

# Lesson 9

## Definitions

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1.	<b>affable</b>	AF uh bul	friendly, courteous, amiable
	Synonyms >>	cordial, genial, gracious, sociable	
	He had a very affable nature, always saying "Hello" to everyone.		
	Derivatives >>	affability, affableness, affably	
2.	<b>audacity</b>	aw DAS uh tee	excessive boldness, rashness, daring
	Synonyms >>	cheek, chutzpah, effrontery, gall, hardihood, temerity	
	I was surprised that he had the audacity to approach the Queen.		
	Derivatives >>	audacious, audaciousness, audaciously	
3.	<b>contrite</b>	kun TRITE	extremely apologetic, remorseful, repentant
	Synonyms >>	penitent	
	Her contrite tears were not enough to convince her father not to spank her for her disobedience.		
	Derivatives >>	contritely, contriteness, contrition	
4.	<b>credulous</b>	KREJ uh lus	believing on slight evidence, gullible
	Synonyms >>		
	Because the lady's horoscope said that she should stay inside, the credulous woman did not go to work.		
	Derivatives >>	credulously, credulousness, credulity	
5.	<b>depravity</b>	deh PRAV eh tee	moral corruption, a wicked or perverse act
	Synonyms >>	abasement, corruption, debasement, debauchery, perversion, vitiation	
	The depravity of his behavior shocked everyone.		
	Derivatives >>	deprave, depraver, depravement, depraved	
6.	<b>deprecate</b>	DEP ruh kate	to disapprove regretfully, to belittle, to express mild disapproval
	Synonyms >>		
	Do not deprecate her act unless you fully understand her situation.		
	Derivatives >>	deprecating, deprecatingly, deprecative, deprecatively, deprecatory, deprecated, deprecating	
7.	<b>didactic</b>	die DAK tik	instructive, designed to teach
	Synonyms >>		
	Because of the coach's didactic approach, his players learned many blocking techniques.		
	Derivatives >>	didactical, didacticism, didactive, didactically	
8.	<b>dormant</b>	DOR munt	inactive, sleeping
	Synonyms >>	abeyant, latent, quiescent	
	Most flowers remain dormant in the winter and bloom in the spring.		
	Derivatives >>	dormancy	
9.	<b>enigmatic</b>	en ig MAT ik	mysterious, inexplicable, puzzling
	Synonyms >>	abstruse, ambiguous, cryptic, equivocal, obscure, recondite	
	The disappearance of Amelia Earhart is an enigma to this day.		
	Derivatives >>	enigma, enigmatical, enigmatically, enigmatize	
10.	<b>tranquil</b>	TRANG kwul	peaceful, calm
	Synonyms >>	placid, serene	
	Weather in Texas can quickly change from tranquil to turbulent.		
	Derivatives >>	tranquilization, tranquilize, tranquility, tranquillness, tranquilizer	

# 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.  | affable   | a. | instructive, designed to teach                          |
| _____ 2.  | audacity  | b. | believing on slight evidence, gullible                  |
| _____ 3.  | contrite  | c. | to disapprove, to belittle, to express mild disapproval |
| _____ 4.  | credulous | d. | friendly, courteous, amiable                            |
| _____ 5.  | depravity | e. | extremely apologetic, remorseful, repentant             |
| _____ 6.  | deprecate | f. | excessive boldness, rashness, daring                    |
| _____ 7.  | didactic  | g. | inactive, sleeping                                      |
| _____ 8.  | dormant   | h. | moral corruption, a wicked or perverse act              |
| _____ 9.  | enigmatic | i. | mysterious, inexplicable, puzzling                      |
| _____ 10. | tranquil  | j. | peaceful, calm  |

### Exercise B

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|-----------|-------------|----|--|
| _____ 1.  | aphorism    | a. | to scold or to rebuke for a misdeed              |
| _____ 2.  | defamation  | b. | depression of spirits                            |
| _____ 3.  | esoteric    | c. | sluggish, languid                                |
| _____ 4.  | gregarious  | d. | sociable and outgoing                            |
| _____ 5.  | innate      | e. | existing from birth, inborn                      |
| _____ 6.  | lethargic   | f. | a terse saying embodying a general truth         |
| _____ 7.  | melancholy  | g. | act of harming or ruining another's reputation   |
| _____ 8.  | reprove     | h. | understood only by a small group or a select few |
| _____ 9.  | subtle      | i. | beyond what is needed or required, an overflow   |
| _____ 10. | superfluous | j. | delicate, elusive, not obvious                   |

# Sentence Completion Test

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affable	audacity	contrite	credulous	depravity
deprecates	didactic	dormant	enigmatic	tranquil

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ look on the woman's face betrayed her gullibility; she had a tendency to believe everything she heard.
2. My younger brother was always bold and daring; many times he had the \_\_\_\_\_ to talk back to my parents.
3. The woman's \_\_\_\_\_ expression convinced her husband that she was sorry for her harsh words.
4. The girl's \_\_\_\_\_ personality resulted in her being voted friendliest in her class.
5. Most flowers remain \_\_\_\_\_ in the winter and bloom in the spring.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ poems are especially interesting in that they often teach a moral as well as entertain.
7. The man has lost so many of his morals that he has fallen into a state of \_\_\_\_\_.
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ oaths in the ceremony were a mystery to everyone outside the brotherhood.
9. We feared that our peaceful, \_\_\_\_\_ valley would soon be ravaged by war.
10. The girl's father approves of her desire to sing, but he \_\_\_\_\_ her willingness to sing in nightclubs.

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abstruse

ascend

dawdle

extolled

furtive

innate

melancholy

opaque

prolific

revere

11. The man was hailed as one of the most \_\_\_\_\_ writers of his time; he produced six complete novels in one year.
12. The woman sang a \_\_\_\_\_ song at the funeral.
13. The book was so \_\_\_\_\_ that after he had finished the first difficult chapter, he understood less than when he had begun.
14. Despite the overpowering sound of the bell, there was an \_\_\_\_\_ and natural tranquility about the church.
15. The boys tried to peek through the \_\_\_\_\_ window, but they could see nothing.
16. The student was not able to hide his \_\_\_\_\_ glances at another child's paper; consequently, he received a zero on the test.
17. After her superb performance, the critics \_\_\_\_\_ her wonderful work; among the many things they praised was her sensitivity.
18. The boss of the company does not allow his employees to \_\_\_\_\_ ; he expects them to work quickly and efficiently.
19. In a society of increasing lawlessness, it seems that young children have not been taught to \_\_\_\_\_ authority and law.
20. The skillful mountain climbers were not afraid to \_\_\_\_\_ the towering cliff which hovered above them.