

Lesson 35

Definitions

10th Grade



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| 1. | append | uh PEND | to add in a supplementary manner |
| | Synonyms >> | | |
| | His long-winded discourse was appended by a final summary of important points. | | |
| | Derivatives >> | appendage, appendant, appendance, appended | |
| 2. | apprise | uh PRIZE | to inform or to give notice |
| | Synonyms >> | acquaint, notify | |
| | People who are arrested have to be apprised of their rights. | | |
| | Derivatives >> | apprised, apprising, apprizer | |
| 3. | ardent | AR dunt | expressing strong feelings, impassioned, zealous |
| | Synonyms >> | fervent, fervid, passionate, perfervid | |
| | He was ardent in his support of civil rights. | | |
| | Derivatives >> | ardently | |
| 4. | cloister | KLOI stur | to seclude or to confine |
| | Synonyms >> | | |
| | The wealthy magnate led a cloistered life in his retirement. | | |
| | Derivatives >> | cloistered, cloisterlike, cloistering | |
| 5. | constrict | kun STRIKT | to tighten or to make narrow |
| | Synonyms >> | compress, condense, contract, deflate | |
| | Strangling constricts the windpipe and keeps air from reaching the lungs. | | |
| | Derivatives >> | constriction, constrictive, constrictor, constricted, constricting | |
| 6. | rectitude | REK teh tood | state of moral integrity |
| | Synonyms >> | | |
| | When the preacher's rectitude was questioned, many left his congregation. | | |
| | Derivatives >> | rectitudinous, rectitudinously | |
| 7. | rend | REND | to tear violently, to split |
| | Synonyms >> | cleave, rive | |
| | He tried to rend the flag as a protest against the war. | | |
| | Derivatives >> | rent, rended, rending, rends | |
| 8. | schism | SIZ um | a division of a group into two discordant groups |
| | Synonyms >> | breach, faction, discord, disharmony | |
| | The club lost half its members because of a schism in the body. | | |
| | Derivatives >> | schismatic, schisms, schismatical, schismatically, schismatist, schimatize | |
| 9. | understatement | UN der state ment | the ironic minimalizing of fact |
| | Synonyms >> | | |
| | The casualty list is an understatement of the actual number of deaths incurred in the battle. | | |
| | Derivatives >> | | |
| 10. | uproarious | up ROAR ee us | making great noise (not necessarily negative) |
| | Synonyms >> | tumultuous | |
| | The Beatles usually played to uproarious crowds. | | |
| | Derivatives >> | uproariously, uproariousness, uproar | |

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. append | a. a division of a group into two discordant groups |
| _____ 2. apprise | b. to tighten or to make narrow |
| _____ 3. ardent | c. state of moral integrity |
| _____ 4. cloister | d. to tear violently, to split |
| _____ 5. constrict | e. to inform or to give notice |
| _____ 6. rectitude | f. expressing strong feelings, impassioned, zealous |
| _____ 7. rend | g. to seclude or to confine |
| _____ 8. schism | h. to add in a supplementary manner |
| _____ 9. understatement | i. making great noise (not necessarily negative) |
| _____ 10. uproarious | j. the ironic minimalizing of fact |

Exercise B

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| _____ 1. allure | a. limited in range or scope, narrow, provincial |
| _____ 2. apathy | b. a strong inclination |
| _____ 3. caricature | c. not able to be imitated |
| _____ 4. equivocal | d. ambiguous (usually intended to mislead) |
| _____ 5. inimitable | e. deserving hate or contempt |
| _____ 6. odious | f. a portrayal where features are distorted, a parody |
| _____ 7. parochial | g. to influence or entice with some tempting appeal |
| _____ 8. penchant | h. a lack of concern or feeling, indifference |
| _____ 9. placid | i. peaceful, calm |
| _____ 10. vindictive | j. revengeful, spiteful |

Sentence Completion Test

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| appended | apprised | ardent | cloistered | constricted |
| rectitude | rend | schisms | understate | uproarious |

1. Two major _____ and several other minor divisions have separated the people into many groups.
2. The minister entered his religious service because of an _____ and zealous desire to help to improve other people's lives.
3. The _____ crowd applauded and yelled loudly at the outdoor concert; they were not in the least concerned about the noise that they were making.
4. Among the accolades the minister received for his _____ was a plaque honoring his moral integrity.
5. _____ to the end of the report about the terrorists' fanaticism was a note describing how they became so excessively zealous.
6. I _____ my husband of the situation, informing him of the conversation I had had with the teacher.
7. The nun had been secluded for a long time, _____ from early youth until her hair was white with age.
8. Paul has a tendency to _____ the seriousness of the problem; he often fails to give emphasis to the importance of things.
9. The warrior began to _____ the beast, cutting it into small pieces with his sword.
10. Because the flow of air into the basement was _____ when we closed the vent, the room soon became permeated with that pungent smell of things slightly damp.

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| allure | auspicious | empathy | equivocal | expeditious |
| inimitable | odious | penchant | preclude | raze |

11. Sally's _____ for travel has helped her to become acquainted with foreign countries and customs; she has always had an inclination for world travel.
12. I don't mean to be _____ about the matter, but I simply can't make up my mind about what I want to do.
13. The evangelist expressed his contempt for the _____ pornography business in this country.
14. 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.
15. The violinist's incredible style is _____; no one yet has been able to duplicate or imitate her style and technique.
16. Seeing her ex-boyfriend wasn't an _____ event, but then she never seems to have any good luck where men are concerned.
17. The perfume is designed to _____ and entice men; as soon as the woman puts it on, she is supposed to get a man's eager attention.
18. The politician seemed to have no _____ with the poor people of the nation and could not identify with their problems.
19. The people were afraid the invading army would completely _____ their village in its wake of destruction, so they tried to bury some valuables for protection.
20. It was unusual that he did so well on the test; however, we couldn't _____ the possibility that he did, in fact, study this time.