

Vocabulary Lesson 11

1. **abet** uh BET to encourage or to assist (usually an offense against justice or the law)

Synonyms >> foment, incite, instigate **Antonym** >> to discourage; to interfere

To aid and abet an enemy of the country is a crime.

Derivatives >> abetment, abettor, abetted, abetting

2. **agile** AJ uhl characterized by ability to move quickly with suppleness and grace

Synonyms >> nimble, brisk, spry **Antonym** >> clumsy

The girl's agile movements were the mark of a great gymnast.

Derivatives >> agilely, agility

3. **antidote** AN teh dote something that relieves the effects of poison

Synonyms >> **Antonym** >> poison

A snake bite need not be deadly, as long as one can get an antidote quickly.

Derivatives >> antidotal

4. **ascertain** as sur TANE to find out definitely; to determine

Synonyms >> learn **Antonym** >>

The detective attempted to ascertain the truth through his questioning of the suspect.

Derivatives >> ascertainable, ascertainableness, ascertainably, ascerner, ascertainment, ascertained

5. **benevolence** buh NEV uh lunz kindness, generosity, charity

Synonyms >> **Antonym** >> antagonism; avarice; malevolence

His benevolence was shown when he set up soup kitchens for the poor.

Derivatives >> benevolent, benevolently

6. **desolate** DES uh lit deserted, without inhabitants, barren

Synonyms >> **Antonym** >> populous

Some of the western states have large areas that are desolate.

Derivatives >> desolately, desolateness, desolater, desolating, desolation

7. **din** DEN loud and discordant noises, cacophony

Synonyms >> **Antonym** >> euphony

The din in the senate was so great that I could not hear the speaker.

Derivatives >> dins, dinned, dinning

8. **dissuade** deh SWADE to advise against, to talk out of

Synonyms >> **Antonym** >> to persuade, to encourage

I tried to dissuade him from going over Niagara Falls in a barrel, but he would not listen.

Derivatives >> dissuadable, dissuasion, dissuasive, dissuasively, dissuasiveness

9. distend deh STEND to expand, to swell

Synonyms >> amplify, dilate, inflate **Antonym** >> to contract

If a balloon is distended too much, it will break.

Derivatives >> distended, distendedly, distendedness, distensibility, distensible, distensile, distension, distention, distensive

10. enervation en er VAY shun weakness

Synonyms >> emasculation **Antonym** >> strength

A poor diet will cause enervation.

Derivatives >> enervate, enervated, enervator

11. eulogy YOO luh jee praise or tribute

Synonyms >> encomium, panegyric, tribute **Antonym** >> defamation

The young woman presented a touching eulogy at her father's funeral.

Derivatives >> eulogic, eulogious, eulogism, eulogist, eulogistic, eulogium, eulogization, eulogize, eulogizer

12. fitful FIT ful irregular

Synonyms >> convulsive, spasmodic **Antonym** >> constant

Due to fitful sleep last night, I am not rested.

Derivatives >> fitfully, fitfullness

13. indelible in DEL uh bul cannot be removed, washed away or erased

Synonyms >> permanent, lasting **Antonym** >> fleeting

Her comments made an indelible impression on his mind, and he was never able to forget.

Derivatives >> indelibility, indelibly

14. inert in URT unable to move or to act, sluggish

Synonyms >> idle, passive, supine **Antonym** >> active

It takes a long time to get things done when we must depend on inert bureaucrats.

Derivatives >> inertia, inertial, inertion, inertness, inertly

15. malevolence muh LEV uh lens ill will or evil intentions

Synonyms >> malice, malignity, spite, spleen **Antonym** >> benevolence

The old man's malevolence was obvious when he removed the girl from his will.

Derivatives >> malevolent, malevolently

16. obliterate uh BLIT eh rate to remove all traces of; to do away with; to destroy completely; to cancel

Synonyms >> expunge, efface **Antonym** >>

The men began to obliterate the old building.

Derivatives >> obliterated, obliterating, obliterable, obliteration, oblitative

17. ornate or NATE excessively decorated

Synonyms >> Antonym >> austere, bare

The ornate Christmas tree provided us with many hours of pleasure.

Derivatives >> ornately, ornateness, ornature

18. paucity PAH seh tee scarcity, fewness of number, dearth

Synonyms >> Antonym >> plenty

The low achievement test scores indicate that I have a paucity of intelligent students this year.

Derivatives >> pauciloquy

19. piety PIE eh tee devotion and reverence to God

Synonyms >> Antonym >> irreverence

The man was noted for his piety and devotion to the church.

Derivatives >> pietism, pietist, pietistic, pietistically

20. precarious pre KARE ee us dangerous, risky, not a secure situation

Synonyms >> Antonym >> safe

It seems that a tightrope walker is often in a precarious situation.

Derivatives >> precariously, precariousness

21. prosaic pro ZAY ik commonplace, uninspired, banal

Synonyms >> Antonym >> imaginative

Because his writings are so prosaic, I find them boring and unimaginative.**Derivatives >>**
prosaical, prosaically, prosaicalness, prosaicism, prosaism, prosaist

22. quiescent kwee ES unt inactive, dormant

Synonyms >> abeyance, latent Antonym >> active

The eruption was a surprise because the volcano had been quiescent for many years.

Derivatives >> quiescence, quiesce, quiescency, quiescently

23. scintillating SIN tuh lay ting sparkling, shining, or flashing

Synonyms >> Antonym >> dull

The fireworks during a Fourth of July celebration are a scintillating display.

Derivatives >> scintillate, scintillant, scintillantly, scintillatingly, scintillation, scintillator, scintillescent

24. squalid SKWOL id filthy in appearance, sordid

Synonyms >> Antonym >> clean

There are squalid and depressed areas in most of the world's major cities.

Derivatives >> squalidity, squalidly, squalidness

25. vexation vek SAY shun discomfort or distress

Synonyms >> Antonym >> pleasantry

The young children were a source of vexation to their nervous, neurotic mother.

Derivatives >> vex, vexatious, vexedly, vexedness, vexingly