

# Definitions

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This section lists the words of each separate lesson in alphabetical order giving **definitions, pronunciation guides, synonyms, sentences, and derivatives.**

The **definitions** given here, often a secondary meaning, are those used on past SAT/PSAT tests. For that reason, in order to aid the students in preparing for that test, we find it expedient to give the students these definitions which are likely to appear on the test, rather than have the students look up the words themselves in dictionaries and copy definitions which may or may not be the choices of the writers of this test.

The **pronunciation guide** is a simplified method of indicating the pronunciation of words so that the student who is not familiar with phonetic symbols is not handicapped. The capitalized portion of the word is the accented portion.

The **synonyms** are included in this section as a prediction of words that may appear on future SAT/PSAT tests. If the creators of the SAT/PSAT feel a particular word is important enough to put on the test, they are likely to put the synonym of that word on future tests.

The **sentences** are added to assist the student in seeing how the words are used in context with the definitions that are tested on the SAT/PSAT.

The **derivatives** of the words are predictors of words on future tests. Often a variation of a previously tested word will appear on a test; we want to expose the student to all possible forms of the words.

## Teaching Tips

Each student should keep a vocabulary section in his binder, or he should keep a spiral notebook for vocabulary definitions. At the beginning of each week, the teacher should allow the student to copy the definitions of that week's ten vocabulary words. As the tests are cumulative, it is necessary for the student to have all definitions accessible for study. Keeping his definitions will be critical for each student's success.

Teachers should give guided practice on the pronunciation of the words, modeling them first, then having the students pronounce the words.

Students should try to find interesting and comical ways to remember the definitions of words. A few minutes of class time for sharing ideas on how to remember definitions will greatly assist students with memorization. The more bizarre the story, the easier it is to remember.

# Lesson 1

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1.	<b>spurn</b>	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.	<b>staid</b>	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.	<b>stately</b>	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.	<b>summon</b>	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.	<b>superfluous</b>	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.	<b>tempestuous</b>	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.	<b>traducer</b>	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.	<b>trivia</b>	TRIV ee uh	insignificant matters
	Synonyms >>		
	The English teacher is looking for substance, not trivia, in themes.		
	Derivatives >>	trivial, triviality, trivialization, trivialize, trivially	
9.	<b>turbulence</b>	TUR byuh luns	wild or disturbing activity
	Synonyms >>		
	There is a lot of turbulence during a hurricane.		
	Derivatives >>	turbulent, turbulation, turbulator, turbulency, turbulently	
10.	<b>upshot</b>	UP shot	outcome, final result
	Synonyms >>		
	The upshot of the riot is that some are dead, and many are wounded.		
	Derivatives >>	upshots	

11.	<b>usurp</b>	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.	<b>valid</b>	VAL id	well-grounded, justifiable
	Synonyms >>		
	I found his reasons valid, and I accepted his statement.		
	Derivatives >>	validate, validation, validatory, validity, validly, validness	
13.	<b>vanquished</b>	VAN kwishd	conquered, overpowered
	Synonyms >>		
	Hitler's armies vanquished Poland with aid from Russia.		
	Derivatives >>	vanquishable, vanquisher, vanquishment	
14.	<b>vouchsafe</b>	VOUCH safe	to grant in a condescending manner
	Synonyms >>		
	I can vouchsafe you a large return on your investment.		
	Derivatives >>	vouchsafement	
15.	<b>vulgarity</b>	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.	<b>vulnerable</b>	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.	<b>wane</b>	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.	<b>wanton</b>	WAHN tun	immoral, lewd
	Synonyms >>		
	He had to drop out of the presidential race when his wanton behavior was exposed.		
	Derivatives >>	wantonly, wantonness	
19.	<b>warranted</b>	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.	<b>woe</b>	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	



# Lesson 2

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1.	<b>ratify</b>	RAT eh fie	to give formal approval
	Synonyms >>		
	In the United States, a treaty must be ratified by two-thirds of the Senate in order to take effect.		
	Derivatives >>	ratification, ratificationist, ratifier	
2.	<b>rebellion</b>	ruh BELL yun	organized opposition to an authority
	Synonyms >>		
	The rebellion was led by those who objected to taxation with no representation.		
	Derivatives >>	rebellor, rebellions, rebellious, rebelliously, rebelliousness, rebelly, rebels	
3.	<b>reconcile</b>	REK un sile	to reestablish friendship, to resolve a dispute
	Synonyms >>		
	The family will never be the same until Mom and Grandma reconcile their differences.		
	Derivatives >>	reconcilability, reconcilable, reconcilableness, reconcilably, reconcileness, reconciliation, reconcile	
4.	<b>replicate</b>	REP luh kate	to repeat, to copy, or to duplicate
	Synonyms >>		
	I always try to replicate the moves of my tennis pro when I am taking a lesson.		
	Derivatives >>	replication, replica, repliant	
5.	<b>requite</b>	reh KWITE	to make repayment or to return
	Synonyms >>		
	The girl suffered a broken heart from unrequited love.		
	Derivatives >>	requited, requiter, requital	
6.	<b>rhapsodize</b>	RAP suh dize	to express in an overly enthusiastic manner
	Synonyms >>		
	He felt his Super Bowl trip was the greatest thing since the wheel and rhapsodized about it for weeks.		
	Derivatives >>	rhapsodist, rhapsodic, rhapsodically, rhapsodical, rhapsodistic	
7.	<b>sanctify</b>	SANGK tuh fie	to set apart for sacred use, to make holy, to purify
	Synonyms >>		
	A priest sanctifies water by blessing it.		
	Derivatives >>	sanctification, sanctified, sanctifier, sanctity, sanctitude	
8.	<b>searing</b>	SEER ing	causing to wither or to dry up or to become scorched
	Synonyms >>		
	One could easily die in the searing heat of the Mojave desert.		
	Derivatives >>	sear, seared, searingly	
9.	<b>sentinel</b>	SEN tuh nul	one who keeps guard as a sentry
	Synonyms >>		
	The oak trees hovered over the house as sentinels.		
	Derivatives >>	sentineled, sentineling, sentinels	
10.	<b>shrill</b>	SHRIL	high-pitched or piercing (sound)
	Synonyms >>		
	The shrill sounds of the sirens pierced the night.		
	Derivatives >>	shriller, shrillest, shrilling, shrillness, shrilly	

# Lesson 3

## Definitions

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1.	<b>ponderous</b>	PON dur us	very heavy, unwieldy from weight
	Synonyms >>	cumbersome, cumbrous	
	The ponderous furniture was hard to move, and thus became a burden.		
	Derivatives >>	ponderosity, ponderously, ponderousness	
2.	<b>portent</b>	PORE tent	a sign or forewarning
	Synonyms >>		
	The stock market crash was a portent of the coming of a depression.		
	Derivatives >>	portentive, portentous, portentously, portentousness	
3.	<b>potent</b>	POTE unt	powerful, having a strong effect
	Synonyms >>		
	They gave me a potent pain killer to stop the throbbing sensation in my leg.		
	Derivatives >>	potence, potency	
4.	<b>prate</b>	PRATE	to talk idly or foolishly at great length
	Synonyms >>		
	We want a speaker who will talk of important issues, not one who will prate about himself.		
	Derivatives >>	prater, prated, prating	
5.	<b>precept</b>	PREE sept	a rule guiding conduct or imposing a standard
	Synonyms >>		
	A favorite precept by which many people live is "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."		
	Derivatives >>	preceptist, preceptive	
6.	<b>prodigal</b>	PROD uh gul	wasteful, a person given to extravagance
	Synonyms >>	lavish, lush, luxuriant, profuse	
	The prodigal son squandered his inheritance.		
	Derivatives >>	prodigality, prodigally, prodigalize	
7.	<b>profane</b>	pruh FANE	showing contempt toward sacred things
	Synonyms >>		
	Profane language will not be tolerated on the tennis court.		
	Derivatives >>	profanation, profanatory, profanely, profaneness, profaner, profanity	
8.	<b>prologue</b>	PRO log	introductory remarks in a speech, play or literary work, introductory
	Synonyms >>		
	The play had a prologue that set the scene for the opening act.		
	Derivatives >>	prologist, prologize	
9.	<b>promontory</b>	PROM un tore ee	land or rock projecting into a body of water
	Synonyms >>		
	A promontory is an ideal place to build a lighthouse.		
	Derivatives >>	promontories, promontoried	
10.	<b>quaint</b>	KWAYNT	unusual in character or appearance
	Synonyms >>	eccentric, peculiar, queer, unique	
	When we go to New England, we like to stay in a quaint old inn that gives us the flavor of the area.		
	Derivatives >>	quaintish, quaintly, quaintness	

# Lesson 4

## Definitions

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1.	<b>palpable</b>	PAL puh bul	tangible, perceptible, easily noticeable
	Synonyms >>		
	I do not see how I overlooked such a palpable miscalculation.		
	Derivatives >>	palpability, palpably, palpableness	
2.	<b>paradoxical</b>	pair uh DOKS uh kul	something that appears false or contradictory but is actually correct
	Synonyms >>		
	It is paradoxical that a man from the South, Lyndon Johnson, led the fight for the passage of a civil rights bill.		
	Derivatives >>	paradoxicality, paradoxicalness, paradoxology, paradoxality	
3.	<b>paragon</b>	PAIR uh gon	a model of excellence or perfection
	Synonyms >>		
	The minister was a paragon of virtue in all his affairs.		
	Derivatives >>	paragonize	
4.	<b>parch</b>	PARCH	to become dry from heat, to shrivel from heat
	Synonyms >>		
	The fruit was parched from staying in the sun so long.		
	Derivatives >>	parched, parchedly, parchedness, parches, parching	
5.	<b>peevish</b>	PEE vish	fretful, obstinate
	Synonyms >>		
	With a peevish gesture, Jane slammed the book shut.		
	Derivatives >>	peevishly, peevishness, peeve, peevied	
6.	<b>perdition</b>	pur DISH un	eternal damnation, utter ruin
	Synonyms >>		
	The church warns against pursuing hedonistic and worldly things and risking eternal perdition.		
	Derivatives >>	perditions	
7.	<b>pernicious</b>	pur NISH us	very destructive or harmful, deadly
	Synonyms >>	baneful, deleterious, detrimental, noxious	
	Shooting heroin is a pernicious habit.		
	Derivatives >>	perniciously, perniciousness	
8.	<b>peruse</b>	puh ROOZ	to read or to examine
	Synonyms >>		
	My lawyer says he has not had time to peruse the contract.		
	Derivatives >>	perusal, perusable, perused, perusing	
9.	<b>pithy</b>	PITH ee	concise and meaningful
	Synonyms >>	compendious, laconic, succinct, summary, terse	
	Due to great demands on his time, the President needs memos that he must read to be pithy.		
	Derivatives >>	pithier, pithiest, pith	
10.	<b>plausible</b>	PLAH zuh bul	seemingly acceptable, believable, or possible
	Synonyms >>		
	We need someone to develop a plausible solution to this problem.		
	Derivatives >>	plausibleness, plausibly, plausibility	

# Lesson 5

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1.	<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	
2.	<b>mettle</b>	MET ul	courage or spirit
	Synonyms >>	resolution, tenacity	
	A crisis like this would test anyone's mettle.		
	Derivatives >>	mettles, mettled, mettlesome	
3.	<b>mirth</b>	MURTH	gladness and merriment usually accompanied by laughter
	Synonyms >>	glee, hilarity, jollity	
	The party was a source of mirth and gaiety.		
	Derivatives >>	mirthful, mirthfully, mirthfulness, mirthless, mirthlessly, mirthlessness	
4.	<b>musty</b>	MUS tee	smelling of damp or decay, malodorous
	Synonyms >>		
	The old house was pervaded by an offensive, musty odor.		
	Derivatives >>	mustily, mustiness	
5.	<b>mutinous</b>	MYOOT un us	rebellious, unruly
	Synonyms >>		
	The crew grew mutinous because they thought they might sail right off the edge of the earth.		
	Derivatives >>	mutiny, mutinously, mutinousness, mutinize, mutinies	
6.	<b>oblivion</b>	uh BLIV ee un	state of being forgotten
	Synonyms >>		
	Until the singer's recent hit, his career had fallen into a state of oblivion.		
	Derivatives >>	oblivious, obliviously	
7.	<b>obscure</b>	ub SKYOR	difficult to see, vague
	Synonyms >>	abstruse, ambiguous, cryptic, enigmatic, equivocal, recondite	
	Because the meaning of the play was obscure, I was unable to enjoy it.		
	Derivatives >>	obscuration, obscurative, obscuredly, obscurely, obscurement, obscureness, obscurity	
8.	<b>obsequious</b>	ub SEE kwee us	overly attentive, like a sycophant, servile
	Synonyms >>	slavish, subservient	
	I believe that his obsequious behavior toward his grandmother is to ensure being included in the will.		
	Derivatives >>	obsequence, obsequent, obsequience, obsequiously, obsequiousness, obsequity	
9.	<b>ominous</b>	OM uh nus	threatening
	Synonyms >>	fateful, portentous	
	The ominous clouds were harbingers of the tornado.		
	Derivatives >>	ominously, ominousness	
10.	<b>ostentatious</b>	os ten TAY shus	showy, pretentious
	Synonyms >>	pompous	
	The ostentatious socialite wore her mink fur coat even during the warmest days of August.		
	Derivatives >>	ostentation, ostentate, ostentatiously, ostentatiousness, ostentative	

# Lesson 6

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1.	<b>impetuous</b>	im PECH oo us	violent, hasty, rash, impulsive
	Synonyms >>		
	His impetuous behavior caused him to make many mistakes.		
	Derivatives >>	impetuosity, impetuously, impetuousness, impetus	
2.	<b>incorporeal</b>	in kor POR ee ul	having no material or tangible form
	Synonyms >>		
	The man was horrified by the incorporeal sights he saw in the haunted house.		
	Derivatives >>	incorporeality, incorporeally, incorporeity, incorporeous	
3.	<b>infallible</b>	in FAL uh bul	incapable of error
	Synonyms >>		
	Since everyone makes mistakes, no human is infallible.		
	Derivatives >>	infallibilism, infallibilist, infallibility, infallibleness, infallibly	
4.	<b>influence</b>	IN floo uns	authority, prestige
	Synonyms >>		
	Because he has much influence with the President, his friendship should be sought.		
	Derivatives >>	influenceability, influenceable, influences, influenced, influencing	
5.	<b>insolence</b>	IN suh luns	insulting or contemptuous behavior
	Synonyms >>	arrogance, haughtiness, high-handedness, impertinence	
	His insolence and lack of respect for his mother are shocking.		
	Derivatives >>	insolent, insolently, insolency, insolentness	
6.	<b>interred</b>	in TURD	buried
	Synonyms >>		
	He was interred by the avalanche.		
	Derivatives >>	inter, interment	
7.	<b>jaded</b>	JAY did	weary from overuse, surfeited
	Synonyms >>		
	Jaded with the hedonistic life of a playboy, he decided to look for a more altruistic existence.		
	Derivatives >>	jade, jadedly, jadedness	
8.	<b>lament</b>	luh MENT	to mourn or to express sorrow in a demonstrative manner
	Synonyms >>	bemoan, bewail, deplore	
	She lamented the death of her father in a very lachrymose manner.		
	Derivatives >>	lamented, lamenting, lamentation, lamentable	
9.	<b>lecher</b>	LECH ur	one who indulges excessively in sexual activity or in lasciviousness
	Synonyms >>		
	The young woman was repulsed by the unwanted sexual advances of the lecher.		
	Derivatives >>	lechery, lecherous, lecherously, lecherousness	
10.	<b>malicious</b>	muh LISH us	motivated by hate or deliberate intent to harm
	Synonyms >>		
	The malicious boy burned down the school.		
	Derivatives >>	maliciousness, malice, maliciously, malicious	



# Lesson 7

## Definitions

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1.	<b>gracious</b>	GRAY shus	marked by kindness, courtesy, and tact
	Synonyms >>	affable, cordial, genial, sociable	
	My mother was always gracious regardless of the situation.		
	Derivatives >>	graciousness, graciously	
2.	<b>gratis</b>	GRAH tis	free
	Synonyms >>		
	The gratis appearance of the artist allowed more funds for the charity ball.		
	Derivatives >>	gratitude, gratuitous, gratuitously	
3.	<b>grievous</b>	GREE vus	characterized by severe suffering or sorrow, serious or grave
	Synonyms >>		
	You made a grievous error when you spoke to your parents in such a horrible fashion.		
	Derivatives >>	grievously, grievousness	
4.	<b>harbingers</b>	HAR bin jers	things that precede and forecast
	Synonyms >>	forerunners, heralds, precursors	
	Thick fur on a wooly worm is a harbinger of a cold winter.		
	Derivatives >>	harbinger	
5.	<b>heralded</b>	HER ul did	announced or publicized
	Synonyms >>		
	The approaching event was heralded by the newspapers.		
	Derivatives >>	heraldic, heraldically, heraldist, heraldry	
6.	<b>hideous</b>	HID ee us	very ugly, offensive, shocking
	Synonyms >>		
	Some characters in the horror movie had hideous faces.		
	Derivatives >>	hideously, hideousness, hideosity	
7.	<b>homage</b>	HOM ij	a reverential regard; respect shown by external action
	Synonyms >>	honor, reverence, deference, obeisance	
	The people went to pay homage to their respected leader.		
	Derivatives >>	homages, homager	
8.	<b>hues</b>	HYOOZ	colors
	Synonyms >>		
	A rainbow has many hues.		
	Derivatives >>	hue, hueless, hued	
9.	<b>husband</b>	HUZ bund	to manage prudently and in a conservative manner
	Synonyms >>		
	A farmer must husband his animals if they are to remain healthy.		
	Derivatives >>	husbandry, husbandman, husbandly, husbänder, husbandland	
10.	<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	

# Lesson 8

## Definitions

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1.	<b>fertile</b>	FUR till	capable of reproducing
	Synonyms >>	fecund, fruitful, prolific	
	The fertile soil was ready for planting.		
	Derivatives >>	fertilely, fertility, fertilness, fertility	
2.	<b>fetter</b>	FET ur	to restrict by shackling or chaining
	Synonyms >>		
	The convict was fettered to prevent his escape.		
	Derivatives >>	fettered, fettering	
3.	<b>flourish</b>	FLUR ish	to thrive, to grow well
	Synonyms >>		
	The company flourished after a new board of directors took control.		
	Derivatives >>	flourisher, flourishing, flourishingly, flourishy	
4.	<b>forbearance</b>	fore BARE uns	patience, lenience
	Synonyms >>		
	Because he is so young, we must have forbearance in dealing with him.		
	Derivatives >>	forbear, forbearant, forbearer, forbearing, forbearingly, forbearingsness, forbore	
5.	<b>forestalled</b>	fore STAWLD	prevented or delayed beforehand
	Synonyms >>		
	The sandbag dam forestalled the advance of the water.		
	Derivatives >>	forestall, forestaller, forestallment	
6.	<b>fret</b>	FRET	to worry or be annoyed
	Synonyms >>		
	You should not fret over things that you cannot control		
	Derivatives >>	fretted, fretting, frets, fretful, fretfully, fretfulness	
7.	<b>fruition</b>	froo ISH un	state of realization or accomplishment
	Synonyms >>		
	The doctor saw the fruition of his dream when the new hospital was finally built.		
	Derivatives >>	fruitive	
8.	<b>galling</b>	GAUL ing	very irritating
	Synonyms >>		
	It was a galling experience to have my boyfriend ask another girl to the prom.		
	Derivatives >>	gallingly, gallingness, gall, galls, galled	
9.	<b>gambol</b>	GAM bul	to playfully skip or leap
	Synonyms >>		
	The young child laughed with glee as he began to gambol around the room.		
	Derivatives >>	gamboled, gamboling	
10.	<b>germane</b>	jer MANE	important to the issue at hand, pertinent
	Synonyms >>	applicable, apposite, apropos, material	
	The judge ruled that the testimony was germane to the trial and allowed it to be entered into the record.		
	Derivatives >>	germanely, germaneness	

# Lesson 9

## Definitions

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1.	<b>edifying</b>	ED uh fie ing	instructing and improving spiritually or morally
	Synonyms >>		
	Visiting the cathedral was an edifying experience.		
	Derivatives >>	edification, edificatory, edify, edifier, edifyingness	
2.	<b>enmity</b>	EN muh tee	absolute hatred
	Synonyms >>	animosity, animus, antagonism, antipathy, hostility, rancor	
	I have a lot of enmity for people who provide illegal drugs to children.		
	Derivatives >>	enmities	
3.	<b>entreaty</b>	en TREE tee	a plea, an earnest request
	Synonyms >>	adjuration, appeal, suit, importunity, supplication	
	The lawyer made a lengthy entreaty to the jury before they retired to chambers.		
	Derivatives >>	entreat, entreatingly, entreatment	
4.	<b>epitaph</b>	EP uh taf	an inscription in memory of a dead person (usually on a tombstone)
	Synonyms >>		
	She wants to write her own epitaph before she dies, rather than have someone else write it later.		
	Derivatives >>	epitaphial, epitaphless, epitaphic	
5.	<b>equivocate</b>	eh KWIV uh kate	to attempt to lie, to mislead, or to hide the truth
	Synonyms >>	palter, prevaricate	
	Tell the truth and do not attempt to equivocate.		
	Derivatives >>	equivocal, equivocacy, equivocality, equivocally, equivocalness, equivocation, equivocator, equivocity	
6.	<b>esteem</b>	eh STEEM	estimate of value; approval and respect often blended with fondness
	Synonyms >>	regard, valuation, reputation	
	The people held their leader in the highest esteem.		
	Derivatives >>	esteemed, esteeming, esteems, esteemable	
7.	<b>extant</b>	EK stunt	still in existence
	Synonyms >>		
	Although his books are illegal, many are extant and available on the black market.		
	Derivatives >>		
8.	<b>extol</b>	ik STOLE	to praise, to glorify
	Synonyms >>		
	The teacher would always extol students who tried to do their best.		
	Derivatives >>	extolled, extolling, extollingly, extollment, extoller	
9.	<b>felicitous</b>	feh LIS eh tus	happy or delightful
	Synonyms >>		
	Her marriage was a felicitous occasion.		
	Derivatives >>	felicitate, felicitic, felicitation, felicitously, felicitousness, felicity	
10.	<b>felling</b>	FELL ing	cutting down or knocking down a tree; killing
	Synonyms >>		
	By felling Goliath, David became famous.		
	Derivatives >>	fell, felled	

# Lesson 10

## Definitions

12<sup>th</sup> Grade



1.	<b>dearth</b>	DERTH	a lack, a scarcity
	Synonyms >>	paucity	
	The dearth of water in the arid country led to numerous deaths.		
	Derivatives >>	dearths	
2.	<b>dexterous</b>	DEK struss	skillful and active with the hands; manually adroit and skillful
	Synonyms >>	deft, handy	
	The machine shop advertised for a dexterous worker.		
	Derivatives >>	dexterity, dexterously, dexterousness, dextral	
3.	<b>diligent</b>	DIL eh junt	characterized by steady, attentive and energetic effort in a pursuit or
	Synonyms >>	industrious, assiduous, sedulous	
	The students in the special course were studious and diligent.		
	Derivatives >>	diligence, diligency, diligently, diligentness	
4.	<b>dirge</b>	DURJ	funeral hymn, lament
	Synonyms >>		
	The music was so morose and solemn that it sounded like a dirge.		
	Derivatives >>	dirgeful, dirges	
5.	<b>discord</b>	DIS kord	lack of agreement, tension, strife
	Synonyms >>	contention, dissension, variance	
	There is a lot of discord in the nation over the issue of abortion.		
	Derivatives >>	discordance, discordancy, discordant, discordantly, discordantness	
6.	<b>discretion</b>	deh SKRESH un	ability to act on one's own power of individual decision
	Synonyms >>		
	The judge has wide discretion in the bail that he sets.		
	Derivatives >>	discretional, discretionally, discretionary	
7.	<b>dispatch</b>	deh SPATCH	to send away with promptness or speed; speed, quickness
	Synonyms >>	haste, expediency	
	The officer dispatched his troops to the scene of conflict.		
	Derivatives >>	dispatched, dispatching, dispatches	
8.	<b>divination</b>	div uh NAY shun	foretelling the future by means of magic
	Synonyms >>		
	The prophet was known for his accuracy in divination.		
	Derivatives >>	divinator, divinatory, divine, divination, divined	
9.	<b>dross</b>	DROSE	waste material
	Synonyms >>		
	Separating gold from the dross by hand is backbreaking labor.		
	Derivatives >>	drosser, drossy, drossier, drossiest	
10.	<b>ecstasy</b>	EK stuh see	extreme happiness
	Synonyms >>	rapture, transport	
	The music was so beautiful that it put the crowd into a state of ecstasy.		
	Derivatives >>	ecstatic, ecstasical, ecstatically	

# Lesson 11

## Definitions

12<sup>th</sup> Grade



1.	<b>circumvent</b>	SIR kum vent	to get around something, to outwit, to frustrate; to avoid
	Synonyms >>		
	The witness tried unsuccessfully to circumvent the subject.		
	Derivatives >>	circumventer, circumventor, circumvention, circumventive, circumvented, circumventing	
2.	<b>clemency</b>	KLEM un see	leniency
	Synonyms >>		
	Governors are usually allowed to grant clemency to deserving prisoners.		
	Derivatives >>	clemencies, clement, clemently	
3.	<b>communal</b>	kuh MYOON ul	pertaining to a group or community
	Synonyms >>		
	A hermit does not enjoy communal situations.		
	Derivatives >>	commune, communed, communing, communally, communalism, communalist, communalization,	
4.	<b>compliance</b>	kum PLY uns	a yielding; acquiescence
	Synonyms >>		
	We intend to be in full compliance with the court order.		
	Derivatives >>	compliant, compliantly, compliancy, compliant, complianceness, compliably	
5.	<b>conceit</b>	kun SEET	excessively high opinion of one's own worth or ability
	Synonyms >>		
	The conceited girl suddenly found herself with no friends.		
	Derivatives >>	conceited, conceitedly	
6.	<b>confound</b>	kon FOUND	to cause one to become confused
	Synonyms >>		
	I am confounded by the tax forms of the IRS.		
	Derivatives >>	confounded, confoundedly, confounding, confounds	
7.	<b>conjecture</b>	kun JEK chur	an inference or conclusion drawn or deduced by surmise or guesswork
	Synonyms >>	supposition, surmise, guess	
	The theory that the scientist offered was only a matter of conjecture.		
	Derivatives >>	conject, conjector, conjectural, conjecturally, conjectured, conjecturing, conjecturer	
8.	<b>convocation</b>	kon vo KAY shun	an assembly where there is a coming together
	Synonyms >>		
	We always start the college fall semester with a general convocation.		
	Derivatives >>	convocational, convoke, convoker	
9.	<b>corrupt</b>	kuh RUPT	to ruin or destroy morally
	Synonyms >>	abase, debase, debauch, demean, deprave, pervert, vitiate	
	Drug dealers deliberately try to corrupt young children.		
	Derivatives >>	corrupter, corruptive, corruptly, corrup[tness, corruptible, corruptibility, corruption	
10.	<b>crave</b>	KRAVE	to desire intensely
	Synonyms >>		
	During the man's diet, he began to crave sweets.		
	Derivatives >>	craved, craving, cravingly, cravingness	

# Lesson 12

## Definitions

12<sup>th</sup> Grade



1.	<b>auspicious</b>	aw SPISH us	favorable
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>	propitious	
	Making an "A" on the first test was an auspicious way to begin the year.		
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	auspiciously, auspiciousness	
2.	<b>baseness</b>	BASE ness	the quality of lacking higher values
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>	vileness, servility, unworthiness	
	We were shocked at the criminal's baseness.		
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	base, baser, basest, basely	
3.	<b>beguile</b>	buh GUYL	to deceive, to mislead, to persuade with charm
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>	delude	
	We sometimes allow ourselves to be beguiled by flatterers.		
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	beguiled, beguiling, beguilement, beguiler	
4.	<b>bestial</b>	BES chul	brutal without reason, having the attributes of a savage
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>		
	The bestial traits of the man were offensive to refined ladies.		
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	bestiality, bestialize, bestialized, bestializing	
5.	<b>boisterous</b>	BOY stir ous	rowdy, rough, and stormy
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>	blatant, clamorous, obstreperous, strident, vociferous	
	The boisterous child was running through the store screaming and laughing.		
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	boisterousness, boisterously	
6.	<b>bulwark</b>	BOOL wark	a strong defense or something that defends
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>		
	Nuclear arms are our bulwark against invasion.		
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	bulwarks	
7.	<b>carnal</b>	KAR nul	marked by sexuality that is often frank and unrelieved by higher
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>	bodily, corporeal, worldly, fleshly, sensual, crude	
	The man's carnal actions prompted his dismissal from the social gathering.		
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	carnalist, carnality, carnalize	
8.	<b>censure</b>	SEN shur	to blame or to condemn
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>	denounce, reprehend, reprobate (verb)	
	The congressman was censured for taking a bribe.		
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	censured, censuring, censurer, censures	
9.	<b>chary</b>	SHAR ee	careful, cautious
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>	circumspect, wary	
	He is chary when he meets a new person.		
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	charier, chariest	
10.	<b>chaste</b>	CHASTE	morally pure
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>	pure, modest, decent	
	The king insisted that the woman who would become his wife be chaste.		
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	chastely, chasteness, chastity	

# Lesson 13

## Definitions

12<sup>th</sup> Grade



1.	<b>abate</b>	uh BAYT	to reduce in intensity or amount
	Synonyms >>	decrease, diminish, dwindle, ebb, lessen, reduce, wane	
	The flood waters abated after forty days of rain.		
	Derivatives >>	abatable, abater, abatement, abated, abating	
2.	<b>abridge</b>	uh BRIJ	to shorten, to diminish
	Synonyms >>	abbreviate, curtail, retrench, shorten	
	Some companies publish abridged versions of novels.		
	Derivatives >>	abridgable, abridged, abridger, abridgment	
3.	<b>adulterate</b>	uh DUL ter ate	to make impure by adding lesser substances; to corrupt
	Synonyms >>		
	The authorities were concerned that the drugs might have been adulterated intentionally.		
	Derivatives >>	adulterator, adulterant, adulteration, adulterine, adulterous, adulterated, adulterating	
4.	<b>afoot</b>	uh FOOT	developing or in the process of happening
	Synonyms >>		
	The eclipse of the sun caused him to think that something bizarre was afoot.		
	Derivatives >>		
5.	<b>aloof</b>	uh LOOF	apart, indifferent
	Synonyms >>	detached, incurious, unconcerned	
	The woman remained aloof during the party, separating herself from everyone else.		
	Derivatives >>	aloofness	
6.	<b>ambiguous</b>	am BIG yew us	having more than one meaning; unclear, uncertain
	Synonyms >>	cryptic, enigmatic, equivocal, obscure	
	Finding an ambiguous test question is frustrating, since more than one answer could be correct.		
	Derivatives >>	ambiguity, ambiguously, ambiguousness	
7.	<b>antiquity</b>	an TIK wuh tee	the quality of being ancient; ancient times
	Synonyms >>		
	Many scholars spend years studying the records left from antiquity.		
	Derivatives >>	antiquities, antiquitarian	
8.	<b>apprehend</b>	a pre HEND	to seize, arrest, take into custody; to understand; become aware of
	Synonyms >>		
	Fortunately the police apprehended the man who stole my television.		
	Derivatives >>	apprehender, apprehensible, apprehensibility, apprehension	
9.	<b>ardor</b>	AR dur	warmth or heat of emotion; extreme force, vigor, or energy
	Synonyms >>	passion, intensity, fervor, enthusiasm, zeal	
	His ardor for the revolution cooled off during the course of the war.		
	Derivatives >>	ardour, ardors	
10.	<b>augury</b>	AW gyuh ree	an omen or prophecy
	Synonyms >>		
	Several auguries were revealed to Caesar before his death.		
	Derivatives >>	augur, auguries, augured	

# Lesson 14

## Definitions

12<sup>th</sup> Grade



1.	<b>molt</b>	MOLT	to shed an outer covering such as feathers or skin periodically
	Synonyms >>		
	Feathers are everywhere since my birds are molting.		
	Derivatives >>	molts, molted, molting	
2.	<b>pariah</b>	puh RIE uh	an outcast
	Synonyms >>		
	He became a pariah among his friends when he admitted being a Nazi during the war.		
	Derivatives >>	pariahdom, pariahism	
3.	<b>philanderer</b>	feh LAN dur ur	one who engages in love affairs lightly or insincerely
	Synonyms >>		
	I asked my daughter how she could fall in love with a playboy and a philanderer.		
	Derivatives >>	philander, philandered, philandering	
4.	<b>predisposed</b>	pree deh SPOZD	inclined toward something in advance
	Synonyms >>		
	I believe that the judge was predisposed to freeing the man.		
	Derivatives >>	predispose, predisposition	
5.	<b>quench</b>	KWENCH	to extinguish, to put out; to relieve with liquid
	Synonyms >>		
	He quenched the hot coals in the barbecue pit with water.		
	Derivatives >>	quencher, quenched, quenching, quenchable, quenchedness	
6.	<b>reprobate</b>	REP ruh bate	to disapprove of; a person with no moral principles, a depraved
	Synonyms >>	blame, censure, condemn, denounce, reprehend	
	Some thought that the ax murderer was a reprobate who deserved to die.		
	Derivatives >>	reprobation, reprobative, reprobator, reprobatory	
7.	<b>salutary</b>	SAL yuh ter ee	promoting good health or beneficial effects
	Synonyms >>	salubrious, wholesome	
	Your talk has had a salutary effect on your child. His class behavior has really improved.		
	Derivatives >>	salutarily, salutariness	
8.	<b>tenacious</b>	teh NAY shus	persistent, holding fast to a position
	Synonyms >>	mettlesome, resolved	
	England was tenacious in its desire not to fall to the Germans.		
	Derivatives >>	tenaciously, tenaciousness, tenacity	
9.	<b>tenuous</b>	TEN yoo us	flimsy, barely attached
	Synonyms >>		
	His position with the law firm became tenuous when he objected to hiring women.		
	Derivatives >>	tenuously, tenuousness, tenuity	
10.	<b>unfrock</b>	un FROK	to deprive the right to be in a profession (usually applies to a priest)
	Synonyms >>		
	The priest was unfrocked as a result of his moral depravity.		
	Derivatives >>	unfrocked	



# Lesson 15

## Definitions

12<sup>th</sup> Grade



1.	<b>convivial</b>	kun VIV ee ul	fond of good company and of festivity
	Synonyms >>	friendly, sociable	
	He was of the convivial sort, fond of people, parties, and pleasures.		
	Derivatives >>	conviviality, convivially, convivium, convivia	
2.	<b>dilation</b>	die LAY shun	expansion
	Synonyms >>	amplification, distention, inflation, swelling	
	Some drugs will cause the dilation of the pupil of the eye.		
	Derivatives >>	dilate, dilated, dilatedly, dilatedness, dilative	
3.	<b>elegiac</b>	el uh JEE uk	mournful, expressing sorrow
	Synonyms >>		
	His elegiac poem about the war deaths moved everyone.		
	Derivatives >>	elegiacal, elegy	
4.	<b>exculpate</b>	EK skul pate	to clear from blame or guilt
	Synonyms >>	absolve, acquit, exonerate, vindicate	
	The governor was petitioned to exculpate the prisoner.		
	Derivatives >>	exculpation, exculpatory	
5.	<b>fiasco</b>	fee AS ko	a total failure and a mess
	Synonyms >>		
	The man's attempt to run the business was such a fiasco that a small fortune was lost because of his failure.		
	Derivatives >>	fiascoes, fiascos	
6.	<b>heedless</b>	HEED les	disregarding, thoughtless
	Synonyms >>		
	He walked on, heedless of the signs warning about the mine field.		
	Derivatives >>	heed, heeded, heeding, heeds, heedlessly, heedful, heedfully	
7.	<b>incisive</b>	in SIE siv	very perceptive, clear and to the point
	Synonyms >>		
	His incisive remarks swayed the crowd.		
	Derivatives >>	incisively, incisiveness	
8.	<b>instigation</b>	in stuh GAY shun	urging, provocation; initiation
	Synonyms >>	abetment, fomentation, incitement	
	This project would never have been attempted without his instigation.		
	Derivatives >>	instigate, instigatingly, instigative, instigator	
9.	<b>interloper</b>	IN tur lope ur	one who interferes in the affairs or with the rights of others
	Synonyms >>		
	As the man tried to work out his difficulties a busy-body interloper jumped in and made matters worse.		
	Derivatives >>	interlope	
10.	<b>labyrinthine</b>	lab uh RIN thin	like a maze, very convoluted and intricate
	Synonyms >>	mazy	
	The senator vowed to unravel the labyrinthine welfare bureaucracy.		
	Derivatives >>	labyrinth, labyrinthal, labyrinthical, labyrinthian, labyrinthic, labyrinthically	

# Lesson 16

## Definitions

12<sup>th</sup> Grade



1.	<b>affront</b>	uh FRONT	an offensive act or word; an offense to one's dignity or self-respect
	Synonyms >>	impertinence, contumely, scorn, indignity, abuse, outrage, insult	
	I considered his rude remarks a personal affront.		
	Derivatives >>	affrontedly, affrontedness, affronter, affrontingly, affrontiveness	
2.	<b>alcove</b>	AL kove	a partially enclosed extension of a room or part of a room
	Synonyms >>		
	An alcove is to a room as an inlet is to a lake.		
	Derivatives >>	alcoves	
3.	<b>blanch</b>	BLANCH	to take the color out of, to bleach, to make white
	Synonyms >>		
	It is popular to blanch new blue jeans before wearing them.		
	Derivatives >>	blancher, blanched	
4.	<b>champion</b>	CHAM pee un	to defend or to support
	Synonyms >>		
	The senator championed the cause of the homeless.		
	Derivatives >>	championship, championless, championlike, championed, championing	
5.	<b>compress</b>	kum PRESS	to contract, to reduce in size or volume
	Synonyms >>	condense, constrict, contract, deflate	
	Farmers now have machines to compress hay into bales.		
	Derivatives >>	compressible, compressibility, compressed, compression, compressive, compressor, compressively,	
6.	<b>salubrious</b>	suh LOO bree us	healthful, favorable to one's well-being
	Synonyms >>	salutary, wholesome	
	Arizona's dry climate is salubrious for many people with allergies.		
	Derivatives >>	salubriously, salubriousness, salubrity	
7.	<b>squander</b>	SKWON dur	to waste
	Synonyms >>		
	He squandered the family fortune on wine, women, and song.		
	Derivatives >>	squanderer, squandered, squandering	
8.	<b>tenet</b>	TEN ut	a doctrine or principle held as being true
	Synonyms >>		
	The principle that only men may become priests is a tenet of that church.		
	Derivatives >>	tenets	
9.	<b>validate</b>	VAL eh date	to give official sanction
	Synonyms >>	authenticate, confirm, corroborate, substantiate, verify	
	The election results must be validated by the school board before they are official.		
	Derivatives >>	validation, validatory, validity, validly	
10.	<b>vista</b>	VIS tuh	a distant view seen through an opening
	Synonyms >>		
	As he reached the forest, he saw vistas of stone passages leading in many directions.		
	Derivatives >>	vistaed, vistas	

# Lesson 17

## Definitions

12<sup>th</sup> Grade



1.	<b>excise</b>	ik SIZE	to remove by cutting
	Synonyms >>		
	Hopefully, the doctor can excise the cancer from his liver.		
	Derivatives >>	excision, excisional	
2.	<b>fetid</b>	FET id	having an offensive smell, malodorous
	Synonyms >>	fusty, musty, noisome, putrid, rancid, rank	
	The dead body became fetid.		
	Derivatives >>	fetidly, fetidness, fetidity	
3.	<b>harbor</b>	HAR bur	to give shelter or refuge
	Synonyms >>		
	It is illegal to harbor an escaped convict.		
	Derivatives >>	harbors, harbored, harboring, harborage	
4.	<b>impermeable</b>	im PUR mee uh bul	not able to be penetrated, unable to be passed through
	Synonyms >>		
	Boats are coated with an impermeable substance that keeps water and moisture out.		
	Derivatives >>	impermeability, impermeabilization, impermeabilize, impermeableness, impermeably	
5.	<b>incipient</b>	in SIP ee unt	beginning to come into being, the early stage of something
	Synonyms >>		
	He is not able to recognize his own incipient drug problem.		
	Derivatives >>	incipiative, incipency, incipience, incipiently	
6.	<b>insolvent</b>	in SOL vunt	without money, broke
	Synonyms >>		
	Before Congress passed the legislation, many worried that the social security fund might become insolvent.		
	Derivatives >>	insolence, insolvency	
7.	<b>jettison</b>	JET eh sun	to discard or to cast off, many times relates to spacecraft
	Synonyms >>		
	The sailors were forced to jettison all excess weight in order to stay afloat.		
	Derivatives >>	jettisonable	
8.	<b>obtrude</b>	ub TROOD	to thrust out, to thrust forward
	Synonyms >>	intrude	
	It is often rude to obtrude one's opinions upon another when no invitation for them has been given.		
	Derivatives >>	obtrusive, obtruder, obtrusion, obtrusively, obtrusiveness	
9.	<b>quandary</b>	KWON duh ree	dilemma
	Synonyms >>		
	She was in a quandary because two boys whom she liked wanted to take her to the senior prom.		
	Derivatives >>	quandaries	
10.	<b>repentant</b>	reh PEN tunt	penitent; characterized by showing repentance or contrition for a past sin
	Synonyms >>		
	Her repentant mood touched the jury, and she was absolved of guilt.		
	Derivatives >>	repent, repenter, repenting, repented, repentance, repentantly	

# Lesson 18

## Definitions

12<sup>th</sup> Grade



1.	<b>adherent</b>	ad HEER unt	a follower of something such as a leader, party, or philosophy
	Synonyms >>	disciple, follower, partisan	
	He is an adherent of the Democratic party.		
	Derivatives >>	adhere, adherer, adherence, adherently	
2.	<b>advent</b>	AD vent	a coming or arrival
	Synonyms >>		
	The children anxiously awaited the advent of summer.		
	Derivatives >>	advential, adventism, adventist	
3.	<b>cache</b>	KASH	a hole or hiding place used to store supplies
	Synonyms >>		
	The child hid his treasured toy in a cache in the corner.		
	Derivatives >>	cached, caching	
4.	<b>celestial</b>	seh LES chul	pertaining to the sky or heavens
	Synonyms >>		
	Stars are celestial bodies.		
	Derivatives >>	celestially	
5.	<b>certitudes</b>	SIR tuh toods	things that are inevitable or certain, certainties
	Synonyms >>		
	He was able to take his vows with absolute certitude.		
	Derivatives >>	certitude	
6.	<b>chide</b>	CHIDE	to voice disapproval, to scold
	Synonyms >>	admonish, castigate, chasten, chastise, rebuke, reprove	
	I was chided by my teacher for not completing my assignment.		
	Derivatives >>	chided, chid, chidden, chiding, chider, chidingly	
7.	<b>converge</b>	kun VERJ	to move together
	Synonyms >>		
	The cars converged at the intersection at the same time and crashed.		
	Derivatives >>	converged, converging, convergence, convergency, convergent	
8.	<b>dictum</b>	DIK tum	an authoritative statement, decree
	Synonyms >>	saying, maxim	
	The dictum from the Pope allows this activity.		
	Derivatives >>	dicta	
9.	<b>effusion</b>	eh FYOO zhun	a pouring forth (usually overdone in writing or speech)
	Synonyms >>		
	The effusion of profane language in his speech offended many.		
	Derivatives >>	effuse, effusive, effusiveness, effusively	
10.	<b>exacting</b>	ig ZAK ting	demanding, requiring great care
	Synonyms >>	burdensome, onerous, oppressive	
	Concerning the form of the outline, the teacher was very exacting.		
	Derivatives >>	exact, exactable, exactingly, exactingness	

# Lesson 19

## Definitions

12<sup>th</sup> Grade



1.	<b>aggregate</b>	AG ruh git	sum total, whole amount
	Synonyms >>		
	Although difficult to mine, the aggregate of mineral resources in Alaska are immense.		
	Derivatives >>	aggregative, aggregately, aggregation, aggregated, aggregating	
2.	<b>approbation</b>	ap row BAY shun	official approval, praise, commendation
	Synonyms >>		
	We initiated the attack with the approbation of the general.		
	Derivatives >>	approve, approbated, approving, approbative, approbatory, approbateness	
3.	<b>contaminant</b>	kun TAM uh nunt	something that causes impurity; something that defiles or pollutes
	Synonyms >>	pollutant	
	The polluted water contained many dangerous contaminants.		
	Derivatives >>	contaminate, contaminated, contaminating, contaminator, contamination	
4.	<b>disputatious</b>	dis pyoo TAY shus	inclined to fight, to argue, or to debate
	Synonyms >>		
	People avoided serious discussions with him because of his disputatious manner.		
	Derivatives >>	dispute, disputability, disputation, disputatiously, disputatiousness, disputative, disputatively, disputativeness	
5.	<b>giddy</b>	GID ee	dizzy
	Synonyms >>		
	I became giddy after drinking the champagne at the reception.		
	Derivatives >>	giddify, giddily, giddiness	
6.	<b>indomitable</b>	in DOM eh tuh bul	incapable of being conquered
	Synonyms >>		
	He was from a tribe that was thought to be indomitable but finally was forced to live on the reservation.		
	Derivatives >>	indomitability, indomitableness, indomitably	
7.	<b>irresolute</b>	eh REZ uh loot	indecisive, unsure of how to proceed
	Synonyms >>		
	The confused child stood irresolute, waiting for some instruction.		
	Derivatives >>	irresolutely, irresoluteness, irresolution	
8.	<b>metaphorically</b>	met uh FOR ik lee	compared nonliterally
	Synonyms >>		
	Metaphorically speaking, he is drowning in oil.		
	Derivatives >>	metaphor, metaphorical, metaphoricalness, metaphorist, metaphorize	
9.	<b>panacea</b>	pan uh SEE uh	cure-all, remedy for all ills
	Synonyms >>		
	Love, not money, is the panacea for your problems.		
	Derivatives >>	panacean, panace	
10.	<b>partisan</b>	PAR ti zen	one who exhibits extreme or blind allegiance to a group or cause
	Synonyms >>	adherent, disciple, follower	
	The cause was supported by a small group of partisans.		
	Derivatives >>	partisanism, partisanry, partisanship	

11.	<b>protrusion</b>	pro TROO zhun	something sticking out
	Synonyms >>		
	A large protrusion on his head was the result of being hit by the bat.		
	Derivatives >>	protusive, protusively, protusiveness	
12.	<b>quack</b>	KWAK	an unqualified or fake doctor, charlatan
	Synonyms >>		
	Fortunately the girl was saved from the scalpel of the quack who called himself a doctor.		
	Derivatives >>	quackery, quackish, quackishly, quackishness, quackism	
13.	<b>querulous</b>	KWER uh lus	constantly complaining, whining
	Synonyms >>		
	Amy irritates me when she constantly speaks in her querulous voice.		
	Derivatives >>	querulously, querulousness, querulist, querulent	
14.	<b>rustic</b>	RUS tik	relating to the country
	Synonyms >>	rural, coarse	
	The rustic cabin in the mountains was small but comfortable.		
	Derivatives >>	rustical, rustically, rusticate, rustication, rusticator	
15.	<b>sovereign</b>	SOV rin	possessed of controlling power
	Synonyms >>	predominant, paramount, preponderant	
	The king is sovereign within his country.		
	Derivatives >>	sovereignly, sovereignty, sovranity	
16.	<b>succulent</b>	SUK yuh lunt	very juicy
	Synonyms >>		
	An orange is an example of a succulent fruit.		
	Derivatives >>	succulency, succulence	
17.	<b>temperance</b>	TEM pur uns	moderation or self-restraint in action or statement
	Synonyms >>		
	The woman exercised temperance in filling her plate with small portions of food.		
	Derivatives >>	temperate, temperately, temperateness	
18.	<b>truncate</b>	TRUNG kate	to shorten by cutting
	Synonyms >>		
	If you truncate the board, it will fit into the space you desire.		
	Derivatives >>	truncated, truncately, truncation, truncature	
19.	<b>undulant</b>	UN juh lunt	moving with or resembling a wavelike motion
	Synonyms >>		
	Playing golf on an undulant terrain is usually difficult.		
	Derivatives >>	undulance, undulate, undulated, undulating, undulation, undulatory	
20.	<b>viscosity</b>	vis KOS eh tee	property of having a high resistance to flow
	Synonyms >>		
	Heinz ketchup has a high viscosity.		
	Derivatives >>	viscous	



# Lesson 20

## Definitions

12<sup>th</sup> Grade



1.	<b>contest</b>	kun TEST	to compete, to attempt to disprove
	Synonyms >>		
	I contest your statement about his lack of courage.		
	Derivatives >>	contested, contesting, contests	
2.	<b>defoliate</b>	dee FOE lee ate	to deprive of leaves
	Synonyms >>		
	The chemical Agent Orange was used in Vietnam to defoliate the trees so the enemy could be found.		
	Derivatives >>	defoliant, defoliated, defoliating, defoliator	
3.	<b>effigy</b>	EF eh jee	a dummy or image of a person (usually one who is not liked)
	Synonyms >>		
	The ball team hung the opponent's mascot in effigy at the pep rally before the game.		
	Derivatives >>	effigies	
4.	<b>eon</b>	EE un, EE on	a long period of time
	Synonyms >>		
	It seems like it will be eons before I am allowed to date.		
	Derivatives >>	aeon, aeonian, eonian, aeonic, aeonial	
5.	<b>fervent</b>	FUR vent	ardent, showing great emotion, impassioned
	Synonyms >>	fervid, passionate, perfervid	
	I have a fervent love for that man.		
	Derivatives >>	fervency, fervently, ferventness, fervid, fervidly, fervidity, fervidness	
6.	<b>ingenuity</b>	in juh NOO eh tee	cleverness, inventiveness, resourcefulness
	Synonyms >>	adroitness, cunning, deftness, dexterity	
	He showed much ingenuity in his unique way of solving the problem.		
	Derivatives >>	ingenious, ingeniously, ingeniousness	
7.	<b>insidious</b>	in SID ee us	treacherous or dangerous in a secret sort of way
	Synonyms >>		
	AIDS is insidious because one can have it and transmit it before showing symptoms of the disease.		
	Derivatives >>	insidiously, insidiousness	
8.	<b>myopic</b>	my OP ik	unable to discern, unable to think clearly or objectively; shortsighted
	Synonyms >>		
	She is so myopic that she never sees all of her options.		
	Derivatives >>	myopically	
9.	<b>plethora</b>	PLETH ur uh	superabundance, excessive amount
	Synonyms >>		
	She offered a plethora of excuses for failing French, none of which were acceptable.		
	Derivatives >>	plethoric	
10.	<b>propitious</b>	pruh PISH us	favorably disposed, graciously inclined
	Synonyms >>	helpful, advantageous, benevolent, favorable, auspicious	
	America has conditions propitious to democracy.		
	Derivatives >>	propitiously, propitiousness, propitiate, propitiated, propitiatory	

# Lesson 21

## Definitions

12<sup>th</sup> Grade



1.	<b>acuity</b>	uh KEW uh tee	sharpness of perception
	Synonyms >>		
	His acuity in determining the facts made him a good judge.		
	Derivatives >>	acuities, acute, acuteness	
2.	<b>burly</b>	BUR lee	great in bodily size, sturdy; brusque
	Synonyms >>		
	When we saw the burly man appear in the door, we knew it was no time to pick a fight.		
	Derivatives >>	burlier, burliest, burly, burliness	
3.	<b>cavalier</b>	kav uh LEER	an armed horseman, a knight; treating important matters lightly
	Synonyms >>	disdainful	
	His arrogant and cavalier attitude has offended many people.		
	Derivatives >>	cavalierly	
4.	<b>chagrin</b>	shuh GRIN	vexation through humiliation, hurt pride, or disappointment
	Synonyms >>	trouble, grief	
	The chagrin the girl felt as a result of her abject poverty kept her from associating with her school peers.		
	Derivatives >>	chagrined, chagrining, chagrins	
5.	<b>coagulate</b>	ko AG yuh late	to gather together in a mass, to clot; to congeal
	Synonyms >>		
	Because blood coagulates, people do not bleed to death from small cuts.		
	Derivatives >>	coagulable, coagulant, coagulated, coagulating, coagulation, coagulative, coagulator	
6.	<b>compilation</b>	kom puh LAY shun	an accumulation of many things
	Synonyms >>	accretion	
	The book was an interesting compilation of many sources.		
	Derivatives >>	compiler, compilatory, compile, compiled, compilation, compiler	
7.	<b>supple</b>	SUP ul	easily bent, elastic, pliable
	Synonyms >>	resilient	
	Her supple bones allowed her to perform strange feats in gymnastics.		
	Derivatives >>	suppler, supplest	
8.	<b>travail</b>	truh VALE	difficult labor
	Synonyms >>		
	It took years of travail to build this business.		
	Derivatives >>	travails	
9.	<b>understate</b>	UN dur state	to show restraint or lack of emphasis
	Synonyms >>		
	I believe that you are understating the danger of nuclear energy.		
	Derivatives >>	understated, understatement	
10.	<b>vibrant</b>	VIE brunt	full of life
	Synonyms >>		
	She was a vibrant young woman before she went into a coma.		
	Derivatives >>	vibrance, vibrancy, vibrantly	



# Lesson 22

## Definitions

12<sup>th</sup> Grade



1.	<b>abeyance</b>	uh BAY uns	suspension of action
	Synonyms >>	dormancy, latency, quiescence	
	The meeting was held in abeyance until the chairperson arrived.		
	Derivatives >>	abeyant	
2.	<b>luminous</b>	LOO muh nus	shining, full of light
	Synonyms >>	bright, brilliant, lustrous	
	The most luminous thing visible from Earth is the sun.		
	Derivatives >>	luminosity, luminously, luminousness	
3.	<b>maudlin</b>	MOD lin	overly sentimental
	Synonyms >>	mawkish	
	The maudlin clown cried excessively over a simple popped balloon.		
	Derivatives >>	maudlinism, maudlinly, maudlinness	
4.	<b>novice</b>	NOV is	a beginner
	Synonyms >>	apprentice, probationer, neophyte, tyro	
	A novice in swimming should stay in the shallow end of the pool until he is more skilled.		
	Derivatives >>	novicehood, novicelike, novitiate	
5.	<b>pique</b>	PEEK	resentment, irritation
	Synonyms >>		
	After finding that he had been seeing other women, she showed her pique by not speaking to him.		
	Derivatives >>	piqued, piquing	
6.	<b>propensity</b>	pruh PEN seh tee	preference, natural inclination
	Synonyms >>	leaning, penchant, proclivity	
	I have a propensity for rising early.		
	Derivatives >>	propension, propense, propend	
7.	<b>purse</b>	PURS	to pucker or to tighten one's lips
	Synonyms >>		
	The angrier he got, the more he pursed his lips.		
	Derivatives >>	pursed, pursing	
8.	<b>refute</b>	reh FYOOT	to disprove, to show as erroneous
	Synonyms >>		
	The lawyer presented evidence that refuted the testimony of the witness.		
	Derivatives >>	refutable, refutability, refutably, refutation, refutative, refutatory, refuter	
9.	<b>remuneration</b>	reh myoo nuh RAY	the act of paying for a service, loss, or expense
	Synonyms >>	compensation, reimbursement	
	The man sought remuneration for his expenses from his boss.		
	Derivatives >>	remunerate, remunerative, remunerator, remuneratively, remunerativeness	
10.	<b>soothsayer</b>	SOOTH say ur	a person who is able to predict the future, seer
	Synonyms >>		
	After John Kennedy was shot, many self-proclaimed soothsayers claimed to have predicted the assassination.		
	Derivatives >>	soothsay, soothsaying	

# Lesson 23

## Definitions

12<sup>th</sup> Grade



1.	<b>acrid</b>	AK rid	caustic, bitter, harsh (relates sometimes to taste and smell)
	Synonyms >>	caustic, mordant, scathing	
	The acrid odor in the restaurant caused me to leave.		
	Derivatives >>	acridity, acridness, acridly	
2.	<b>baleful</b>	BALE ful	destructive, deadly
	Synonyms >>	malign, sinister	
	War is a baleful experience for many.		
	Derivatives >>	bale, balefully, balefulness	
3.	<b>cataclysm</b>	KAT uh kliz um	an event or situation that causes a momentous change or upheaval
	Synonyms >>	calamity, catastrophe	
	The San Francisco earthquake was a cataclysmic event.		
	Derivatives >>	cataclysmic, cataclysmal	
4.	<b>catharsis</b>	kuh THAR sis	a purification or purging of emotions that brings about spiritual renewal
	Synonyms >>		
	The child had so many repressed emotions that a catharsis was needed to restore his normal state of mind.		
	Derivatives >>	catharses, cathartic, cathartically	
5.	<b>dogma</b>	DOG muh	a system of beliefs or principles
	Synonyms >>		
	The foreigner was anxious to learn the dogma of the church since he had never been exposed to it.		
	Derivatives >>	dogmatic	
6.	<b>edifice</b>	ED uh fis	a very large building
	Synonyms >>		
	This particular edifice has the title of being the tallest building in the world.		
	Derivatives >>		
7.	<b>enumerate</b>	eh NOO muh rate	to count one by one
	Synonyms >>		
	In his summation, my lawyer enumerated all of the reasons why I should receive a verdict of "not guilty."		
	Derivatives >>	enumeration, enumerative, enumerator	
8.	<b>grate</b>	GRATE	to cause irritation
	Synonyms >>		
	Her acrimonious comments grate on my nerves.		
	Derivatives >>	grated, grating, grater	
9.	<b>inertia</b>	in UR shuh	resistance to motion or action
	Synonyms >>		
	In order to move, a force must first overcome a body's initial inertia.		
	Derivatives >>	inert, inertial, inertion, inertness, inertly	
10.	<b>inordinate</b>	in OR duh nit	exceeding reasonable limits, excessive
	Synonyms >>	exorbitant, extravagant, extreme, immoderate	
	It is a sign of trouble when a student has an inordinate number of absences.		
	Derivatives >>	inordinately, inordinateness, inordination	

# Lesson 24

## Definitions

12<sup>th</sup> Grade



1.	<b>abyss</b>	uh BISS	bottomless hole, a vast expanse or depth
	Synonyms >>		
	The man had fallen into the abyss of depravity.		
	Derivatives >>	abysm, abysmal, abysmally, abyssal	
2.	<b>prevarication</b>	preh var uh KAY shun	evasiveness, lie
	Synonyms >>	equivocation	
	Prevarication is a dangerous activity when under oath on the witness stand.		
	Derivatives >>	prevaricate, prevaricative, prevaricator, prevaricatory	
3.	<b>primordial</b>	pry MORE dee ul	original, existing at the beginning (usually relates to time)
	Synonyms >>		
	Some believe that an ape-like creature is the human's primordial ancestor.		
	Derivatives >>	primordially, primordium	
4.	<b>punctilious</b>	pungk TILL ee us	stressing precise following of instructions, details, codes or conduct
	Synonyms >>	meticulous, scrupulous	
	The boss insists that we be punctilious in following company policy.		
	Derivatives >>	punctiliously, punctiliousness	
5.	<b>remonstrate</b>	reh MON strate	to protest, to make objections
	Synonyms >>		
	I must remonstrate about the treatment of the residents of the rest home.		
	Derivatives >>	remonstrance, remonstrancer, remonstrant, remonstrantly, remonstratingly, remonstration, remonstrative	
6.	<b>rudimentary</b>	roo duh MEN tuh ree	consisting in first principles, of a primitive kind; relating to basic skills
	Synonyms >>	basic, fundamental, undeveloped, elementary	
	Second grade students have only rudimentary skills in reading.		
	Derivatives >>	rudiment, rudiments, rudimental, rudimentarily, rudimentariness, rudimentation	
7.	<b>sonnet</b>	SON it	a fourteen line form of poetry
	Synonyms >>		
	The sonnet is a favorite form of poetry with many writers.		
	Derivatives >>	sonnets	
8.	<b>tantamount</b>	TAN tuh mount	equivalent in value or significance
	Synonyms >>		
	In my father's eyes anything less than an "A" is tantamount to failure.		
	Derivatives >>		
9.	<b>turgid</b>	TUR jid	swollen
	Synonyms >>		
	The body was turgid from being in the water for so long.		
	Derivatives >>	turgidity, turgidly, turgidness	
10.	<b>vestigial</b>	veh STIJ ee ul	something in an underdeveloped form
	Synonyms >>		
	Some animals still have vestigial tails, although they are hardly noticeable.		
	Derivatives >>	vestigially	

# Lesson 25

## Definitions

12<sup>th</sup> Grade



1.	<b>capitulate</b>	kuh PICH uh late	to surrender
	Synonyms >>	defer, relent, submit, succumb, yield	
	The army was expected to capitulate after having lost that last battle with so many casualties.		
	Derivatives >>	capitulated, capitulating, capitulation	
2.	<b>castigate</b>	KAS tuh gate	to punish or to subdue by punishment; to criticize with drastic severity
	Synonyms >>	punish, chastise	
	The psychologist suggested that the father might begin to castigate his unruly son for his belligerent behavior.		
	Derivatives >>	castigated, castigating, castigates, castigation, castigator, castigatory	
3.	<b>despondency</b>	deh SPON dun see	depression, dejection
	Synonyms >>		
	Because he thought that he had failed the test, he felt great despondency.		
	Derivatives >>	despondent, despondence, despondently, desponding, despondingly	
4.	<b>destitution</b>	des teh TOO shun	state of being extremely poor, in extreme want
	Synonyms >>	impecunity, indigence, penury, want	
	We face destitution if our father loses his job.		
	Derivatives >>	destitute, destitutely, destituteness	
5.	<b>eddy</b>	ED ee	a current of air or water moving contrary to the main current (circularly)
	Synonyms >>	whirlpool	
	An eddy of wind picked up debris in the street and scattered it along the walks.		
	Derivatives >>	eddies, eddyings	
6.	<b>fecund</b>	FEE kund, FEK und	capable of reproducing, intellectual productivity
	Synonyms >>	fertile, fruitful, prolific	
	The Amazon, with abundant plant and animal life, is a fecund area.		
	Derivatives >>	fecundate, fecundation, fecundative, fecundator, fecundity	
7.	<b>inebriation</b>	in ee bree A shun	drunkenness, intoxication
	Synonyms >>		
	One should not drive when in a state of inebriation.		
	Derivatives >>	inebriant, inebriate, inebriated, inebriety, inebrious	
8.	<b>inopportune</b>	in op ur TOON	inconvenient, poorly timed
	Synonyms >>		
	Today is an inopportune time to get together since my parents are in town.		
	Derivatives >>	inopportunely, inopportuneness	
9.	<b>inviolable</b>	in VIE uh luh bul	secure from violation or from being profaned
	Synonyms >>		
	The numerous guards attempt to make the President inviolable.		
	Derivatives >>	inviolate, inviolability, invioableness, invioably, inviolacy, inviolateness, inviolately, inviolated, inviolating	
10.	<b>nonchalance</b>	non shuh LAWNS	indifference, a showing of little interest
	Synonyms >>		
	He took the news of his failing grade with nonchalance.		
	Derivatives >>	nonchalant, nonchalantly, nonchalantness	

# Lesson 26

## Definitions

12<sup>th</sup> Grade



1.	<b>abscond</b>	ab SKOND	to leave secretly and hide
	Synonyms >>	flee, fly	
	After the thief absconded with the bonds, he was never found.		
	Derivatives >>	absconder, absconded	
2.	<b>comatose</b>	KOM uh tose	lethargic, unconscious
	Synonyms >>		
	After the operation, he was in a comatose state.		
	Derivatives >>	comatosely	
3.	<b>consolidate</b>	kun SOL uh date	to make solid, to unite, or to merge
	Synonyms >>		
	Medical professionals need to consolidate their forces to seek a cure for the AIDS virus.		
	Derivatives >>	consolidated, consolidating, consolidator, consolidation	
4.	<b>enfranchise</b>	en FRAN chize	to give or to bestow something such as the right to vote or citizenship
	Synonyms >>		
	This bill will cause many young people to be enfranchised with the right to vote.		
	Derivatives >>	enfranchisement, enfranchiser	
5.	<b>ennoble</b>	en NOE bul	to elevate, to raise in rank
	Synonyms >>		
	The man was ennobled by his true devotion to mankind.		
	Derivatives >>	ennobled, ennoblement, ennobling, ennoblish	
6.	<b>unkempt</b>	un KEMPT	disheveled in appearance
	Synonyms >>		
	When the child came to school unkempt and dirty, I became concerned.		
	Derivatives >>	unkemptly, unkemptness	
7.	<b>vacuous</b>	VAK yoo us	lacking content; marked by a lack of intelligence
	Synonyms >>	empty, vacant, void	
	The girl's vacuous statements labeled her as silly and immature.		
	Derivatives >>	vacuously, vacuousness	
8.	<b>variegated</b>	VAR ee uh gay tid	changed in appearance by using or applying different colors
	Synonyms >>		
	The variegated roses were not only beautiful, but were also extremely unusual.		
	Derivatives >>	variegate, variegation, variegator	
9.	<b>vehement</b>	VEE uh munt	forcefully expressing emotion or conviction
	Synonyms >>		
	He vehemently denied that he had said those harsh words.		
	Derivatives >>	vehemence, vehemency, vehemently	
10.	<b>zealot</b>	ZEL ot	one who embraces a cause and supports it with vigor
	Synonyms >>	enthusiast	
	The man was known as a religious zealot, as he never stopped trying to convert others to his beliefs.		
	Derivatives >>	zealotic, zealotism, zealotry, zealous, zealously	

# Lesson 27

## Definitions

12<sup>th</sup> Grade



1.	<b>abominable</b>	uh BOM uh nuh bul	repugnantly hateful; very unpleasant, detestable, loathsome	
	Synonyms >>	abhorrent, horrible, revolting, foul		
	The weather was abominable last week with temperatures reaching as high as 115 degrees.			
	Derivatives >>	abominableness, abominably, abominate, abominated, abominating, abomination		
2.	<b>invective</b>	in VEK tiv	critical or abusive language; violent abuse	
	Synonyms >>	vituperation, obloquy, scurrility, billingsgate		
	As his anger mounted, slander and invective poured from his mouth.			
	Derivatives >>	invectively, invectives		
3.	<b>philanthropist</b>	feh LAN thruh pist	one who tries to do good for mankind; lover of mankind	
	Synonyms >>			
	Ross Perot is a philanthropist, donating money for many projects and causes.			
	Derivatives >>	philanthrope, philanthropic, philanthropically, philanthropism, philanthropicist, philanthropy		
4.	<b>precursor</b>	preh KUR sur	something that comes before, forerunner	
	Synonyms >>	harbinger, herald		
	A good education is usually a precursor to finding a good job.			
	Derivatives >>	precurse, precursive, precursory		
5.	<b>relish</b>	REL ish	to take great pleasure or delight in	
	Synonyms >>			
	I relish the thought of graduating from high school and getting out on my own.			
	Derivatives >>	relishable, relished, relishing		
6.	<b>rhetoric</b>	RET ur ik	the art of using words effectively in speaking or writing; inflated	
	Synonyms >>	verbosity, bombast; discourse, speech		
	Freshman composition is a course in rhetoric.			
	Derivatives >>	rhetorical, rhetorically, rhetoricalness, rhetoricate, rhetorician, rhetorize		
7.	<b>rigor</b>	RIG ur	strictness, severity	
	Synonyms >>			
	Calculus and physics are courses that require rigor in study habits.			
	Derivatives >>	rigorism, rigorist, rigoristic, rigorous, rigorously, rigorousness		
8.	<b>somnambulist</b>	som NAM byuh list	a sleepwalker	
	Synonyms >>			
	Many people with sleeping disorders are classified as somnambulists.			
	Derivatives >>	sommambulic, somnambulant, somnambular, somnambulation, somnambule, somnambulism, somnambulistic		
9.	<b>stymie</b>	STY mee	to block, to present an obstacle	
	Synonyms >>			
	After hitting the golf ball into the rough, I could not shoot directly at the hole as I was stymied by a tree.			
	Derivatives >>	stymied, stymieing, stymies		
10.	<b>tepid</b>	TEP id	moderately warm; lacking in passion, force, or animation	
	Synonyms >>	lukewarm; dull, lifeless, halfhearted		
	The girl enjoyed a tepid bath. She had only a tepid interest in her grades.			
	Derivatives >>	tepidly, tepidness, tepidarium, tepidity		

# Lesson 28

## Definitions

12<sup>th</sup> Grade



1.	<b>artifacts</b>	ARE tuh faks	simple objects showing human workmanship
	Synonyms >>		
	After supplying the finishing touches, the craftsman set the artifacts carefully on a shelf to dry.		
	Derivatives >>	artifact, artefact, artefac, artifactual, artifactitious	
2.	<b>atone</b>	uh TONE	to make amends
	Synonyms >>		
	He atoned for his theft by repaying his victims.		
	Derivatives >>	atoned, atoning, atoner, atonement	
3.	<b>callow</b>	KAL oh	immature, inexperienced
	Synonyms >>		
	Rash and hasty decisions are the mark of impetuous, callow youth.		
	Derivatives >>	callowness	
4.	<b>clamor</b>	KLAM ur	loud noise or shouting
	Synonyms >>		
	The clamor finally subsided when the children went to bed.		
	Derivatives >>	clamors, clamored, clamoring, clamorous, clamorously, clamorousness	
5.	<b>countenance</b>	KOUN tuh nuns	to condone or to give approval
	Synonyms >>	approve, sanction, endorse	
	I do not countenance any form of cheating.		
	Derivatives >>	countenanced, countenancing, countenancer	
6.	<b>dilettante</b>	dil eh TANT tee	an aimless and superficial follower of the arts, a dabbler
	Synonyms >>	amateur, tyro	
	The dilettante could be seen at all the art exhibits though he was far from being an accomplished artist himself.		
	Derivatives >>	dilettantish, dilettantism, dilettantist	
7.	<b>foreboding</b>	fore BOE ding	premonition of evil, an ominous omen
	Synonyms >>	prediction, portent, presentiment	
	The black clouds overhead were a foreboding of bad weather.		
	Derivatives >>	forebode, foreboder	
8.	<b>hack</b>	HAK	one who forfeits professional integrity in exchange for money or reward
	Synonyms >>		
	Only a hack would go to work for one of those offensive tabloid newspapers.		
	Derivatives >>	hacks	
9.	<b>impede</b>	im PEDE	to interfere with or to obstruct the progress
	Synonyms >>	hinder, obstruct	
	While the hurricane has impeded the building's construction, the builder feels that it can be completed on time.		
	Derivatives >>	impeded, impeding, impeder, impedibility, impedible, impedingly, impeding, impediment, impedimental,	
10.	<b>indubitable</b>	in DOO beh tuh bul	not open to question or doubt
	Synonyms >>	unquestionable, certain	
	At the base of the experiment was a core of indubitable knowledge.		
	Derivatives >>	indubitability, indubitableness, indubitably	

# Lesson 29

## Definitions

12<sup>th</sup> Grade



1.	<b>arcane</b>	are KANE	secret, mysterious
	Synonyms >>		
	The material that is arcane to the students is easily understood by the professor.		
	Derivatives >>	arcanely, arcanist, arcanite, arcanum	
2.	<b>parable</b>	PAIR uh bul	a short fictitious story that has a moral
	Synonyms >>		
	Jesus often imparted knowledge to his disciples through parables.		
	Derivatives >>	parables	
3.	<b>rant</b>	RANT	to rave, to speak in a loud and attacking manner
	Synonyms >>	bombastic, claptrap, declamation, fustian, rodomontade	
	He ranted constantly about how everyone was out to get him.		
	Derivatives >>	ranted, ranting	
4.	<b>reproach</b>	reh PROCH	to blame for something; a disgrace
	Synonyms >>	admonish, castigate, chasten, chastise, chide, rebuke, reprove	
	Her conduct was so good that it was beyond reproach.		
	Derivatives >>	reproachable, reproachful, reproachfully, reproachfulness, reproachingly	
5.	<b>savant</b>	suh VAHNT, SAY vant	a scholar, a learned person
	Synonyms >>		
	Woodrow Wilson is an example of a savant who became president .		
	Derivatives >>	savants	
6.	<b>stultifying</b>	STUL tuh fie ing	causing to be useless, crippling, causing to appear stupid
	Synonyms >>		
	The teacher stultifies his position in the classroom if he permits bad behavior.		
	Derivatives >>	stultification	
7.	<b>syllabus</b>	SIL uh bus	a brief outline of the main points of a text or course of study
	Synonyms >>		
	The syllabus that the professor gave to us stated that the final exam counts for 60% of our grade.		
	Derivatives >>	syllabi, syllabuses	
8.	<b>troupe</b>	TROOP	a company or group--usually theatrical performers
	Synonyms >>		
	A Shakespeare troupe is coming to town to perform Macbeth.		
	Derivatives >>	trouper	
9.	<b>unequivocal</b>	un eh KWIV uh kul	without a doubt, clear
	Synonyms >>		
	The President stated in an unequivocal manner, "If nominated, I will run; and if elected, I will serve."		
	Derivatives >>	unequivocally, unequivocalness	
10.	<b>vapid</b>	VAP id	dull, inane, insipid
	Synonyms >>	banal, flat, jejune	
	The vapid discussion between the two girls was boring and uninteresting.		
	Derivatives >>	vapidity, vapidly, vapidness	



# Lesson 30

## Definitions

12<sup>th</sup> Grade



1.	<b>deference</b>	DEF ur uns	courteous going along with the opinions or wishes of another
	Synonyms >>	homage, reverence, respect	
	In deference to your wishes, I will not see him again.		
	Derivatives >>	deferential, deferentially, deferentiality	
2.	<b>drone</b>	DRONE	speaking in a monotonous tone; a continuous low humming sound
	Synonyms >>		
	I could hardly endure the constant drone of the speaker's voice.		
	Derivatives >>	droned, droning, drones, droner, droningly, dronish	
3.	<b>enunciate</b>	eh NUN see ate	to pronounce clearly
	Synonyms >>		
	Please enunciate your response so that everyone can understand you.		
	Derivatives >>	enunciabile, enunciation, enunciative, enunciator	
4.	<b>girth</b>	GURTH	size or dimensions (usually the measure around a body)
	Synonyms >>		
	To be a sumo wrestler, one must have a large girth.		
	Derivatives >>	girths	
5.	<b>grandiose</b>	GRAN dee ose	impressive, imposing
	Synonyms >>	grand, magnificent, majestic, stately	
	They have grandiose plans to build a new football stadium		
	Derivatives >>	grandiosely, grandioseness, grandiosity	
6.	<b>inception</b>	in SEP shun	the beginning of something
	Synonyms >>	origin, source	
	Joe has worked for the company since its inception in 1935.		
	Derivatives >>	incept, inceptive, inceptively, inceptor	
7.	<b>ineffable</b>	in EF uh bul	incapable of being expressed in speech or words
	Synonyms >>		
	Her delight in being selected as a cheerleader was ineffable.		
	Derivatives >>	ineffability, ineffableness, ineffably	
8.	<b>nebulous</b>	NEB yuh lus	lacking clarity of feature or sharpness of outline
	Synonyms >>	hazy, indistinct, turbid, clouded	
	She had a nebulous recollection of the meeting with the man, unable to provide any specific facts about it.		
	Derivatives >>	nebulously, nebulousness, nebulosity	
9.	<b>neophyte</b>	NEE uh fite	a recent convert, beginner, novice
	Synonyms >>		
	Being a neophyte to surfing, he is having trouble catching a wave.		
	Derivatives >>	neophytic, neophytism	
10.	<b>obtuse</b>	ub TUSE	dull of mind, insensitive, stupid
	Synonyms >>		
	His obtuse response to the question showed that he did not understand the nature of the discussion.		
	Derivatives >>	obtusely, obtuseness, obtusion, obtusity	

# Lesson 31

## Definitions

12<sup>th</sup> Grade



1.	<b>abdicate</b>	AB duh kayt	to renounce or to give up a power
	Synonyms >>		
	In order to marry the commoner, the king had to abdicate his throne.		
	Derivatives >>	abdicable, abdicative, abdicator, abdicated, abdicating	
2.	<b>brazen</b>	BRAY zen	shameless, insolent, disrespectful
	Synonyms >>		
	Pinching that woman was a very brazen act.		
	Derivatives >>	brazenly, brazenness, brazenfaced	
3.	<b>caustic</b>	KAW stik	sarcastically biting, acrid
	Synonyms >>	mordant, scathing	
	Critics are known for their caustic remarks about movies that they do not like.		
	Derivatives >>	caustically, causticity	
4.	<b>commiserate</b>	kuh MIZ uh rate	to express sympathy or pity
	Synonyms >>		
	I commiserated with the family about their loss.		
	Derivatives >>	commiserated, commiserating, commiseration, commiseratively, commiserative	
5.	<b>decorum</b>	deh KOR um	appropriate conduct, correct and proper behavior
	Synonyms >>		
	The students' decorum at the dance was excellent.		
	Derivatives >>	decorous, decorously, decorousness	
6.	<b>prudent</b>	PROOD unt	wise and careful about practical matters
	Synonyms >>	judicious, sage, sane, sapient	
	In the city, it is prudent to have locks on all doors and windows.		
	Derivatives >>	prudence, prudential, prudently	
7.	<b>pulverize</b>	PUL vuh rize	to reduce into small pieces, to demolish
	Synonyms >>		
	The rocks were pulverized by the heavy machine rolling over them.		
	Derivatives >>	pulverization, pulverized, pulverizer, pulverous, pulverulent, pulverulently	
8.	<b>recapitulation</b>	ree kuh pich uh LAY	a summary
	Synonyms >>		
	It is usually a good idea for a teacher to give a recapitulation of the previous day's topics.		
	Derivatives >>	recapitulate, recapitulationist, recapitulative, recapitulatory, recapitulatively	
9.	<b>steadfastness</b>	STED fas nes	quality of being fixed with little chance of moving or changing
	Synonyms >>	resolution, staunchness	
	The steadfastness of her position not to sell her land is remarkable considering what she has been offered.		
	Derivatives >>	steadfast, steadfastly	
10.	<b>tactile</b>	TAK til	perceptible by touch; capable of being felt
	Synonyms >>	tangible	
	The woman's stroke left her with no tactile sensations at all.		
	Derivatives >>	tactilist, tactility, taction	

# Lesson 32

## Definitions

12<sup>th</sup> Grade



1.	<b>abase</b>	uh BAYS	to degrade, to humiliate
	Synonyms >>	corrupt, debase, debauch, demean, deprave, vitiate, pervert	
	The bitter woman deliberately set out to abase her husband in public.		
	Derivatives >>	abasement, abaser, abased, abasing	
2.	<b>fledgling</b>	FLEJ ling	an immature or inexperienced person, a young bird that is ready to fly
	Synonyms >>		
	The rookie policeman is just a fledgling compared to the captain.		
	Derivatives >>	fledglings, fledgy, fledged	
3.	<b>gilded</b>	GIL did	covered with gold or a golden color; having a background of wealth
	Synonyms >>	prosperous, luxurious, ornate, meretricious, tawdry	
	The gilded and perfumed nobles were inwardly deceptive and rotten to the core.		
	Derivatives >>	gild, gilding, gilder	
4.	<b>graphic</b>	GRAF ik	vivid
	Synonyms >>	descriptive	
	I have trouble looking at graphic films of concentration camps.		
	Derivatives >>	graphical, graphically, graphicness	
5.	<b>introvert</b>	IN truh vurt	one who turns inward and concentrates thoughts upon himself
	Synonyms >>		
	He is such an introvert that he is not even interested in making new friends.		
	Derivatives >>	introverted, introvertive, introversion, introversive, introversively	
6.	<b>jocular</b>	JOK yu lur	jesting or joking
	Synonyms >>	facetious, jocose, jocund	
	The man's jocular mood kept us all entertained throughout the evening.		
	Derivatives >>	jocularly, jocularness, jocular	
7.	<b>malcontent</b>	MAL kun tent	a person who is constantly dissatisfied and discontented
	Synonyms >>		
	The principal blamed the disturbance on malcontents who were never happy with anything.		
	Derivatives >>	malcontented, malcontentedly, malcontentedness	
8.	<b>misnomer</b>	mis NO mur	misnaming, use of a wrong name
	Synonyms >>		
	Some think that "a peacekeeper" is a misnomer for an MX missile .		
	Derivatives >>	misnomered, misnomed	
9.	<b>obstinate</b>	OB stuh nit	unyielding regardless of reason or logic
	Synonyms >>		
	He will not accept advice on many things because of his obstinate attitude.		
	Derivatives >>	obstinacy, obstinancy, obstinance, obstinately, obstinateness, obstination	
10.	<b>prevalent</b>	PREV uh lunt	generally or widely accepted, current, or practiced
	Synonyms >>	prevailing, victorious, dominant	
	The state of lethargy is a prevalent problem in education.		
	Derivatives >>	prevalence, prevalently	

# Lesson 33

## Definitions

12<sup>th</sup> Grade



1.	<b>anarchy</b>	AN ar kee	the absence of government; a state of lawlessness
	Synonyms >>		
	During the revolution, the government was overthrown and the country was in a state of anarchy.		
	Derivatives >>	anarches, anarchist, anarchism, anarchic, anarch	
2.	<b>breadth</b>	BREDTH	the width of something, comprehensive quality
	Synonyms >>		
	The breadth of his knowledge about art is amazing.		
	Derivatives >>	breadths, breadthen, breadthened, breadthening	
3.	<b>cant</b>	KANT	secret jargon or slang
	Synonyms >>		
	The rites of the Masons are characterized by their cant.		
	Derivatives >>	cants, canted, canting	
4.	<b>circumscribed</b>	SIR kum skribd	restricted or limited
	Synonyms >>		
	The triangle circumscribed the circle.		
	Derivatives >>	circumscribe, circumscribing, circumscription, circumscriptive	
5.	<b>congeal</b>	kun JEEL	to solidify or to coagulate
	Synonyms >>		
	We waited three hours for the Jell-O to congeal.		
	Derivatives >>	congealing, congealed, congealment, congelative	
6.	<b>demagogue</b>	DEM uh gog	a person or leader who appeals to passions or prejudices
	Synonyms >>		
	Hitler is an example of a demagogue.		
	Derivatives >>	demagogic, demagogical, demagogically, demagogism, demagoguism, demagoguery, demagogy	
7.	<b>dissonance</b>	DIS uh nuns	unrelated and harsh combination of sounds, discord
	Synonyms >>		
	Dissonance is a part of some contemporary music.		
	Derivatives >>	dissonant, dissonancy	
8.	<b>dubious</b>	DOO be us	doubtful; not clear
	Synonyms >>		
	Since he had not read the document, he was a little dubious about signing his name to it.		
	Derivatives >>	dubiously, dubiousness, dubitable, dubitancy, dubitate, dubitation, dubitative, dubiety	
9.	<b>engrossed</b>	en GROSD	completely occupied or absorbed
	Synonyms >>	preoccupied	
	The woman was so engrossed in her knitting that she did not notice her child walk out the door.		
	Derivatives >>	engross, engrossing, engrossedly, engrosser, engrossingly, engrossingness, engrossment	
10.	<b>facilitate</b>	fuh SIL eh tate	to make less difficult
	Synonyms >>		
	Appliances are useful in facilitating housework.		
	Derivatives >>	facilitated, facilitating, facilitates, facilitation, facilitator, facilitatory	

# Lesson 34

## Definitions

12<sup>th</sup> Grade



1.	<b>ambulatory</b>	AM bew luh tor ee	able to walk or move around
	Synonyms >>		
	I will be glad when I get out of this wheelchair and am ambulatory again.		
	Derivatives >>	ambulant, ambulate, ambulated, ambulating, ambulation	
2.	<b>prostration</b>	pros TRAY shun	a stretching out due to lacking vitality and being completely overcome
	Synonyms >>		
	During late summer football practices, players sometimes suffer from heat prostration.		
	Derivatives >>	prostrate, prostrator, prostrating	
3.	<b>recalcitrant</b>	reh KAL seh trunt	very stubborn, refusing to obey, unruly
	Synonyms >>	headstrong, intractable, refractory, willful	
	Recalcitrant students are usually tardy, do not complete class assignments, and disrupt class.		
	Derivatives >>	recalcitrance, recalcitrancy, recalcitrate, recalcitration	
4.	<b>resolute</b>	REZ uh loot	characterized by a decided purpose
	Synonyms >>	staunch, steadfast, determined, resolved, faithful, firm	
	The business was run by a resolute man who set his mind on a goal and followed through with it.		
	Derivatives >>	resoluter, resoluteest, resolutely, resoluteness, resolution, revolutionary, resolutioner, resoluteive	
5.	<b>sectarian</b>	sek TARE ee un	a member of a sect that is a faction with extreme beliefs
	Synonyms >>	narrow-minded	
	His sectarian beliefs marked him as being extremely narrow-minded.		
	Derivatives >>	sectarianism, sectarianize	
6.	<b>stalwart</b>	STAL wurt	one who supports a cause with firm partisanship
	Synonyms >>	resolute , strong	
	That justice was known as a stalwart in defending 1st amendment rights.		
	Derivatives >>	stalwartly, stalwartness	
7.	<b>tacit</b>	TAS it	understood, silent, not spoken, implicit
	Synonyms >>		
	We have a tacit agreement that the goods are delivered only after payment is made.		
	Derivatives >>	tacitly, tacitness, taciturn	
8.	<b>transcended</b>	tran SEND ed	surpassed, exceeded
	Synonyms >>		
	His actions in the crisis transcended the call of duty.		
	Derivatives >>	transcend, transcendence, transcendency, transcendent, transcendental, transcendentalistic	
9.	<b>virtuous</b>	VIR choo us	having excellent morals; righteous
	Synonyms >>	ethical, noble	
	One would expect nuns to be very virtuous.		
	Derivatives >>	virtuously, virtuousness, virtue	
10.	<b>whets</b>	HWETS	stimulates, sharpens
	Synonyms >>		
	The smell of fresh bread always whets my appetite.		
	Derivatives >>	whet, whetted	

# Lesson 35

## Definitions

12<sup>th</sup> Grade



1.	<b>dissemble</b>	deh SEM bul	to disguise, to pretend
	Synonyms >>		
	Although he tried to dissemble his motive for seeing me, I knew the real reason.		
	Derivatives >>	dissembled, dissembling, dissembler, dissemblingly	
2.	<b>emulate</b>	EM yuh late	to try to equal or to be like (usually through imitation)
	Synonyms >>		
	He has a lot of fine qualities that I try to emulate.		
	Derivatives >>	emulation, emulative, emulator, emulatively	
3.	<b>fickle</b>	FIK ul	likely to change, capricious
	Synonyms >>	inconstant, mercurial, unstable	
	Because of her fickle behavior, he had little trust that she would continue to love him.		
	Derivatives >>	fickler, ficklest, fickleness	
4.	<b>gravity</b>	GRAV eh tee	seriousness, importance
	Synonyms >>	earnestness, sedateness, sobriety, solemnity, staidness	
	The gravity of the situation was heightened by the death of the president .		
	Derivatives >>	grave, graver, gravely	
5.	<b>homely</b>	HOME lee	plain or unattractive in appearance
	Synonyms >>		
	The girl was rather homely, but she had a wit and an intellect that could not be matched.		
	Derivatives >>	homeliness, homlier, homliest	
6.	<b>indigence</b>	IN deh juns	poverty
	Synonyms >>	destitution, penury, want	
	His ragged clothes are a sign of his indigence.		
	Derivatives >>	indigency, indigent	
7.	<b>jingoist</b>	JING go ist	an extreme patriot, usually calls for a belligerent foreign policy
	Synonyms >>	chauvinist, nationalist	
	The jingoist was in the streets, loudly urging the public toward aggression against the foreign power.		
	Derivatives >>	jingoism, jingoish, jingoistic, jingoistically	
8.	<b>migratory</b>	MY gruh tor ee	moving from place to place, wandering, transient
	Synonyms >>		
	The migratory whooping cranes always return to Padre Island.		
	Derivatives >>	migrate, migratorial, migrator, migration, migrationist	
9.	<b>obfuscating</b>	ob FUS kay ting	confusing, making unclear
	Synonyms >>		
	His speech was obfuscating because it made people concentrate on irrelevant issues.		
	Derivatives >>	obfuscated, obfuscate, obfuscabable, obfuscation, obfuscator, obfuscatory, obfuscated	
10.	<b>proclivity</b>	pro KLIV eh tee	inclination, tendency
	Synonyms >>	leaning, penchant, propensity	
	Most immigrants, because they are anxious to succeed, have a proclivity for hard work.		
	Derivatives >>	proclive, proclivities	

# Lesson 36

## Definitions

12<sup>th</sup> Grade



1.	<b>assent</b>	uh CENT	to agree or to concur; to give in, to yield; agreement
	Synonyms >>	acquiesce, concede; compliance	
	Assenting to his demands, she did as she was told.		
	Derivatives >>	assenting, assented, assentingly, assentive, assentiveness, assentation, assentor	
2.	<b>boorish</b>	BOOR ish	rude or insensitive; ill-mannered
	Synonyms >>	churlish, clownish, loutish	
	How could you get me a date with such a boorish person?		
	Derivatives >>	boorishly, boorishness, boor	
3.	<b>circumlocution</b>	sir kum low KEW shun	talking around a subject
	Synonyms >>		
	Politicians are known for circumlocution.		
	Derivatives >>	circumlocutory	
4.	<b>copious</b>	KO pee us	abundant
	Synonyms >>	ample	
	I always take copious notes in my history class.		
	Derivatives >>	copiousness, copiously	
5.	<b>delineation</b>	deh len ee A shun	an outline, depiction, portrayal
	Synonyms >>		
	The profits of the company were delineated to the board.		
	Derivatives >>	delineate, delineative, delineator	
6.	<b>resilient</b>	reh ZIL yunt	ability to return to a former state
	Synonyms >>	supple	
	There is a need for more resilient bumpers on cars that can withstand minor accidents.		
	Derivatives >>	resiliency, resiliently	
7.	<b>scapegoat</b>	SKAPE gote	one who takes the blame for others
	Synonyms >>		
	Since no one wanted to point a finger at the real culprit, the innocent man was made a scapegoat for the crime.		
	Derivatives >>		
8.	<b>spurious</b>	SPYOOR ee us	false or deceitful
	Synonyms >>		
	Cashing forged checks is a spurious activity.		
	Derivatives >>	spuriously, spuriousness	
9.	<b>tractable</b>	TRAK tuh bul	capable of being easily led, taught, or controlled; obedient
	Synonyms >>	amenable, docile	
	It is odd that the students in first period are so unruly, while those in second period are very tractable.		
	Derivatives >>	tractability, tractableness, tractably	
10.	<b>vivacious</b>	vi VAY shus	full of life, very animated
	Synonyms >>		
	Game shows are looking for vivacious contestants who are fun to watch and who will liven up the show.		
	Derivatives >>	vivaciously, vivaciousness, vivacity	