

# Lesson 20

## Definitions

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|-----|--|--|---|
| 1.  | <b>endemic</b>   | en DEM ik  | peculiar to or a trait of a group or area |
|     | Synonyms >>  | aboriginal, indigenous, native   |   |
|     | Great height is endemic to members of that African tribe.                                  |  |   |
|     | Derivatives >>   | endemical, endemically, endemicity, endemism   |   |
| 2.  | <b>focus</b>   | FOE kus  | to concentrate                            |
|     | Synonyms >>  |  |   |
|     | We need to focus our attention on today's topic and not on extraneous matters.             |  |   |
|     | Derivatives >>   | focused, focusing, focuses, focusable, focuser, focusless                                    |   |
| 3.  | <b>hilarity</b>  | heh LAR eh tee   | boisterous merriment, mirth               |
|     | Synonyms >>  | glee, jollity  |   |
|     | The party was marked by great hilarity.  |  |   |
|     | Derivatives >>   | hilarious, hilariously, hilariousness  |   |
| 4.  | <b>indict</b>  | in DITE  | to charge or to accuse                    |
|     | Synonyms >>  | incriminate, blame, impeach  |   |
|     | If the Grand Jury indicts the man, he will be tried for murder.                            |  |   |
|     | Derivatives >>   | indicter, indictor, indictable, indictably, indictment                                       |   |
| 5.  | <b>latent</b>  | LATE unt   | not visible, dormant                      |
|     | Synonyms >>  | abeyant, quiescent   |   |
|     | Sometimes a teacher can cause latent talents to emerge.                                    |  |   |
|     | Derivatives >>   | latency  |   |
| 6.  | <b>monumental</b>  | mon yuh MEN tul  | massive, very great, very important       |
|     | Synonyms >>  |  |   |
|     | Sending man to the moon was a monumental achievement.                                      |  |   |
|     | Derivatives >>   | monumentalism, monumentality, monumentally   |   |
| 7.  | <b>myriad</b>  | MIR ee id  | a very large and indefinite number        |
|     | Synonyms >>  |  |   |
|     | The myriad of races and cultures that make up America is said to resemble a mosaic.        |  |   |
|     | Derivatives >>   | myriadfold, myriadly   |   |
| 8.  | <b>oscillating</b>   | OS uh lay ting   | moving back and forth, swinging, varying  |
|     | Synonyms >>  |  |   |
|     | The oscillating pendulum was beginning to unnerve me.                                      |  |   |
|     | Derivatives >>   | oscillate, oscillates, oscillated, oscillation, oscillator, oscillatory                      |   |
| 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>premeditated</b>  | pree MED eh tay ted  | thought out beforehand                    |
|     | Synonyms >>  |  |   |
|     | Premeditated murder is punishable by the death penalty in Texas.                           |  |   |
|     | Derivatives >>   | premeditate, premeditatedly, premeditatedness, premeditatingly, premeditation, premeditative |   |

# Matching Test

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Directions: Choose the definition that best matches the meaning of the vocabulary word. Place the answer of your choice in the space provided.

### Exercise A

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|------------------------|--|
| _____ 1. endemic       | a. not visible, dormant                      |
| _____ 2. focus         | b. peculiar to or a trait of a group or area |
| _____ 3. hilarity      | c. concise and meaningful                    |
| _____ 4. indict        | d. boisterous merriment, mirth               |
| _____ 5. latent        | e. to charge or to accuse                    |
| _____ 6. monumental    | f. to concentrate                            |
| _____ 7. myriad        | g. massive, very great, very important       |
| _____ 8. oscillating   | h. a very large and indefinite number        |
| _____ 9. pithy         | i. moving back and forth, swinging, varying  |
| _____ 10. premeditated | j. thought out beforehand                    |

### Exercise B

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|------------------------|---|
| _____ 1. concert       | a. funeral hymn, lament                               |
| _____ 2. confluence    | b. awards or honors                                   |
| _____ 3. corpulence    | c. agreement in purpose or feeling, consensus         |
| _____ 4. dirge         | d. a coming together                                  |
| _____ 5. disconcerting | e. free   |
| _____ 6. fly-by-night  | f. state of being very fat                            |
| _____ 7. gratis        | g. one who is temporary and usually unreliable        |
| _____ 8. kudos         | h. clamorous; boisterous (suggests a vehement outcry) |
| _____ 9. supercilious  | i. upsetting, frustrating                             |
| _____ 10. vociferous   | j. haughty, vain and arrogant                         |

# Sentence Completion Test

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hilarity

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pithy

premeditated

1. Jane's extensive travels have helped her become acquainted with \_\_\_\_\_ foreign countries and customs.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the clown's skit caused us to laugh so hard we fell over.
3. Your comments about the book are quite \_\_\_\_\_; you say things in a very concise and direct manner.
4. This battle will go down in history as one of \_\_\_\_\_ importance, for it was the turning point of the war.
5. The fan's \_\_\_\_\_ blades moved back and forth, blowing the cool air first to the left and then to the right.
6. His success, which did not come until later in life, was attributed to his \_\_\_\_\_ talents.
7. Throughout the region the \_\_\_\_\_ condition of poverty existed everywhere.
8. Since he had carefully planned his crime for eight months, the suspect was found guilty of \_\_\_\_\_ murder.
9. The mother of the juvenile urged the judge not to \_\_\_\_\_ her son, but he still charged the boy with assault.
10. The teacher handed out the lenses to the class, giving the students a means to study the effects of concentrated light \_\_\_\_\_ on paper.

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|         |            |       |               |              |
|---------|------------|-------|---------------|--------------|
| concert | confluence | dirge | disconcerting | foliage      |
| gratis  | hues       | kudos | supercilious  | vociferously |

11. The painting was done in the most stunning \_\_\_\_\_; reds and blues were predominant, but other colors were included as well.
12. I do not like your arrogant and \_\_\_\_\_ attitude toward poor people.
13. The secret documents proved that an agreement had been reached for the two countries to work in \_\_\_\_\_ with each other.
14. Among the \_\_\_\_\_ the minister received for his services was a plaque honoring his moral integrity.
15. It was \_\_\_\_\_ for me to listen to the \_\_\_\_\_; the funeral song upset me considerably.
16. We were surprised when the man offered to do the work for us \_\_\_\_\_; we had expected to pay for the job, but he wanted to do it free of charge.
17. The mob clamored \_\_\_\_\_ for the prisoner's release; their loud voices echoed through the streets.
18. Once the seed had begun to burgeon, the sprout quickly began to develop bright green leaves, \_\_\_\_\_ laced in white.
19. Three major rivers meet at the same point; their \_\_\_\_\_ makes the resulting river one of the world's largest.