

# Lesson 23

## Definitions

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



1.	<b>ambiguous</b>	am BIG yew us	having more than one meaning; unclear, uncertain
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>	cryptic, enigmatic, equivocal, obscure	
	Finding an ambiguous test question is frustrating, since more than one answer could be correct.		
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	ambiguity, ambiguously, ambiguousness	
2.	<b>amiable</b>	A mee uh bul	friendly, sociable, and congenial; civil and urbane
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>	good-natured, obliging, complaisant	
	She was blessed with having such an amiable friend who was almost always good-natured and obliging.		
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	amiableness, amiably, amicable, amicability, amiability	
3.	<b>crass</b>	KRASS	coarse, crude, and unrefined
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>		
	Using foul language in front of your mother is crass.		
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	crassly, crassness, crassitude	
4.	<b>discursive</b>	deh SKUR siv	rambling, moving from one topic to another randomly
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>		
	His discursive speech was hard to follow.		
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	discursion, discursively, discursiveness	
5.	<b>docile</b>	DOS ul	easily managed, obedient, passive
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>	amenable, tractable	
	The dog was docile until the doorbell rang.		
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	docible, docibility, docilely, docility	
6.	<b>estrange</b>	eh STRANJ	to alienate, to separate
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>	disaffect, wean	
	The necessity to travel in his business may estrange him from his family for a short period of time.		
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	estranged, estrangedness, estrangement	
7.	<b>exonerate</b>	ig ZON uh rate	to free from blame, obligation, or responsibility; to exculpate
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>	absolve, acquit, vindicate	
	I need your testimony to exonerate me from this charge.		
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	exoneration, exonerated, exoner	
8.	<b>gratuitous</b>	gruh TOO eh tus	given freely, unwarranted
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>		
	I resent your gratuitous comments because no one asked for them.		
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	gratis, gratuitous, gratuitousness, gratuital, gratuitously	
9.	<b>indignation</b>	in dig NAY shun	anger as a result of something unjust
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>	fury, ire, rage, wrath	
	I have much indignation about the light sentence given to the drunk driver who ran over my child.		
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	indignant, indignantly, indignance, indignify, indignities	
10.	<b>metonymy</b>	muh TON oh mee	the name of one object is substituted for something closely related to it.
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>		
	The poem uses metonymy when it refers to "the bottle" for "alcoholic beverage."		
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>		

# 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.  | ambiguous   | a. | having more than one meaning; unclear, uncertain   |
| _____ 2.  | amiable     | b. | rambling, moving from one topic to another   |
| _____ 3.  | crass       | c. | anger as a result of something unjust  |
| _____ 4.  | discursive  | d. | to free from blame, obligation, or responsibility  |
| _____ 5.  | docile      | e. | given freely, unwarranted  |
| _____ 6.  | estrange    | f. | friendly, sociable, and congenial; civil and urbane  |
| _____ 7.  | exonerate   | g. | easily managed, obedient, passive  |
| _____ 8.  | gratuitous  | h. | to alienate, to separate   |
| _____ 9.  | indignation | i. | coarse, crude, and unrefined   |
| _____ 10. | metonymy    | j. | a figure of speech in which the name of one object is substituted for something closely related to it. |

### Exercise B

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|-----------|------------------|----|---|
| _____ 1.  | blasphemous      | a. | using a minimum of words; concise, succinct   |
| _____ 2.  | extraneous       | b. | overly attentive, like a sycophant, servile   |
| _____ 3.  | homogeneous      | c. | irritable, easily angered, cranky, cross  |
| _____ 4.  | incontrovertible | d. | an increase in number, multiplication   |
| _____ 5.  | inference        | e. | a reasonable conclusion from information presented                                    |
| _____ 6.  | irascible        | f. | indisputable  |
| _____ 7.  | irony            | g. | not essential or vital  |
| _____ 8.  | laconic          | h. | of the same kind  |
| _____ 9.  | obsequious       | i. | irreverent, profane   |
| _____ 10. | proliferation    | j. | a figure of speech in which the literal meaning is opposite of that which is intended |

# Sentence Completion Test

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ambiguous

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crass

discursive

docile

estranged

exonerate

gratuitous

indignation

metonymy

1. The brusque comments from the man caused a sense of \_\_\_\_\_ in the woman; she was not accustomed to such language and was quite insulted.
2. The man's coarse and crude language emphasized his \_\_\_\_\_ manners.
3. The dog was \_\_\_\_\_ and easily managed until a cat ran across his path.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ millionaire would never deny anyone's request for aid; he was always friendly and never reluctant to give.
5. The man's \_\_\_\_\_ comments were unsolicited; he gave them freely without being asked for an opinion.
6. The professor's tests were extremely hard because of their \_\_\_\_\_ questions; one could never be sure exactly what he was asking because each question seemed to have two meanings.
7. There seemed to be no main idea behind his \_\_\_\_\_ statements; he just rambled aimlessly.
8. Having been separated for two years, his \_\_\_\_\_ wife finally divorced him.
9. The witness took the stand with the hope that he could \_\_\_\_\_ his friend from conviction of the crime.
10. The poem uses \_\_\_\_\_ when it refers to "the white house" to mean "the president."

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deplete	despotic	homogeneous	irascible	irony
magnanimity	proliferation	veracity	vigilant	zeal

11. The \_\_\_\_\_ of insects in the garden was uncontrollable; they had already destroyed most of the vegetables and were still multiplying.
12. I do not doubt Tom's \_\_\_\_\_, but I have some questions as to his brother's devotion to the truth.
13. He approached the task with great \_\_\_\_\_, anxious to get the job done well.
14. Mother Theresa is known for her love and \_\_\_\_\_ toward the poor.
15. The \_\_\_\_\_ child had absolutely no control over his temper and was always angry.
16. We tried to maintain \_\_\_\_\_ grouping in the class; it is easier to teach when everyone in the room is at the same level.
17. Hitler's \_\_\_\_\_ rule was brought to an end after World War II.
18. If I continue to withdraw my money and not replace it, I will \_\_\_\_\_ my savings account in another month.
19. Always alert, the \_\_\_\_\_ guard stood in front of the mayor's residence.
20. I was not blind to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the situation; it was the opposite of what one would expect.