

Lesson 23

Definitions

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1.	amity	AM uh tee	friendship
	Synonyms >>		
	That small town is well-known for its amity; the town has very friendly people.		
	Derivatives >>	amities	
2.	bastion	BASS chun	a fortification, a stronghold
	Synonyms >>		
	The enemy could not get past the bastion of the fort and therefore lost the battle.		
	Derivatives >>	bastioned	
3.	callous	KAL us	hardened; insensitive, indifferent, unsympathetic
	Synonyms >>	hard, inured, insensible, obtuse	
	He became callous after many years in the war.		
	Derivatives >>	callously, callousness	
4.	clemency	KLEM un see	leniency
	Synonyms >>		
	Governors are usually allowed to grant clemency to deserving prisoners.		
	Derivatives >>	clemencies, clement, clemently	
5.	debunk	deh BUNGK	to expose the falseness or hypocrisy of something
	Synonyms >>		
	The charlatan was quickly debunked by the perceptive doctor.		
	Derivatives >>	debunker, debunkers, debunked, debunking	
6.	diffuse	deh FYOOZ	to spread in all directions
	Synonyms >>		
	The rioting crowd was diffused by tear gas and water hoses.		
	Derivatives >>	diffusedness, diffusedly, diffusely, diffuseness, diffuser, diffusibility, diffusion, diffusible	
7.	dupe	DOOP, DYOOZ	to trick, to fool, to deceive, or to cheat; to bilk
	Synonyms >>		
	He was duped into investing his life savings into a bankrupt company.		
	Derivatives >>	duped, duping, dupery	
8.	exorcise	EK sor size	to expel an evil spirit, to get rid of something troublesome
	Synonyms >>		
	I am going to try to exorcise all negative thoughts from my mind.		
	Derivatives >>	exorcisation, exorcise, exorcism, exorcismal, exorcisory, exorcist, exorcistate, exorcistical	
9.	finesse	feh NESS	delicate skill
	Synonyms >>		
	A successful diplomat must have finesse when dealing with representatives of other countries.		
	Derivatives >>	finessed, finessing	
10.	humility	hyoo MIL eh tee	the quality or state of being humble in spirit
	Synonyms >>		
	The humility of the man was astounding; he gave no sign of having excessive pride or arrogance.		
	Derivatives >>	humilities, humble, humbly	

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. | amity | a. | delicate skill |
| _____ | 2. | bastion | b. | leniency |
| _____ | 3. | callous | c. | hardened; insensitive, indifferent, unsympathetic |
| _____ | 4. | clemency | d. | to trick, to fool, to deceive, or to cheat; to bilk |
| _____ | 5. | debunk | e. | to expel an evil spirit, to get rid of something troublesome |
| _____ | 6. | diffuse | f. | friendship |
| _____ | 7. | dupe | g. | to expose the falseness or hypocrisy of something |
| _____ | 8. | exorcise | h. | a fortification, a stronghold |
| _____ | 9. | finesse | i. | the quality or state of being humble in spirit |
| _____ | 10. | humility | j. | to spread in all directions |

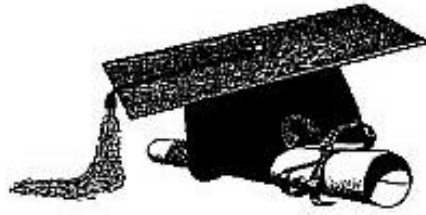
Exercise B

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| _____ | 1. | fret | a. | brief, compact |
| _____ | 2. | jollity | b. | stinginess, frugality; excessive economy |
| _____ | 3. | kindle | c. | a person who is lazy |
| _____ | 4. | parsimony | d. | to start a fire, to stir up |
| _____ | 5. | pliable | e. | easily manipulated or able to be bent freely without breaking |
| _____ | 6. | prate | f. | acting in a secret and sneaky way--this is a negative term |
| _____ | 7. | sluggard | g. | marked by great volume or size |
| _____ | 8. | stealthy | h. | merriment, state of being jolly |
| _____ | 9. | succinct | i. | to talk idly or foolishly at great length |
| _____ | 10. | voluminous | j. | to worry or be annoyed |

Sentence Completion Test

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amity	bastion	callous	clemency	debunk
diffused	dupe	exorcise	finesse	humility

1. The United States is a _____ of freedom, a fortress of free speech and thought.
2. She handled the hysterical woman with a great deal of _____; she was able to calm the woman without upsetting her any further.
3. Because of the child's angelic face, people generally approach her with natural _____, eager to be friendly with her.
4. The man has become _____ after so many years of hardship and pain; now he hardly has any feelings left at all.
5. Fortunately, the young boy was put only on probation; the judge treated his case with _____ and decided not to commit him to prison.
6. _____ is a virtue that many people lack; instead, they are proud and arrogant.
7. I am going to try to _____ all negative thoughts from my mind; I know removing them will be hard, but it is worth the effort to try.
8. The television news reporter was determined to reveal the hypocrisy of the man and to _____ his "get rich quick" scheme.
9. Although the pearls were _____ across a wide area, they were easy to find as they sparkled in the sun.
10. In some parts of the world, medicine men _____ sick people, tricking them into believing that a harmless substance is actually medicine.

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abstemious	complacency	elicit	fret	oblivion
penury	rectify	rue	sluggard	stealthy

11. It was difficult to get him to work seriously on the job; he was such a _____ that all he wanted to do was sit back and rest.
12. In order to survive, a spy must be _____ and sneaky.
13. The mayor's objective for this term is to quell the recent outbreak of violent crime in the inner city; he believed that those homeless people living in a state of _____ seem to be victimized most.
14. In order to lose weight, the woman was _____ in her consumption of fatty foods.
15. The man was so senile that most of the time he existed in a state of _____, not knowing anything.
16. The lawyer tried to overcome the _____ of the jury and to _____ some emotional response, but their state of being self-satisfied was too great to be overcome.
17. Sid's expression of _____ showed the great regret and sorrow he felt.
18. As soon as we realized that the dolls were not arranged in a straight line, we tried to _____ the situation by lining them up.
19. The child began to worry and _____ as soon as his mother left the room.