

Lesson 29

Definitions

10th Grade



1.	eulogy	YOO luh jee	praise or tribute	
	Synonyms >>	encomium, panegyric, tribute		
	The young woman presented a touching eulogy at her father's funeral.			
	Derivatives >>	eulogic, eulogious, eulogism, eulogist, eulogistic, eulogium, eulogization, eulogize, eulogizer		
2.	indelible	in DEL uh bul	cannot be removed, washed away or erased	
	Synonyms >>	permanent, lasting		
	Her comments made an indelible impression on his mind, and he was never able to forget.			
	Derivatives >>	indelibility, indelibly		
3.	inert	in URT	unable to move or to act, sluggish	
	Synonyms >>	idle, passive, supine		
	It takes a long time to get things done when we must depend on inert bureaucrats.			
	Derivatives >>	inertia, inertial, inertion, inertness, inertly		
4.	malevolence	muh LEV uh lens	ill will or evil intentions	
	Synonyms >>	malice, malignity, spite, spleen		
	The old man's malevolence was obvious when he removed the girl from his will.			
	Derivatives >>	malevolent, malevolently		
5.	obliterate	uh BLIT eh rate	to remove all traces of; to do away with; to destroy completely; to cancel	
	Synonyms >>	expunge, efface		
	The men began to obliterate the old building.			
	Derivatives >>	obliterated, obliterating, obliterable, obliteration, oblitative		
6.	ornate	or NATE	excessively decorated	
	Synonyms >>			
	The ornate Christmas tree provided us with many hours of pleasure.			
	Derivatives >>	ornately, ornateness, ornature		
7.	paucity	PAH seh tee	scarcity, fewness of number, dearth	
	Synonyms >>			
	The low achievement test scores indicate that I have a paucity of intelligent students this year.			
	Derivatives >>	pauciloquy		
8.	piety	PIE eh tee	devotion and reverence to God	
	Synonyms >>			
	The man was noted for his piety and devotion to the church.			
	Derivatives >>	pietism, pietist, pietistic, pietistically		
9.	precarious	pre KARE ee us	dangerous, risky, not a secure situation	
	Synonyms >>			
	It seems that a tightrope walker is often in a precarious situation.			
	Derivatives >>	precariously, precariousness		
10.	syllogism	SIL oh jis um	a deductive reasoning presenting two premises that inevitably leads to a sound conclusion	
	Synonyms >>			
	A syllogism's conclusion is valid only if each of the two premises is valid.			
	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. eulogy | a. ill will or evil intentions |
| _____ 2. indelible | b. cannot be removed, washed away or erased |
| _____ 3. inert | c. dangerous, risky, not a secure situation |
| _____ 4. malevolence | d. unable to move or to act, sluggish |
| _____ 5. obliterate | e. scarcity, fewness of number, dearth |
| _____ 6. ornate | f. devotion and reverence to God |
| _____ 7. paucity | g. to remove all traces of; to do away with; to destroy |
| _____ 8. piety | h. praise or tribute |
| _____ 9. precarious | i. excessively decorated |
| _____ 10. syllogism | j. a deductive reasoning that presents two premises that inevitably lead to a sound conclusion |

Exercise B

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| _____ 1. antidote | a. weakness |
| _____ 2. desolate | b. something that relieves the effects of poison |
| _____ 3. dissuade | c. to advise against, to talk out of |
| _____ 4. distend | d. to expand, to swell |
| _____ 5. enervation | e. deserted, without inhabitants, barren |
| _____ 6. fatuous | f. meaningless sounds, babble |
| _____ 7. inundate | g. foolish, silly in an obnoxious way, inane |
| _____ 8. prattle | h. wild or disturbing activity |
| _____ 9. stoic | i. to flood, to overflow |
| _____ 10. turbulence | j. a person who shows no passion or feeling; indifferent, impassive |

Sentence Completion Test

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eulogy	indelible	inert	malevolence	obliterate
ornate	paucity	piety	precarious	syllogism

1. India ink is _____ and cannot be removed from your clothes.
2. Because of the unsettled economy, the business was in a _____ position, perhaps facing bankruptcy.
3. The pilgrims came to the religious shrine to demonstrate their great _____ and reverence.
4. The man regarded the _____, fabulously decorated mansion as his home.
5. The _____ of the evil witch doctor was obvious to all as he deliberately caused the man to suffer.
6. The _____ was delivered to a large gathering of friends and relatives; but after the funeral only a few relatives came to the house.
7. It was quite alarming to find that we had to survive for an entire week with such a _____ of food; we actually had enough for only two days, not seven.
8. It was the task of the company to _____ the town completely; there seemed to be no concern that its total destruction would cause extreme suffering.
9. The drug, having sat so long on the shelf, lost all its active properties and became _____.
10. A _____ presents two valid premises that inevitably lead to a sound conclusion.

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agility	antidote	desolate	din	miser
procrastinate	satiric	suffrage	transparent	inundated

11. The _____ of the old man was amazing; he was as graceful as a professional dancer.
12. The actor's sarcastic monologue ridiculed all of the political candidates; however, none of them seemed to take offense at the _____ comments.
13. As the man ran from the building, the police chased him into a _____ alley that was empty except for one trash can.
14. The man could not be heard above the _____ of the screams from the crowd.
15. 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.
16. The _____ curtains allowed light to enter the room so that the whole atmosphere was more pleasant.
17. _____, the right to vote, was slow in coming to women and minorities in America.
18. 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.
19. It was strange to see the old _____ give money to the cause; he was usually so tight with his money that he wouldn't let go of a single penny.
20. The bridge collapsed when it was _____ by the flood waters.