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Unit 1 - Semantic Relationships: Exercises - Answers

I. What is the semantic relationship between (or among) the following words? If it is antonymy, specify the type of antonymy.

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| a) couch : sofa | <u>SYNONYMY</u> | i) vehicle : car, truck, SUV, bicycle | <u>HYPONYMY</u> |
| b) awake : asleep | <u>ANTONYMY: CONTRADICTORY</u> | j) take : grasp, carry, go (a specific way) | <u>POLYSEMY</u> |
| c) stop : go | <u>ANTONYMY: RELATIONAL</u> | k) I'll stand (be on my feet) : (resist) here. | <u>HOMONYMY</u> |
| d) strong : weak | <u>ANTONYMY: GRADABLE</u> | l) do : undo | <u>ANTONYMY: RELATIONAL</u> |
| e) (He took the) lead /led/ : lead /lid/. | <u>HOMONYMY</u> | m) fast : slow | <u>ANTONYMY: GRADABLE</u> |
| f) mammal : dog, cat, pig, cow | <u>HYPONYMY</u> | n) alive : dead | <u>ANTONYMY: CONTRADICTORY</u> |
| g) get : obtain, become, buy. | <u>POLYSEMY</u> | o) beginning : debut | <u>SYNONYMY</u> |
| h) crown : king or queen | <u>METONYMY</u> | p) I saw the spring (season) : (metal coil) | <u>HOMONYMY</u> |

II. Say whether the words and expressions below are slang, idioms or metaphors. Additionally, try to guess their meaning(s).

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| 1. My heart began to glow. <u>METAPHOR</u> | 5. Stop beating around the bush. <u>IDIOM</u> |
| 2. That car is a <u>lemon</u> . <u>SLANG</u> | 6. I <u>dig</u> Elton John's music. <u>SLANG</u> |
| 3. She walked out on me. <u>IDIOM</u> | 7. The echoes of my mind. <u>METAPHOR</u> |
| 4. They're <u>stoned</u> . <u>SLANG</u> | 8. This is not etched in stone. <u>IDIOM</u> |

III. Examine the words underlined and numbered in the text below. Then answer the questions that follow.

The 92-year-old, petite, well-poised and proud lady, who is fully dressed (1) each morning by eight (2) o'clock, with her hair fashionably coifed and makeup perfectly (3) applied, even though she is legally (4) blind, moved to a nursing home today. Her husband of 70 years recently (5) passed (6) away, making the move necessary (7).

After (8) many (9) hours of waiting patiently (10) in the lobby of the nursing home, she smiled sweetly when told her room was ready (11).

As she maneuvered her walker to (12) the elevator (13), I provided a visual description of her tiny (14) room, including the eyelet sheets that had been hung on her window.

"I love (15) it," she stated (16) with the enthusiasm (17) of an eight-year-old having just (18) been presented with a new puppy (19).

1. Give an antonym of this word. NAKED / UNDRESSED
2. Give a homophone of this word. ATE
3. Give an antonym of this word. IMPERFECTLY
4. Give an antonym of this word. ILLEGALLY
5. Give an antonym of this word. NOT RECENTLY / A LONG TIME AGO
6. Give a homophone of this word. PAST
7. Give an antonym of this word. UNNECESSARY
8. Give an antonym of this word. BEFORE
9. Give an antonym of this word. A FEW
10. Give an antonym of this word. IMPATIENTLY / ANXIOUSLY
11. Give an antonym of this word. NOT READY
12. Give a homophone of this word. TWO / TOO
13. What semantic relationship is there between this word and the word lift? SYNONYMY
14. What semantic relationship is there between this word and the expression huge? ANTONYMY
15. Give an antonym of this word. HATE / HATRED
16. Give a synonym of this word. EXPRESSED
17. Give a synonym of this word. EXCITEMENT
18. What semantic relationship is there between this word and the word just in the following sentence?
John is a just person. HOMONYMY
19. What semantic relationship is there between this word and the word dog? HYPONYMY