

Lesson 27

Definitions

10th Grade



1.	nefarious	neh FARE ee us	extremely wicked, evil, vicious
	Synonyms >>	degenerate, iniquitous, villainous	
	Hitler's treatment of Jewish people was a sign that he was a very nefarious person.		
	Derivatives >>	nefariously, nefariousness	
2.	prattle	PRAT ul	meaningless sounds, babble
	Synonyms >>		
	I have difficulty understanding the prattle of young children.		
	Derivatives >>	prattled, prattling, prattlement, prattler, prattlingly	
3.	predilection	pred uh LEK shun	preference
	Synonyms >>		
	He has a predilection for fish when he goes out to eat.		
	Derivatives >>	predilect, predilected	
4.	procrastinate	pro KRAS tuh nate	to defer action; to delay
	Synonyms >>	prolong, postpone	
	We try not to procrastinate when asked to do a job.		
	Derivatives >>	procrastinated, procrastinating, procrastinatingly, procrastinatively, procrastination, procrastinative,	
5.	sarcasm	SAR kas um	harsh or bitter derision or irony
	Synonyms >>		
	His sarcasm was meant to be funny, but instead it really hurt the girl.		
	Derivatives >>		
6.	stoic	STOW ik	a stoical person; not showing passion or feeling, indifference, impassive
	Synonyms >>	apathetic, phlegmatic, stolid	
	The umpire remained quite stoic despite the manager's screaming and the intense booing of the crowd.		
	Derivatives >>	stoical, stoically, stoicism	
7.	suffrage	SUF rij	right to vote
	Synonyms >>		
	Woman's suffrage was a movement and a cause at the beginning of the twentieth century.		
	Derivatives >>	suffragette, suffragettism, suffragism, suffragist	
8.	transparent	trans PARE unt	quality of being able to be seen through, clear
	Synonyms >>	limpid, translucent	
	Glass is a transparent substance.		
	Derivatives >>	transparently, transparentness, transparency	
9.	turbulence	TUR byuh luns	wild or disturbing activity
	Synonyms >>		
	There is a lot of turbulence during a hurricane.		
	Derivatives >>	turbulent, turbulence, turbulency, turbulently	
10.	viable	VIE uh bul	capable of working, functioning, or developing adequately
	Synonyms >>		
	He is a viable candidate because he has experience and can attract votes.		
	Derivatives >>	viability, viably	

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. | nefarious | a. | quality of being able to be seen through, clear |
| _____ 2. | prattle | b. | preference |
| _____ 3. | predilection | c. | capable of working, functioning, or developing adequately |
| _____ 4. | procrastinate | d. | harsh or bitter derision or irony |
| _____ 5. | sarcasm | e. | extremely wicked, evil, vicious |
| _____ 6. | stoic | f. | meaningless sounds, babble |
| _____ 7. | suffrage | g. | right to vote |
| _____ 8. | transparent | h. | wild or disturbing activity |
| _____ 9. | turbulence | i. | to defer action; to delay |
| _____ 10. | viable | j. | a stoical person; not showing passion or feeling, indifference, impassive |

Exercise B

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|-----------|-------------|----|---|
| _____ 1. | abstracted | a. | decaying; characterized by a loss of morality |
| _____ 2. | burgeon | b. | deserving blame; guilty |
| _____ 3. | culpable | c. | an ungrateful person |
| _____ 4. | decadent | d. | lenient, especially toward oneself |
| _____ 5. | indulgent | e. | lack of competence or judgment |
| _____ 6. | ineptness | f. | to sprout, to newly emerge |
| _____ 7. | ingrate | g. | very generous |
| _____ 8. | intractable | h. | quickly passing, fleeting |
| _____ 9. | munificent | i. | stubborn, difficult to manage |
| _____ 10. | transient | j. | removed in thought from the immediate situation, lost in one's own mind |

Sentence Completion Test

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nefarious	prattle	predilection	procrastinate	sarcasm
stoic	suffrage	transparent	turbulence	viable

1. The man's _____ attitude made loving him quite difficult; he seemed totally indifferent to any affection displayed toward him.
2. If you do not attend the study sessions, you must find a _____ alternative for learning the material before the test.
3. The _____, evil wizard crouched over the body of its victim.
4. When you begin to _____ like that, I can't understand a word you say; you babble just like a child.
5. Because of my _____ for classical music, I buy season tickets to the symphony each year.
6. The _____ curtains allowed light to enter the room so that the whole atmosphere was more pleasant.
7. _____, the right to vote, was slow in coming to women and minorities in America.
8. It is not a good idea to _____ on this project; if you postpone doing the work until a later date, you will be so far behind that you can't catch up.
9. The woman was hesitant to invite her husband to the meeting because she knew that his hostile attitude was likely to cause much _____ in the family.
10. His speech was full of _____; it had harsh and bitter derision in it.

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abstracted

culpable

decadent

entreaty

fatuous

ingrate

munificent

onomatopoeia

sated

transient

11. Contrary to the emotional _____ for help that was delivered by the last speakers, this woman's plea was rational but without sincerity.
12. The _____ did not even say "thank you" when I gave him my life savings.
13. The society had become so _____ that morality was a thing of the past, and people could not count on laws that had previously been part of their culture.
14. You will never prove me _____ of the crime; I am not guilty and do not deserve the blame.
15. The girl's _____ remarks were so silly that we nearly laughed her out of the room.
16. Homeless people are usually _____, moving from place to place, never staying long.
17. The _____ look on the girl's face made me think that she was not paying attention.
18. The hungry man made several return trips to the buffet table before he was finally _____.
19. The _____ woman was giving gifts not only to relatives she knew but also to strangers she did not know, simply because she enjoyed giving things to people.
20. The author uses words like "hiss" and "buzz" in order to get the effect of actual sounds. Such figurative language is called _____.