

Lesson 12

Definitions

10th Grade



1.	colloquial	ko LO kwee ul	the use of slang or informalities in writing
	Synonyms >>		
	Colloquial expressions are not understood by everyone because they stem from regional dialects.		
	Derivatives >>		
2.	daunt	DAWNT	to intimidate, to dismay
	Synonyms >>		
	I am not daunted by your threats.		
	Derivatives >>	dauntless, dauntlessly, dauntlessness	
3.	debilitate	deh BIL uh tate	to weaken, to enfeeble
	Synonyms >>	sap	
	I was debilitated by my bout with pneumonia.		
	Derivatives >>	debilitated, debilitating, debilitation, debilitative, debility	
4.	discord	DIS kord	lack of agreement, tension, strife
	Synonyms >>	contention, dissension, variance	
	There is a lot of discord in the nation over the issue of abortion.		
	Derivatives >>	discordance, discordancy, discordant, discordantly, discordantness	
5.	dissemination	deh sem uh NAY shun	the act of spreading widely; scattering
	Synonyms >>		
	The dissemination of these ideas can best be achieved through television.		
	Derivatives >>	disseminate, disseminator	
6.	dogmatic	dog MAT ik	strongly opinionated in an unwarranted manner
	Synonyms >>	dictatorial, doctrinaire, magisterial, oracular	
	He was so dogmatic that having an intelligent discussion with him was impossible.		
	Derivatives >>	dogmatician, dogmatical, dogmatically, dogmaticalness, dogmaticism, dogmatism, dogmatize, dogmatization	
7.	duplicity	doo PLIS eh tee	double-dealing, hypocrisy
	Synonyms >>		
	His duplicity was exposed when the girl he was seeing found out he was married.		
	Derivatives >>	duplicitous	
8.	egocentric	ee go SEN trik	self-centered, selfish
	Synonyms >>		
	Egocentric people rarely show any concern for others.		
	Derivatives >>	egocentricity, egocentrism	
9.	euphemism	YOO fuh miz um	substitution of an inoffensive term for one that is offensive
	Synonyms >>		
	People frequently use a euphemism for the word "died." They commonly say someone "passed away."		
	Derivatives >>	euphemistic, euphemious, euphemiously, euphemistically, euphemize, euphemizer	
10.	vilify	VIL eh fie	to malign, to defame, to utter abusive statements against
	Synonyms >>	asperse, calumniate, denigrate, traduce	
	It is not right to vilify someone just because he disagrees with you.		
	Derivatives >>	vilification, vilifier, vilifying, vilifyingly	

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. colloquial | a. the use of slang or informalities in writing |
| _____ 2. daunt | b. self-centered, selfish |
| _____ 3. debilitate | c. strongly opinionated in an unwarranted manner |
| _____ 4. discord | d. double-dealing, hypocrisy |
| _____ 5. dissemination | e. to intimidate, to dismay |
| _____ 6. dogmatic | f. to weaken, to enfeeble |
| _____ 7. duplicity | g. to malign, to defame |
| _____ 8. egocentric | h. lack of agreement, tension, strife |
| _____ 9. euphemism | i. the act of spreading widely; scattering |
| _____ 10. vilify | j. substitution of an inoffensive term for one that is offensive |

Exercise B

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| _____ 1. aesthetic | a. overly submissive |
| _____ 2. antecedent | b. relating or pertaining to a sense of beauty or art |
| _____ 3. belie | c. to contradict, to give a false impression |
| _____ 4. contentious | d. quarrelsome, stirring controversy |
| _____ 5. enigmatic | e. fear, trembling, agitation |
| _____ 6. erudite | f. the word, phrase, or clause referred to by a pronoun |
| _____ 7. exotic | g. foreign, unfamiliar |
| _____ 8. servile | h. scholarly |
| _____ 9. tranquil | i. mysterious, inexplicable, puzzling |
| _____ 10. trepidation | j. peaceful, calm |

Sentence Completion Test

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colloquial	daunt	debilitated	discord	dissemination
dogmatic	duplicity	egocentric	euphemism	vilify

1. When I accused him of _____, he demanded proof of his double-dealing.
2. Because term papers require formal writing, English teachers do not accept papers that contain _____ expressions.
3. That family is continually fighting and arguing; I have never seen such _____ among relatives.
4. Having to deal with _____ people who think of only themselves is the most disgusting aspect of this job.
5. His _____ remarks were biased; even though they were based on little evidence, he spoke them with the conviction of a fanatic.
6. Instead of the word “dying,” many people use the _____ “passing away.”
7. If I want immediate _____ of information, I will tell a well-known gossip who will quickly scatter the news.
8. Even in the midst of the terrible storm, the people maintained a spirit that could not be _____; they simply refused to lose hope.
9. Because the woman was so angry at what the man had said, she directed her anger at him and immediately began to _____ him in all her circles of friends.
10. _____ from his bout with the AIDS virus, the man could barely respond to the questions; he was so weak that he could not even speak.

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aesthetically	belied	contentious	deprecate	erudite
mitigate	nullify	servile	tranquil	trepidation

11. The submissiveness of the woman was easy to detect in her _____ manner.
12. The architect was able to make the building _____ pleasing because of his sense of beauty and art.
13. Although the pink color of her skin appeared to be a sign of good health, the color deceived the doctor and _____ her true condition.
14. The patient grew more _____ every day; he argued and fought with the nurses every time they entered his room.
15. 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.
16. Because the student had been voted the most scholarly in his class, the _____ language in his speech was not a surprise.
17. I am seeking to _____ the contract since he has not adhered to the terms upon which we agreed.
18. The lawyer was hoping the court would _____ the original sentence, but the judge seemed totally uninterested in lessening the prison term he had set.
19. We feared that our peaceful, _____ valley would soon be ravaged by war.
20. The girl's father approves of her desire to sing, but he _____ her willingness to sing in nightclubs.