

# Lesson 26

## Definitions

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1.	<b>abandon</b>	uh BAN dun	act of unrestrained behavior disregarding consequences
	Synonyms >>	license, laxity	
	Some say Teddy Roosevelt charged up San Juan Hill with reckless abandon.		
	Derivatives >>	abandonable, abandoner, abandonment, abandoned, abandonedly	
2.	<b>bemuse</b>	buh MUZE	to confuse or to bewilder
	Synonyms >>		
	He did not intend to bemuse the class with his ambiguous remarks.		
	Derivatives >>	bemused	
3.	<b>collage</b>	kuh LAHZ	an assembly of diverse things to make an artistic composition
	Synonyms >>		
	My girlfriend gave me a collage representing the time that we have dated.		
	Derivatives >>	collages	
4.	<b>decorousness</b>	DEK ur us ness	proper behavior
	Synonyms >>		
	A gentleman's behavior is known for its decorousness.		
	Derivatives >>	decorous, decorously, decorum	
5.	<b>equilibrium</b>	ee kwuh LIB ree um	a state of balance between opposing forces
	Synonyms >>	balance, poise	
	The acrobats need a good sense of equilibrium in order to perform the tricks.		
	Derivatives >>	equilibriums, equilibriize, equilibrate	
6.	<b>subvert</b>	sub VURT	to destroy or to impair by insidious undermining
	Synonyms >>	raze, demolish, alienate, overturn, defeat	
	The revolution began when several citizens joined together in an effort to subvert their own government.		
	Derivatives >>	subverter, subverted, subvertible, subversion, subversive, subversively, subversiveness, subverse	
7.	<b>sybarite</b>	SIB uh rite	a person devoted to luxury
	Synonyms >>		
	He is a sybarite and a hedonist and is quite different from his brother, the monk.		
	Derivatives >>	sybaritic, sybaritical, sybaritically, sybaritish, sybaritism	
8.	<b>toady</b>	TOE dee	a flatterer; an obsequious sycophant
	Synonyms >>	fawner, yes-man, parasite	
	The man flattered the woman so much that he appeared like a toady.		
	Derivatives >>	toadied, toadying, toadyish, toadyism	
9.	<b>upbraid</b>	up BRADE	to scold harshly, to reproach
	Synonyms >>	berate, rail at, revile, vituperate	
	I must upbraid my son for staying out past his curfew.		
	Derivatives >>	upbraided, upbraider, upbraiding, upbraidingly	
10.	<b>willful</b>	WIL ful	unruly, self-willed in an obstinate manner
	Synonyms >>	intractable, recalcitrant, refractory	
	The teacher did not like his willful behavior of violating class rules.		
	Derivatives >>	wilful, willfully, wilfully, willfulness, wilfulness	

# 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.  | abandon      | a. | a state of balance between opposing forces             |
| _____ | 2.  | bemuse       | b. | to scold harshly, to reproach                          |
| _____ | 3.  | collage      | c. | a flatterer; an obsequious sycophant                   |
| _____ | 4.  | decorousness | d. | unruly, self-willed in an obstinate manner             |
| _____ | 5.  | equilibrium  | e. | act of unrestrained behavior disregarding consequences |
| _____ | 6.  | subvert      | f. | to destroy or to impair by insidious undermining       |
| _____ | 7.  | sybarite     | g. | to confuse or to bewilder                              |
| _____ | 8.  | toady        | h. | a person devoted to luxury                             |
| _____ | 9.  | upbraid      | i. | proper behavior  |
| _____ | 10. | willful      | j. | an assembly of things to make an artistic composition  |

### Exercise B

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|-------|-----|--------------|----|--|
| _____ | 1.  | imbue        | a. | to impregnate or to inspire with feelings or opinions          |
| _____ | 2.  | intemperance | b. | to move backward, to degenerate                                |
| _____ | 3.  | intrepid     | c. | brilliant, shining   |
| _____ | 4.  | resonant     | d. | lack of moderation (usually relating to drinking alcohol)      |
| _____ | 5.  | resplendent  | e. | fearless   |
| _____ | 6.  | retrogress   | f. | the residue of metal left after smelting; worthless matter     |
| _____ | 7.  | sentinel     | g. | lavish, luxurious  |
| _____ | 8.  | slag         | h. | to add a bit of color; to affect slightly; a slight coloration |
| _____ | 9.  | sumptuous    | i. | echoing, continuing to sound                                   |
| _____ | 10. | tinge        | j. | one who keeps guard as a sentry                                |

# Sentence Completion Test

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abandon	bemused	collage	decorousness	equilibrium
subvert	sybarite	toady	upbraided	willful

1. Because the man was easily flattered, the job of making the proposition was given to a \_\_\_\_\_, one skilled in the art of flattery.
2. Always requiring an abundance of everything, the Roman emperor Nero was a notorious \_\_\_\_\_ who was totally devoted to luxury.
3. The swimmer, trapped in the whirlpool, quickly lost his \_\_\_\_\_, and even after swimming to the shore, he could hardly regain his balance.
4. The woman loved with utter \_\_\_\_\_, with unrestrained behavior and no regard for the consequences of such intense feelings.
5. In order to make the \_\_\_\_\_ for my art class, I gathered an assembly of diverse things and placed them at random places on the canvas.
6. We were all impressed by the man's \_\_\_\_\_; such proper behavior is becoming to a gentleman.
7. By the time I reached the fifth chapter, I was totally \_\_\_\_\_ by the confusing and bewildering arrangement of characters and plots.
8. For trying to \_\_\_\_\_ the government and undermine its power, the man was convicted of treason.
9. Because she had been warned that further misbehaving would result in a scolding, the young girl was severely \_\_\_\_\_ by her mom.
10. The stubborn, \_\_\_\_\_ child never obeyed his parents; he had a mind of his own, and he let everyone know it.

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addendum	declaim	eschew	intrepid	moribund
pluralistic	resplendent	sequester	snippet	tinge

11. In order to \_\_\_\_\_ the witness and seclude him during the trial, a policeman was hired to guard him.
12. We must learn to live in a \_\_\_\_\_ society of many cultures if we are not to revert to an earlier, intolerant era.
13. The man started to \_\_\_\_\_ his opponents in a loud, vehement voice; his bombastic speech was enough to capture everyone's attention.
14. This is one situation to \_\_\_\_\_ if at all possible; some things are best left alone and avoided.
15. Although the slight \_\_\_\_\_ of pink appeared to be a sign of health, the color deceived the doctor, and he thought his patient was well.
16. The drowning man was saved by an \_\_\_\_\_ passerby who fearlessly jumped into the rushing waters to rescue him.
17. The woman felt a sense of grief when she learned of the \_\_\_\_\_ condition of her dog; knowing that her pet was close to death deeply saddened her.
18. I enjoyed the story so much that I wished for an \_\_\_\_\_; with the addition to the book, I could continue reading about my favorite characters.
19. All we heard of the lecture was a mere \_\_\_\_\_; had we been there earlier, we could have heard the entire speech rather than only a small portion of it.
20. The queen's crown was \_\_\_\_\_ with the jewels shining like a thousand points of light.