

### Lesson Thirteen

1. **inert** (in ūrt´) *adj.* unable to act or move; inactive; sluggish  
All dangerous components have been removed from the *inert* missile on display at the science museum.  
*syn: dormant; passive* *ant: dynamic; active*
  
2. **circumvent** (sūr kəm vent´) *v.* to get around; to bypass  
Though she did not lie, the defendant *circumvented* the question by claiming she could not remember where she was at the time.  
*syn: avoid*
  
3. **clandestine** (klan des´ tin) *adj.* secret  
Romeo and Juliet were forced to hold *clandestine* meetings because of their parents' feuding.  
*syn: covert; furtive* *ant: open; aboveboard*
  
4. **acquit** (ə kwit´) *v.* to find not guilty of a fault or crime  
The jury *acquitted* the man, and he was free to go.  
*syn: absolve* *ant: convict*
  
5. **deprecate** (dep´ ri kāt) *v.* to express strong disapproval of  
Doug stopped offering new ideas after the other workers *deprecated* his first suggestion.  
*syn: deplore* *ant: approve; praise*



6. **barrister** (bar´ i stər) *n.* lawyer (British)  
The *barrister* questioned the witness as to his familiarity with a certain London pub.
  
7. **adulation** (aj ōō lā´ shən) *n.* excessive praise or admiration  
Kim despised the *adulation* heaped on rock stars by young fans.  
*syn: flattery; adoration* *ant: derision*
  
8. **culinary** (kul´ ə ner ē) *adj.* having to do with the kitchen or cooking  
The famous chef had been a life-long student of the *culinary* arts.
  
9. **bawdy** (bō´ dē) *adj.* indecent; humorously obscene  
When some called the new sitcom *bawdy*, the toy company quickly withdrew its sponsorship.  
*syn: risqué; lewd* *ant: innocent; clean*
  
10. **chastise** (chas tīz´) *v.* to punish severely  
Brother Jacques *chastised* Archie for skipping Latin by grounding him for the semester.  
*syn: discipline*

11. *jocose* (jō kōs') *adj.* joking; humorous  
 Gary's *jocose* manner often led people to say he should become a stand-up comedian.  
*syn:* witty; funny; playful; *jocund* *ant:* serious
12. *myriad* (mīr' ē əd) *n.* a very large number  
*adj.* too numerous to be counted  
 (n.) After my break-up, my mom fed me the old line about there being a *myriad* of fish in the sea.  
 (a.) The biologist spent her entire career categorizing the *myriad* plant species of the rain forest.  
 (n.) *syn:* host; *multitude*  
 (a.) *syn:* countless; *innumerable* *ant:* few; limited
13. *latent* (lāt' nt) *adj.* present, but not active; hidden  
 After retiring, Nat took up painting and found that he had had *latent* artistic talents all along.  
*syn:* *dormant* *ant:* *manifest*
14. *pernicious* (pər nish' əs) *adj.* destructive; deadly  
 The *pernicious* plague wiped out half the country's population.  
*syn:* *malignant*; *harmful* *ant:* *benign*
15. *frugal* (frōō' gəl) *adj.* thrifty; economical in money matters  
 My *frugal* father buys only day-old bread and marked-down fruit.  
*syn:* *economical* *ant:* *wasteful*; *profligate*
