

Lesson 17

Definitions

10th Grade



1.	conciliate	kun SIL ee ate	to reconcile, to pacify, to renew a friendship
	Synonyms >>	appease, mollify, placate, propitiate	
	My husband tried to conciliate me with a gift of roses.		
	Derivatives >>	conciliated, conciliating, conciliator, conciliatoriness, conciliatorily	
2.	cursor	KUR suh ree	superficial, casual, hastily done
	Synonyms >>		
	He gave only cursory consideration to my suggestion.		
	Derivatives >>	cursorily, cursoriness	
3.	derision	deh REH zhun	scoffing at, mockery, ridicule
	Synonyms >>		
	The boy received much derision for his plaid gym shorts.		
	Derivatives >>	derisive, derisiveness, derisively, derisory	
4.	enmity	EN muh tee	absolute hatred
	Synonyms >>	animosity, animus, antagonism, antipathy, hostility, rancor	
	I have a lot of enmity for people who provide illegal drugs to children.		
	Derivatives >>	enmities	
5.	extricate	EK struh kate	to free, to disentangle
	Synonyms >>	disembarrass, disencumber	
	He could not extricate himself from the trap.		
	Derivatives >>	extrication, extricated, extricable	
6.	forbearance	fore BARE uns	patience, lenience
	Synonyms >>		
	Because he is so young, we must have forbearance in dealing with him.		
	Derivatives >>	forbear, forbearant, forbearer, forbearing, forbearingly, forbearingsness, forbore	
7.	frivolous	FRIV uh lus	lacking in seriousness or importance
	Synonyms >>		
	A teacher should limit frivolous behavior in the classroom.		
	Derivatives >>	frivolity, frivolousness, frivolously	
8.	garrulous	GAR yuh lus	talkative, rambling
	Synonyms >>	volute	
	He was so garrulous that he repeated everything many times.		
	Derivatives >>	garrulously, garrulousness, garrulity	
9.	genre	JOHN ruh	the major category into which a literary work fits
	Synonyms >>		
	Autobiography and poetry are two different genre.		
	Derivatives >>		
10.	impetuous	im PECH oo us	violent, hasty, rash, impulsive
	Synonyms >>		
	His impetuous behavior caused him to make many mistakes.		
	Derivatives >>		

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. | conciliate | a. | lacking in seriousness or importance |
| _____ | 2. | cursory | b. | the major category into which a literary work fits |
| _____ | 3. | derision | c. | patience, lenience |
| _____ | 4. | enmity | d. | to free, to disentangle |
| _____ | 5. | extricate | e. | superficial, casual, not thorough |
| _____ | 6. | forbearance | f. | talkative, rambling |
| _____ | 7. | frivolous | g. | hasty, rash, impulsive |
| _____ | 8. | garrulous | h. | absolute hatred |
| _____ | 9. | genre | i. | to reconcile, to pacify, to renew a friendship |
| _____ | 10. | impetuous | j. | scoffing at, mockery, ridicule |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|-------------|----|--|
| _____ | 1. | atrophy | a. | slanting, indirect, evasive, devious, misleading |
| _____ | 2. | efface | b. | acting routinely with little interest or care |
| _____ | 3. | ephemeral | c. | showing or feeling regret for wrongdoing, repentant |
| _____ | 4. | indolence | d. | desire to harm others |
| _____ | 5. | languid | e. | to waste away, to wither |
| _____ | 6. | malice | f. | laziness |
| _____ | 7. | oblique | g. | lasting a short period of time, fleeting |
| _____ | 8. | penitent | h. | slow, sluggish, listless, weak |
| _____ | 9. | perfunctory | i. | to erase, to wear away |
| _____ | 10. | denotation | j. | the strict, literal, dictionary definition of a word, devoid of any emotion, attitude, or color. |

Sentence Completion Test

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conciliate	cursory	derision	enmity	extricate
forbearance	frivolous	garrulous	genre	impetuous

1. Deep-seated _____ and ill will caused the man to be bitter and antagonistic; indeed, he continued to hate the woman until he died.
2. He seems to like _____ girls; seriousness and intelligence in a woman apparently intimidate him.
3. The teacher showed _____ toward the student's poor performance by being patient.
4. When the man made his proposal to the crowd, he was met with _____ and ridicule.
5. The meaning of the note was hidden to a _____ reading but was revealed after a more careful examination.
6. Because the woman was so _____, he never had a chance to say anything while she was talking.
7. I wished only to _____ myself from the unfortunate situation; I cannot stand entanglements and must seek to free myself.
8. After the argument, the husband tried to _____ his wife with a gift of roses; he thought they might pacify her and reconcile their friendship.
9. If you would not be so _____ and rash, you would not make so many mistakes.
10. What type of _____ is your favorite? Is it poetry or biography?

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antiquated	arable	ascendancy	debase	denotation
ephemeral	ferocity	indolence	malice	perfunctory

11. Because of his _____ examination of the machine, he did not see the loose bolt. Had he been more concerned, he would have looked more closely.
12. His _____ toward his ex-wife was shown in his attempt to seriously harm her.
13. The _____ of one country often signals the decline of another.
14. Because the soil was so _____, the farmer had a surplus of good crops.
15. The _____ theory was rendered ineffective by the new discovery.
16. Her _____ mood of generosity was short-lived; she quickly reverted to her normal greedy behavior.
17. His _____ on the job led to his being fired; had he not been so lazy, he would have remained employed.
18. During the war some of the prisoners fought with the _____ of wild animals.
19. In the early Puritan days of this country, the scaffold was used to publicly humiliate and _____ a person.
20. If you do not understand the _____ of that word, look at the definition in the dictionary. It should be taken very literally.