

Lesson 10

Definitions

10th Grade



1.	antecedent	an tuh SEE dunt	the word, phrase, or clause referred to by a pronoun
	Synonyms >>		
	The pronoun "she" is the antecedent of the word "Sally" in that sentence.		
	Derivatives >>		
2.	erudite	ER yoo dite	scholarly
	Synonyms >>		
	The erudite physics professor had spent many years studying the theory of relativity.		
	Derivatives >>	eruditely, erudition	
3.	exotic	ig ZOT ik	foreign, unfamiliar
	Synonyms >>		
	The circus features exotic animals from Africa.		
	Derivatives >>	exotical, exoticalness, exotically, exotica, exoticism, exoticist	
4.	fuse	FYOOZ	to mix or to join (usually by melting)
	Synonyms >>	amalgamate, blend, coalesce, commingle, merge, mingle	
	Zinc and copper can be fused into hard, bright brass.		
	Derivatives >>	fused, fusing, fuses, fusibility, fusible	
5.	immutable	eh MYOO tuh bul	unchanging
	Synonyms >>		
	Her love for her husband was immutable.		
	Derivatives >>	immutability, immutableness, immutably	
6.	incorrigible	in KOR eh juh bul	incapable of being reformed or improved
	Synonyms >>		
	He was expelled from school because of his incorrigible conduct.		
	Derivatives >>	incorrigibility, incorrigibleness, incorrigibly	
7.	mitigate	MIT uh gate	to cause to become less harsh or hostile; to make less severe
	Synonyms >>	allay, alleviate, assuage, lighten	
	He apologized in order to mitigate her dislike for him.		
	Derivatives >>	mitigation, mitigatedly, mitigative, mitigator, mitigatory	
8.	nullify	NUL eh fie	to cause not to be in effect, to negate
	Synonyms >>	abrogate, annul, invalidate	
	I am seeking to nullify the contract because he has not complied with it.		
	Derivatives >>	nullified, nullifying, nullification, nullificationist, nullificator, nullifier	
9.	pacifistic	pas uh FIS tik	opposed to war or use of force
	Synonyms >>	appeased, conciliated, mollified, placated, propitiated	
	The man refused to fight because of his pacifistic beliefs.		
	Derivatives >>	pacifist, pacifier, pacifism, pacifistically, pacify	
10.	pretentious	preh TEN shus	making an extravagant outward show, self-important
	Synonyms >>	ostentatious, pompous	
	Isn't it a little pretentious to spend two million dollars on a wedding?		
	Derivatives >>	pretension, pretention, pretensionless, pretensive, pretentiously, pretentiousness	

Matching Test

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Directions: Choose the definition that best matches the meaning of the vocabulary word. Place the answer of your choice in the space provided.

Exercise A

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| _____ 1. antecedent | a. to cause to become less harsh, hostile, or severe |
| _____ 2. erudite | b. incapable of being reformed or improved |
| _____ 3. exotic | c. unchanging |
| _____ 4. fuse | d. to cause not to be in effect, to negate |
| _____ 5. immutable | e. making an extravagant outward show, self-important |
| _____ 6. incorrigible | f. the word, phrase, or clause referred to by a pronoun |
| _____ 7. mitigate | g. foreign, unfamiliar |
| _____ 8. nullify | h. scholarly |
| _____ 9. pacifistic | i. opposed to war or use of force |
| _____ 10. pretentious | j. to mix or to join (usually by melting) |

Exercise B

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| _____ 1. affable | a. instructive, designed to teach |
| _____ 2. benign | b. believing on slight evidence, gullible |
| _____ 3. contrite | c. to disapprove, to belittle, to express mild disapproval |
| _____ 4. credulous | d. friendly, courteous, amiable |
| _____ 5. deprecate | e. extremely apologetic, remorseful, repentant |
| _____ 6. didactic | f. not allowing the passage of light; hard to understand |
| _____ 7. extol | g. one who is insincere or deceitful |
| _____ 8. hypocrite | h. abundantly fruitful, marked by great productivity |
| _____ 9. opaque | i. not causing harm, of gentle disposition, beneficial |
| _____ 10. prolific | j. to praise, to glorify |

Sentence Completion Test

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antecedent	erudite	exotic	fuse	immutable
incorrigible	mitigate	nullify	pacifistic	pretentious

1. The furniture salesman bragged that only _____ woods from foreign lands were used in making the fine item that he was selling.
2. Because he was incapable of being reformed, the boy's _____ conduct could not be tolerated any longer.
3. His driving an extravagant and showy car does not necessarily mean that he is a _____ person.
4. While younger men are often belligerent, older and wiser men may set aside these war-like attitudes for a more _____ outlook.
5. In the sentence "When Mary saw Bob, she told him the story," "Bob" is the _____ of the pronoun "him."
6. Because the student had been voted the most scholarly in his class, the _____ language in his speech was not a surprise.
7. I am seeking to _____ the contract since he has not adhered to the terms upon which we agreed.
8. The lawyer was hoping the court would _____ the original sentence, but the judge seemed totally uninterested in lessening the prison term he had set.
9. With his skilled hands, the silversmith began to _____ the two pieces of metal into one beautiful shape.
10. The man's _____ faith in God could not be shaken; he was firm in his convictions.

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apostrophe	aphorism	audacity	contrite	credulous
dormant	esoteric	gregarious	hypocrite	lethargic

11. The _____ look on the woman's face betrayed her gullibility; she had a tendency to believe everything she heard.
12. My younger brother was always bold and daring; many times he had the _____ to talk back to my parents.
13. The woman's _____ expression convinced her husband that she was sorry for her harsh words.
14. Through the use of an _____ in the poem, the author addresses his dead mother.
15. Most flowers remain _____ in the winter and bloom in the spring.
16. My younger sister has always been insincere; therefore, I feel justified in calling her a _____.
17. The _____ child could hardly keep his eyes open during the class; he was obviously lacking in energy.
18. The _____ boy was always the life of the party; he enjoyed being around large groups of people and would visit with everyone, even people he did not know.
19. Only those who go through initiation ceremonies of the cult understand the meaning of their _____ vows.
20. The author summed up the theme of his work in an _____; it was a terse statement embodying a general truth.