

# Lesson 15

## Definitions

### 10<sup>th</sup> Grade



1.	<b>diction</b>	DIK shun	style of writing dependent upon choice of words
	Synonyms >>		
	The question asked me to describe how the author's diction helped to create his style.		
	Derivatives >>		
2.	<b>ephemeral</b>	eh FEM ur ul	lasting a short period of time, fleeting
	Synonyms >>	evanescent, fleeting, fugitive, transient, transitory	
	The microorganism had an ephemeral lifespan. It died shortly after it was created.		
	Derivatives >>	ephemerally, ephemerality, ephemerality, ephemerous, ephemerous	
3.	<b>ferocity</b>	fuh ROS eh tee	savagery
	Synonyms >>		
	A tiger is an animal that has ferocity.		
	Derivatives >>	ferocious, ferociously, ferociousness	
4.	<b>haughty</b>	HAW tee	arrogant, excessively proud and vain
	Synonyms >>	disdainful, high-handed, insolent, lordly, supercilious	
	Being quarterback of the football team does not give him the right to be haughty.		
	Derivatives >>	haughtily, haughtiness	
5.	<b>impervious</b>	im PUR vee us	incapable of being entered or penetrated, not capable of being damaged
	Synonyms >>		
	Because this watch is impervious to water , I can go swimming while wearing it.		
	Derivatives >>	imperviously, imperviousness	
6.	<b>inane</b>	eh NANE	lacking significance, meaning, or point; silly, insipid
	Synonyms >>	banal, flat, jejune, vapid	
	Your comments are inane and are preventing the discussion of the main topic.		
	Derivatives >>	inanely, inanity, inanition	
7.	<b>indolence</b>	IN duh luns	laziness
	Synonyms >>	slothfulness	
	The hot and humid weather in the tropics encourages indolence.		
	Derivatives >>	indolent, indolency, indolently	
8.	<b>infallible</b>	in FAL uh bul	incapable of error
	Synonyms >>		
	Since everyone makes mistakes, no human is infallible.		
	Derivatives >>	infallibilism, infallibilist, infallibility, infallibleness, infallibly	
9.	<b>inscrutable</b>	in SKROO tuh bul	difficult to understand; mysterious
	Synonyms >>		
	He had us all confused with his inscrutable smile.		
	Derivatives >>	inscrutableness, inscrutably, inscrutability	
10.	<b>languid</b>	LANG gwid	slow, sluggish, listless, weak
	Synonyms >>	lethargic, stuporous, torpid	
	The old man's walk was languid, each pace requiring great effort.		
	Derivatives >>	languidly, languidness, languish, languisher, languishing, languishment	

# 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.  | diction     | a. | savagery   |
| _____ 2.  | ephemeral   | b. | lacking significance, meaning, or point; silly, insipid                |
| _____ 3.  | ferocity    | c. | arrogant, excessively proud and vain                                   |
| _____ 4.  | haughty     | d. | difficult to understand; mysterious                                    |
| _____ 5.  | impervious  | e. | incapable of error   |
| _____ 6.  | inane       | f. | laziness   |
| _____ 7.  | indolence   | g. | lasting a short period of time, fleeting                               |
| _____ 8.  | infallible  | h. | slow, sluggish, listless, weak   |
| _____ 9.  | inscrutable | i. | style of writing dependent upon choice of words                        |
| _____ 10. | languid     | j. | incapable of being entered or penetrated, not capable of being damaged |

### Exercise B

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|-----------|---------------|----|---|
| _____ 1.  | buoyant       | a. | quickly changeable, easily vaporized          |
| _____ 2.  | cajole        | b. | capable of floating; cheerful                 |
| _____ 3.  | debase        | c. | to reduce in dignity or quality               |
| _____ 4.  | discord       | d. | to persuade with deliberate flattery, to coax |
| _____ 5.  | dissemination | e. | to make clear, to explain                     |
| _____ 6.  | elucidate     | f. | wordy, very talkative                         |
| _____ 7.  | slothful      | g. | lazy, indolent                                |
| _____ 8.  | verbose       | h. | extremely poisonous; hateful                  |
| _____ 9.  | virulent      | i. | the act of spreading widely; scattering       |
| _____ 10. | volatile      | j. | lack of agreement, tension, strife            |

# Sentence Completion Test

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diction	ephemeral	ferocity	haughty	impervious
inane	indolence	infallible	inscrutable	languid

1. After being elected class president, Sally became \_\_\_\_\_ and arrogant; suddenly she seemed to consider everyone else beneath her.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ passage was mysterious and difficult to understand.
3. Like me, she seemed \_\_\_\_\_ to his rude comments; I always treat such remarks with disdain and contempt and try to remain unaffected by them.
4. They once thought that their leader was \_\_\_\_\_, but they soon learned that he, too, made mistakes.
5. Because some of my writing has occasionally been meaningless, my teacher now considers all of it to be \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Her \_\_\_\_\_ mood of generosity was short-lived; she quickly reverted to her normal greedy behavior.
7. His \_\_\_\_\_ on the job led to his being fired; had he not been so lazy, he would have remained employed.
8. During the war some of the prisoners fought with the \_\_\_\_\_ of wild animals.
9. The man's \_\_\_\_\_ tone sounded like an old, weary traveler looking for a resting place.
10. The author's \_\_\_\_\_ sets a dreary mood when he uses words like "melancholy" and "bleak."

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amenable	amorphous	buoyant	debilitated	efface
mundane	ominous	petulance	vilify	volatile

11. Even though water was leaking in at an alarming rate, the vessel surprisingly remained \_\_\_\_\_.
12. The students were \_\_\_\_\_ to listening to the unbiased and usually helpful ideas of their teacher; they enjoyed what he had to say.
13. The \_\_\_\_\_ temper of the man caused him to explode in anger at the slightest provocation.
14. In the science fiction movie, the \_\_\_\_\_ mass terrorized the town; the giant amoeba consumed whatever it encircled.
15. Because constant handling will eventually \_\_\_\_\_ the intricate designs of the sculpture, the owner has placed it in a protective glass case.
16. His job became so routine and \_\_\_\_\_ that he longed for something exciting and unusual.
17. A rising tide and increasing winds are both \_\_\_\_\_ signs of an approaching hurricane.
18. Because of her \_\_\_\_\_ and irritability, the young girl was not always pleasant to be around.
19. 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.
20. \_\_\_\_\_ 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.