

Word Up!

Lesson 1

dictum (n.)	neologism (n.)
etymology (n.)	philologist (n.)
eulogize (v.)	utterance (n.)
euphemism (n.)	verbatim (adv.)
logomachy (n.)	verbose (adj.)



Instructions: Look up each word in the dictionary. On a separate sheet of paper, write the definitions down. Then use each word in a sentence. Use your definitions and sentences to complete the following exercises.

Exercise 1.1. Choose a definition.

Match the word in the left column with the correct definition in the right column.

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| ___ 1. dictum | A. to praise highly; speak or write a eulogy about |
| ___ 2. etymology | B. in exactly the same words; word for word; the way in which something is worded |
| ___ 3. eulogize | C. a dispute about words; a contention or debate marked by the reckless or incorrect use of words; a meaningless battle of words |
| ___ 4. euphemism | D. an authoritative pronouncement; edict; judicial assertion; a saying; a maxim |
| ___ 5. logomachy | E. vocal expression; manner of speaking; power of speaking; word or words uttered; a cry, an animal's call, or the like |
| ___ 6. neologism | F. the substitution of a mild, indirect, or vague expression for the one thought to be offensively harsh or blunt |
| ___ 7. philologist | G. characterized by the use of many or too many words; wordy |
| ___ 8. utterance | H. a person who loves words; fond of learning or of words |
| ___ 9. verbatim | I. a new word, meaning, usage, or phrase |
| ___ 10. verbose | J. the study of the history of words; an account of the history of a particular word |

Exercise 1.2. Synonyms.

Match the word in the left column with word(s) of the same or similar meaning in the right column.

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| ___ 1. dictum | A. prolix; wordy; talkative |
| ___ 2. etymology | B. substitution; indirectness |
| ___ 3. eulogize | C. sound; speech; declaration |
| ___ 4. euphemism | D. extol; laud; commend |
| ___ 5. logomachy | E. maxim; motto; saying; edict |
| ___ 6. neologism | F. literally; exactly; directly |
| ___ 7. philologist | G. coinage; jargon |
| ___ 8. utterance | |
| ___ 9. verbatim | |
| ___ 10. verbose | |

Antonyms and synonyms in every lesson.

Exercise 1.3. Antonyms.

Match the word in the left column with the opposite meaning(s) in the right column.

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| ___ 1. dictum | A. dysphemism |
| ___ 2. etymology | B. taciturn; laconic |
| ___ 3. eulogize | C. archaic word, meaning, or expression; cliché |
| ___ 4. euphemism | D. denigrate |
| ___ 5. logomachy | E. approximately; inexactly; loosely, i.e. a paraphrase |
| ___ 6. neologism | F. silence; mumbling |
| ___ 7. philologist | |
| ___ 8. utterance | |
| ___ 9. verbatim | |
| ___ 10. verbose | |

Lexical approach -- every lesson has a fill-in-the-blank exercise on a teen-relevant topic.

Exercise 1.4. Fill in the blank.

Substitute the word(s) beneath each blank with the appropriate vocabulary word.

RECENTLY, one of my father's oldest friends passed away. Actually, he died, but the commonly used _____ is the _____ my father made after receiving the phone call. My father asked me if I would _____ his friend at the upcoming memorial service. I asked my father what he remembered most about his friend. He told me that the man had been a/n _____. I didn't know what that meant, so I looked the word up in the dictionary. The _____ of that word is fascinating! So, in the man's honor, I coined a/n _____ that I hoped would become a/n _____ to neatly sum up the man's characteristics. I read my remarks to my father _____, and then we began a series of _____, debating the true meaning of the word I invented. In the end, my father conceded that the tribute to his friend is just what his friend would have wanted.

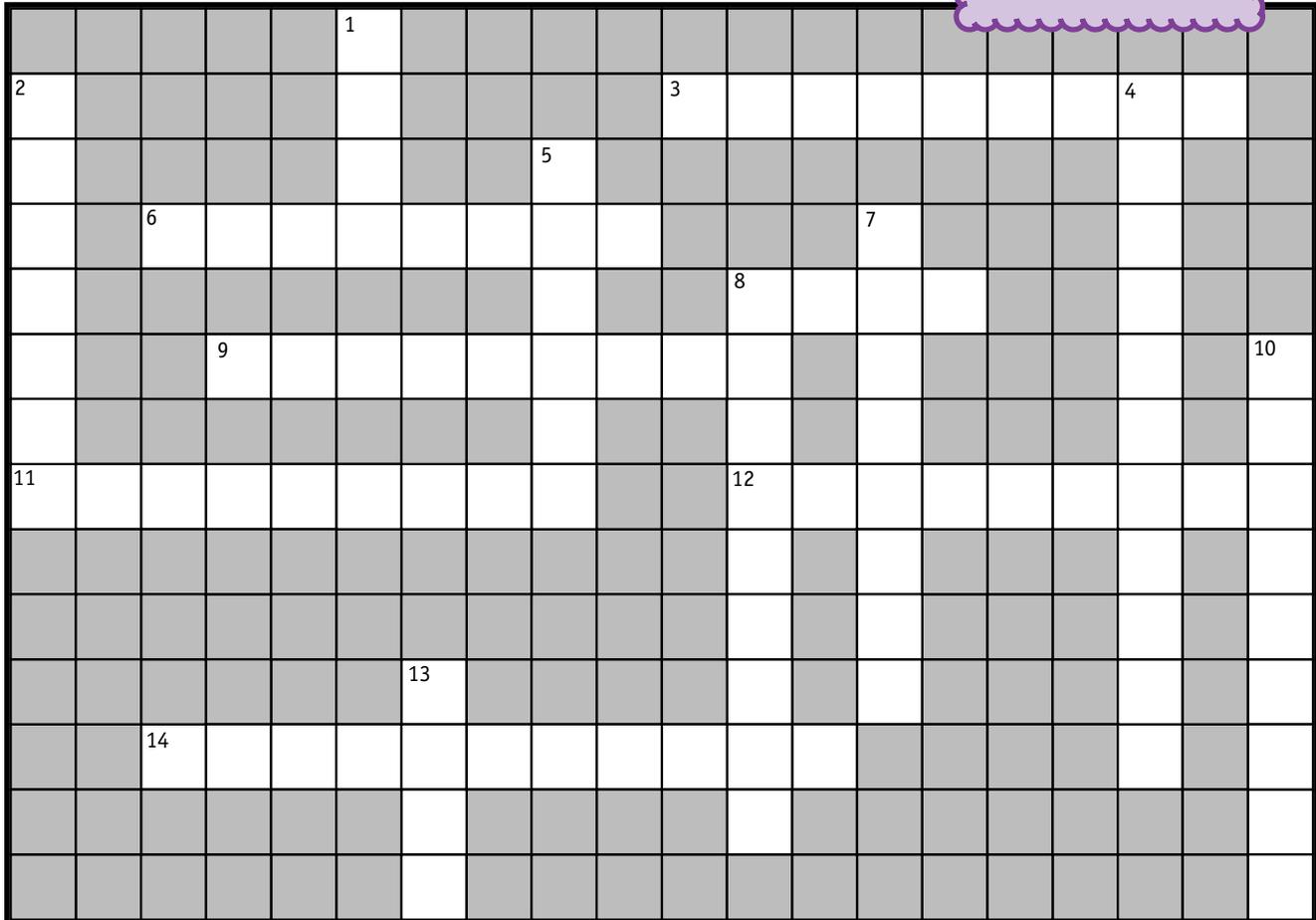
Exercise 1.5. On a separate sheet, write an original paragraph of your own using all ten words correctly. **WORD UP!**

Each lesson requires students to use the words in their own writing.

Word Up! Quiz!

Every lesson comes with a quiz. Some quizzes are multiple choice, some are matching and fill-in-the-blank and some, like this one, are crossword puzzles!

Name: _____ Date: _____



Across:

- 3. Vocal expression; a cry; manner of speaking
- 6. Word for word, literally
- 8. A person, place, or thing
- 9. A descriptive word used to modify a noun
- 11. An indirect expression substituted for a harsh one
- 12. A dispute about words
- 14. A person who loves words

Down:

- 1. An action word or state of being
- 2. Wordy; talkative; using too many words
- 4. A linking word; word used to link phrases
- 5. A motto or an edict
- 7. To praise highly
- 8. A new word; a coined word
- 10. The history of a particular word
- 13. A unit of language composed of one or more sounds

Wild Things

Captivating lesson titles

Lesson

8

carnal (adj.)
emancipate (v.)
fecundity (n.)
feral (adj.)
fetter (v.)

gestation (n.)
libertine (n.)
natal (adj.)
prurient (adj.)
unbridled (adj.)



Imaginative illustrations

Instructions: Look up each word in the dictionary. On a separate sheet of paper, write the definitions down. Then use each word in a sentence. Use your definitions and sentences to complete the following exercises.

Exercise 8.1. Choose a definition.

Match the word in the left column with the correct definition in the right column.

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| ___ 1. carnal | A. existing in a natural state; plants/animals not domesticated or cultivated |
| ___ 2. emancipate | B. inclined to have, or characterized by lustful thoughts, desires |
| ___ 3. fecundity | C. the process, state, or period of gestating; carry in the womb from conception to delivery; think of and develop an idea |
| ___ 4. feral | D. the quality of being fecund; capacity of producing young in great numbers; fruitfulness or fertility, as of the earth |
| ___ 5. fetter | E. to free from restraint, influence, or the like; to free from bondage |
| ___ 6. gestation | F. not spiritual; merely human; temporal, worldly; pertaining to or characterized by the flesh or the body |
| ___ 7. libertine | G. one who is morally unrestrained; a freethinker in religious matters |
| ___ 8. natal | H. unrestrained; to free from restraint; to remove the bridle from a horse |
| ___ 9. prurient | I. of or pertaining to one's birth |
| ___ 10. unbridled | J. to confine, restrain; to put fetters or chains upon |

Exercise 8.2. Synonyms.

Match the word in the left column with word(s) of the same or similar meaning in the right column.

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|-------------------|---|
| ___ 1. carnal | A. fertility; abundance; fruitfulness |
| ___ 2. emancipate | B. tie; chain; restrain; shackle |
| ___ 3. fecundity | C. development; growth |
| ___ 4. feral | D. bodily; fleshly |
| ___ 5. fetter | E. wild; untamed |
| ___ 6. gestation | F. dissolute; immoral; "player" |
| ___ 7. libertine | G. liberate; set free |
| ___ 8. natal | H. lascivious; lustful; smutty |
| ___ 9. prurient | I. unrestrained; uninhibited; rampant; wild |
| ___ 10. unbridled | J. birth |

Synonyms and antonyms in every lesson.

Exercise 8.3. Antonyms.

Match the word in the left column with the opposite meaning(s) in the right column.

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|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| ___ 1. carnal | A. fatal; mortal; lethal |
| ___ 2. emancipate | B. tame; domesticated |
| ___ 3. fecundity | C. resolute; virtuous; celibate |
| ___ 4. feral | D. ascetic; pure; chaste |
| ___ 5. fetter | E. enslave; imprison |
| ___ 6. gestation | F. free; let go; release; unchain |
| ___ 7. libertine | G. spiritual |
| ___ 8. natal | H. infertility; sterility; barrenness |
| ___ 9. prurient | I. contained; orderly |
| ___ 10. unbridled | |

Exercise 8.4. Fill in the blank.

Substitute the word(s) beneath each blank with the appropriate vocabulary word.

SITTING IN MY ROOM, strumming on my guitar, I try my hand at writing a song: “Oh, baby, baby, what’s your _____ astrological sign? Are you just another _____?” Nope. Too cheesy. I cross that out and hope for the _____ of another idea. Most of the songs I hear today are full of _____ sentimentality. I’m hoping to _____ my more _____ instincts that somehow seem _____ in my unconscious. The _____ of my creativity will know no bounds! I just want to hear something a bit more profound and meaningful for a change, instead of such _____ lyrics all the time! I mean, really! Don’t you agree? Maybe you can help me come up with some fresh song lyrics — what do you think?

Exercise 8.5. On a separate sheet, write an untamed paragraph of your own, using all ten “wild” words correctly.

Wild Quiz

Name: _____ Date: _____ Score: _____

Multiple choice.

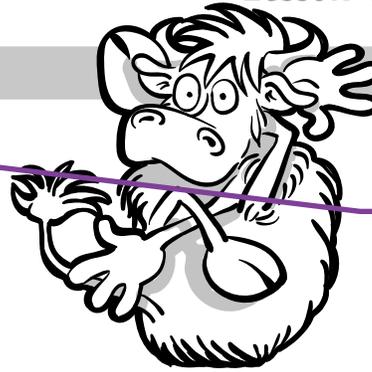
Select the best possible answer for each question.

- _____ 1. A *carnal* weakness is one that is:
a. back-breaking
b. all in your mind
c. in a traveling amusement show
d. human; of the flesh; bodily
- _____ 2. To *emancipate* someone means to:
a. restrain him/her
b. free him/her
c. reach the age of majority
d. reason with him/her
- _____ 3. The *fecundity* of something means it is:
a. green and overgrown
b. waterless
c. fertile and abundant
d. sterile and impotent
- _____ 4. A *feral* cat is one that is:
a. in its natural, wild state
b. in captivity
c. in your house
d. not yet trained
- _____ 5. To *fetter* means to:
a. liberate
b. chain
c. untie
d. control
- _____ 6. *Gestation* means a period of:
a. waiting
b. birth
c. growth and development
d. mourning
- _____ 7. A *libertine* usually refers to a man who is:
a. a big spender
b. liberal in his politics
c. very conservative
d. morally unrestrained
- _____ 8. *Natal* pertains to one's:
a. birth
b. death
c. ethnic origin
d. astrological sign
- _____ 9. A *prurient* person is characterized by:
a. lustful thoughts
b. feelings of purity
c. religious fervor
d. hatred of others
- _____ 10. *Unbridled* joy is:
a. out of control
b. uncharacteristic
c. unrestrained
d. reined in
- _____ 11. The opposite of *carnal* is:
a. disembodied
b. bodily
c. fleshly
d. spiritual
- _____ 12. The opposite of *emancipate* is:
a. restrict
b. enslave
c. liberate
d. contain
- _____ 13. The opposite of *fecundity* is:
a. naivety
b. barrenness
c. fertility
d. powerlessness
- _____ 14. The opposite of *feral* is:
a. domesticated
b. wild
c. ancestral
d. free
- _____ 15. The opposite of *fetter* is:
a. restrict
b. grow
c. disconnect
d. unchain
- _____ 16. The opposite of *libertine* is:
a. immoral
b. conservative
c. celibate
d. liberal
- _____ 17. The *gestation* of an idea is in its:
a. manifestation
b. fruition
c. development
d. infancy
- _____ 18. The opposite of *natal* is:
a. fatal
b. mortality
c. birth
d. biological
- _____ 19. The opposite of *prurient* is:
a. impure; immoral
b. pure; chaste
c. clean; tidy
d. tangible; concrete
- _____ 20. The opposite of *unbridled* is:
a. restrained; captive
b. uncontrolled; rowdy
c. civilized; erudite
d. contained; orderly

Bent!

adroit (adj.)
agility (n.)
convoluted (adj.)
curvaceous (adj.)
lithe (adj.)

nimble (adj.)
pliant (adj.)
propensity (n.)
supple (adj.)
supplicate (v.)



Words are grouped together into topical, themed lessons, which provides a "hook" that makes them easier to remember.

Instructions: Look up each word in the dictionary. On a separate sheet of paper, write the definitions down. Then use each word in a sentence. Use your definitions and sentences to complete the following exercises.

Exercise 32.1. Choose a definition.

Match the word in the left column with the correct definition in the right column.

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|--------------------|---|
| ___ 1. adroit | A. twisted; complicated; intricately involved |
| ___ 2. agility | B. limber; flexible; bending readily |
| ___ 3. convoluted | E. easily bent; easily influenced or persuaded |
| ___ 4. curvaceous | N. a natural inclination or tendency |
| ___ 5. lithe | T. characterized by ease in bending, or responsiveness and adaptability; yielding |
| ___ 6. nimble | C. cleverly skillful, resourceful, or ingenious |
| ___ 7. pliant | D. (of a woman) having a well-shaped figure |
| ___ 8. propensity | F. to beg, pray, beseech, entreat, appeal |
| ___ 9. supple | G. the power of moving quickly and easily |
| ___ 10. supplicate | H. agile, swift, quick, or clever |

Exercise 32.2. Antonyms.

Match the word in the left column with the opposite meaning(s) in the right column.

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|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| ___ 1. adroit | A. simple; plain; easy |
| ___ 2. agility | B. slow; dull; heavy |
| ___ 3. convoluted | E. disinclination |
| ___ 4. curvaceous | N. inflexible |
| ___ 5. lithe | T. demand |
| ___ 6. nimble | C. clumsy; unskillful; inept |
| ___ 7. pliant | D. shapeless |
| ___ 8. propensity | F. rigid |
| ___ 9. supple | G. non-compliant; unyielding |
| ___ 10. supplicate | H. inactivity; stiff; sluggish |

Exercise 32.3. Synonyms.

Match the word in the left column with word(s) of the same or similar meaning in the right column.

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| ___ 1. adroit | A. elastic |
| ___ 2. agility | B. limber |
| ___ 3. convoluted | E. yielding |
| ___ 4. curvaceous | N. implore |
| ___ 5. lithe | T. inclination; tendency |
| ___ 6. nimble | C. complicated; twisted |
| ___ 7. pliant | D. dexterous |
| ___ 8. propensity | F. voluptuous; shapely |
| ___ 9. supple | G. spry; sprightly |
| ___ 10. supplicate | H. quickness; nimbleness |

Exercise 32.4. Fill in the blank.

Substitute the word(s) beneath each blank with the appropriate vocabulary word.

WHEN I WAS OUT meandering along a/n _____ route home, I observed a fine, _____ young
(twisted) (shapely)
lady walking my way on the other side of the street. Right away, I dropped to my knees and _____
(begged)
her to give me her phone number. I was very _____ with my pick-up lines; however, her mental
(skillful)
_____ was much better than mine. I tried to explain to her that I could be _____ and I
(quickness) (yielding)
have a/n _____ to be pleasing to women, but she was too _____ to fall for that old line!
(tendency) (spry)
I even tried to do a cartwheel to show her how _____ and athletic I am, but I just fell down and
(limber)
embarrassed myself. I guess I'm not as _____ as I used to be. But hey! I got her number — she
(flexible)
said I was goofy, but cute!

Exercise 32.5. On a separate sheet, use all ten words correctly in a nimble paragraph of your own.

Bent On Having a Quiz!

Name: _____ Date: _____ Score: _____

I. Choose a definition.

Match the word in the left column with the correct definition in the right column.

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| ___ 7. pliant | D. (of a woman) having a well-shaped figure |
| ___ 8. propensity | F. limber; flexible; bending readily |
| ___ 9. supple | G. the power of moving quickly and easily |
| ___ 10. supplicate | H. twisted; complicated; intricately involved |

II. Fill in the blank.

Substitute the word(s.) beneath each blank with the appropriate vocabulary word.

ANTOINETTE, a vivacious young lady, gets home from school and immediately calls her best friend to report the news: "Hello, Shannon? This is Antoinette. Girl, you'll never guess what happened to me on the way home from school! I'm walking on the bike path, minding my own business, when this fool comes up to me and says, 'Baby, you are so fine! Is it hot out here, 'cuz you are on fire! Your body is so _____—I've never seen a more _____ young lady! You gotta give me your number!' So I'm like, 'No, I don't have to give you my number 'cuz I already got yours!' So then he's all, 'Girl what do you mean you already got my number? I've never even met you before!' And I go, 'Oh, I got your number, alright. You're a player!' So this fool drops to his knees and _____ me to give him my number! I've never heard such a/n _____ excuse for a pick-up line in my life! He has a/n _____ to be annoying. Then this clown tries to prove his _____ to me by doing a cartwheel! Girl, I almost died laughing! He fell all over himself! He didn't look too _____ if you know what I mean! He better go take a yoga class or something! I mean, I'm more _____ than that joker" Listening intently, Shannon interrupts her friend: "So, Antoinette, did you give him your number?" To which she replies, "Oh, no, girl of course not! I'm not that _____, if you know what I mean! I'm more _____ than that! I didn't give him my number — I gave him yours!"