company.
20. 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.