

# Lesson 3

## Definitions

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1.	<b>rhetoric</b>	RET ur ik	the art of using words effectively in speaking or writing; inflated language
	Synonyms >>	verbosity, bombast; discourse, speech	
	Freshman composition is a course in rhetoric.		
	Derivatives >>	rhetorical, rhetorically, rhetoricalness, rhetoricate, rhetorician, rhetorize	
2.	<b>rout</b>	ROUT	to gouge out or to make a furrow in; to expel by force
	Synonyms >>		
	The wood craftsman took his tools and began to rout a furrow into the wood in the shape of a heart.		
	Derivatives >>	router, routed, routing	
3.	<b>soothsayer</b>	SOOTH say ur	a person who is able to predict the future, seer
	Synonyms >>		
	After John Kennedy was shot, many self-proclaimed soothsayers claimed to have predicted the assassination.		
	Derivatives >>	soothsay, soothsaying	
4.	<b>spurn</b>	SPURN	to reject or to refuse with hostility
	Synonyms >>		
	The woman had always viewed the man with disdain and would spurn his attempts at friendship forever.		
	Derivatives >>	spurner, spurned, spurning	
5.	<b>sterile</b>	STER ul	incapable of reproducing
	Synonyms >>		
	Since the woman was sterile, she and her husband decided to adopt children.		
	Derivatives >>	sterilely, sterility, sterilizable, sterilizability, sterilization, sterilize	
6.	<b>taper</b>	TAY pur	to decrease in thickness or width
	Synonyms >>		
	The intensity of the pain will taper off as time goes on. Some shirts are tapered at the bottom.		
	Derivatives >>	tapered, tapering	
7.	<b>tarry</b>	TARE ee	to delay in coming or going, to linger
	Synonyms >>		
	Please do not tarry; I want you to be here on time.		
	Derivatives >>	tarriness, tarried, tarries	
8.	<b>unassailable</b>	un uh SALE uh	undisputable, not able to be attacked with success
	Synonyms >>		
	The arguments of the lawyer were unassailable; consequently, he won the case.		
	Derivatives >>	unassailably, unassailableness, unassailed	
9.	<b>vanquished</b>	VAN kwishd	conquered, overpowered
	Synonyms >>		
	Hitler's armies vanquished Poland with aid from Russia.		
	Derivatives >>	vanquishable, vanquisher, vanquishment	
10.	<b>vouchsafe</b>	VOUCH safe	to grant in a condescending manner
	Synonyms >>		
	I can vouchsafe you a large return on your investment.		
	Derivatives >>	vouchsafement	

# 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.  | rhetoric     | a. | a person who is able to predict the future, seer       |
| _____ 2.  | rout         | b. | the art of using words effectively in speaking         |
| _____ 3.  | soothsayer   | c. | conquered, overpowered                                 |
| _____ 4.  | spurn        | d. | to grant in a condescending manner                     |
| _____ 5.  | sterile      | e. | to delay in coming or going, to linger                 |
| _____ 6.  | taper        | f. | incapable of reproducing                               |
| _____ 7.  | tarry        | g. | undisputable, not able to be attacked with success     |
| _____ 8.  | unassailable | h. | to decrease in thickness or width                      |
| _____ 9.  | vanquished   | i. | to reject or to refuse with hostility                  |
| _____ 10. | vouchsafe    | j. | to gouge out or to make a furrow in; to expel by force |

### Exercise B

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|-----------|-------------|----|---|
| _____ 1.  | allegory    | a. | courage or spirit   |
| _____ 2.  | contaminant | b. | a stretching out due to lacking vitality                                  |
| _____ 3.  | covert      | c. | extraordinary in bulk, quantity, or degree                                |
| _____ 4.  | gravity     | d. | to repeat, to copy, or to duplicate                                       |
| _____ 5.  | homage      | e. | to ponder   |
| _____ 6.  | mettle      | f. | seriousness, importance   |
| _____ 7.  | muse        | g. | secret, concealed   |
| _____ 8.  | prodigious  | h. | a reverential regard; respect shown by external action                    |
| _____ 9.  | prostration | i. | something that causes impurity  |
| _____ 10. | replicate   | j. | The device of using character symbolically to represent an abstract idea. |

# Sentence Completion Test

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vouchsafed

1. The king should have listened to the \_\_\_\_\_; although the prophet foretold his future, the warning was not heeded.
2. The poor country had finally been \_\_\_\_\_; economic sanctions had overpowered the people, conquering the nation for the enemy.
3. A new means of insect control uses chemicals to render insects incapable of reproducing; once they are \_\_\_\_\_, no new generations can be bred.
4. The politician's speech was full of pompous \_\_\_\_\_, mere inflated language.
5. Jim was told to cut the wood so that it would \_\_\_\_\_, decreasing from a width of four inches to a width of two inches.
6. The woman did not \_\_\_\_\_ in the park; she stayed only five minutes before she left.
7. The troops \_\_\_\_\_ the invading army and expelled them from the fort.
8. My boss \_\_\_\_\_ my job, but I did not like the condescending manner of his guarantee.
9. Sam's childish behavior has caused his girlfriend to \_\_\_\_\_ him; she refuses to answer any of his calls.
10. The king's claim that his fortress was \_\_\_\_\_ was proven false when the bands of cutthroats conquered it, robbing and pillaging the place.

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gravity	grievous	homage	knotty	legacy
malefactor	mettle	mirth	prodigious	prostration

11. The millionaire left quite a \_\_\_\_\_ for his children; his reputation as a philanthropist and benefactor to the poor was known throughout the world.
12. The track star seemed to be suffering complete \_\_\_\_\_, but the doctor said the runner's vitality would return after a period of rest.
13. The playoffs will test the \_\_\_\_\_ of the young team; their courage and spirit will either grow and lead them to victory, or it will fail them and they will lose.
14. My teacher gave us a huge amount of homework, a \_\_\_\_\_ task by anyone's standards.
15. The king called in his jester, proclaiming, "What is needed in this court is \_\_\_\_\_. I want merriment and laughter."
16. Though a criminal for most of his life, the \_\_\_\_\_ had a sudden change of heart and was working to redeem himself in the hearts of his earlier victims.
17. The congregation's reverent regard was evident as they paid \_\_\_\_\_ to the departing pastor through many gifts that were showered upon him.
18. There was severe suffering and sorrow as a result of the \_\_\_\_\_ actions of the boys; their behavior brought serious condemnation.
19. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the situation was apparent in the serious countenance of the woman; we could all tell how important the condition was.
20. Unable to move, the prince's horse was caught in the thicket, entangled in vines up to his neck. The rider could see no solution to the \_\_\_\_\_ problem of freeing it.