

# Lesson 4

## Definitions

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1.	<b>calamity</b>	kuh LAM uh tee	a serious event causing distress or misfortune
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>	cataclysm, catastrophe	
		The earthquake in Mexico was a calamity.	
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	calamitous, calamitously, calamitousness	
2.	<b>depravity</b>	deh PRAV eh tee	moral corruption, a wicked or perverse act
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>	abasement, corruption, debasement, debauchery, perversion, vitiation	
		The depravity of his behavior shocked everyone.	
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	deprave, depraver, depravement, depraved	
3.	<b>erudite</b>	ER yoo dite	scholarly
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>		
		The erudite physics professor had spent many years studying the theory of relativity.	
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	eruditely, erudition	
4.	<b>esoteric</b>	es uh TER ik	understood only by a small group or a select few
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>		
		The English teachers were having an esoteric discussion about the correct usage of some obscure word.	
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	esoterical, esoterically, esotericism, esotericist, esoterism, esotery	
5.	<b>ethereal</b>	eh THER ee ul	heavenly, unusually delicate, light, lacking material substance, intangible
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>		
		The ethereal sounds of the music soothed and calmed the patient.	
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	etherealness, ethereality, etherealization, etherealize	
6.	<b>evanescent</b>	ev uh NES unt	fleeting; impermanent
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>	ephemeral, fugitive, transient, transitory	
		The evanescent sounds of applause are not what keeps the artist performing.	
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	evanescence, evanesce, evanescently	
7.	<b>exigent</b>	EK seh junt	urgent, requiring immediate attention
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>		
		The exigent situation required immediate attention.	
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	exigency, exigencies, exigence, exigently	
8.	<b>palliate</b>	PAL ee ate	to ease pain, guilt or intensity
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>		
		The doctor attempted to palliate the patient's suffering by prescribing drugs.	
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	palliated, palliating, palliation, palliative, palliator, palliatory	
9.	<b>plaintive</b>	PLANE tiv	mournful and expressing sorrow
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>		
		The dog moaned in a plaintive manner when her puppies were taken.	
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	plaintively, plaintiveness	
10.	<b>propinquity</b>	pro PING kweh tee	nearness; kinship
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>		
		The farm's propinquity to the chemical plant was blamed for the rise in cancer among the family members.	
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	propinquant, propinquous	

# 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.  | calamity    | a. | moral corruption, a wicked or perverse act       |
| _____ | 2.  | depravity   | b. | to ease pain, guilt or intensity                 |
| _____ | 3.  | erudite     | c. | mournful and expressing sorrow                   |
| _____ | 4.  | esoteric    | d. | a serious event causing distress or misfortune   |
| _____ | 5.  | ethereal    | e. | understood only by a small group or a select few |
| _____ | 6.  | evanescent  | f. | scholarly  |
| _____ | 7.  | exigent     | g. | heavenly, unusually delicate, light; intangible  |
| _____ | 8.  | palliate    | h. | fleeting; impermanent                            |
| _____ | 9.  | plaintive   | i. | urgent, requiring immediate attention            |
| _____ | 10. | propinquity | j. | nearness; kinship                                |

### Exercise B

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|-------|-----|---------------|----|--|
| _____ | 1.  | abyss         | a. | slow, sluggish, listless, weak                         |
| _____ | 2.  | eulogy        | b. | praise or tribute                                      |
| _____ | 3.  | inextricable  | c. | secure from violation or from being profaned           |
| _____ | 4.  | infamous      | d. | sparkling, shining, or flashing                        |
| _____ | 5.  | inviolable    | e. | threatening  |
| _____ | 6.  | languid       | f. | having a reputation of the worst kind; notoriously bad |
| _____ | 7.  | lurid         | g. | devotion and reverence to God                          |
| _____ | 8.  | ominous       | h. | not able to be disentangled                            |
| _____ | 9.  | piety         | i. | bottomless hole, a vast expanse or depth               |
| _____ | 10. | scintillating | j. | sensational, gruesome and causing shock or horror      |

# Sentence Completion Test

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depravity

erudite

esoteric

ethereal

evanescent

exigent

palliate

plaintive

propinquity

1. The routing of the highway was a \_\_\_\_\_ to the unique inn; it was disastrous to the old-world charm which had made the inn so quaint.
2. Pete Rose was the epitome of the American baseball player, representing the dreams of many young ball players behind him; yet his fame was fleeting and his fortune \_\_\_\_\_.
3. We marveled at the \_\_\_\_\_ quality of the scene; it looked so heavenly that we never wanted to leave.
4. The man has lost so many of his morals that he has fallen into a state of \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The widow's \_\_\_\_\_ cries revealed her sorrow at her husband's death.
6. The neighbors were concerned because of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the nuclear plant to their homes; they feared that the nearness of the facility would in some way endanger their health.
7. Because the student had been voted the most scholarly in his class, the \_\_\_\_\_ language in his speech was not a surprise.
8. The man tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the woman's anger by listening to her grievances, but instead of lessening her hostility, he merely aggravated it.
9. Only those who go through initiation ceremonies of the cult understand the meaning of their \_\_\_\_\_ vows.
10. His \_\_\_\_\_ injury required the immediate attention of the paramedics.

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expiate	import	incongruity	infamous	inopportune
inviolable	labyrinthine	languid	ponderous	scintillating

11. He is considered an \_\_\_\_\_ traitor due to his disgraceful acts.
12. The refrigerator stopped working at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time; because I had just bought groceries, the breakdown was extremely inconvenient.
13. The solution to the problem was not straightforward; instead, it was a \_\_\_\_\_ maze of false starts and turns.
14. The \_\_\_\_\_ of one green sock in a drawer with white socks led to the conclusion that the green sock was there by mistake.
15. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the meeting could not be overemphasized; the company's future would be determined by the outcome of this important event.
16. The sanctity of the priest's position made his decisions \_\_\_\_\_, unable to be violated or profaned.
17. The man's \_\_\_\_\_ tone sounded like an old, weary traveler looking for a resting place.
18. The \_\_\_\_\_ brightness of Judy's engagement ring was noticeable to all her envious friends.
19. Although he felt he could never \_\_\_\_\_ his guilt, his talks with his sister convinced her that he had already atoned for his past crimes.
20. The criminal was angered by having to drag the long, heavy, \_\_\_\_\_ chain that was fastened to his leg.