

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.	ambiguous	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	
2.	amulet	AM yew let	a charm or ornament worn to protect against evil
	Synonyms >>		
	The princess wore the amulet to protect herself.		
	Derivatives >>	amulets	
3.	baleful	BALE ful	destructive, deadly
	Synonyms >>	malign, sinister	
	War is a baleful experience for many.		
	Derivatives >>	bale, balefully, balefulness	
4.	boisterous	BOY stir ous	rowdy, rough, and stormy
	Synonyms >>	blatant, clamorous, obstreperous, strident, vociferous	
	The boisterous child was running through the store screaming and laughing.		
	Derivatives >>	boisterousness, boisterously	
5.	calamity	kuh LAM uh tee	a serious event causing distress or misfortune
	Synonyms >>	cataclysm, catastrophe	
	The earthquake in Mexico was a calamity.		
	Derivatives >>	calamitous, calamitously, calamitousness	
6.	ebullient	eh BUL yunt	overflowing with excitement, showing enthusiasm
	Synonyms >>		
	She was ebullient about going to the prom.		
	Derivatives >>	ebullience, ebulliency, ebulliently	
7.	engrossed	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	
8.	enmity	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	
9.	entreaty	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	
10.	feint	FAYNT	a false appearance, a fake punch to occupy defenses allowing a real
	Synonyms >>	artifice, ruse, stratagem, trick, wile	
	Fooled by his opponent's feint, the boxer dropped his guard and was knocked down.		
	Derivatives >>	feign, feigned, feigning, feignedly, feigner	

11.	obsequious	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 >>	obsequece, obsequent, obsequience, obsequiously, obsequiousness, obsequity	
12.	penury	PEN yuh ree	extreme poverty
	Synonyms >>	destitution, impecuniousness, indigence, want	
		There is much penury in central Africa.	
	Derivatives >>	penurious, penuriously, penuriousness	
13.	perjury	PUR juh ree	false testimony under oath
	Synonyms >>		
		He was charged with perjury for lying to the grand jury.	
	Derivatives >>	perjure, perjured, perjuring, perjurer, perjurious, perjuriously, perjuriousness, perjurous	
14.	posterity	pah STER uh tee	future generations, all descendants of a person
	Synonyms >>		
		They wanted to write a declaration of independence that would last for all posterity.	
	Derivatives >>	posterities	
15.	prostration	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	
16.	rancor	RANG kur	bitter deep-seated ill will, enmity
	Synonyms >>	animosity, animus, antagonism, antipathy, hostility	
		I was full of rancor when I learned that the men had killed my parents.	
	Derivatives >>	rancored, rancorous, rancorously	
17.	supple	SUP ul	easily bent, elastic, pliable
	Synonyms >>	resilient	
		Her supple bones allowed her to perform strange feats in gymnastics.	
	Derivatives >>	suppler, supplest	
18.	vexation	vek SAY shun	discomfort or distress
	Synonyms >>		
		The young children were a source of vexation to their nervous, neurotic mother.	
	Derivatives >>	vex, vexatious, vexedly, vexedness, vexingly	
19.	virtuous	VIR choo us	having excellent morals; righteous
	Synonyms >>	ethical, noble	
		One would expect nuns to be very virtuous.	
	Derivatives >>	virtuously, virtuousness, virtue	
20.	wanton	WAHN tun	immoral, lewd
	Synonyms >>		
		He had to drop out of the presidential race when his wanton behavior was exposed.	
	Derivatives >>	wantonly, wantonness	



Lesson 2

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1.	acuity	uh KEW uh tee	sharpness of perception
	Synonyms >>		
	His acuity in determining the facts made him a good judge.		
	Derivatives >>	acuities, acute, acuteness	
2.	ascend	uh SEND	to move upward, to rise from a lower station
	Synonyms >>		
	The climbers ascended the mountain.		
	Derivatives >>	ascendancy, ascendancy, ascendant, ascension, ascending, ascended	
3.	augment	awg MENT	to make greater or to supplement
	Synonyms >>		
	We must try to augment our savings this year.		
	Derivatives >>	augmentable, augments, augmentation, augmentative, augmented	
4.	disparage	deh SPAR ij	to degrade, to speak of someone or something in a derogatory manner
	Synonyms >>	belittle, decry, deprecate	
	His disparaging remarks about me caused the committee to give the job to another person.		
	Derivatives >>	disparagement, disparager, disparagingly	
5.	dissemble	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	
6.	inauspicious	in ah SPISH us	unfavorable
	Synonyms >>		
	I was disheartened by the inauspicious occasion of his death.		
	Derivatives >>	inauspiciously	
7.	inundate	IN un date	to flood, to overflow
	Synonyms >>		
	The television station was inundated with phone calls when the basketball game was interrupted.		
	Derivatives >>	inundable, inundant, inundation, inundator, inundatory	
8.	lament	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.	prate	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	
10.	quench	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	

Lesson 3

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1.	antipathy	an TIP uh thee	a dislike, distaste, or enmity
	Synonyms >>	animosity, animus, antagonism, hostility, rancor	
	The woman's obvious antipathy toward snakes surfaced when she came into contact with the slithering reptile.		
	Derivatives >>	antipathetic, antipathic, antipathist, antipathize, antipathies	
2.	blunderbuss	BLUN der bus	a clumsy and careless person; an obsolete firearm with a bell muzzle
	Synonyms >>		
	The girl made so many embarrassing remarks that she felt like a blunderbuss.		
	Derivatives >>	blunder, blunderer, blundering, blunderbusses	
3.	compatriot	kum PAY tree ut	a fellow countryman
	Synonyms >>		
	The Lewis and Clark expedition was a journey of two compatriots exploring the unknown regions.		
	Derivatives >>	compatriotism	
4.	conflagration	kon fluh GRAY shun	a large fire
	Synonyms >>		
	Some believe that the earth will be destroyed by a large conflagration.		
	Derivatives >>	conflagrations, conflagrant, conflagrate, conflagrator, conflagratory	
5.	edifice	ED uh fis	a very large building
	Synonyms >>		
	This particular edifice has the title of being the tallest building in the world.		
	Derivatives >>		
6.	junction	JUNGK chur	a point of joining
	Synonyms >>		
	His new book emphasizes the importance of the junction of poetry and music into a new art form.		
	Derivatives >>	junctural, junctional	
7.	magnate	MAG nate	a person of power and influence
	Synonyms >>		
	He was a film magnate who had great power to create a star.		
	Derivatives >>	magnateship	
8.	malady	MAL eh dee	a disease or unwholesome condition
	Synonyms >>		
	The poor old woman seems to suffer one malady after another.		
	Derivatives >>	maladies	
9.	potentate	POTE un tate	a monarch, very powerful ruler, sovereign
	Synonyms >>		
	There are many countries in the Middle East that are ruled by a potentate.		
	Derivatives >>	potentates	
10.	stealthy	STEL the	acting in a secret and sneaky way--this is a negative term
	Synonyms >>	clandestine, covert, furtive, surreptitious, underhanded	
	The secret organization moves by stealth to gather information on its enemies.		
	Derivatives >>	stealthyful, stealthfully, stealthily, stealthiness, stealth	

Lesson 4

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1.	corroboration	kuh rob uh RAY shun	confirmation
	Synonyms >>	authentication, substantiation, validation, verification	
	Fortunately, I had some corroboration for my whereabouts on the night of the crime.		
	Derivatives >>	corroborate, corroborated, corroborating, corroboratory, corroboratively, corroborator	
2.	deference	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	
3.	desolate	DES uh lit	deserted, without inhabitants, barren
	Synonyms >>		
	Some of the western states have large areas that are desolate.		
	Derivatives >>	desolately, desolateness, desolater, desolating, desolation	
4.	despondency	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	
5.	expeditious	ek speh DISH us	done with speed and efficiency
	Synonyms >>		
	You need to be expeditious in solving this matter.		
	Derivatives >>	expedite, expediter, expedition, expeditionary, expeditioner, expeditiously, expeditiousness, expeditive	
6.	ingenuity	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.	morose	muh ROSE	being sullen or gloomy
	Synonyms >>	crabbed, glum, saturnine, sulky, surly	
	He was very morose after his wife left him.		
	Derivatives >>	morosely, moroseness, morosity	
8.	obscure	ub SKYOOR	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	
9.	serene	suh REEN	calm, placid
	Synonyms >>	tranquil	
	The mountain on a clear spring morning is a serene setting.		
	Derivatives >>	serenely, sereneness, serenity	
10.	supplication	sup luh KAY shun	begging, humbly asking for a favor
	Synonyms >>	adjuration, beseechment, entreaty, imploration, importunity	
	I am going to see the Governor to make a supplication for a pardon for my brother.		
	Derivatives >>	supplicate, supplicatingly, supplicator, supplicatory	

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1.	ardent	AR dunt	expressing strong feelings, impassioned, zealous
	Synonyms >>	fervent, fervid, passionate, perfervid	
	He was ardent in his support of civil rights.		
	Derivatives >>	ardently	
2.	auspicious	aw SPISH us	favorable
	Synonyms >>	propitious	
	Making an "A" on the first test was an auspicious way to begin the year.		
	Derivatives >>	auspiciously, auspiciousness	
3.	docile	DOS ul	easily managed, obedient, passive
	Synonyms >>	amenable, tractable	
	The dog was docile until the doorbell rang.		
	Derivatives >>	docible, docibility, docilely, docility	
4.	evanescent	ev uh NES unt	fleeting; impermanent
	Synonyms >>	ephemeral, fugitive, transient, transitory	
	The evanescent sounds of applause are not what keeps the artist performing.		
	Derivatives >>	evanescence, evanesce, evanescently	
5.	execrable	EK suh kruh bul	extremely bad, deserving of hate
	Synonyms >>		
	The cheerleader told a joke about the drill team that was so execrable that he was suspended for three days.		
	Derivatives >>	execrableness, execrably, execrate, execration, execrative, execratively, execrator	
6.	florid	FLOR id	flowery, flushed with color
	Synonyms >>		
	His face becomes florid when he gets angry.		
	Derivatives >>	floridity, floridly, floridness	
7.	levity	LEV eh tee	excessive frivolity, flippancy
	Synonyms >>		
	It was inappropriate for him to insert some levity into the funeral service.		
	Derivatives >>	levitate, levitation, levitated, levitational, levitative, levitating	
8.	precocious	preh KOE shus	exceptionally early in development or occurrence
	Synonyms >>		
	A child prodigy is a young person who is very precocious.		
	Derivatives >>	precociousness, precosity, precociously	
9.	sublime	suh BLIME	exalted, noble, uplifting
	Synonyms >>	resplendent, superb	
	The romantic dinner, which included delicious food, soft music, and a beautiful setting, was simply sublime.		
	Derivatives >>	sublimely, sublimeness, sublimer	
10.	trepidation	trep eh DAY shun	fear, trembling, agitation
	Synonyms >>		
	Since I did not have time to study, I have a lot of trepidation about this examination.		
	Derivatives >>	trepidate, trepidant, trepid, trepidly, trepidity	

Lesson 6

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1.	affable	AF uh bul	friendly, courteous, amiable
	Synonyms >>	cordial, genial, gracious, sociable	
	He had a very affable nature, always saying "Hello" to everyone.		
	Derivatives >>	affability, affableness, affably	
2.	demented	duh MEN ted	insane
	Synonyms >>		
	Only a demented person would commit such a crime.		
	Derivatives >>	dement, denentate, dementia, dementedness, dementedly	
3.	implacable	im PLAK uh bul	incapable of being appeased
	Synonyms >>		
	That young man is the enemy of the implacable woman standing in the corner; she will never stop hating him.		
	Derivatives >>	implacability, implacableness, implacably	
4.	incorrigible	in KOR eh juh bul	incapable of being reformed or improved
	Synonyms >>		
	He was expelled from school because of his incorrigible conduct.		
	Derivatives >>	incorrigibility, incorrigibleness, incorrigibly	
5.	infallible	in FAL uh bul	incapable of error
	Synonyms >>		
	Since everyone makes mistakes, no human is infallible.		
	Derivatives >>	infallibilism, infallibilist, infallibility, infallibleness, infallibly	
6.	infamous	IN fuh mus	having a reputation of the worst kind, vicious, notoriously bad
	Synonyms >>	disreputable, ignominious	
	The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor was an infamous act.		
	Derivatives >>	infamously, infamy, infamies	
7.	irresolute	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.	magnanimity	mag nuh NIM eh tee	having a lofty, generous, and courageous spirit
	Synonyms >>		
	The magnanimity of the king endeared him to his subjects.		
	Derivatives >>	magnanimous, magnanimously, magnanimousness	
9.	peevish	PEE vish	fretful, obstinate
	Synonyms >>		
	With a peevish gesture, Jane slammed the book shut.		
	Derivatives >>	peevishly, peevishness, peeve, peevied	
10.	vehement	VEE uh munt	forcefully expressing emotion or conviction
	Synonyms >>		
	He vehemently denied that he had said those harsh words.		
	Derivatives >>	vehemence, vehemency, vehemently	

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1.	blasphemous	BLAS fuh mus	irreverent, profane
	Synonyms >>		
	Telling that sacrilegious joke is blasphemous.		
	Derivatives >>	blaspheme, blasphemed, blaspheming, blaspeme, blasphemousness, blasphemously, blasphemy	
2.	disdain	dis DANE	intense dislike; to treat with scorn or contempt, to reject as unworthy
	Synonyms >>	(to be) arrogant, haughty, high-handed, insolent, lordly, supercilious	
	Never having had to do manual labor, he disdained the idea of becoming a cotton picker.		
	Derivatives >>	disdained, disdaining, disdainer, disdainful, disdainfully, disdainfulness	
3.	insolence	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	
4.	modicum	MOD eh kum	limited quantity
	Synonyms >>		
	I insist on at least a modicum of decorum.		
	Derivatives >>	modicums	
5.	plaintive	PLANE tiv	mournful and expressing sorrow
	Synonyms >>		
	The dog moaned in a plaintive manner when her puppies were taken.		
	Derivatives >>	plaintively, plaintiveness	
6.	prattle	PRAT ul	meaningless sounds, babble
	Synonyms >>		
	I have difficulty understanding the prattle of young children.		
	Derivatives >>	prattled, prattling, prattlement, prattler, prattlingly	
7.	provincial	pruh VEN shul	lacking sophistication, narrow-minded
	Synonyms >>		
	Her parents are so provincial that they believe they should arrange her marriage.		
	Derivatives >>	provinciate, provincialism, provinciality, provincialization	
8.	slothful	SLOTH ful	lazy, indolent
	Synonyms >>	bovine	
	That student is so slothful that he has never done any of his homework assignments.		
	Derivatives >>	slothfully, slothfulness, sloth	
9.	slovenly	SLUV un lee	messy, untidy, careless
	Synonyms >>		
	A person with slovenly work habits will likely lose his job.		
	Derivatives >>	slovenry, slovenness, slovenliness	
10.	unfathomable	un FATH um uh bul	not capable of being understood
	Synonyms >>		
	The solution to the mystery was unfathomable in the beginning.		
	Derivatives >>	unfathomableness, unfathomably, unfathomed	

Lesson 8

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1.	approbation	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	
2.	atheist	A thee ist	one who does not believe in God
	Synonyms >>		
	The beliefs of the atheist often cause him to face despair alone.		
	Derivatives >>	atheistic, atheistical, atheistically	
3.	benign	buh NINE	not causing harm, of gentle disposition, beneficial
	Synonyms >>		
	The minister was loved because of his benign attitude toward all types of people.		
	Derivatives >>	benignly, benignant, benignancy, benignantly, benignity	
4.	forbearance	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, forbearings, forbore	
5.	foreboding	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	
6.	forensic	fuh REN sik	pertaining to debate or argument
	Synonyms >>		
	Many students take debate classes in preparation for the forensic competitions.		
	Derivatives >>	forensical	
7.	infernal	in FER nul	relating to hell
	Synonyms >>	hellish, diabolical, fiendish	
	It is not nice to wish that someone go to the infernal regions.		
	Derivatives >>	infernally, inferno	
8.	placid	PLAS id	peaceful, calm
	Synonyms >>	serene, tranquil	
	The wilderness is usually a placid place where one can relax.		
	Derivatives >>	placidity, placidly, placidness	
9.	propensity	pruh PEN seh tee	preference, natural inclination
	Synonyms >>	leaning, penchant, proclivity	
	I have a propensity for rising early.		
	Derivatives >>	propension, propense, propend	
10.	sonorous	suh NOR us, SAN uh	resonant, producing a full and rich sound
	Synonyms >>		
	Orson Wells was known for his sonorous voice.		
	Derivatives >>	sonorant, soniferous, soniferously, sonority, sonorization, sonorously, sonorousness	

Lesson 9

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1.	diffidence	DIF eh duns	shyness, reserve, unassertiveness
	Synonyms >>	bashfulness, modesty	
	Because of his diffidence, he would not ask any girl to the prom.		
	Derivatives >>	diffidency, diffident, diffidently, diffidentness	
2.	dissociate	dis uh SO see ate	separate
	Synonyms >>		
	Mental patients often dissociate from people around them.		
	Derivatives >>	dissociation, dissociative	
3.	ferocity	fuh ROS eh tee	savagery
	Synonyms >>		
	A tiger is an animal that has ferocity.		
	Derivatives >>	ferocious, ferociously, ferociousness	
4.	furtive	FUR tiv	secret in an underhanded way, stealthy
	Synonyms >>	clandestine, covert, stealthy, surreptitious, underhanded	
	During the test, he made some furtive glances at other classmates' papers.		
	Derivatives >>	furtively, furtiveness	
5.	gravity	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	
6.	inviolable	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	
7.	lethargic	luh THAR jik	sluggish, languid
	Synonyms >>	stuporous, torpid	
	Having had too much to drink, he was very lethargic the morning after the party.		
	Derivatives >>	lethargically, lethargize, lethargy	
8.	oblivion	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	
9.	ostentatious	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	
10.	penitent	PEN eh tunt	showing or feeling regret for wrongdoing, repentant
	Synonyms >>	compunctual, contrite, remorseful	
	He became penitent when he realized that his prank resulted in serious injury.		
	Derivatives >>	penitence, penitency, penitential	

Lesson 10

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1.	advocacy	AD vuh kuh see	support of an idea or cause
	Synonyms >>		
	The nominee's advocacy of higher taxes may have cost him the election.		
	Derivatives >>	advocate, advocator, advocatory, advocated, advocating	
2.	aversion	uh VER shun	strong disinclination, disliking
	Synonyms >>	hesitance, loathing, reluctance	
	I have an aversion to getting married.		
	Derivatives >>	averseness, aversely, averse	
3.	complacency	kum PLAY sun see	the state of being self-satisfied
	Synonyms >>		
	Considering that he is failing, it is curious to see his sense of complacency.		
	Derivatives >>	complacent, complacently, complacence, complaisant, complaisance, complaisantly	
4.	elicit	eh LIS it	to bring out a response, to evoke
	Synonyms >>	educate, extort, extract	
	I would like to elicit your participation in the blood drive.		
	Derivatives >>	elicitable, elicitate, elicitation	
5.	engender	en JEN der	to cause, to produce, to create
	Synonyms >>		
	His angry words engendered strife in his relationship with his wife.		
	Derivatives >>	engendered, engenderer, engenders, engendering	
6.	impute	im PYOOT	to blame or to charge
	Synonyms >>		
	His bizarre actions have been imputed to mental derangement.		
	Derivatives >>	imputability, imputable, imputableness, imputably, imputation, imputational, imputatively, imputativeness	
7.	ominous	OM uh nus	threatening
	Synonyms >>	fateful, portentous	
	The ominous clouds were harbingers of the tornado.		
	Derivatives >>	ominously, ominousness	
8.	palpable	PAL puh bul	tangible, perceptible, easily noticeable
	Synonyms >>		
	I do not see how I overlooked such a palpable miscalculation.		
	Derivatives >>	palpability, palpably, palpableness	
9.	precipitate	preh SIP eh tate	to cause to speedily occur, to throw headlong
	Synonyms >>		
	Coming home late at my house will always precipitate a fight.		
	Derivatives >>	precipitation, precipitancy, precipitately, precipitator, precipitous	
10.	reproach	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	

Lesson 11

Definitions

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1.	capitulate	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.	consecrate	KON suh krate	to dedicate or to declare sacred
	Synonyms >>	devote, hallow	
	Ministers customarily consecrate their lives to serving God.		
	Derivatives >>	consecrated, consecrating, consecratory, consecrator, consecration	
3.	demur	deh MUR	to hesitate, to delay, to object
	Synonyms >>		
	To demur at this time might cause the whole operation to be destroyed.		
	Derivatives >>	demurred, demurring	
4.	deprecate	DEP ruh kate	to disapprove regretfully, to belittle, to express mild disapproval
	Synonyms >>		
	Do not deprecate her act unless you fully understand her situation.		
	Derivatives >>	deprecating, deprecatingly, deprecative, deprecatively, deprecatory, deprecated, deprecating	
5.	discern	deh SURN	to differentiate between two or more things
	Synonyms >>		
	Because of the fog, I was barely able to discern the landing strip.		
	Derivatives >>	discerner, discernible, discernable, discernibleness, discernibly, discernably, discerningly, discernment	
6.	embellish	em BEL ish	to decorate, to make beautiful with ornamentation
	Synonyms >>	deck, garnish, ornament, adorn	
	He would embellish his narratives with anecdotes about famous people.		
	Derivatives >>	embellisher, embellishment	
7.	muse	MYOOZ	to ponder
	Synonyms >>	meditate, ruminate	
	I have often mused about life on a tropical island.		
	Derivatives >>	mused, museful, musefully, museless, musing	
8.	perpetuate	pur PECH oo ate	to prolong the existence of something
	Synonyms >>		
	The Audubon Society works to perpetuate the species of many threatened birds.		
	Derivatives >>	perpetuation, perpetuator, perpetuity, perpetual, perpetually	
9.	proscribe	pro SCRIBE	to denounce or to condemn, to forbid
	Synonyms >>		
	We will proscribe anyone who comes to the rally with the opponent's campaign buttons on his shirt.		
	Derivatives >>	proscript, proscription, proscriptive, prosriptiveness, prosriptively	
10.	remonstrate	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, remonstratingly, remonstrative	

Lesson 12

Definitions

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1.	despoil	deh SPOIL	to take possessions by force, to plunder
	Synonyms >>	devastate, pillage, ravage, sack, waste	
	Residents of occupied areas during a war are often despoiled.		
	Derivatives >>	despoiler, despoilment, despoliation	
2.	emaciated	eh MAY she ay tid	very thin (usually as a result of starvation), wasting away
	Synonyms >>		
	As a result of receiving little food, most prisoners of concentration camps become extremely emaciated.		
	Derivatives >>	emaciate, emaciation	
3.	emulate	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	
4.	galling	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	
5.	gaunt	GAWNT	very thin, emaciated, angular
	Synonyms >>	lank, lean, rawboned, spare	
	Prisoners in World War II concentration camps became gaunt from lack of nutrition.		
	Derivatives >>	gauntly, gauntness, gaunty	
6.	hideous	HID ee us	very ugly, offensive, shocking
	Synonyms >>		
	Some characters in the horror movie had hideous faces.		
	Derivatives >>	hideously, hideousness, hideosity	
7.	laconic	luh KON ik	using a minimum of words; concise to the point of seeming rude
	Synonyms >>	compendious, concise, pithy, succinct, summary, terse	
	After the loss, the coach's remarks were laconic.		
	Derivatives >>	laconian, laconical, laconically, laconicism, laconism	
8.	munificent	myoo NIF eh sent	very generous
	Synonyms >>		
	The munificent gift to the school was appreciated by all of the students.		
	Derivatives >>	munificence, munificency, munificently, munificentness	
9.	sagacious	suh GAY shus	wise, shrewd, very discerning
	Synonyms >>	astute, perspicacious	
	The sagacious freshman knew not to buy an elevator pass from the senior attempting a clever ruse.		
	Derivatives >>	sagaciate, sagaciously, sagaciousness, sagacity	
10.	scrupulous	SKROO pyuh lus	very principled, very careful and conscientious
	Synonyms >>	meticulous, punctilious	
	The scrupulous police officer never took a bribe, and he ceaselessly tried to prevent crime.		
	Derivatives >>	scruple, scrupulosity, scrupulousness, scrupulously	

Lesson 13

Definitions

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1.	adulterate	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	
2.	animosity	an uh MAH suh tee	harsh feelings, enmity, resentment, hatred
	Synonyms >>	animus, antagonism, antipathy, enmity, hostility, rancor	
	I have a lot of animosity for him, since he attempted to steal my girlfriend.		
	Derivatives >>	animus	
3.	apocryphal	uh PA kra ful	of doubtful origin or authenticity, not genuine
	Synonyms >>		
	The jury saw through the apocryphal tears of the witness.		
	Derivatives >>	apocryphally, apocryphalness	
4.	avarice	AV uh ris	greed for wealth
	Synonyms >>	cupidity	
	Avarice and gluttony are two vices that can destroy lives.		
	Derivatives >>	avaricious, avariciously, avariciousness	
5.	coalesce	ko uh LESS	to merge, to fuse, to join, or to unite
	Synonyms >>	amalgamate, commingle	
	If the party can coalesce diverse groups into a united force, it might win the election.		
	Derivatives >>	coalesced, coalescing, coalescent	
6.	venerate	VEN uh rate	to honor, to revere
	Synonyms >>	adore, worship	
	Although I did not always agree with President Kennedy, I venerate his memory.		
	Derivatives >>	veneration, venerational, venerator, venerable, venerability	
7.	vigilant	VIJ uh lunt	very alert, watchful
	Synonyms >>		
	I have been vigilant in trying to find the thief.		
	Derivatives >>	vigilance, vigilantly, vigilantness, vigil	
8.	vivacious	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	
9.	vivid	VIV id	bright, distinct, and clear
	Synonyms >>	graphic	
	I have vivid memories of my trip to Europe.		
	Derivatives >>	vividly, vividness, vividity, vivific, vivificate, vivification, vivifier, vivify	
10.	voluptuous	vuh LUP choo us	pleasurable to the senses, sensuous
	Synonyms >>		
	Bob Hope always took voluptuous women with him when he entertained soldiers overseas.		
	Derivatives >>	voluptuosity, voluptuousness, voluptuate, voluptuously	

Lesson 14

Definitions

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1.	collaborate	kuh LAB uh rate	to work together
	Synonyms >>		
	Sometimes singers who have never worked together will collaborate to make a new album.		
	Derivatives >>	collaborated, collaborating, collaboration, collaborationism, collaborationist, collaborative, collaborator	
2.	cryptic	KRIP tik	mysterious, secret
	Synonyms >>	abstruse, ambiguous, enigmatic, obscure, recondite	
	I did not understand his cryptic message.		
	Derivatives >>	cryptical, cryptically, cryptogram, cryptography, cryptonym, cryptonymous	
3.	desultory	DES ul tore ee	jumping around, aimless, random
	Synonyms >>		
	The man's desultory attempts at finding employment wasted his time.		
	Derivatives >>	desultorious, desultoriness, desultorily, desultor	
4.	dissipation	dis uh PAY shun	wasteful spending, squandering
	Synonyms >>		
	Even though he inherited a million dollars, I expect quick dissipation of his fortune.		
	Derivatives >>	dissipate, dissipated, dissipatedly, dissipatedness, dissipater, dissipative	
5.	edifying	ED uh fie ing	instructing and improving spiritually or morally
	Synonyms >>		
	Visiting the cathedral was an edifying experience.		
	Derivatives >>	edification, edificatory, edify, edifier, edifyingness	
6.	protract	pro TRAKT	to prolong
	Synonyms >>		
	The union hopes to protract the strike in order to force management to settle.		
	Derivatives >>	protractedly, protractedness, pretractible, protraction, protractive	
7.	replete	reh PLETE	filled to capacity, abundantly supplied
	Synonyms >>	plenary	
	The bar was replete with every possible kind of alcohol.		
	Derivatives >>	repleteness, repletion, repletive	
8.	soporific	sop uh RIF ik	something that tends to cause sleep and to dull awareness or alertness
	Synonyms >>		
	Quiet music late at night is soporific.		
	Derivatives >>	soporiferous, soporiferously, soporiferousness, soporifical, soporifically	
9.	strident	STRIDE unt	loud and harsh sounding
	Synonyms >>	raucous, stentorian, boisterous, clamorous, obstreperous	
	The teacher used a strident voice when reprimanding a student.		
	Derivatives >>	stridently	
10.	treachery	TRECH uh ree	violation of faith; betrayal of trust; treason
	Synonyms >>	disloyalty	
	The man's ruthless act of treachery was expected.		
	Derivatives >>	treacheries, treacherous, treacherously, treacherousness	

Lesson 15

Definitions

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1.	equivocate	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, equivocality	
2.	espousing	eh SPOUZ ing	marrying, giving one's loyalty; adopting or embracing a cause
	Synonyms >>		
	The politician seems to be espousing the issue of decreased taxation in order to gain supporters.		
	Derivatives >>	espoused, espousing, espousal, espouser	
3.	hedonist	HEED un ist	one who seeks pleasure as the sole aim in life
	Synonyms >>		
	The world is full of hedonists who seek nothing but their own pleasures.		
	Derivatives >>	hedonism, hedonistically, hedonistical, hedonics, hedonic, hedonically	
4.	indefatigable	in deh FAT uh guh bul	tireless, incapable of being fatigued
	Synonyms >>		
	The indefatigable army moved ahead steadily over the many days without rest.		
	Derivatives >>	indefatigability, indefatigableness, indefatigably	
5.	interminable	in TUR mun uh bul	having or seeming to have no end, wearisomely protracted
	Synonyms >>		
	Although the reading assignment was only ten pages, it seemed interminable to the bored student.		
	Derivatives >>	interminability, interminableness, interminably, interminate	
6.	naive	na EVE	unsophisticated; inexperienced
	Synonyms >>	natural, artless, ingenuous	
	Many naive young women go to Hollywood believing that they will become movie stars.		
	Derivatives >>	naively, naivete, naiveness, naivety	
7.	parody	PAIR uh dee	humorous or ridiculous imitation
	Synonyms >>	burlesque, caricature, travesty	
	Many skits on "Saturday Night Live" are parodies of current events.		
	Derivatives >>	parodies	
8.	peripheral	puh RIF ur ul	on the edge, not important
	Synonyms >>		
	Let's discuss the main topic now and save peripheral issues for later.		
	Derivatives >>	peripheral, peripheric, peripheralism, peripherally, peripherically, periphery	
9.	portent	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	
10.	prodigious	pruh DIJ us	extraordinary in bulk, quantity, or degree, great in size, enormous
	Synonyms >>		
	His prodigious appetite allowed him to eat the entire turkey.		
	Derivatives >>	prodigiously, prodigiousness	

Lesson 16

Definitions

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1.	abate	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.	antecedent	an tuh SEE dunt	preceding a cause
	Synonyms >>		
	The argument between the two men was antecedent to the fight which followed.		
	Derivatives >>	antecedence, antecedency, antecede, antecedently	
3.	arid	AIR id	very dry
	Synonyms >>		
	The desert is an arid place.		
	Derivatives >>	aridity, aridness, aridly	
4.	bane, baneful	BANE ful	a source of harm or destruction; harmful, destructive
	Synonyms >>	deleterious, detrimental, noxious, pernicious	
	Overeating was the bane of her existence. The baneful herbs made the woman extremely ill.		
	Derivatives >>	baneful, banefully, banefulness	
5.	beleaguer	buh LEEG er	to harass
	Synonyms >>		
	The scandal caused the President to be beleaguered by the press.		
	Derivatives >>	beleaguered, beleaguerer	
6.	profane	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	
7.	respite	RES pit	a rest, a delay, a period of relief
	Synonyms >>		
	I enjoy a quiet lunch that serves a respite from my tense job of being an air traffic controller.		
	Derivatives >>	respiteless	
8.	sordid	SOR did	filthy, foul
	Synonyms >>	abject, ignoble, mean	
	The sordid details of the brutal ax murder sickened the jurors.		
	Derivatives >>	sordidness, sordidly	
9.	surfeited	SUR feh ted	fed or supplied to excess
	Synonyms >>	cloyed, glutted, gorged, palled, sated, satiated	
	I was surfeited after having eaten so much food at the banquet.		
	Derivatives >>	surfeit, surfeiter	
10.	trifling	TRY fling	not significant, frivolous
	Synonyms >>		
	Some think that watching MTV is a trifling experience.		
	Derivatives >>	trifle, trifled, trifling, trifles	

Lesson 17

Definitions

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1.	contempt	kun TEMPT	scorn, extreme dislike or disdain
	Synonyms >>	despicableness, pitiableness, scurviness	
	The man treated the gossiping woman with contempt; talking about other people was beneath his dignity.		
	Derivatives >>	contemptible, contemptuous	
2.	cynical	SIN uh kul	given to faultfinding, sneering, and sarcasm; exhibiting mocking
	Synonyms >>	misanthropic, pessimistic, misogynic	
	Some people are so cynical they sneer at everything that would make life worthwhile.		
	Derivatives >>	cynic, cynically, cynicism	
3.	dexterous	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	
4.	dour	DOUR, DOW ur	sullen, stern, harsh
	Synonyms >>		
	His dour behavior was caused by the rain washing out his golf game.		
	Derivatives >>	dourly, dourer, dourest	
5.	exalt	ig ZALT	to glorify, to praise, to raise in rank
	Synonyms >>		
	The woman was exalted for her successes in the field of science.		
	Derivatives >>	exalted, exalting, exalts, exaltation, exaltedly, exaltedness, exalter	
6.	felicitous	feh LIS eh tus	happy or delightful
	Synonyms >>		
	Her marriage was a felicitous occasion.		
	Derivatives >>	felicitate, felicitic, felicitation, felicitously, felicitousness, felicity	
7.	impeccable	im PEK uh bul	free from fault or blame
	Synonyms >>	flawless, irreproachable	
	She was a woman of impeccable character and could not be blamed for the smallest wrongdoing.		
	Derivatives >>	impeccability, impeccableness, impeccably	
8.	imperturbable	im pur TUR buh bul	marked by extreme calm, impassivity, assurance and steadiness
	Synonyms >>	composed, collected, cool, unruffled, nonchalant	
	Before the accident he seemed imperturbable, but now he is becoming frantic.		
	Derivatives >>	imperturbability, imperturbableness, imperturbably, imperturbation, imperturbed	
9.	malleable	MAL ee uh bul	capable of being shaped, influenced, or altered; tractable
	Synonyms >>	plastic, pliable, pliant, ductile	
	Gold is a malleable metal.		
	Derivatives >>	malleability, malleabilization, malleableize, malleableness	
10.	mortify	MORE tuh fie	to humiliate, to wound pride, to experience shame
	Synonyms >>		
	It would simply mortify me to have someone say such shameful things about my family.		
	Derivatives >>	mortifyingly, mortifier, mortified, mortifiedly, mortification	

Lesson 18

Definitions

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1.	acclaim	uh KLAYM	praise, approval; to salute; to hail
	Synonyms >>		
	He received great acclaim for discovering a polio vaccine.		
	Derivatives >>	acclaimer, acclamation, acclamatory	
2.	amass	uh MASS	to collect, to gather, to accumulate
	Synonyms >>		
	He amassed a fortune as a result of the oil strike.		
	Derivatives >>	amassable, amasser, amassment, amassed	
3.	anarchist	AN ar kist	one who believes in the absence of government or law
	Synonyms >>		
	When the government fell and there was a total state of disorder, the anarchist was happy.		
	Derivatives >>	anarchy, anarchically, anarchical, anarchic, anarchism, anarchistic	
4.	banter	BAN ter	to speak in a witty or teasing manner
	Synonyms >>		
	The opposing coaches, who were old friends, bantered back and forth before the game.		
	Derivatives >>	banterer, bantering, banteringly, banters, bantered	
5.	blithe	BLIETH	lighthearted, joyous, glad, cheerful, free of spirit
	Synonyms >>	jocund, jolly, jovial	
	Her blithe spirit provided an air of gaiety at the meeting.		
	Derivatives >>	blithely, blithesome, blithesomely, blithesomeness	
6.	obdurate	OB doo rit	extremely stubborn, unwilling to accept advice
	Synonyms >>	inflexible, inexorable, adamant	
	She was obdurate in her refusal to listen to our concerns about her cocaine problem.		
	Derivatives >>	obdurately, obdurateness, obduration, obdure, obduracy	
7.	platitude	PLAT eh tood	trite remark, banal statement
	Synonyms >>		
	That politician can spout platitudes, but he has never passed a bill that has substance.		
	Derivatives >>	platitudinal, platitudinarian, platitudinize, platitudinous, platitudinously	
8.	profligate	PROF luh git	a wasteful person; extremely wasteful, given to licentiousness
	Synonyms >>		
	The profligate son wasted the family fortune on wine, women, and song.		
	Derivatives >>	profligacy, profligated, profligately, profligateness	
9.	pugnacious	pug NAY shus	looking for a fight, combative, belligerent
	Synonyms >>	bellicose, contentious, quarrelsome	
	There are many pugnacious punks at the high school that bully other students.		
	Derivatives >>	pugnaciously, pugnaciousness, pugnacity	
10.	savory	SAY vuh ree	appetizing
	Synonyms >>	palatable, toothsome	
	My mother is known for her savory meals.		
	Derivatives >>	savor, savored, savorer, savorily, savoriness, savoringly, savorous, savorosome	

Lesson 19

Definitions

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1.	air	AIR	to make a public utterance
	Synonyms >>		
	I intend to air my views to the school board and to anybody who will listen.		
	Derivatives >>	airs, airing, aired	
2.	beguile	buh GUYL	to deceive, to mislead, to persuade with charm
	Synonyms >>	delude	
	We sometimes allow ourselves to be beguiled by flatterers.		
	Derivatives >>	beguiled, beguiling, beguilement, beguiler	
3.	concert	KON surt	agreement in purpose or feeling, consensus
	Synonyms >>		
	My wife and children were in concert together to plan the surprise party.		
	Derivatives >>	concerted, concertedly	
4.	confluence	KON floo uns	a coming together
	Synonyms >>		
	What is the name of the town that sits at the confluence of the Missouri and Mississippi rivers?		
	Derivatives >>	confluent	
5.	corpulence	KOR pyuh luns	state of being very fat
	Synonyms >>	obesity	
	Overeating will lead to corpulence.		
	Derivatives >>	corpulent, corpulently	
6.	dirge	DURJ	funeral hymn, lament
	Synonyms >>		
	The music was so morose and solemn that it sounded like a dirge.		
	Derivatives >>	dirgeful, dirges	
7.	disconcerting	dis kun SUR ting	upsetting, frustrating
	Synonyms >>		
	That he has not responded to the medicine is disconcerting.		
	Derivatives >>	disconcert, disconcerted, disconcertedness, disconcerting, disconcertingly, disconcertingness, disconcertment	
8.	disencumber	dis en KUM bur	to free from burdens, to extricate
	Synonyms >>	disembarrass, extricate	
	We are trying to disencumber ourselves from financial debts.		
	Derivatives >>	disencumberment, disencumbrance	
9.	fly-by-night	FLY by nite	one who is temporary and usually unreliable
	Synonyms >>		
	It is not wise to hire a fly-by-night for an important position.		
	Derivatives >>	fly-by-nighter	
10.	foliage	FOE lee ij	leaves of a plant, leafage
	Synonyms >>		
	The trees will soon come alive with green foliage.		
	Derivatives >>	foliages, foliar, foliaceous	

11.	gratis	GRAH tis	free
	Synonyms >>		
	The gratis appearance of the artist allowed more funds for the charity ball.		
12.	hues	HYOOZ	colors
	Synonyms >>		
	A rainbow has many hues.		
13.	kudos	KOO doze	awards or honors
	Synonyms >>		
	She deserves kudos for her work in building the museum.		
14.	legerdemain	lej ur duh MANE	sleight of hand, deception or trickery resulting from use of the hands
	Synonyms >>		
	A magician must be able to perform feats of legerdemain.		
15.	lurid	LOOR id	sensational, gruesome and causing shock or horror
	Synonyms >>	grisly, ghastly, macabre	
	The tabloid published every lurid detail of the horrible incident.		
16.	spurn	SPURN	to reject or to refuse with hostility
	Synonyms >>		
	The woman had always viewed the man with disdain and would spurn his attempts at friendship forever.		
17.	supercilious	soo pur SIL ee us	haughty, vain and arrogant
	Synonyms >>	disdainful, high-handed, insolent, lordly	
	I do not like your arrogant and supercilious attitude toward people.		
18.	trite	TRITE	overused, commonplace, hackneyed
	Synonyms >>	threadbare	
	This essay is full of trite phrases; it needs a fresh approach, avoiding phrases so hackneyed and overused.		
19.	vociferous	voe SIF ur us	clamorous; boisterous (suggests a vehement outcry)
	Synonyms >>	blatant, obstreperous, strident	
	The rock crowd became vociferous in its anger when it was announced that the show was cancelled.		
20.	vulgarity	vul GAR eh tee	something offensive to good taste and refinement
	Synonyms >>	coarseness, grossness, obscenity, ribaldness	
	She chose to ignore the vulgarity of his crude remark.		
	Derivatives >>	vulgar, vulgarian, vulgarism, vulgarization, vulgarize, vulgarizer	



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1.	endemic	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.	focus	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.	hilarity	heh LAR eh tee	boisterous merriment, mirth
	Synonyms >>	glee, jollity	
	The party was marked by great hilarity.		
	Derivatives >>	hilarious, hilariously, hilariousness	
4.	indict	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.	latent	LATE unt	not visible, dormant
	Synonyms >>	abeyant, quiescent	
	Sometimes a teacher can cause latent talents to emerge.		
	Derivatives >>	latency	
6.	monumental	mon yuh MEN tul	massive, very great, very important
	Synonyms >>		
	Sending man to the moon was a monumental achievement.		
	Derivatives >>	monumentalism, monumentality, monumentally	
7.	myriad	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.	oscillating	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.	pithy	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.	premeditated	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	

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1.	anchor	ANG kur	to secure firmly
	Synonyms >>		
	Anchor the boat to the dock.		
	Derivatives >>	anchored, anchoring, anchors	
2.	antediluvian	an tuh duh LEW vee un	very, very old (it literally means "before the Flood")
	Synonyms >>		
	The natives' antediluvian marriage rituals had not changed in thousands of years.		
	Derivatives >>	antediluvial	
3.	denigrate	DEN uh grate	to belittle, to run down, to deny the importance of something
	Synonyms >>	aspere, calumniate, defame, malign, slander, traduce, vilify	
	To denigrate someone's reputation merely on hearsay is wrong.		
	Derivatives >>	denigration, denigrator, denigratory, denigrated, denigrating	
4.	doleful	DOL ful	having great sorrow
	Synonyms >>	melancholy, plaintive, lugubrious, mournful	
	By her doleful expression, I knew that she did not make the cheerleader squad.		
	Derivatives >>	dolefully, dolefulness	
5.	epilogue	EP uh log	a short addition to a literary work, a short speech given at the end of a play
	Synonyms >>		
	The author's intent in writing the novel can be found in the epilogue.		
	Derivatives >>	epilog, epilogist, epilogues, epologuize	
6.	presage	PRES ij	something that foreshadows a future event; foreknowledge of the future
	Synonyms >>	omen, foreboding, presentiment, prediction	
	Many view a rainbow as a presage of good fortune.		
	Derivatives >>	presageful, presagement, presager, presaging, presagingly, presagious	
7.	quixotic	kwik SOT ik	idealistic but impractical
	Synonyms >>	chimera, fanciful, fantastic, visionary	
	It is usually quixotic for a commoner to pursue a relationship with a member of the royal family.		
	Derivatives >>	quixote, quixotical, quixotically, quixotism, quixotize, quixotry	
8.	reserve	reh ZURV	self-restraint
	Synonyms >>	reticence	
	He showed a lot of reserve in dealing with the harsh critics at the meeting.		
	Derivatives >>	reserved, reservedly, reserveless	
9.	stasis	STAY sis	motionlessness, stagnation
	Synonyms >>		
	At a particular point of stasis, one cannot advance in growth or understanding.		
	Derivatives >>	stases	
10.	warranted	WOR un ted	justified
	Synonyms >>		
	The jury felt that the death penalty was warranted because of the heinous nature of the crime.		
	Derivatives >>	warrant, warrantable, warrantableness, warrantably	

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1.	epitaph	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	
2.	foible	FOI bul	slight fault, minor weakness of character
	Synonyms >>	failing, fragility, vice	
	His character is weakened only by a slight foible.		
	Derivatives >>	foibles	
3.	garish	GAR ish	crudely or tastelessly colorful or showy; excessively ornate or elaborate
	Synonyms >>	loud, tawdry, gaudy	
	Her garish clothes made her look out of place in the conservative setting.		
	Derivatives >>	garishly, garishness	
4.	homage	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	
5.	importune	im por TOON	to beg in earnest
	Synonyms >>	entreat, implore, supplicate, adjure	
	Although he importuned for one more chance, his former boss would not rehire him.		
	Derivatives >>	importuned, importuning, importunely, importuner, importunity, importunacy, importunate, importunateness	
6.	intangibles	in TAN juh buls	things that cannot be realized or defined
	Synonyms >>		
	The coach said that he had the best team and that they should win, but one never knows about intangibles.		
	Derivatives >>	intangibility, intangibleness, intangibly	
7.	lecher	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	
8.	morbidity	mor BID eh tee	unwholesomeness and gloominess, gruesomeness
	Synonyms >>		
	The boy talked about dead people and gruesome things. He soon frightened me with his morbidity.		
	Derivatives >>	morbid, morbidity	
9.	ostracize	OS truh size	to exclude by general consent from society or privileges
	Synonyms >>	exile, disenfranchise, excommunicate	
	Her friends ostracized her after her husband's arrest.		
	Derivatives >>	ostracized, ostracizing, ostracization, ostracizable, ostracizer	
10.	patronizing	PAY truh niz ing	having a condescending attitude
	Synonyms >>		
	She hugged the poor children in the streets and flashed them patronizing smiles.		
	Derivatives >>	patronize, patronization, patronizer, patronizingly	

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1.	addendum	uh DEN dum	something added, usually to a book
	Synonyms >>	addition, supplement	
	The next edition of the book will have an addendum containing new information.		
	Derivatives >>	addend, addenda, addendums	
2.	anthology	an THAH luh gee	an assortment or collection of selected pieces of literature or art
	Synonyms >>		
	The anthology we are using as a text contains many poems of various authors.		
	Derivatives >>	anthological, anthologist, anthologize, anthologies	
3.	bellicose	BELL uh kose	inclined or eager to fight; aggressively hostile
	Synonyms >>	belligerent, pugnacious	
	The bellicose young man was always trying to start a fight.		
	Derivatives >>	bellicosely, bellicosity, bellicoseness	
4.	bizarre	buh ZAR	out of the ordinary, odd
	Synonyms >>		
	Snow in May is a bizarre occurrence for Texans.		
	Derivatives >>	bizarrely, bizarreness	
5.	cognizant	KOG nuh zunt	aware, having knowledge
	Synonyms >>		
	I am cognizant of the importance of this situation.		
	Derivatives >>	cognition, cognizable, cognizably, cognizance, cognize, cognized, cognizing	
6.	plenitude	PLEN eh tood	abundance, a lot
	Synonyms >>		
	I can always find a plenitude of advice but rarely a plausible solution.		
	Derivatives >>	plenitudinous	
7.	raconteur	rak on TUR	one who is skillful at telling stories and anecdotes
	Synonyms >>		
	One of the reasons that most Americans loved Will Rogers was that he was a wonderful raconteur.		
	Derivatives >>	raconteuse	
8.	resonant	REZ uh nunt	echoing, continuing to sound
	Synonyms >>		
	The resonant sounds of the cello make it a pleasing instrument.		
	Derivatives >>	resonance, resonate, resonantly, resonator	
9.	sentinel	SEN tuh nul	one who keeps guard as a sentry
	Synonyms >>		
	The oak trees hovered over the house as sentinels.		
	Derivatives >>	sentineled, sentinelng, sentinels	
10.	sequester	seh KWES tur	to seclude
	Synonyms >>		
	Because of the publicity about the case and the defendant, the judge decided to sequester the jury.		
	Derivatives >>	sequestered, sequestrable, sequestrant, sequestration, sequestrator	

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1.	declaim	deh KLAME	to harangue, to speak bombastically or vehemently
	Synonyms >>	bombast, fustian, rant, rodomontade	
	He declaimed his opponents with oratorical vigor.		
	Derivatives >>	declaimer, declamation, declamatory, declaimed, declaiming	
2.	equanimity	ee kwuh NIM uh tee	a calm temper, an even disposition
	Synonyms >>		
	The rude behavior of the students did not disturb his equanimity.		
	Derivatives >>	equanimous, equanimously	
3.	eschew	es CHOO	to avoid or to shun
	Synonyms >>		
	He eschewed situations in which there would be drinking.		
	Derivatives >>	eschewed, eschewal	
4.	exigent	EK seh junt	urgent, requiring immediate attention
	Synonyms >>		
	The exigent situation required immediate attention.		
	Derivatives >>	exigency, exigencies, exigence, exigently	
5.	hone	HONE	to sharpen, to make more intense, to make more effective
	Synonyms >>		
	I am going to the golf course to hone my putting skills.		
	Derivatives >>	honer	
6.	slag	SLAG	the residue or mass of metal left after smelting; worthless matter
	Synonyms >>		
	The bottom of the pit was full of slag.		
	Derivatives >>	slagger	
7.	sumptuous	SUMP choo us	lavish, luxurious
	Synonyms >>		
	I like to go to my mother's house on Thanksgiving Day because we always have a sumptuous feast.		
	Derivatives >>	sumptuously, sumptuosity, sumptuousness	
8.	tinge	TINJ	to add a bit of color; to affect slightly; a slight coloration
	Synonyms >>		
	I wanted to add a tinge of red to the picture. The roses tinged the air with their fragrance.		
	Derivatives >>	tingent, tinged, tinging, tinges	
9.	unpalatable	un PAL eh tuh bul	distasteful, unpleasant, disagreeable
	Synonyms >>		
	The speaker made harshly unpalatable but honest statements.		
	Derivatives >>	unpalatableness, unpalatably	
10.	workaday	WUR kuh day	ordinary, commonplace
	Synonyms >>		
	Because the novelist included workaday settings in her book, she was able to appeal to the ordinary man.		
	Derivatives >>		

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1.	imbue	im BYOO	to impregnate or to inspire with feelings or opinions
	Synonyms >>	charge, infect, fire; permeate, infuse, tincture, soak	
	The scholar was imbued with the teachings of the philosopher.		
	Derivatives >>	imbued, imbuing, imbue	
2.	intemperance	in TEM pur uns	lack of moderation (usually relating to drinking alcohol)
	Synonyms >>		
	Some fraternity members are known for their intemperance.		
	Derivatives >>	intemperate, intemperancy, intemperately, intemperateness	
3.	intrepid	in TREP id	fearless
	Synonyms >>		
	The intrepid fireman rushed into the burning house and saved the baby.		
	Derivatives >>	intrepidity, intrepidly, intrepidness	
4.	levitate	LEV eh tate	to rise or to float in the air in seeming defiance of gravity
	Synonyms >>		
	The magician began his show by making a volunteer from the audience levitate.		
	Derivatives >>	levitated, levitating, levitation, levitational, levitative	
5.	moribund	MORE eh bund	close to death
	Synonyms >>		
	The moribund man asked to see a priest.		
	Derivatives >>	moribundity	
6.	pluralism	PLOOR uh liz um	condition when many cultures coexist in one society
	Synonyms >>		
	Having many ethnic groups and different religions, the United States is a pluralistic country.		
	Derivatives >>	pluralistic, pluralist, pluralistically, plurally, pluralization, pluralize	
7.	portly	PORT lee	heavy or rotund in a stately manner, stout
	Synonyms >>		
	Winston Churchill was the portly prime minister of England during World War II.		
	Derivatives >>	portliness	
8.	resplendent	reh SPLEN dunt	brilliant, shining
	Synonyms >>	sublime, superb	
	The resplendent fireworks display pleased the Fourth of July crowd.		
	Derivatives >>	resplendence, resplendency, resplendently	
9.	retrogress	REH truh gres	to move backward, to degenerate
	Synonyms >>	recede, retract, retreat	
	Some ministers believe that society's morals have retrogressed.		
	Derivatives >>	retrogressed, retrogressing, retrogression, retrogressive, retrogressively	
10.	snippet	SNIP it	a small amount, morsel
	Synonyms >>		
	The professor learned mere snippets about the tribes he had visited.		
	Derivatives >>	snippiness, snippety, snippy	

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1.	abandon	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.	bemuse	buh MUZE	to confuse or to bewilder
	Synonyms >>		
	He did not intend to bemuse the class with his ambiguous remarks.		
	Derivatives >>	bemused	
3.	collage	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.	decorousness	DEK ur us ness	proper behavior
	Synonyms >>		
	A gentleman's behavior is known for its decorousness.		
	Derivatives >>	decorous, decorously, decorum	
5.	equilibrium	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.	subvert	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.	sybarite	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.	toady	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.	upbraid	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.	willful	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	

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1.	ethos	EE thos, ETH os	the distinguishing character or values of a specific people or culture
	Synonyms >>		
	In the Indian ethos, the young brave was encouraged into manhood.		
2.	explicate	EK spluh kate	to explain, to clarify the meaning
	Synonyms >>	elucidate, expound	
	He could not explicate the actions of his son.		
3.	fold (noun)	FOLD	a group bound together by common beliefs; fenced enclosure for sheep
	Synonyms >>		
	We need to convince him to return to the fold.		
4.	impudent	IM pyuh dunt	disrespectful, characterized by improper bold behavior
	Synonyms >>		
	The student's impudent act of using profanity toward Mrs. Dove caused him to be expelled.		
5.	intensify	in TEN suh fie	to strengthen
	Synonyms >>		
	We will intensify our position by getting more documentation to support our views.		
6.	interred	in TURD	buried
	Synonyms >>		
	He was interred by the avalanche.		
7.	lionize	LIE uh nize	to treat one with importance or as a celebrity
	Synonyms >>		
	The newspapers often lionize a celebrity who visits the city.		
8.	mosaic	mow ZAY ik	a picture made by using various small pieces of multicolored material
	Synonyms >>		
	The myriad of races and cultures that make up America is said to resemble a mosaic.		
9.	pedestrian	puh DES tree un	ordinary, unimaginative
	Synonyms >>		
	There will not be much progress as long as the school board maintains its pedestrian attitude.		
10.	polarization	poe lur eh ZAY shun	division into two opposite positions
	Synonyms >>		
	There is a polarization in the school district between those who want a smoking area and those who do not.		
	Derivatives >>	polarize, polarizing, polarizer, polarizable, polarizability	

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1.	ardor	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	
2.	assiduous	uh SIJ you us	marked by careful and unremitting attention, constant in application
	Synonyms >>	industrious, sedulous, diligent	
	He worked assiduously at studying geometry for weeks before he felt prepared to take the final exam.		
	Derivatives >>	assiduously, assiduousness	
3.	bestial	BES chul	brutal without reason, having the attributes of a savage
	Synonyms >>		
	The bestial traits of the man were offensive to refined ladies.		
	Derivatives >>	bestiality, bestialize, bestialized, bestializing	
4.	concord	KON kord	agreement; concurrence in attitudes, consensus
	Synonyms >>		
	There was complete concord among the delegates.		
	Derivatives >>	concordal, concordance, concordant, concordatory	
5.	confound	kon FOUND	to cause one to become confused
	Synonyms >>		
	I am confounded by the tax forms of the IRS.		
	Derivatives >>	confounded, confoundedly, confounding, confounds	
6.	reciprocal	reh SIP ruh kul	mutual, interacting
	Synonyms >>		
	We have made a reciprocal trade agreement whereby we will sell the country grain and it will sell us copper.		
	Derivatives >>	reciprocity, reciprocally, reciprocating, reciprocation, reciprocal, reciprocator, reciprocity, reciprocity	
7.	rejoinder	reh JOIN dur	an answer to a reply
	Synonyms >>	reply	
	Her remarks drew a sharp rejoinder from the man.		
	Derivatives >>	rejoin, rejoinders	
8.	restive	RES tiv	unwilling to yield or to adjust
	Synonyms >>	contrary, perverse, balky, wayward, persistent, stubborn	
	The man was unable to persuade the restive crowd.		
	Derivatives >>	restively, restiveness	
9.	revile	reh VILE	to subject to verbal abuse
	Synonyms >>	upbraid, berate, rail at, vituperate, scold	
	The woman began to revile her husband in a fit of anger.		
	Derivatives >>	reviled, reviling, revilement, reviler, revilingly	
10.	revulsion	reh VUL shun	a strong feeling of disgust or repugnance
	Synonyms >>		
	Everyone should have a revulsion for child abuse.		
	Derivatives >>	revulsant, revulsionsary, revulsive	

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1.	defer	deh FUR	to put off action until a future time; to delay
	Synonyms >>	postpone, procrastinate	
	The decision has been deferred by the board until next week.		
	Derivatives >>	deferred, deferring, deferrable	
2.	dissected	deh SEK tid	divided into numerous segments or parts
	Synonyms >>		
	In biology today I dissected a frog.		
	Derivatives >>	dissect, dissecting, dissection, dissectional, dissective, dissector	
3.	evince	eh VINS	to show clearly
	Synonyms >>	manifest, evidence	
	By making a 27 on the test, he evinced his lack of knowledge of the material.		
	Derivatives >>	evinced, evincing, evincible, evincive	
4.	husband	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, husbander, husbandland	
5.	impertinent	im PUR tuh nunt	insolently rude, not within the proper bounds of good taste or manners
	Synonyms >>	intrusive, meddlesome, obtrusive, officious	
	His impertinent remarks did not help his case in the eyes of the jury.		
	Derivatives >>	impertinence, impertinency, impertinently, impertinentness	
6.	sever	SEV ur	to cut or to separate
	Synonyms >>	divorce, sunder	
	I decided to sever my relationship with that organization when I found out the true nature of it.		
	Derivatives >>	severs, severed, severing, severability, severance, severable	
7.	surplus	SUR plus	an amount that is more than what is needed
	Synonyms >>		
	The government purchases surplus wheat so that it is not thrown away.		
	Derivatives >>	surplusage	
8.	topple	TOP ul	to overturn
	Synonyms >>		
	The rebels were able to topple the government.		
	Derivatives >>	toppled, toppling	
9.	vanquished	VAN kwishd	conquered, overpowered
	Synonyms >>		
	Hitler's armies vanquished Poland with aid from Russia.		
	Derivatives >>	vanquishable, vanquisher, vanquishment	
10.	whim	HWIM	a sudden and impulsive action
	Synonyms >>	caprice, crotchet, vagary	
	Our trip to Washington was a mere whim.		
	Derivatives >>	whims, whimmed, whimming	

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1.	inanimate	in AN uh mit	without life
	Synonyms >>		
	A rock is an inanimate object.		
	Derivatives >>	inanimately, inanimateness	
2.	lithe	LIETH	flexible and graceful
	Synonyms >>		
	Ballet is a dance for lithe dancers.		
	Derivatives >>	lithely	
3.	maladroit	mal uh DROIT	inept, awkward
	Synonyms >>	gauche, clumsy, ungainly	
	His maladroit attempts to repair the situation only made it worse.		
	Derivatives >>	maladroitly, maladroitness	
4.	muted	MYOO tid	toned down or silenced
	Synonyms >>		
	The conductor wanted the music to be muted at one spot in the performance.		
	Derivatives >>	mute, mutedly, mutely, muteness	
5.	paradigm	PAIR uh dim, -dime	a very good example or model
	Synonyms >>		
	The English teacher gave the students a sample outline as a paradigm of good work.		
	Derivatives >>	paradigmatic, paradigmatical, paradigmatically, paradigmaticize	
6.	perfidious	pur FID ee us	calculated to deceive; deceitful; treacherous
	Synonyms >>		
	You show a lack of character by spreading perfidious stories about your brother.		
	Derivatives >>	perfidiously, perfidiousness, perfidy	
7.	potable	POE tuh bul	something drinkable
	Synonyms >>		
	The show "Jeopardy" used to have a category called "Pot & Potables" that concerned all kinds of drinks.		
	Derivatives >>	potability, potableness	
8.	redundant	reh DUN dunt	repetitious, superfluous
	Synonyms >>		
	She is boring because she is a rambling and redundant speaker.		
	Derivatives >>	redundancy, redundancy, redundantly	
9.	retinue	RET uh noo	a body of retainers who follow a prince or other distinguished person
	Synonyms >>		
	It was the largest retinue ever to accompany the president on a trip.		
	Derivatives >>	retinued	
10.	sinuous	SIN yoo us	bending in and out in a serpentine or wavy form
	Synonyms >>	winding, intricate, complex	
	The land was covered with a sinuous system of canals and irrigation ditches.		
	Derivatives >>	sinuosity, sinuously, sinuousness	

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1.	assimilate	uh SIM uh late	to take in and incorporate as one's own, to absorb
	Synonyms >>		
	He assimilated many new experiences on his trip to the Orient.		
	Derivatives >>	assimilated, assimilating, assimilation, assimilationist, assimilative, assimilatory, assimilativeness, assimilator	
2.	begrudge	buh GRUJ	to give reluctantly, to envy a possession or one's enjoyment
	Synonyms >>		
	She did not begrudge the money spent on her child's education.		
	Derivatives >>	begrudged, begrudging, begrudgingly	
3.	bulwark	BOOL wark	a strong defense or something that defends
	Synonyms >>		
	Nuclear arms are our bulwark against invasion.		
	Derivatives >>	bulwarks	
4.	commodious	kuh MO dee us	affording ample space and room; adapted to or suitable for use
	Synonyms >>	capacious, ample, serviceable	
	The room was of a commodious, well-proportioned size.		
	Derivatives >>	commodiously, commodiousness, commodity	
5.	conglomerate	kun GLOM ur it	a mixture of many things
	Synonyms >>		
	When the three companies merged, a giant conglomerate was formed.		
	Derivatives >>	conglomerated, conglomerating, conglomeratic, conglomeritic, conglomeration	
6.	subjugate	SUB juh gate	to bring under one's control
	Synonyms >>		
	It was the intent of the dictator to subjugate all the people in the land and control them.		
	Derivatives >>	subjugable, subjugation, subjugator	
7.	totter	TOT ur	to stagger as if about to fall
	Synonyms >>		
	Drinking heavily will usually cause one to totter.		
	Derivatives >>	tottered, tottering, totteringly, tottery, totters	
8.	usurp	yoo SURP	to take possession or authority over something without right
	Synonyms >>		
	The younger son tried to usurp the throne from the rightful heir.		
	Derivatives >>	usurpation, usurpative, usurpatory, usurpature	
9.	vicarious	vie KARE ee us	experienced through imagined participation in another's activity
	Synonyms >>		
	Many people who watch football experience a vicarious release of aggression.		
	Derivatives >>	vicariate, vicarism, vicariously, vicariousness	
10.	woe	WOE	great sorrow, grief, or misfortune
	Synonyms >>		
	The woe she suffered at his death continued through months of depression.		
	Derivatives >>	woes, woebegone, woeful, woebegoneness, woefully, woefulness	

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1.	dissolution	dis uh LOO shun	disintegration, decomposition and dispersion
	Synonyms >>		
	The dissolution of the partnership caused him much grief.		
	Derivatives >>	dissolute, dissolutely, dissoluteness, dissolutive, dissoluble	
2.	dither	DITH ur	a state of trembling excitement or fear; vacillation; a trembling; vibration
	Synonyms >>		
	I am in a dither about whose offer to accept to the prom.		
	Derivatives >>	dithered, dithering, dithery	
3.	evocative	eh VOK uh tiv	calling forth, calling to mind
	Synonyms >>		
	The play was evocative in that it made me recall my youth.		
	Derivatives >>	evocatively, evocativeness, evocatory, evocator, evocation, evoke	
4.	frenetic	fruh NET ik	frenzied, frantic
	Synonyms >>		
	The mother became frenetic when the chicken bone lodged in her baby's throat.		
	Derivatives >>	frenetically, frenetical	
5.	grisly	GRIS lee	ghastly, inspiring fear
	Synonyms >>	gruesome, lurid, macabre	
	The scene of the car accident was a grisly sight.		
	Derivatives >>	grisliness, grisliest	
6.	ignoble	ig NO bul	of lowly origin, without honor
	Synonyms >>	abject, mean, sordid	
	I do not like his ignoble ideas.		
	Derivatives >>	ignobility, ignobleness, ignobly	
7.	impel	im PEL	to urge or to drive forward (usually with moral pressure)
	Synonyms >>		
	I will impel him to study more often in order to pass this class.		
	Derivatives >>	impelling, impellment, impeller, impelled	
8.	intercede	in ter SEDE	to intervene and to act as a mediator
	Synonyms >>		
	I will intercede on your behalf in your dispute with your boss if you believe it will do some good.		
	Derivatives >>	interceder, intercession, intercessional, intercessive, intercessor, intercessorial	
9.	lugubrious	loo GOO bree us	excessively mournful
	Synonyms >>		
	The woman shed lugubrious tears at the funeral of her husband and daughter.		
	Derivatives >>	lugubriousity, lugubriously, lugubriousness	
10.	mutinous	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	

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1.	abrogate	AB ruh gayt	to abolish, to do away with
	Synonyms >>	annul, invalidate, negate, nullify	
	The king abrogated the law passed by the parliament.		
	Derivatives >>	abrogable, abrogation, abrogative, abrogator, abrogated, abrogating	
2.	adamant	AD uh munt	inflexible, immovable, obstinate
	Synonyms >>	inexorable, obdurate	
	The man was adamant in his decision to seek a political office.		
	Derivatives >>	adamantine, adamantive, adamancy, adamantly	
3.	barbarism	BAR buh riz um	the incorrect usage of words or forms of language
	Synonyms >>		
	The English teacher cringed at the gross barbarism in the paper.		
	Derivatives >>	barbarous, barbarously, barbarousness	
4.	colloquial	kuh LOW kwee ul	informal (speech)
	Synonyms >>		
	Term papers are not to contain colloquial expressions.		
	Derivatives >>	colloquially, colloquy	
5.	compatriot	kum PAY tree ut	a fellow countryman
	Synonyms >>		
	The Lewis and Clark expedition was a journey of two compatriots exploring the unknown regions.		
	Derivatives >>	compatriotism	
6.	paragon	PAIR uh gon	a model of excellence or perfection
	Synonyms >>		
	The minister was a paragon of virtue in all his affairs.		
	Derivatives >>	paragonize	
7.	perennial	puh REN ee ul	lasting for many years
	Synonyms >>	constant, incessant, perpetual, unremitting	
	The Dallas Cowboys were often a perennial favorite to win the Super Bowl.		
	Derivatives >>	perennially	
8.	potent	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	
9.	pucker	PUK ur	to gather into wrinkles or irregular folds
	Synonyms >>	wrinkle, furrow, contract	
	His lips puckered into a low whistle when he heard her name.		
	Derivatives >>	puckered, puckering, puckerer, puckery	
10.	retrograde	REH truh grade	moving backward
	Synonyms >>	withdrawing, receding, backward	
	That particular object is moving in retrograde motion.		
	Derivatives >>	retrograded, retrograding, retrogradely, retrogradingly	

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1.	defuse	dee FYOOZ	to remove or to lessen danger or hostility
	Synonyms >>		
	The crisis was defused when the army pulled back.		
	Derivatives >>	defused, defusing	
2.	effrontery	eh FRUN tuh ree	extreme boldness, audacity
	Synonyms >>	cheek, chutzpah, gall, hardihood, nerve, temerity	
	I can't believe you had the effrontery to say such a rude thing to your parents.		
	Derivatives >>	effronteries	
3.	egregious	eh GREE jus	very bad, shocking, conspicuously bad
	Synonyms >>		
	Skipping class is an egregious error.		
	Derivatives >>	egregiously, egregiousness	
4.	gambol	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	
5.	hemophilia	hee muh FIL ee uh	a hereditary disease where blood does not coagulate to stop bleeding
	Synonyms >>		
	Getting a slight cut is dangerous for him because of his hemophilia; a small cut can cause him to bleed to death.		
	Derivatives >>	hemophile, hemophiliac, hemophilic, hemophiloid	
6.	skewed	SKYOOD	not straight, crooked, slanting
	Synonyms >>	asymmetrical	
	The telescope did not work because of the skewed alignment of the mirrors.		
	Derivatives >>	skew, skewness	
7.	supersede	soo pur SEDE	to replace, to cause to be displaced or set aside
	Synonyms >>	displace, supplant	
	This new law will supersede all previous laws.		
	Derivatives >>	supersedure, supersedence	
8.	translucence	trans LOO suns	the quality of allowing passage of light but not a clear view
	Synonyms >>	limpidity, transparency	
	Because of the translucence of the water, I could see a body but could not tell whose it was.		
	Derivatives >>	translucency, translucent, translucently	
9.	verdant	VUR dunt	fresh and green
	Synonyms >>		
	The verdant golf course was in great shape for the tournament.		
	Derivatives >>	verdancy	
10.	zany	ZAY nee	comical and outlandish
	Synonyms >>		
	The zany clown made the children laugh.		
	Derivatives >>	zanies, zanyism	

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1.	immunity	eh MYOO neh tee	resistance (usually to a disease)
	Synonyms >>		
	One's immunity to disease is lowered when one is fatigued.		
	Derivatives >>	immunities, immunist, immune, immuned, immunization, immunize, immunizing	
2.	impale	im PALE	to pierce, to fix on a pointed instrument
	Synonyms >>		
	Shish kebab can be prepared by impaling meat and vegetables on a skewer.		
	Derivatives >>	impaled, impalement	
3.	knotty	NOT ee	so complicated that it can probably not be solved; full of knots
	Synonyms >>	abstruse, complex, intricate, recondite	
	A contest's knotty problems leave contestants disheartened. The knotty trees added an eerie feeling to the night.		
	Derivatives >>	knotted, knotter, knottily	
4.	libertarian	lib ur TAR ee un	one who favors absolute liberty and free will
	Synonyms >>		
	Libertarians want less governmental control over their lives.		
	Derivatives >>	libertarianism	
5.	mired	MYRD	stuck or entangled
	Synonyms >>		
	Teachers seem to be mired with excessive paperwork.		
	Derivatives >>	mire	
6.	noxious	NOK shus	harmful, unwholesome
	Synonyms >>	baneful, deleterious, detrimental, pernicious	
	Is that noxious odor coming from that noisome outhouse?		
	Derivatives >>	noxiously, noxiousness	
7.	palatable	PAL uh tuh bul	agreeable to the taste, acceptable
	Synonyms >>		
	I have never found it very palatable that girls in school can wear miniskirts but not shorts.		
	Derivatives >>	palatableness, palatability, palatably	
8.	palliate	PAL ee ate	to ease pain, guilt or intensity
	Synonyms >>		
	The doctor attempted to palliate the patient's suffering by prescribing drugs.		
	Derivatives >>	palliated, palliating, palliation, palliative, palliator, palliatory	
9.	pallor	PAL ur	extreme paleness usually relating to the face
	Synonyms >>		
	The strange disease left the man with a sickly pallor.		
	Derivatives >>	pallors	
10.	pernicious	pur NISH us	very destructive or harmful, deadly
	Synonyms >>	baneful, deleterious, detrimental, noxious	
	Shooting heroin is a pernicious habit.		
	Derivatives >>	perniciously, perniciousness	

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1.	augury	AW gyuh ree	an omen or prophecy
	Synonyms >>		
	Several auguries were revealed to Caesar before his death.		
	Derivatives >>	augur, auguries, augured	
2.	connoisseur	kon uh SUR	a person who is able to be a judge in matters of art or taste
	Synonyms >>	critic, aesthete	
	My sister knows so much about wine that she might be considered a connoisseur.		
	Derivatives >>	connoisseurs, connoisseurship	
3.	debauchery	deh BAH chuh ree	moral corruption
	Synonyms >>	abasement, corruption, debasement, depravity, perversion, vitiation	
	Certainly a minister would say that group sex is an example of debauchery.		
	Derivatives >>	debauch, debaucher, debauchment, debauchee	
4.	declivity	deh KLIV uh tee	downward slope
	Synonyms >>		
	The declivity of the mountain made climbing it quite hazardous.		
	Derivatives >>	declivous, declivitous	
5.	diatribe	DIE uh tribe	bitter denunciation or criticism, anathema
	Synonyms >>		
	The new actress could not take the vicious diatribes of the critics.		
	Derivatives >>	diatribes	
6.	skulk	SKULK	to move in a sneaky, furtive, or stealthy manner
	Synonyms >>	lurk, slink, sneak	
	The burglar skulked about on the balcony.		
	Derivatives >>	skulker, skulked, skulking, skulks	
7.	tarry	TARE ee	to delay in coming or going, to linger
	Synonyms >>		
	Please do not tarry; I want you to be here on time.		
	Derivatives >>	tarriness, tarried, tarries	
8.	tawdry	TAH DREE	cheap and gaudy in appearance
	Synonyms >>	garish, meretricious	
	It was in bad taste to wear such tawdry jewelry to the funeral.		
	Derivatives >>	tawdriness, tawdrily	
9.	temerity	tuh MER uh tee	boldness that is foolhardy
	Synonyms >>	audacity, cheek, chutzpah, effrontery, gall, hardihood, nerve	
	I can't believe that he has the temerity to talk back to his commanding officer.		
	Derivatives >>	temerariousness, temerarious, temeriously	
10.	utopian	yoo TOE pee un	having the characteristics of an ideally perfect place
	Synonyms >>		
	Dorothy thought that Oz was a utopian place until she found out that the Wizard was a fake.		
	Derivatives >>	utopianism, utopianist, utopianize, utopia	