

Lesson 21

Definitions

10th Grade



1.	corroboration	kuh rob uh RAY shun	confirmation
	Synonyms >>	authentication, substantiation, validation, verification	
	Fortunately, I had some corroboration for my whereabouts on the night of the crime.		
	Derivatives >>	corroborate, corroborated, corroborating, corroboratory, corroboratively, corroborator	
2.	deplete	deh PLETE	to use up gradually, to lessen in amount or value
	Synonyms >>		
	Our oil reserves have been depleted because of years of drilling and pumping.		
	Derivatives >>	depleted, depleting, depletion, depletive, depletable	
3.	despotic	deh SPOT ik	ruling oppressively and absolutely; tyrannical
	Synonyms >>		
	Americans do not like despotic behavior.		
	Derivatives >>	despotic, despotically, despotism, despotist, despotize, despot	
4.	emaciated	eh MAY she ay tid	very thin (usually as a result of starvation), wasting away
	Synonyms >>		
	As a result of receiving little food, most prisoners of concentration camps become extremely emaciated.		
	Derivatives >>	emaciate, emaciation	
5.	empirical	em PEER eh kul	based on observation or experiment and not on theory
	Synonyms >>		
	We need some empirical data to make our case solid.		
	Derivatives >>	empiric, empiricism, empiricist, empirics, empirism	
6.	extraneous	ik STRAY nee us	not essential or vital
	Synonyms >>	alien, extrinsic, foreign	
	The extraneous assignments left the student with little time for himself.		
	Derivatives >>	extraneously, extraneousness	
7.	fallow	FAL ow	inactive, plowed but not sowed
	Synonyms >>		
	In order for land to be productive, it must lie fallow occasionally.		
	Derivatives >>	fallowness	
8.	homogeneous	hoe muh JEE nee us	of the same kind
	Synonyms >>		
	To get the best results with this research, we need a homogeneous group of people to fill out the questionnaire.		
	Derivatives >>	homogeneously, homogeneousness	
9.	hyperbole	hi PER buh lee	obvious exaggeration
	Synonyms >>		
	You have often heard the hyperbole "I've told you a million times;" it's an obvious exaggeration.		
	Derivatives >>	hyperbolic, hyperbolically, hyperbolic, hyperbolism	
10.	incontrovertible	in kon truh VUR tuh bul	indisputable
	Synonyms >>		
	The district attorney was looking for incontrovertible evidence to prove that the accused arsonist burned the bank.		
	Derivatives >>	incontrovertibly	

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. | corroboration | a. | ruling oppressively and absolutely; tyrannical |
| _____ 2. | deplete | b. | very thin (as a result of starvation), wasting away |
| _____ 3. | despotic | c. | confirmation |
| _____ 4. | emaciated | d. | inactive, plowed but not sowed |
| _____ 5. | empirical | e. | to use up gradually, to lessen in amount or value |
| _____ 6. | extraneous | f. | indisputable |
| _____ 7. | fallow | g. | not essential or vital |
| _____ 8. | homogeneous | h. | of the same kind |
| _____ 9. | hyperbole | i. | based on observation or experiment and not on theory |
| _____ 10. | incontrovertible | j. | obvious exaggeration |

Exercise B

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| _____ 1. | affinity | a. | ability to use words easily, fluent and glib |
| _____ 2. | circumspect | b. | combining parts into a whole |
| _____ 3. | dearth | c. | a likeness, a natural relationship, a kinship |
| _____ 4. | ethereal | d. | having no external cause, acting on impulse |
| _____ 5. | incongruity | e. | careful to consider consequences, cautious, prudent |
| _____ 6. | insularity | f. | an utterance of violent censure; a denunciation |
| _____ 7. | invective | g. | a lack, a scarcity |
| _____ 8. | spontaneous | h. | qualities of an island; narrow-mindedness of opinion |
| _____ 9. | synthesis | i. | nonconformity, disagreement, incompatibility |
| _____ 10. | voluble | j. | heavenly, unusually delicate, light, lacking material substance, intangible |

Sentence Completion Test

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corroboration	deplete	despotic	emaciated	empirical
extraneous	fallow	homogeneous	hyperbole	incontrovertible

1. In the absence of _____ evidence, evidence based on specific facts, we may have to theorize about the results of the data we have gathered.
2. I depended upon my brother for _____ of my story to prove to my mother that I did not, in fact, break the vase.
3. The rich field had not been planted for two years; after this period of lying _____, the soil was even better than before.
4. These facts are simply _____; they cannot be argued.
5. None of the many parts were _____; if just one of the hundreds had been missing, the machine would not have worked.
6. We tried to maintain _____ grouping in the class; it is easier to teach when everyone in the room is at the same level.
7. Hitler's _____ rule was brought to an end after World War II.
8. If I continue to withdraw my money and not replace it, I will _____ my savings account in another month.
9. The _____ prisoner of war was near death as a result of his lack of nourishment.
10. I would rather not hear your _____; I prefer the exact truth to exaggerations like "I've told you a thousand times."

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affinity	buttress	circumspect	guile	incongruity
invective	provincial	synthesis	voluble	implausible

11. However strong the _____ between two lovers, sometimes it is better for them to resist this attraction.
12. In order to destroy the building, the charges were set beside the _____; if the support could be destroyed, the wall would fall easily.
13. Because the committee was headed by the most _____ woman in the club, the meetings frequently ran overtime because it was difficult to get her to stop talking.
14. The woman was characterized by her _____ behavior after her divorce; she was hesitant to trust anyone again after having been hurt so badly.
15. We need to establish _____ before we end this project; let's try to combine some of these diverse parts into a unified whole.
16. His powerful _____ against the candidate left no doubt as to his opinion; it was obvious from such language that he hated the man.
17. The crowds were duped by the charlatan who used deception and _____ to convince the people that the sugared water was really a potent medicine.
18. The father's _____ attitude about his daughter's dating caused her to leave home prematurely, looking for the freedom she had never known.
19. The _____ of one green sock in a drawer with white socks led to the conclusion that the green sock was there by mistake.
20. Although her story seemed _____ to me, the jury believed enough of it to find the woman not guilty.