

Lesson 34

Definitions

10th Grade



1.	equivocal	eh KWIV uh kul	ambiguous (usually intended to mislead)
	Synonyms >>	abstruse, ambiguous, cryptic, enigmatic, obscure, recondite	
	His speech was difficult to understand because of all his equivocal statements.		
	Derivatives >>	equivocacy, equivocality, equivocally, equivocalness, equivocate, equivocation, equivocator, equivocity	
2.	expeditious	ek speh DISH us	done with speed and efficiency
	Synonyms >>		
	You need to be expeditious in solving this matter.		
	Derivatives >>	expedite, expediter, expedition, expeditionary, expeditioner, expeditiously, expeditiousness, expeditive	
3.	galvanize	GAL vuh nize	to stimulate or to excite as if by an electric shock
	Synonyms >>		
	We are hoping that these new discoveries will galvanize the public support of our research.		
	Derivatives >>	galvanization, galvanized, galvanizer, galvanic	
4.	implacable	im PLAK uh bul	incapable of being appeased
	Synonyms >>		
	That young man is the enemy of the implacable woman standing in the corner; she will never stop hating him.		
	Derivatives >>	implacability, implacableness, implacably	
5.	inimitable	eh NIM eh tuh bul	not able to be imitated
	Synonyms >>		
	He has his own inimitable way of doing things.		
	Derivatives >>	inimitability, inimitableness, inimitably	
6.	mutability	myoo tuh BILL uh tee	the degree to which something is subject and likely to change
	Synonyms >>	inconsistency	
	The mutability of his opinions was because of political pressures; these alone caused his changing attitudes.		
	Derivatives >>	mutable, mutably, mutation	
7.	odious	OH dee us	deserving hate or contempt
	Synonyms >>		
	Pornography is an odious business.		
	Derivatives >>	odiously, odiousness, odium	
8.	parochial	puh ROE key ul	limited in range or scope, narrow, provincial
	Synonyms >>		
	Having parochial attitudes, she was not receptive to new ideas.		
	Derivatives >>	parochialism, parochiality, parochialize, parochially	
9.	penchant	PEN chunt	a strong inclination
	Synonyms >>	leaning, proclivity, propensity	
	He has a penchant for chemistry, and he has won many science awards.		
	Derivatives >>	penchants	
10.	ponderous	PON dur us	very heavy, unwieldy from weight
	Synonyms >>	cumbersome, cumbrous	
	The ponderous furniture was hard to move, and thus became a burden.		
	Derivatives >>	ponderosity, ponderously, ponderousness	

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. equivocal | a. limited in range or scope, narrow, provincial |
| _____ 2. expeditious | b. a strong inclination |
| _____ 3. galvanize | c. not able to be imitated |
| _____ 4. implacable | d. ambiguous (usually intended to mislead) |
| _____ 5. inimitable | e. deserving hate or contempt |
| _____ 6. mutability | f. incapable of being appeased |
| _____ 7. odious | g. the degree to which something is likely to change |
| _____ 8. parochial | h. very heavy, unwieldy from weight |
| _____ 9. penchant | i. to stimulate or to excite as if by an electric shock |
| _____ 10. ponderous | j. done with speed and efficiency |

Exercise B

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| _____ 1. auspicious | a. identification with another's feelings or situation |
| _____ 2. cosmopolitan | b. dealing with the whole world |
| _____ 3. discrepant | c. favorable |
| _____ 4. empathy | d. anything that represents or stands for something else. |
| _____ 5. enhance | e. disagreeing, inconsistent |
| _____ 6. pedantry | f. cleared of accusations or charges |
| _____ 7. static (adj.) | g. having no motion, showing little change |
| _____ 8. symbolism | h. a keen sense for what is appropriate or tasteful |
| _____ 9. tact | i. to make better, to improve |
| _____ 10. vindicated | j. act of showing off learning in a manner that is needless and unimaginative |

Sentence Completion Test

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equivocal	expeditious	galvanize	implacable	inimitable
mutability	odious	parochial	penchant	ponderous

1. Sally's _____ for travel has helped her to become acquainted with foreign countries and customs; she has always had an inclination for world travel.
2. I don't mean to be _____ about the matter, but I simply can't make up my mind about what I want to do.
3. The evangelist expressed his contempt for the _____ pornography business in this country.
4. The government expects the people to be _____ about filing their income tax returns; there is a fine for those who don't file them on time.
5. The violinist's incredible style is _____; no one yet has been able to duplicate or imitate her style and technique.
6. The man is an _____ tyrant; nothing will appease him when he is angry.
7. His views on the subject were rather _____; they were narrow-minded and petty.
8. It is the _____ of man that allows for an ever-changing society such as ours.
9. The politician's skill in oratory enabled him to _____ the public support of his constituency; the people were finally stimulated into action.
10. The criminal was angered by having to drag the long, heavy, _____ chain that was fastened to his leg.

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apathetic	caricature	cosmopolitan	discrepant	ecstasy
impecunious	paltry	placid	torpid	vindictive

- _____ and uncaring, the student filled his essay with nonsense.
- The painting was a _____ which distorted the woman's nose so that it resembled that of an elephant.
- The man's _____ attitudes obviously resulted from his many world-wide travels.
- My wife's checkbook is almost always _____ with mine; we can never seem to get the two to match each other.
- I was in a state of _____ as we flew over the Grand Canyon; never before had I been so excited about seeing something so incredible.
- Her inner peace and serenity were obvious from the _____ expression on her face.
- Though he was cleared of all charges, the stranger's spiteful, _____ accusers vowed to get revenge against the man.
- His _____ movements were the first indication that he was getting sick; because he is usually so active and full of vitality, we knew that something was wrong when he slowed down so much.
- The man made only a _____ attempt at doing the job; what he accomplished was worthless and practically insignificant.
- The prodigal child spent all his inheritance money, leaving him totally _____.