

Lesson 30

Definitions

10th Grade



1.	abridge	uh BRIJ	to shorten, to diminish
	Synonyms >>	abbreviate, curtail, retrench, shorten	
	Some companies publish abridged versions of novels.		
	Derivatives >>	abridgable, abridged, abridger, abridgment	
2.	alacrity	uh LAK ruh tee	prompt and cheerful response
	Synonyms >>	celerity	
	I accepted his invitation to the prom with alacrity.		
Derivatives >>	alacritous		
3.	antipathy	an TIP uh thee	a dislike, distaste, or enmity
	Synonyms >>	animosity, animus, antagonism, hostility, rancor	
	The woman's obvious antipathy toward snakes surfaced when she came into contact with the slithering reptile.		
Derivatives >>	antipathetic, antipathic, antipathist, antipathize, antipathies		
4.	augment	awg MENT	to make greater or to supplement
	Synonyms >>		
	We must try to augment our savings this year.		
Derivatives >>	augmentable, augments, augmentation, augmentative, augmented		
5.	bombastic	bom BASS tik	using inflated language, pompous
	Synonyms >>	claptrap, declamatory, fustian, ranting, rodomontade	
	The politician was bombastic as he railed against big government.		
Derivatives >>	bombastically, bombastical		
6.	prosaic	pro ZAY ik	commonplace, uninspired, banal
	Synonyms >>		
	Because his writings are so prosaic, I find them boring and unimaginative.		
Derivatives >>	prosaical, prosaically, prosaicness, prosaicism, prosaism, prosaist		
7.	quiescent	kwee ES unt	inactive, dormant
	Synonyms >>	abeyance, latent	
	The eruption was a surprise because the volcano had been quiescent for many years.		
Derivatives >>	quiescence, quiesce, quiescency, quiescently		
8.	scintillating	SIN tuh lay ting	sparkling, shining, or flashing
	Synonyms >>		
	The fireworks during a Fourth of July celebration are a scintillating display.		
Derivatives >>	scintillate, scintillant, scintillantly, scintillatingly, scintillation, scintillator, scintillescent		
9.	squalid	SKWOL id	filthy in appearance, sordid
	Synonyms >>		
	There are squalid and depressed areas in most of the world's major cities.		
Derivatives >>	squalidity, squalidly, squalidness		
10.	vexation	vek SAY shun	discomfort or distress
	Synonyms >>		
	The young children were a source of vexation to their nervous, neurotic mother.		
Derivatives >>	vex, vexatious, vexedly, vexedness, vexingly		

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. | abridge | a. | commonplace, uninspired, banal |
| _____ | 2. | alacrity | b. | prompt and cheerful response |
| _____ | 3. | antipathy | c. | to shorten, to diminish |
| _____ | 4. | augment | d. | inactive, dormant |
| _____ | 5. | bombastic | e. | sparkling, shining, or flashing |
| _____ | 6. | prosaic | f. | using inflated language, pompous |
| _____ | 7. | quiescent | g. | a dislike, distaste, or enmity |
| _____ | 8. | scintillating | h. | discomfort or distress |
| _____ | 9. | squalid | i. | filthy in appearance, sordid |
| _____ | 10. | vexation | j. | to make greater or to supplement |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|---------------|----|---|
| _____ | 1. | agile | a. | right to vote |
| _____ | 2. | ascertain | b. | cannot be removed, washed away or erased |
| _____ | 3. | din | c. | dangerous, risky, not a secure situation |
| _____ | 4. | indelible | d. | unable to move or to act, sluggish |
| _____ | 5. | inert | e. | scarcity, fewness of number, dearth |
| _____ | 6. | paucity | f. | to find out definitely; to determine |
| _____ | 7. | precarious | g. | loud and discordant noises, cacophony |
| _____ | 8. | procrastinate | h. | able to move quickly with suppleness and grace |
| _____ | 9. | suffrage | i. | to defer action; to delay |
| _____ | 10. | syllogism | j. | a deductive reasoning that presents two premises that inevitably lead to a sound conclusion |

Sentence Completion Test

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abridged	alacrity	antipathy	augment	bombastic
prosaic	quiescence	scintillating	squalid	vexation

1. Policemen generally have an _____ for crime and criminals; if they did not dislike these things so much, they would not have gone into the profession of law enforcement.
2. There was nothing _____ about that story; it was the most imaginative and creative piece that he had ever written.
3. The destitute family was living in a _____ apartment, full of filth and dirt.
4. The filthy surroundings caused the man much discomfort and distress, but it was more than the dirt and filth that caused his _____.
5. The noise of people in a crowded street was gone, replaced by the _____ of a village emptied by the national holiday.
6. The students approached the task of solving the problem with _____; they were anxious to solve it promptly.
7. The _____ brightness of Judy's engagement ring was noticeable to all her envious friends.
8. Because she needed more money, the woman tried to _____ her income by getting a second job.
9. The _____ version of the novel was not as thorough as the longer version; it left out the entire episode of the war.
10. The man's _____ speech did not impress me; I prefer someone more reserved and humble than he seemed to be with all his pompousness.

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abetting	dissuade	distend	indelible	malevolence
ornate	piety	precarious	sarcasm	turbulence

11. India ink is _____ and cannot be removed from your clothes.
12. Because of the unsettled economy, the business was in a _____ position, perhaps facing bankruptcy.
13. The pilgrims came to the religious shrine to demonstrate their great _____ and reverence.
14. The man regarded the _____, fabulously decorated mansion as his home.
15. The _____ of the evil witch doctor was obvious to all as he deliberately caused the man to suffer.
16. My friend will try to _____ me from taking calculus; she always tries to talk me out of taking difficult classes.
17. The boy was charged with _____ a criminal even though he himself did not commit the robbery; he merely drove the get away car.
18. The inhabitants living around the lake were afraid that the water might _____ beyond the safety barriers; it had already swelled to an unprecedented level.
19. 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.
20. His speech was full of _____; it had harsh and bitter derision in it.