

Lesson 11

Definitions

10th Grade



1.	aesthetic	uhs THEH tic	relating or pertaining to a sense of beauty or art
	Synonyms >>		
	He is considered to have aesthetic tastes because he loves beauty and the arts.		
	Derivatives >>	aesthete, aesthetical, aesthetically, aesthetician, aestheticism, aesthetics	
2.	aloof	uh LOOF	apart, indifferent
	Synonyms >>	detached, incurious, unconcerned	
	The woman remained aloof during the party, separating herself from everyone else.		
	Derivatives >>	aloofness	
3.	archaic	are KAY ik	antiquated, old, out of use
	Synonyms >>	ancient, antique, obsolete, venerable	
	Words such as "thou", which are no longer part of normal vocabulary, are archaic.		
	Derivatives >>	archaically, archaism, archaize, archaized, archaizing, archaizer	
4.	assuage	uh SWAYJ	to ease, to mitigate, to make less painful or burdensome, to calm
	Synonyms >>	allay, alleviate, lighten, soothe	
	Your kind words should assuage her suffering. The medicine should assuage his pain.		
	Derivatives >>	assuaged, assuaging, assuagement, assuager	
5.	belie	buh LIE	to contradict, to give a false impression
	Synonyms >>		
	Her first words appeared to belie all the wonderful things I had heard about her.		
	Derivatives >>	belied, belying, belieer	
6.	contentious	kun TEN shus	quarrelsome, stirring controversy
	Synonyms >>	bellicose, belligerent, pugnacious	
	My contentious child will not listen to any form of reason.		
	Derivatives >>	contentiously, contentiousness, contention	
7.	prologue	PRO log	introductory remarks in a speech, play or literary work, introductory action
	Synonyms >>		
	The play had a prologue that set the scene for the opening act.		
	Derivatives >>	prologist, prologize	
8.	recant	reh KANT	to withdraw or to repudiate a statement or belief, revoke
	Synonyms >>	abjure, forswear, renounce, retract	
	The prosecutor's case was greatly weakened when his main witness recanted his testimony.		
	Derivatives >>	recantation, recanter	
9.	servile	SUR vil, SUR vile	overly submissive
	Synonyms >>	obsequious, slavish, subservient	
	Having complete devotion and submissiveness for the sheik, the women of the harem were very servile.		
	Derivatives >>	servilely, servilism, servility, servitude	
10.	trepidation	trep eh DAY shun	fear, trembling, agitation
	Synonyms >>		
	Since I did not have time to study, I have a lot of trepidation about this examination.		
	Derivatives >>	trepidate, trepidant, trepid, trepidly, trepidity	

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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| <p>_____ 1. aesthetic</p> <p>_____ 2. aloof</p> <p>_____ 3. archaic</p> <p>_____ 4. assuage</p> <p>_____ 5. belie</p> <p>_____ 6. contentious</p> <p>_____ 7. prologue</p> <p>_____ 8. recant</p> <p>_____ 9. servile</p> <p>_____ 10. trepidation</p> | <p>a. overly submissive</p> <p>b. relating or pertaining to a sense of beauty or art</p> <p>c. to contradict, to give a false impression</p> <p>d. quarrelsome, stirring controversy</p> <p>e. fear, trembling, agitation</p> <p>f. introductory remarks in a speech, play or literary work</p> <p>g. to withdraw or to repudiate a statement or belief, revoke</p> <p>h. apart, indifferent</p> <p>i. antiquated, old, out of use</p> <p>j. to ease, to mitigate, to make less painful or burdensome</p> |
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Exercise B

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| <p>_____ 1. abstruse</p> <p>_____ 2. apostrophe</p> <p>_____ 3. audacity</p> <p>_____ 4. depravity</p> <p>_____ 5. dormant</p> <p>_____ 6. immutable</p> <p>_____ 7. incorrigible</p> <p>_____ 8. mitigate</p> <p>_____ 9. nullify</p> <p>_____ 10. pretentious</p> | <p>a. to cause to become less harsh; to make less severe</p> <p>b. incapable of being reformed or improved</p> <p>c. unchanging</p> <p>d. to cause not to be in effect, to negate</p> <p>e. making an extravagant outward show, self-important</p> <p>f. excessive boldness, rashness, daring</p> <p>g. inactive, sleeping</p> <p>h. moral corruption, a wicked or perverse act</p> <p>i. difficult to understand, recondite, concealed</p> <p>j. a figure of speech that addresses an absent or imaginary person or personified idea</p> |
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Sentence Completion Test

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aesthetic	aloof	archaic	assuage	belied
contentious	prologue	recant	servile	trepidation

1. The submissiveness of the woman was easy to detect in her _____ manner.
2. The man's _____ interests led him to a life of culture, frequently in the surroundings of beauty and art.
3. Although the pink color of her skin appeared to be a sign of good health, the color deceived the doctor and _____ her true condition.
4. The patient grew more _____ every day; he argued and fought with the nurses every time they entered his room.
5. I experienced great _____ because we were isolated in a cabin during the snowstorm, and we had only a small portion of food; I was afraid we would starve before being rescued.
6. The first fight in the valley was but a _____ to one hundred years of war.
7. When the publisher discovered his error, he was anxious to _____ his previous statement.
8. It is a good idea to remain _____ from people who use drugs; it is safer not to be their friends.
9. Words such as "thou," which are no longer part of normal vocabulary, are _____.
10. Aspirin will surely _____ the pain of my toothache; I need something to lessen my suffering.

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antecedent	affable	depravity	didactic	enigmatic
exotic	incurable	pacifistic	pretentious	reprove

11. The furniture salesman bragged that only _____ woods from foreign lands were used in making the fine item that he was selling.
12. Because he was incapable of being reformed, the boy's _____ conduct could not be tolerated any longer.
13. His driving an extravagant and showy car does not necessarily mean that he is a _____ person.
14. While younger men are often belligerent, older and wiser men may set aside these war-like attitudes for a more _____ outlook.
15. The decisions made _____ to the Supreme Court's ruling were independent of each other; however, those made afterward were all related.
16. _____ poems are especially interesting in that they often teach a moral as well as entertain.
17. The man has lost so many of his morals that he has fallen into a state of _____.
18. The _____ oaths in the ceremony were a mystery to everyone outside the brotherhood.
19. His laziness led to a reduction in productivity, and eventually his boss had to _____ him for being so lazy.
20. The girl's _____ personality resulted in her being voted friendliest in her class.