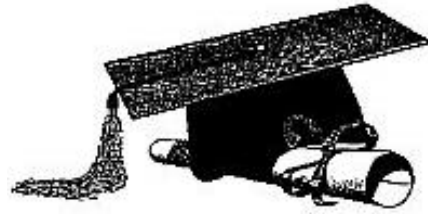


# Lesson 14

## Definitions

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1.	<b>avarice</b>	AV uh ris	greed for wealth
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>	cupidity	
	Avarice and gluttony are two vices that can destroy lives.		
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	avaricious, avariciously, avariciousness	
2.	<b>credulous</b>	KREJ uh lus	believing on slight evidence, gullible
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>		
	Because the lady's horoscope said that she should stay inside, the credulous woman did not go to work.		
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	credulously, credulousness, credulity	
3.	<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	
4.	<b>malice</b>	MAL is	desire to harm others
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>	malevolence, malignity, spite, spleen	
	His death was caused by malice and was not accidental.		
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	maliceful, malicious, maliciously, maliciousness	
5.	<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	
6.	<b>profundity</b>	pruh FUN deh tee	profound knowledge, intellectual depth
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>		
	Einstein had a profundity that was admired by all.		
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	profound, profoundly, profoundness	
7.	<b>quench</b>	KWENCH	to extinguish, to put out; to relieve with liquid
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>		
	He quenched the hot coals in the barbecue pit with water.		
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	quencher, quenched, quenching, quenchable, quenchableness	
8.	<b>rend</b>	REND	to tear violently, to split
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>	cleave, rive	
	He tried to rend the flag as a protest against the war.		
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	rent, rended, rending, rends	
9.	<b>vanquished</b>	VAN kwishd	conquered, overpowered
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>		
	Hitler's armies vanquished Poland with aid from Russia.		
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	vanquishable, vanquisher, vanquishment	
10.	<b>wanton</b>	WAHN tun	immoral, lewd
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>		
	He had to drop out of the presidential race when his wanton behavior was exposed.		
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	wantonly, wantonness	

# 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

- |       |     |            |    |   |
|-------|-----|------------|----|---|
| _____ | 1.  | avarice    | a. | greed for wealth                                  |
| _____ | 2.  | credulous  | b. | believing on slight evidence, gullible            |
| _____ | 3.  | laud       | c. | difficult to see, vague                           |
| _____ | 4.  | malice     | d. | profound knowledge, intellectual depth            |
| _____ | 5.  | obscure    | e. | immoral, lewd                                     |
| _____ | 6.  | profundity | f. | to extinguish, to put out; to relieve with liquid |
| _____ | 7.  | quench     | g. | to tear violently, to split                       |
| _____ | 8.  | rend       | h. | to praise, to extol                               |
| _____ | 9.  | vanquished | i. | desire to harm others                             |
| _____ | 10. | wanton     | j. | conquered, overpowered                            |

### Exercise B

- |       |     |              |    |  |
|-------|-----|--------------|----|--|
| _____ | 1.  | abnegate     | a. | sluggish, inactive, dull                                 |
| _____ | 2.  | antidote     | b. | exceptionally early in development or occurrence         |
| _____ | 3.  | decorousness | c. | depression of spirits                                    |
| _____ | 4.  | despotic     | d. | courage or spirit  |
| _____ | 5.  | discern      | e. | proper behavior  |
| _____ | 6.  | melancholy   | f. | pleasurable to the senses, sensuous                      |
| _____ | 7.  | mettle       | g. | something that relieves the effects of poison            |
| _____ | 8.  | precocious   | h. | ruling oppressively and absolutely; tyrannical           |
| _____ | 9.  | torpid       | i. | to surrender or to relinquish (a right, belief, or idea) |
| _____ | 10. | voluptuous   | j. | to differentiate between two or more things              |

# Sentence Completion Test

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avarice	credulous	laud	malice	obscure
profundity	quench	rend	vanquished	wanton

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ look on the woman's face betrayed her gullibility; she had a tendency to believe everything she heard.
2. The poor country had finally been \_\_\_\_\_; economic sanctions had overpowered the people, conquering the nation for the enemy.
3. His \_\_\_\_\_ toward his ex-wife was shown in his attempt to murder her.
4. 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.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the man was obvious when he wanted everything he saw; it was the result of being raised in such a greedy family.
6. The Puritans considered Hester Prynne a \_\_\_\_\_ woman; they saw her as being immoral and lewd.
7. Because the man has such an intellectual depth, it is not likely that anyone else here can match his \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Because it is one of the rules of the park to extinguish all camp fires, we decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the fire with water.
9. To give praise to mental laziness is difficult for me, but to \_\_\_\_\_ students with quick minds is a pleasure.
10. The warrior began to \_\_\_\_\_ the beast, cutting it into small pieces with his sword.

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abnegated	antidote	burnished	despondent	insidious
mettle	precocious	sanctified	unobtrusive	vista

11. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the valley below was breathtaking; seen through the opening in the mountain pass, it was a glorious view.
12. The playoffs will test the \_\_\_\_\_ of the young team; their courage and spirit will either grow and lead them to victory, or it will fail them and they will lose.
13. The man was in utter depression, \_\_\_\_\_ as a result of his recent loss which had occurred when he lost all his money in the stock market crash.
14. The \_\_\_\_\_ child began to read before the age of five and was always several years ahead of his peers.
15. The difference between the original painting and the forgery was \_\_\_\_\_ and hard to see; to forge such a work involved copying even the style of brush strokes.
16. The \_\_\_\_\_ to the poison must be given within one hour of the poison's entrance into the body; otherwise, it cannot relieve the effects of the toxin.
17. The jewel hung about the neck of the queen, and the copper sheen that reflected from its \_\_\_\_\_ surface sparkled in the sun.
18. After the vision of the Virgin Mary appeared in front of the building, the priests \_\_\_\_\_ the location of the appearance with a blessing, making it a sacred place.
19. The old man legally \_\_\_\_\_ his right to manage his own affairs and surrendered it to his son.
20. The \_\_\_\_\_ work of a con man often leaves gullible people secretly tricked out of their life savings.