

Lesson 2

Definitions

10th Grade



1.	alliteration	uh lit uh RAY shun	The repetition of initial consonant sounds in neighboring words
	Synonyms >>		
	The poem was especially good because of the alliteration used.		
	Derivatives >>		
2.	legacy	LEG uh see	a gift by will, something handed down by an ancestor or predecessor
	Synonyms >>		
	Most presidents wonder what their legacy to the country will be.		
	Derivatives >>	legacies	
3.	mettle	MET ul	courage or spirit
	Synonyms >>	resolution, tenacity	
	A crisis like this would test anyone's mettle.		
	Derivatives >>	mettles, mettled, mettlesome	
4.	mirth	MURTH	gladness and merriment usually accompanied by laughter
	Synonyms >>	glee, hilarity, jollity	
	The party was a source of mirth and gaiety.		
	Derivatives >>	mirthful, mirthfully, mirthfulness, mirthless, mirthlessly, mirthlessness	
5.	muse	MYOOZ	to ponder
	Synonyms >>	meditate, ruminate	
	I have often mused about life on a tropical island.		
	Derivatives >>	mused, museful, musefully, museless, musing	
6.	mutinous	MYOOT un us	rebellious, unruly
	Synonyms >>		
	The crew grew mutinous because they thought they might sail right off the edge of the earth.		
	Derivatives >>	mutiny, mutinously, mutinousness, mutinize, mutinies	
7.	prodigious	pruh DIJ us	extraordinary in bulk, quantity, or degree, great in size, enormous
	Synonyms >>		
	His prodigious appetite allowed him to eat the entire turkey.		
	Derivatives >>	prodigiously, prodigiousness	
8.	prodigy	PROD eh jee	one with exceptional talents or powers; an extraordinary accomplishment
	Synonyms >>		
	Mozart was considered a child prodigy since he had great musical talents at a very early age.		
	Derivatives >>	prodigies	
9.	prostration	pros TRAY shun	a stretching out due to lacking vitality and being completely overcome
	Synonyms >>		
	During late summer football practices, players sometimes suffer from heat prostration.		
	Derivatives >>	prostrate, prostrator, prostrating	
10.	replicate	REP luh kate	to repeat, to copy, or to duplicate
	Synonyms >>		
	I always try to replicate the moves of my tennis pro when I am taking a lesson.		
	Derivatives >>	replication, replica, repliant	

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. | alliteration | a. | courage or spirit |
| _____ 2. | legacy | b. | a stretching out due to lacking vitality |
| _____ 3. | mettle | c. | extraordinary in bulk, quantity, or degree |
| _____ 4. | mirth | d. | to repeat, to copy, or to duplicate |
| _____ 5. | muse | e. | to ponder |
| _____ 6. | mutinous | f. | a gift by will, handed down by an ancestor |
| _____ 7. | prodigious | g. | one with exceptional talents or powers |
| _____ 8. | prodigy | h. | rebellious, unruly |
| _____ 9. | prostration | i. | gladness and merriment usually accompanied by laughter |
| _____ 10. | replicate | j. | the repetition of initial consonant sounds in neighboring words |

Exercise B

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|-----------|------------|----|--|
| _____ 1. | alchemist | a. | an elaborate, fanciful metaphor |
| _____ 2. | augury | b. | so complicated that it can probably not be solved; full of knots |
| _____ 3. | bestow | c. | to desire intensely |
| _____ 4. | conceit | d. | to cause one to become confused |
| _____ 5. | confound | e. | an omen or prophecy |
| _____ 6. | crave | f. | very ugly, offensive, shocking |
| _____ 7. | hideous | g. | one who tries to change metals into gold |
| _____ 8. | kindle | h. | to start a fire, to stir up |
| _____ 9. | knotty | i. | a criminal |
| _____ 10. | malefactor | j. | to grant or to give |

Sentence Completion Test

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alliteration

legacy

mettle

mirth

muse

mutinous

prodigious

prodigy

prostration

replicate

1. The millionaire left quite a _____ for his children; his reputation as a philanthropist and benefactor to the poor was known throughout the world.
2. The track star seemed to be suffering complete _____, but the doctor said the runner's vitality would return after a period of rest.
3. The playoffs will test the _____ of the young team; their courage and spirit will either grow and lead them to victory, or it will fail them and they will lose.
4. My teacher gave us a huge amount of homework, a _____ task by anyone's standards.
5. The king called in his jester, proclaiming, "What is needed in this court is _____. I want merriment and laughter."
6. The child _____ was an amazing individual; not only did he have exceptional talent, but he was also versatile in many fields.
7. The captain was not able to pacify the _____ crew before they attacked him and took over the ship.
8. The gypsy woman carefully laid out the cards that she had prepared for the auguries of the future, and then she sat silently in contemplation of them and began to _____.
9. The difference between the original painting and the forgery was obscure and hard to see; to _____ such a work involved copying even the style of brush strokes.
10. The author began several words in the sentence with a consonant sound. This _____ gave the poem a stunning sound effect.

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alchemist	allegory	augury	baseness	bestowed
conceit	confound	contaminants	covert	crave

11. Card reading is an _____ by which people attempt to make prophecies about the future.
12. The poem contained a beautiful _____, an elaborate, fanciful metaphor.
13. Whichever method an _____ uses to try to turn lead into gold, he will soon learn that the two will never combine into the desired product.
14. Most _____ activities involving the C.I.A. are kept secret from the American people.
15. The poisonous water had many _____ in it because the factories dumped their waste products into the river.
16. The author discussed the subject of economics under the guise of a farm through the use of _____.
17. The _____ of the criminal was obvious to all; lacking any sense of higher values, he was vile and vulgar.
18. Calculus is so difficult that it can _____ even very intelligent people who are not easily confused.
19. The man began to _____ various foods during his diet; he had a strong desire for them.
20. The country _____ honor on Martin Luther King, Jr., by making his birthday a national holiday.