

Lesson Thirteen

1. **abrogate** (ăb' rə gāt) *verb* to abolish, do away with, or annul, especially by authority.
The prisoner's sentence was quickly *abrogated* after the discovery that he was innocent.
syn: nullify *ant: fix, establish*
2. **analgesic** (ăn əl jē' zĭk) *noun* a medication to reduce or eliminate pain
I took an *analgesic* to relieve my headache.
syn: painkiller
3. **conflagration** (kən' flə grā' shən) *noun* a large, destructive fire.
A spark from faulty wiring in the basement created a *conflagration* that consumed the entire apartment building.
4. **cumulative** (kyōō' myə lā' tĭv) *adjective* additional, increasing
The *cumulative* effect of dehydration and poor diet finally destroyed his health.
ant: reducing
5. **discretionary** (dĭ skrĕsh' ə nĕr' ē) *adjective* based on individual judgment; not compulsory
In a recently passed law, Congress gave up *discretionary* power in criminal sentencing.
syn: arbitrary *ant: automatic*
6. **flummox** (flŭm' əks) *verb* to confuse; perplex
The star student posed a question that had everyone *flummoxed*, even the professor.
syn: bewilder
7. **fractious** (frăk' shəs) *adjective* troublesome, cranky, unruly
The *fractious* young child whined for some ice cream.
syn: stubborn, difficult *ant: temperate*
8. **histrionics** (hĭs' trĕ ōn' ĭks) *noun* exaggerated emotional behavior
Jane was prepared for her parents' *histrionics* when she suddenly announced that she was getting married to the man they hated.
syn: theatrics
9. **implicate** (ĭm' plĭ kāt') *verb* to connect with; involve
Because he drove the getaway car, he was *implicated* in the crime.
ant: extricate
10. **moribund** (mōr' ə būnd) *adjective* near death
He remained *moribund* in the hospital, a victim of some unknown malady.
ant: healthy

11. **replete** (rĭ plēt´) *adjective* full; abundant
The anglers were overjoyed to find their stream *replete* with trout.
syn: glutted *ant: empty*
12. **turpitude** (tŭr´ pĭ tōōd´) *noun* depravity
The Pope condemned all types of moral laxity and *turpitude*.
syn: vileness *ant: purity*
13. **unpalatable** (ŭn´ pǎ´ lə tə bəl´) *adjective* unpleasant; disagreeable; inedible
The gentle senior citizens found the violent movie *unpalatable*.
syn: distasteful *ant: delectable*
14. **veritable** (vēr´ ĭ tə bəl) *adjective* real or genuine
The store selling a popular toy experienced a *veritable* onslaught of customers.
syn: true, actual *ant: false*
15. **viscera** (vĭs´ ə r ə) *plural noun* internal organs
We dissected the cat's *viscera* in medical school to better understand their functions.

Exercise I — Words in Context

From the words below, supply the words needed to complete the sentences.

abrogated cumulative analgesic discretion implicate

- A. The nurse gave the patient twice the _____ needed. That _____ effect caused his death. She attempted to _____ the doctor in the incident, but the hospital did not agree and _____ her license. The date for the revocation is at the _____ of a court.

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- B. Can you imagine the complete _____ which would possess someone to start a _____ in the a church deliberately?
- C. His Halloween costume, a witch-doctor, was _____ with make-up, bird feathers, and a spear, but he supplied the dancing and _____ himself. Each family he visited was completely _____ as to who this wild child was.