

Lesson 1

Definitions

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1.	spurn	SPURN	to reject or to refuse with hostility
	Synonyms >>		
	The woman had always viewed the man with disdain and would spurn his attempts at friendship forever.		
	Derivatives >>	spurner, spurned, spurning	
2.	staid	STADE	reserved and upright in manner or behavior, sedate
	Synonyms >>	earnest, grave, sober, solemn	
	The staid and uninteresting old maid behaved with utmost decorum in all situations.		
	Derivatives >>	staidness	
3.	stately	STATE lee	dignified, majestic
	Synonyms >>	grand, grandiose, imposing, magnificent	
	The general's funeral procession was stately as it wound through the streets of the city.		
	Derivatives >>	stateliness, statlier, statlily	
4.	summon	SUM un	to call together, to send for or to request to appear
	Synonyms >>	convene, convoke, muster	
	I am frightened because I have been summoned to the principal's office.		
	Derivatives >>	summoner, summons	
5.	superfluous	soo PUR floo us	beyond what is needed or required, an overflow
	Synonyms >>		
	The meeting lasted so long because of many superfluous comments by some of the speakers.		
	Derivatives >>	superfluously, superfluosness, superfluent, superfluity	
6.	tempestuous	tem PES choo us	turbulent, stormy
	Synonyms >>		
	The mayoral candidates had a tempestuous debate in which they exchanged many personal accusations.		
	Derivatives >>	tempestuously, tempestuousness, tempest	
7.	traducer	truh DOOS ur	one who slanders or speaks falsely about someone
	Synonyms >>		
	After hearing the gossip, the woman confronted the traducer face to face to stop the vicious slander.		
	Derivatives >>	traduce, traducement, traduction	
8.	trivia	TRIV ee uh	insignificant matters
	Synonyms >>		
	The English teacher is looking for substance, not trivia, in themes.		
	Derivatives >>	trivial, triviality, trivialization, trivialize, trivially	
9.	turbulence	TUR byuh luns	wild or disturbing activity
	Synonyms >>		
	There is a lot of turbulence during a hurricane.		
	Derivatives >>	turbulent, turbulation, turbulator, turbulency, turbulently	
10.	upshot	UP shot	outcome, final result
	Synonyms >>		
	The upshot of the riot is that some are dead, and many are wounded.		
	Derivatives >>	upshots	

11.	usurp	yoo SURP	to take possession or authority over something without right
	Synonyms >>		
	The younger son tried to usurp the throne from the rightful heir.		
	Derivatives >>	usurpation, usurpative, usurpatory, usurpature	
12.	valid	VAL id	well-grounded, justifiable
	Synonyms >>		
	I found his reasons valid, and I accepted his statement.		
	Derivatives >>	validate, validation, validatory, validity, validly, validness	
13.	vanquished	VAN kwishd	conquered, overpowered
	Synonyms >>		
	Hitler's armies vanquished Poland with aid from Russia.		
	Derivatives >>	vanquishable, vanquisher, vanquishment	
14.	vouchsafe	VOUCH safe	to grant in a condescending manner
	Synonyms >>		
	I can vouchsafe you a large return on your investment.		
	Derivatives >>	vouchsafement	
15.	vulgarity	vul GAR eh tee	something offensive to good taste and refinement
	Synonyms >>	coarseness, grossness, obscenity, ribaldness	
	She chose to ignore the vulgarity of his crude remark.		
	Derivatives >>	vulgar, vulgarian, vulgarism, vulgarization, vulgarize, vulgarizer	
16.	vulnerable	VUL nur uh bul	susceptible to injury or attack
	Synonyms >>		
	A fighter is vulnerable if he does not keep up his guard.		
	Derivatives >>	vulnerability, vulnerableness, vulnerably	
17.	wane	WANE	to decrease in size, degree, or power
	Synonyms >>	abate, subside, ebb	
	The bodybuilder's strength began to wane when he quit lifting weights.		
	Derivatives >>	waned, waning	
18.	wanton	WAHN tun	immoral, lewd
	Synonyms >>		
	He had to drop out of the presidential race when his wanton behavior was exposed.		
	Derivatives >>	wantonly, wantonness	
19.	warranted	WOR un ted	justified
	Synonyms >>		
	The jury felt that the death penalty was warranted because of the heinous nature of the crime.		
	Derivatives >>	warrant, warrantable, warrantableness, warrantably	
20.	woe	WOE	great sorrow, grief, or misfortune
	Synonyms >>		
	The woe she suffered at his death continued through months of depression.		
	Derivatives >>	woes, woebegone, woeful, woebegoneness, woefully, woefulness	



Matching Test Lesson 1

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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. | superfluous | a. | reserved and upright in manner or behavior, sedate |
| _____ | 2. | vanquished | b. | great sorrow, grief, or misfortune |
| _____ | 3. | stately | c. | dignified, majestic |
| _____ | 4. | woe | d. | insignificant matters |
| _____ | 5. | wanton | e. | outcome, final result |
| _____ | 6. | trivia | f. | immoral, lewd |
| _____ | 7. | warranted | g. | beyond what is needed or required, an overflow |
| _____ | 8. | traducer | h. | one who slanders or speaks falsely about someone |
| _____ | 9. | upshot | i. | conquered, overpowered |
| _____ | 10. | staid | j. | justified |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|-------------|----|---|
| _____ | 1. | vulgarity | a. | turbulent, stormy |
| _____ | 2. | vulnerable | b. | susceptible to injury or attack |
| _____ | 3. | summon | c. | something offensive to good taste and refinement |
| _____ | 4. | wane | d. | wild or disturbing activity |
| _____ | 5. | vouchsafe | e. | to take possession over something without right |
| _____ | 6. | spurn | f. | to reject or to refuse with hostility |
| _____ | 7. | usurp | g. | to decrease in size, degree, or power |
| _____ | 8. | tempestuous | h. | to grant in a condescending or gracious manner |
| _____ | 9. | valid | i. | to call together, to send for or to request to appear |
| _____ | 10. | turbulence | j. | well-grounded, justifiable |

Sentence Completion Test

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staid	stately	superfluous	traded	trivia
upshot	vanquished	wanton	warranted	woe

1. This paper is marred by _____ details that could have been left out.
2. The poor country had finally been _____; economic sanctions had overpowered the people, conquering the nation for the enemy.
3. The room was filled with the _____ music of the orchestra; such majestic sounds were fit for a king.
4. Chaucer's "The Pardoner's Tale" is a tale of the _____ and misfortune that money can cause.
5. The Puritans considered Hester Prynne a _____ woman; they saw her as being immoral and lewd.
6. Much of the so-called "news" is really just _____, insignificant daily matters that are soon forgotten.
7. Your excessive anger is neither _____ nor justified.
8. We found out that the politician had _____ his opponent by making false accusations against him.
9. The _____ of the game is that we lost; the final result was 42-7.
10. The old woman, upright, reserved and _____, had gained a great amount of wisdom through her years and experiences.

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spurn	summon	tempestuous	turbulence	usurp
valid	vouchsafed	vulgarity	vulnerable	wane

11. The mob resorted to _____ as it shouted obscenities and clamored for the prisoner's release.
12. The girl was _____ to the group's attack; because she was shy, she was especially susceptible to their sarcastic remarks.
13. The woman was hesitant to _____ her husband to the meeting because she knew that his hostile attitude was likely to cause much _____ in the family.
14. Even though it was an hour before it began to decrease in power, we waited for the storm to _____ before we ventured outside.
15. My boss _____ my job, but I did not like the condescending manner of his guarantee.
16. Sam's childish behavior has caused his girlfriend to _____ him; she refuses to answer any of his calls.
17. The wicked queen sought to _____ the king's power and steal the throne from him.
18. The _____ tempers of the men caused them both to storm out of the room in anger at the slightest word.
19. His statement about that theory is not _____; the facts that we have gathered point to a contrary conclusion and prove his words are not justifiable.