

Lesson 28

Definitions

10th Grade



1.	abet	uh BET	to encourage or to assist (usually an offense against justice or the law)
	Synonyms >>	foment, incite, instigate	
	To aid and abet an enemy of the country is a crime.		
	Derivatives >>	abetment, abettor, abetted, abetting	
2.	agile	AJ uhl	characterized by ability to move quickly with suppleness and grace
	Synonyms >>	nimble, brisk, spry	
	The girl's agile movements were the mark of a great gymnast.		
	Derivatives >>	agilely, agility	
3.	antidote	AN teh dote	something that relieves the effects of poison
	Synonyms >>		
	A snake bite need not be deadly, as long as one can get an antidote quickly.		
	Derivatives >>	antidotal	
4.	ascertain	as sur TANE	to find out definitely; to determine
	Synonyms >>	learn	
	The detective attempted to ascertain the truth through his questioning of the suspect.		
	Derivatives >>	ascertainable, ascertainableness, ascertainably, ascertainer, ascertainment, ascertained	
5.	desolate	DES uh lit	deserted, without inhabitants, barren
	Synonyms >>		
	Some of the western states have large areas that are desolate.		
	Derivatives >>	desolately, desolateness, desolater, desolating, desolation	
6.	din	DEN	loud and discordant noises, cacophony
	Synonyms >>		
	The din in the senate was so great that I could not hear the speaker.		
	Derivatives >>	dins, dinned, dinning	
7.	dissuade	deh SWADE	to advise against, to talk out of
	Synonyms >>		
	I tried to dissuade him from going over Niagara Falls in a barrel, but he would not listen.		
	Derivatives >>	dissuadable, dissuasion, dissuasive, dissuasively, dissuasiveness	
8.	distend	deh STEND	to expand, to swell
	Synonyms >>	amplify, dilate, inflate	
	If a balloon is distended too much, it will break.		
	Derivatives >>	distended, distendedly, distendedness, distensibility, distensible, distensile, distension, distention, distensive	
9.	enervation	en er VAY shun	weakness
	Synonyms >>	emasculatation	
	A poor diet will cause enervation.		
	Derivatives >>	enervate, enervated, enervator	
10.	satire	SA tire	a work that ridicules human vices, follies, or social institutions
	Synonyms >>		
	The author ridiculed the social institution of marriage through satire in his novel.		
	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. abet | a. weakness |
| _____ 2. agile | b. something that relieves the effects of poison |
| _____ 3. antidote | c. to advise against, to talk out of |
| _____ 4. ascertain | d. to expand, to swell |
| _____ 5. desolate | e. deserted, without inhabitants, barren |
| _____ 6. din | f. to find out definitely; to determine |
| _____ 7. dissuade | g. loud and discordant noises, cacophony |
| _____ 8. distend | h. able to move quickly with suppleness and grace |
| _____ 9. enervation | i. to assist (usually an offense against justice or the law) |
| _____ 10. satire | j. a work that ridicules human vices, follies, social institutions, and conventions |

Exercise B

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| _____ 1. entreaty | a. quality of being able to be seen through, clear |
| _____ 2. miser | b. preference |
| _____ 3. nefarious | c. capable of working, functioning, or developing adequately |
| _____ 4. oxymoron | d. harsh or bitter derision or irony |
| _____ 5. parody | e. extremely wicked, evil, vicious |
| _____ 6. predilection | f. a humorous imitation of a serious piece of literature |
| _____ 7. sarcasm | g. a plea, an earnest request |
| _____ 8. terse | h. one who lives in wretched circumstances to hoard money |
| _____ 9. transparent | i. concise |
| _____ 10. viable | j. a figure of speech in which contradictory terms are grouped together to suggest a paradox such as "cruel kindness" |

Sentence Completion Test

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abetting	agility	antidote	ascertain	desolate
din	dissuade	distend	enervation	satiric

1. The _____ of the old man was amazing; he was as graceful as a professional dancer.
2. The actor's sarcastic monologue ridiculed all of the political candidates; however, none of them seemed to take offense at the _____ comments.
3. As the man ran from the building, the police chased him into a _____ alley that was empty except for one trash can.
4. The man could not be heard above the _____ of the screams from the crowd.
5. The _____ to the poison must be given within one hour of the poison's entrance into the body; otherwise, it cannot relieve the effects of the toxin.
6. My friend will try to _____ me from taking calculus; she always tries to talk me out of taking difficult classes.
7. The boy was charged with _____ a criminal even though he himself did not commit the robbery; he merely drove the get away car.
8. The inhabitants living around the lake were horrified to think the water might _____ beyond the safety barriers; it had already swelled to an unprecedented level.
9. Though it was difficult to _____ what she meant in the letter, we tried to determine the meaning.
10. The toxic substance caused immediate _____; the first symptom of the man's poisoning was his total loss of energy and vitality.

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burgeon	indulgent	ineptness	nefarious	oxymoron
parody	prattle	predilection	stoic	viable

11. The man's _____ attitude made loving him quite difficult; he seemed totally indifferent to any affection displayed toward him.
12. If you do not attend the study sessions, you must find a _____ alternative for learning the material before the test.
13. The _____, evil wizard crouched over the body of its victim.
14. When you begin to _____ like that, I can't understand a word you say; you babble just like a child.
15. Because of my _____ for classical music, I buy season tickets to the symphony each year.
16. The comedian's skit was a _____ of the recent inaugural address; although it was intended to be funny, not many people laughed.
17. His _____ as a teacher was reflected in his students' poor test scores and in his inability to maintain discipline in class.
18. The reason the girl cannot lose any weight is that she is so _____ when it comes to food; she is so lenient with herself that she eats until she is stuffed at every meal.
19. The plants in the garden began to _____ as soon as the spring rains came.
20. When the author used the phrase "cruel kindness," he was making use of a figure of speech called _____.