

Definitions

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This section lists the words of each separate lesson in alphabetical order giving **definitions, pronunciation guides, synonyms, sentences, and derivatives.**

The **definitions** given here, often a secondary meaning, are those used on past SAT/PSAT tests. For that reason, in order to aid the students in preparing for that test, we find it expedient to give the students these definitions which are likely to appear on the test, rather than have the students look up the words themselves in dictionaries and copy definitions which may or may not be the choices of the writers of this test.

The **pronunciation guide** is a simplified method of indicating the pronunciation of words so that the student who is not familiar with phonetic symbols is not handicapped. The capitalized portion of the word is the accented portion.

The **synonyms** are included in this section as a prediction of words that may appear on future SAT/PSAT tests. If the creators of the SAT/PSAT feel a particular word is important enough to put on the test, they are likely to put the synonym of that word on future tests.

The **sentences** are added to assist the student in seeing how the words are used in context with the definitions that are tested on the SAT/PSAT.

The **derivatives** of the words are predictors of words on future tests. Often a variation of a previously tested word will appear on a test; we want to expose the student to all possible forms of the words.

Teaching Tips

Each student should keep a vocabulary section in his binder, or he should keep a spiral notebook for vocabulary definitions. At the beginning of each week, the teacher should allow the student to copy the definitions of that week's ten vocabulary words. As the tests are cumulative, it is necessary for the student to have all definitions accessible for study. Keeping his definitions will be critical for each student's success.

Teachers should give guided practice on the pronunciation of the words, modeling them first, then having the students pronounce the words.

Students should try to find interesting and comical ways to remember the definitions of words. A few minutes of class time for sharing ideas on how to remember definitions will greatly assist students with memorization. The more bizarre the story, the easier it is to remember.

Lesson 1

Definitions

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1.	alchemist	AL kuh mist	one who practices medieval chemistry or tries to change metals into gold
	Synonyms >>		
	The alchemist wanted to change iron into gold.		
	Derivatives >>	alchemistic, alchemical, alchemize, alchemy, alchemic, alchemical, alchemically	
2.	allegory	Al uh gor ee	The device of using character symbolically to represent an abstract idea.
	Synonyms >>		
	The novel portrays the concepts of freedom and tyranny through allegory.		
	Derivatives >>	allegorical	
3.	augury	AW gyuh ree	an omen or prophecy
	Synonyms >>		
	Several auguries were revealed to Caesar before his death.		
	Derivatives >>	augur, auguries, augured	
4.	baseness	BASE ness	the quality of lacking higher values
	Synonyms >>	vileness, servility, unworthiness	
	We were shocked at the criminal's baseness.		
	Derivatives >>	base, baser, basest, basely	
5.	bestow	be STOW	to grant or to give
	Synonyms >>		
	The country bestowed honor for Martin Luther King, Jr., by making his birthday a national holiday.		
	Derivatives >>	bestowal, bestowed, bestowment	
6.	conceit	kun SEET	An elaborate, fanciful metaphor
	Synonyms >>		
	A conceit makes use of a metaphor as a literary characteristic.		
	Derivatives >>		
7.	confound	kon FOUND	to cause one to become confused
	Synonyms >>		
	I am confounded by the tax forms of the IRS.		
	Derivatives >>	confounded, confoundedly, confounding, confounds	
8.	contaminant	kun TAM uh nunt	something that causes impurity; something that defiles or pollutes
	Synonyms >>	pollutant	
	The polluted water contained many dangerous contaminants.		
	Derivatives >>	contaminate, contaminated, contaminating, contaminator, contamination	
9.	covert	KUV urt, KO vurt	secret, concealed
	Synonyms >>	clandestine, furtive, stealthy, surreptitious, underhanded	
	The spy was engaged in many covert activities; it was his job to keep them secret.		
	Derivatives >>	covertly, covertness	
10.	crave	KRAVE	to desire intensely
	Synonyms >>		
	During the man's diet, he began to crave sweets.		
	Derivatives >>	craved, craving, cravingly, cravingness	

11.	enfranchise	en FRAN chize	to give or to bestow something such as the right to vote or citizenship
	Synonyms >>		
	This bill will cause many young people to be enfranchised with the right to vote.		
	Derivatives >>	enfranchisement, enfranchiser	
12.	exalt	ig ZALT	to glorify, to praise, to raise in rank
	Synonyms >>		
	The woman was exalted for her successes in the field of science.		
	Derivatives >>	exalted, exalting, exalts, exaltation, exaltedly, exaltedness, exalter	
13.	gravity	GRAV eh tee	seriousness, importance
	Synonyms >>	earnestness, sedateness, sobriety, solemnity, staidness	
	The gravity of the situation was heightened by the death of the president .		
	Derivatives >>	grave, graver, gravely	
14.	grievous	GREE vus	characterized by severe suffering or sorrow, serious or grave
	Synonyms >>		
	You made a grievous error when you spoke to your parents in such a horrible fashion.		
	Derivatives >>	grievously, grievousness	
15.	hideous	HID ee us	very ugly, offensive, shocking
	Synonyms >>		
	Some characters in the horror movie had hideous faces.		
	Derivatives >>	hideously, hideousness, hideosity	
16.	homage	HOM ij	a reverential regard; respect shown by external action
	Synonyms >>	honor, reverence, deference, obeisance	
	The people went to pay homage to their respected leader.		
	Derivatives >>	homages, homager	
17.	instigation	in stuh GAY shun	urging, provocation; initiation
	Synonyms >>	abetment, fomentation, incitement	
	This project would never have been attempted without his instigation.		
	Derivatives >>	instigate, instigatingly, instigative, instigator	
18.	kindle	KIN dul	to start a fire, to stir up
	Synonyms >>		
	The boys were taught to kindle a fire.		
	Derivatives >>	kindled, kindling, kindles	
19.	knotty	NOT ee	so complicated that it can probably not be solved; full of knots
	Synonyms >>	abstruse, complex, intricate, recondite	
	A contest's knotty problems leave contestants disheartened. The knotty trees added an eerie feeling to the night.		
	Derivatives >>	knotted, knoter, knottily	
20.	malefactor	MAL uh fak tur	a criminal
	Synonyms >>		
	The candidate for attorney general said that he will see that all malefactors are locked up.		
	Derivatives >>	malefaction, malefactress, maleficence, malefice, maleficent	



Lesson 2

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1.	alliteration	uh lit uh RAY shun	The repetition of initial consonant sounds in neighboring words
	Synonyms >>		
	The poem was especially good because of the alliteration used.		
	Derivatives >>		
2.	legacy	LEG uh see	a gift by will, something handed down by an ancestor or predecessor
	Synonyms >>		
	Most presidents wonder what their legacy to the country will be.		
	Derivatives >>	legacies	
3.	mettle	MET ul	courage or spirit
	Synonyms >>	resolution, tenacity	
	A crisis like this would test anyone's mettle.		
	Derivatives >>	mettles, mettled, mettlesome	
4.	mirth	MURTH	gladness and merriment usually accompanied by laughter
	Synonyms >>	glee, hilarity, jollity	
	The party was a source of mirth and gaiety.		
	Derivatives >>	mirthful, mirthfully, mirthfulness, mirthless, mirthlessly, mirthlessness	
5.	muse	MYOOZ	to ponder
	Synonyms >>	meditate, ruminate	
	I have often mused about life on a tropical island.		
	Derivatives >>	mused, museful, musefully, museless, musing	
6.	mutinous	MYOOT un us	rebellious, unruly
	Synonyms >>		
	The crew grew mutinous because they thought they might sail right off the edge of the earth.		
	Derivatives >>	mutiny, mutinously, mutinousness, mutinize, mutinies	
7.	prodigious	pruh DIJ us	extraordinary in bulk, quantity, or degree, great in size, enormous
	Synonyms >>		
	His prodigious appetite allowed him to eat the entire turkey.		
	Derivatives >>	prodigiously, prodigiousness	
8.	prodigy	PROD eh jee	one with exceptional talents or powers; an extraordinary accomplishment
	Synonyms >>		
	Mozart was considered a child prodigy since he had great musical talents at a very early age.		
	Derivatives >>	prodigies	
9.	prostration	pros TRAY shun	a stretching out due to lacking vitality and being completely overcome
	Synonyms >>		
	During late summer football practices, players sometimes suffer from heat prostration.		
	Derivatives >>	prostrate, prostrator, prostrating	
10.	replicate	REP luh kate	to repeat, to copy, or to duplicate
	Synonyms >>		
	I always try to replicate the moves of my tennis pro when I am taking a lesson.		
	Derivatives >>	replication, replica, repliant	

Lesson 3

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1.	rhetoric	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.	rout	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.	soothsayer	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.	spurn	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.	sterile	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.	taper	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.	tarry	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.	unassailable	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.	vanquished	VAN kwishd	conquered, overpowered
	Synonyms >>		
	Hitler's armies vanquished Poland with aid from Russia.		
	Derivatives >>	vanquishable, vanquisher, vanquishment	
10.	vouchsafe	VOUCH safe	to grant in a condescending manner
	Synonyms >>		
	I can vouchsafe you a large return on your investment.		
	Derivatives >>	vouchsafement	

Lesson 4

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1.	altruistic	al tru IS tik	unselfishly concerned for the welfare of others, generous
	Synonyms >>		
	Nuns and nurses are usually very altruistic people since they seek ways to help people.		
	Derivatives >>	altruism, altruist, altruistically	
2.	ambivalent	am BIV uh lunt	having contrary feelings or attitudes, uncertain as to course of action
	Synonyms >>	undecided	
	I am ambivalent about a permanent relationship with him, because I like him one day and don't the next.		
	Derivatives >>	ambivalence	
3.	angular	ANG gyuh ler	lean; sharp cornered; gaunt
	Synonyms >>		
	The patient has lost so much weight that his face has become quite angular.		
	Derivatives >>	angulate, angularity, angulation, angulator	
4.	aversion	uh VER shun	strong disinclination, disliking
	Synonyms >>	hesitance, loathing, reluctance	
	I have an aversion to getting married.		
	Derivatives >>	averseness, aversely, averse	
5.	discern	deh SURN	to differentiate between two or more things
	Synonyms >>		
	Because of the fog, I was barely able to discern the landing strip.		
	Derivatives >>	discerner, discernible, discernable, discernibleness, discernibly, discernably, discerningly, discernment	
6.	disdain	dis DANE	intense dislike; to treat with scorn or contempt, to reject as unworthy
	Synonyms >>	(to be) arrogant, haughty, high-handed, insolent, lordly, supercilious	
	Never having had to do manual labor, he disdained the idea of becoming a cotton picker.		
	Derivatives >>	disdained, disdaining, disdainer, disdainful, disdainfully, disdainfulness	
7.	disparage	deh SPAR ij	to degrade, to speak of someone or something in a derogatory manner
	Synonyms >>	belittle, decry, deprecate	
	His disparaging remarks about me caused the committee to give the job to another person.		
	Derivatives >>	disparagement, disparager, disparagingly	
8.	disparity	deh SPAR eh tee	inequality, the condition or fact of being unequal in age, rank, or degree
	Synonyms >>		
	The couple got married even though there was a great disparity in their ages.		
	Derivatives >>	disparate, disparately, disparateness, disparatum	
9.	syntax	SIN tax	the rules or patterns of grammatical sentences; sentence structure
	Synonyms >>		
	The test question asked how syntax produces effects.		
	Derivatives >>		
10.	vulgarity	vul GAR eh tee	something offensive to good taste and refinement
	Synonyms >>	coarseness, grossness, obscenity, ribaldness	
	She chose to ignore the vulgarity of his crude remark.		
	Derivatives >>	vulgar, vulgarian, vulgarism, vulgarization, vulgarize, vulgarizer	

Lesson 5

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1.	allusion	uh LOO shun	a passing or casual reference to something; an incidental mention of something
	Synonyms >>		
	The poem contains an allusion to Adam and Eve.		
	Derivatives >>		
2.	embellish	em BEL ish	to decorate, to make beautiful with ornamentation
	Synonyms >>	deck, garnish, ornament, adorn	
	He would embellish his narratives with anecdotes about famous people.		
	Derivatives >>	embellisher, embellishment	
3.	engender	en JEN der	to cause, to produce, to create
	Synonyms >>		
	His angry words engendered strife in his relationship with his wife.		
	Derivatives >>	engendered, engenderer, engenders, engendering	
4.	innocuous	eh NOK yoo us	harmless, producing no injury
	Synonyms >>		
	Since the drink is innocuous, it is okay for us to have some.		
	Derivatives >>	innocuously, innocuousness	
5.	insipid	in SIP id	boring and stupid
	Synonyms >>	banal, flat, inane, jejune, vapid	
	I am bored by your insipid talk.		
	Derivatives >>	insipidity, insipidly, insipidness	
6.	laud	LAWD	to praise, to extol
	Synonyms >>	revere	
	Her performance was lauded by all of the critics.		
	Derivatives >>	laudability, laudable, laudableness	
7.	obscure	ub SKYOOR	difficult to see, vague
	Synonyms >>	abstruse, ambiguous, cryptic, enigmatic, equivocal, recondite	
	Because the meaning of the play was obscure, I was unable to enjoy it.		
	Derivatives >>	obscuration, obscurative, obscuredly, obscurely, obscurement, obscureness, obscurity	
8.	ostentatious	os ten TAY shus	showy, pretentious
	Synonyms >>	pompous	
	The ostentatious socialite wore her mink fur coat even during the warmest days of August.		
	Derivatives >>	ostentation, ostentate, ostentatiously, ostentatiousness, ostentative	
9.	prodigal	PROD uh gul	wasteful, a person given to extravagance
	Synonyms >>	lavish, lush, luxuriant, profuse	
	The prodigal son squandered his inheritance.		
	Derivatives >>	prodigality, prodigally, prodigalize	
10.	repudiate	reh PYOO dee ate	to reject, to disown, to disavow
	Synonyms >>		
	He announced that he would repudiate all debts that had been created by his wife.		
	Derivatives >>	repudiation, repudiationist, repudiator	

Lesson 6

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1.	analogy	uh NAL uh gee	a partial similarity between like features of two different things
	Synonyms >>		
	The comparison of the two traits is best made with an analogy.		
	Derivatives >>		
2.	antithesis	an TI thuh sis	a direct opposite, a contrast
	Synonyms >>		
	Good is the antithesis of evil.		
	Derivatives >>	antithetic, antithetical, antithetically	
3.	ascend	uh SEND	to move upward, to rise from a lower station
	Synonyms >>		
	The climbers ascended the mountain.		
	Derivatives >>	ascendancy, ascendancy, ascendant, ascension, ascending, ascended	
4.	austere	aw STEER	strict, stern; unadorned, ascetic
	Synonyms >>	severe	
	Pioneers usually led an austere existence.		
	Derivatives >>	austereness, austere, austerity	
5.	autonomous	aw TON uh muhs	independent, self-contained
	Synonyms >>		
	One who is autonomous needs no help from others.		
	Derivatives >>	autonomic, autonomously, autonomy, autonomist	
6.	banal	BANE ul, buh NAL	common, ordinary, lacking freshness, hackneyed
	Synonyms >>	inane, insipid, jejune, vapid	
	Because of his use of overused trite remarks, his speeches are banal.		
	Derivatives >>	banality, banally	
7.	reticence	RET uh suns	restraint in speech, reluctance to speak
	Synonyms >>	reserve, taciturnity	
	A lawyer must have great reticence in discussing matters that could violate his client's rights.		
	Derivatives >>	reticency, reticent, reticently	
8.	revere	reh VERE	to honor, to regard with respect
	Synonyms >>	adore, venerate, worship	
	Nearly all Catholics revere the Pope.		
	Derivatives >>	reverence, reverent, reverentness, reverential, reverentially, reverentially	
9.	subtle	SUT ul	delicate, elusive, not obvious
	Synonyms >>		
	To avoid being obtrusive in the elegant restaurant, he used subtle gestures to call the waiter to his table.		
	Derivatives >>	subtilist, subtlety, subtilization, subtilize, subtilizer, subtleness, subtlety	
10.	superfluous	soo PUR floo us	beyond what is needed or required, an overflow
	Synonyms >>		
	The meeting lasted so long because of many superfluous comments by some of the speakers.		
	Derivatives >>	superfluously, superfluousness, superfluent, superfluity	

Lesson 7

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1.	aphorism	A for is um	a terse saying embodying a general truth
	Synonyms >>		
	The author summed up the theme of his work in an appropriate aphorism.		
	Derivatives >>		
2.	benign	buh NINE	not causing harm, of gentle disposition, beneficial
	Synonyms >>		
	The minister was loved because of his benign attitude toward all types of people.		
	Derivatives >>	benignly, benignant, benignancy, benignantly, benignity	
3.	capricious	kuh PRISH us	changing suddenly, fickle
	Synonyms >>	inconstant, mercurial, unstable	
	Her capricious moods are difficult to anticipate.		
	Derivatives >>	caprice, capriciously, capriciousness	
4.	dawdle	DOD ul	to waste time, to spend time idly, to move in a lackadaisical manner
	Synonyms >>	dally, loiter, procrastinate	
	Since we have a deadline, do not dawdle over your work.		
	Derivatives >>	dawdled, dawdling	
5.	defamation	def uh MAY shun	act of harming or ruining another's reputation
	Synonyms >>		
	The defamation of another's character is a horrible thing.		
	Derivatives >>	defamatory, defame, defamed, defamer, defamingly	
6.	esoteric	es uh TER ik	understood only by a small group or a select few
	Synonyms >>		
	The English teachers were having an esoteric discussion about the correct usage of some obscure word.		
	Derivatives >>	esoterical, esoterically, esotericism, esotericist, esoterism, esotery	
7.	extol	ik STOLE	to praise, to glorify
	Synonyms >>		
	The teacher would always extol students who tried to do their best.		
	Derivatives >>	extolled, extolling, extollingly, extollment, extoller	
8.	fastidious	fa STID ee us	reflecting a meticulous or demanding attitude, critical to an extreme
	Synonyms >>	finicky	
	He considered her fastidious because she was offended by insignificant mistakes or errors.		
	Derivatives >>	fastidiously, fastidiousness, fastidium	
9.	furtive	FUR tiv	secret in an underhanded way, stealthy
	Synonyms >>	clandestine, covert, stealthy, surreptitious, underhanded	
	During the test, he made some furtive glances at other classmates' papers.		
	Derivatives >>	furtively, furtiveness	
10.	taciturn	TAS eh turn	quiet, not verbose
	Synonyms >>	reserved, reticent	
	A shy person is usually taciturn.		
	Derivatives >>	tacit, tacitly, tacitness, taciturnity, taciturnly	

Lesson 8

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1.	abstruse	ab STRUSE	difficult to understand, recondite, concealed	
	Synonyms >>	complex, complicated, intricate, knotty		
	Some concepts of Einstein were so abstruse that many physicists could not understand them.			
	Derivatives >>	abstrusely, abstruseness		
2.	apostrophe	uh POS tro fee	a figure of speech that addresses an absent or imaginary person	
	Synonyms >>			
	Through the use of an apostrophe, the poet addressed his deceased mother.			
	Derivatives >>			
3.	gregarious	greh GAR ee us	sociable and outgoing	
	Synonyms >>			
	He became much more gregarious after he developed an interest in girls.			
	Derivatives >>	gregariously, gregariousness		
4.	hypocrite	HIP uh krit	one who is insincere or deceitful	
	Synonyms >>			
	Saying one thing and then doing the other is the mark of a hypocrite.			
	Derivatives >>	hypocrites, hypocritical, hypocritically, hypocritical, hypocrisy		
5.	innate	eh NATE	existing from birth, inborn	
	Synonyms >>			
	He has innate athletic talents that cannot be taught.			
	Derivatives >>	innated, innately, innateness, innatism, innative		
6.	lethargic	luh THAR jik	sluggish, languid	
	Synonyms >>	stuporous, torpid		
	Having had too much to drink, he was very lethargic the morning after the party.			
	Derivatives >>	lethargically, lethargize, lethargy		
7.	melancholy	MEL un kol ee	depression of spirits	
	Synonyms >>			
	After Dad lost his job, he fell into a state of melancholy.			
	Derivatives >>	melancholia, melancholic, melancholiac, melancholically, melancholily, melancholiness, melancholious		
8.	opaque	oh PAKE	not allowing the passage of light, not transparent; hard to understand	
	Synonyms >>	dark		
	I am going to place something opaque in the window so that no one will be able to see into this room.			
	Derivatives >>	opaquely, opaqueness, opaquer		
9.	prolific	pro LIF ik	abundantly fruitful, marked by great productivity	
	Synonyms >>	fecund, fertile		
	Since he has written a great number of books in a short period, Stephen King is known as a prolific writer.			
	Derivatives >>	proliferation, proliferate, proliferative, proliferous, proliferously		
10.	reprove	reh PROOV	to scold or to rebuke for a misdeed usually with kindly intent	
	Synonyms >>	admonish, castigate, chastise, chide, rebuke, reproach		
	A teacher sometimes needs to reprove a student for talking during class.			
	Derivatives >>	reprovable, reprovably, reprovably, reprovably, reprovably, reprovably, reprovably		

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1.	affable	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.	audacity	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.	contrite	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.	credulous	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.	depravity	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.	deprecate	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.	didactic	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.	dormant	DOR munt	inactive, sleeping
	Synonyms >>	abeyant, latent, quiescent	
	Most flowers remain dormant in the winter and bloom in the spring.		
	Derivatives >>	dormancy	
9.	enigmatic	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.	tranquil	TRANG kwul	peaceful, calm
	Synonyms >>	placid, serene	
	Weather in Texas can quickly change from tranquil to turbulent.		
	Derivatives >>	tranquilization, tranquilize, tranquility, tranquillness, tranquilizer	

Lesson 10

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1.	antecedent	an tuh SEE dunt	the word, phrase, or clause referred to by a pronoun
	Synonyms >>		
	The pronoun "she" is the antecedent of the word "Sally" in that sentence.		
	Derivatives >>		
2.	erudite	ER yoo dite	scholarly
	Synonyms >>		
	The erudite physics professor had spent many years studying the theory of relativity.		
	Derivatives >>	eruditely, erudition	
3.	exotic	ig ZOT ik	foreign, unfamiliar
	Synonyms >>		
	The circus features exotic animals from Africa.		
	Derivatives >>	exotical, exoticalness, exotically, exotica, exoticism, exoticist	
4.	fuse	FYOOZ	to mix or to join (usually by melting)
	Synonyms >>	amalgamate, blend, coalesce, commingle, merge, mingle	
	Zinc and copper can be fused into hard, bright brass.		
	Derivatives >>	fused, fusing, fuses, fusibility, fusible	
5.	immutable	eh MYOO tuh bul	unchanging
	Synonyms >>		
	Her love for her husband was immutable.		
	Derivatives >>	immutability, immutableness, immutably	
6.	incorrigible	in KOR eh juh bul	incapable of being reformed or improved
	Synonyms >>		
	He was expelled from school because of his incorrigible conduct.		
	Derivatives >>	incorrigibility, incorrigibleness, incorrigibly	
7.	mitigate	MIT uh gate	to cause to become less harsh or hostile; to make less severe
	Synonyms >>	allay, alleviate, assuage, lighten	
	He apologized in order to mitigate her dislike for him.		
	Derivatives >>	mitigation, mitigatedly, mitigative, mitigator, mitigatory	
8.	nullify	NUL eh fie	to cause not to be in effect, to negate
	Synonyms >>	abrogate, annul, invalidate	
	I am seeking to nullify the contract because he has not complied with it.		
	Derivatives >>	nullified, nullifying, nullification, nullificationist, nullificator, nullifier	
9.	pacifistic	pas uh FIS tik	opposed to war or use of force
	Synonyms >>	appeased, conciliated, mollified, placated, propitiated	
	The man refused to fight because of his pacifistic beliefs.		
	Derivatives >>	pacifist, pacifier, pacifism, pacifistically, pacify	
10.	pretentious	preh TEN shus	making an extravagant outward show, self-important
	Synonyms >>	ostentatious, pompous	
	Isn't it a little pretentious to spend two million dollars on a wedding?		
	Derivatives >>	pretension, pretention, pretensionless, pretensive, pretentiously, pretentiousness	

Lesson 11

Definitions

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1.	aesthetic	uhs THEH tic	relating or pertaining to a sense of beauty or art
	Synonyms >>		
	He is considered to have aesthetic tastes because he loves beauty and the arts.		
	Derivatives >>	aesthete, aesthetical, aesthetically, aesthetician, aestheticism, aesthetics	
2.	aloof	uh LOOF	apart, indifferent
	Synonyms >>	detached, incurious, unconcerned	
	The woman remained aloof during the party, separating herself from everyone else.		
	Derivatives >>	aloofness	
3.	archaic	are KAY ik	antiquated, old, out of use
	Synonyms >>	ancient, antique, obsolete, venerable	
	Words such as "thou", which are no longer part of normal vocabulary, are archaic.		
	Derivatives >>	archaically, archaism, archaize, archaized, archaizing, archaizer	
4.	assuage	uh SWAYJ	to ease, to mitigate, to make less painful or burdensome, to calm
	Synonyms >>	allay, alleviate, lighten, soothe	
	Your kind words should assuage her suffering. The medicine should assuage his pain.		
	Derivatives >>	assuaged, assuaging, assuagement, assuager	
5.	belie	buh LIE	to contradict, to give a false impression
	Synonyms >>		
	Her first words appeared to belie all the wonderful things I had heard about her.		
	Derivatives >>	belied, belying, belieer	
6.	contentious	kun TEN shus	quarrelsome, stirring controversy
	Synonyms >>	bellicose, belligerent, pugnacious	
	My contentious child will not listen to any form of reason.		
	Derivatives >>	contentiously, contentiousness, contention	
7.	prologue	PRO log	introductory remarks in a speech, play or literary work, introductory action
	Synonyms >>		
	The play had a prologue that set the scene for the opening act.		
	Derivatives >>	prologist, prologize	
8.	recant	reh KANT	to withdraw or to repudiate a statement or belief, revoke
	Synonyms >>	abjure, forswear, renounce, retract	
	The prosecutor's case was greatly weakened when his main witness recanted his testimony.		
	Derivatives >>	recantation, recanter	
9.	servile	SUR vil, SUR vile	overly submissive
	Synonyms >>	obsequious, slavish, subservient	
	Having complete devotion and submissiveness for the sheik, the women of the harem were very servile.		
	Derivatives >>	servilely, servilism, servility, servitude	
10.	trepidation	trep eh DAY shun	fear, trembling, agitation
	Synonyms >>		
	Since I did not have time to study, I have a lot of trepidation about this examination.		
	Derivatives >>	trepidate, trepidant, trepid, trepidly, trepidity	

Lesson 12

Definitions

10th Grade



1.	colloquial	ko LO kwee ul	the use of slang or informalities in writing
	Synonyms >>		
	Colloquial expressions are not understood by everyone because they stem from regional dialects.		
	Derivatives >>		
2.	daunt	DAWNT	to intimidate, to dismay
	Synonyms >>		
	I am not daunted by your threats.		
	Derivatives >>	dauntless, dauntlessly, dauntlessness	
3.	debilitate	deh BIL uh tate	to weaken, to enfeeble
	Synonyms >>	sap	
	I was debilitated by my bout with pneumonia.		
	Derivatives >>	debilitated, debilitating, debilitation, debilitative, debility	
4.	discord	DIS kord	lack of agreement, tension, strife
	Synonyms >>	contention, dissension, variance	
	There is a lot of discord in the nation over the issue of abortion.		
	Derivatives >>	discordance, discordancy, discordant, discordantly, discordantness	
5.	dissemination	deh sem uh NAY shun	the act of spreading widely; scattering
	Synonyms >>		
	The dissemination of these ideas can best be achieved through television.		
	Derivatives >>	disseminate, disseminator	
6.	dogmatic	dog MAT ik	strongly opinionated in an unwarranted manner
	Synonyms >>	dictatorial, doctrinaire, magisterial, oracular	
	He was so dogmatic that having an intelligent discussion with him was impossible.		
	Derivatives >>	dogmatician, dogmatical, dogmatically, dogmaticalness, dogmaticism, dogmatism, dogmatize, dogmatization	
7.	duplicity	doo PLIS eh tee	double-dealing, hypocrisy
	Synonyms >>		
	His duplicity was exposed when the girl he was seeing found out he was married.		
	Derivatives >>	duplicitous	
8.	egocentric	ee go SEN trik	self-centered, selfish
	Synonyms >>		
	Egocentric people rarely show any concern for others.		
	Derivatives >>	egocentricity, egocentrism	
9.	euphemism	YOO fuh miz um	substitution of an inoffensive term for one that is offensive
	Synonyms >>		
	People frequently use a euphemism for the word "died." They commonly say someone "passed away."		
	Derivatives >>	euphemistic, euphemious, euphemiously, euphemistically, euphemize, euphemizer	
10.	vilify	VIL eh fie	to malign, to defame, to utter abusive statements against
	Synonyms >>	asperse, calumniate, denigrate, traduce	
	It is not right to vilify someone just because he disagrees with you.		
	Derivatives >>	vilification, vilifier, vilifying, vilifyingly	

Lesson 13

Definitions

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1.	acrimonious	ak ruh MONE ee us	caustic
	Synonyms >>		
	The prisoner of war had acrimonious remarks for those that mistreated him.		
	Derivatives >>	acrimony, acrimoniously, acrimoniousness	
2.	connotation	kon o TAY shun	the nonliteral, associative meaning of a word; the implied meaning
	Synonyms >>		
	I do not know the connotation you intended when you used that word.		
	Derivatives >>		
3.	mundane	mun DANE	ordinary, commonplace
	Synonyms >>		
	After I take care of these mundane matters, we can do something exciting.		
	Derivatives >>	mundanely, mundaneness, mundanity	
4.	ominous	OM uh nus	threatening
	Synonyms >>	fateful, portentous	
	The ominous clouds were harbingers of the tornado.		
	Derivatives >>	ominously, ominousness	
5.	petulance	PECH uh luns	unreasonable touchiness or irritability
	Synonyms >>		
	Petulance is sometimes the trait of a child who is not getting his way.		
	Derivatives >>	petulant, petulancy, petulantly	
6.	pompous	POM pus	exaggerated show of dignity or self-importance, bombastic
	Synonyms >>	ostentatious, pretentious	
	It is very pompous of him to believe that his ideas should always receive the first consideration.		
	Derivatives >>	pomp, pomposity, pompously, pompousness	
7.	precocious	preh KOE shus	exceptionally early in development or occurrence
	Synonyms >>		
	A child prodigy is a young person who is very precocious.		
	Derivatives >>	precociousness, precosity, precociously	
8.	slothful	SLOTH ful	lazy, indolent
	Synonyms >>	bovine	
	That student is so slothful that he has never done any of his homework assignments.		
	Derivatives >>	slothfully, slothfulness, sloth	
9.	verbose	ver BOSE	wordy, very talkative
	Synonyms >>		
	That professor is so verbose that it takes him an hour to cover material that should take fifteen minutes.		
	Derivatives >>	verbosely, verboseness, verbosity	
10.	virulent	VIR yuh lunt	extremely poisonous; hateful
	Synonyms >>		
	The doctor prescribed a lot of medication to arrest the virulent infection.		
	Derivatives >>	virulence, virulently	

Lesson 14

Definitions

10th Grade



1.	ameliorate	uh MEE lee o rate	to make better, to relieve, to improve
	Synonyms >>		
	Social workers attempt to ameliorate the conditions of people living in the slum areas.		
	Derivatives >>	ameliorated, ameliorating, ameliorable, ameliorant, ameliorative, ameliorator, amelioration	
2.	amenable	uh MEN uh bul	open to or willing to follow advice or suggestion, tractable, malleable
	Synonyms >>	docile, obedient	
	Since I like him and usually agree with him, I am always amenable to listening to his ideas.		
	Derivatives >>	amenability, amenableness, amenably	
3.	amorphous	uh MOR fuss	shapeless, having no definite form
	Synonyms >>		
	In the science fiction movie, the amorphous mass terrorized the town.		
	Derivatives >>	amorphously, amorphousness, amorphism	
4.	buoyant	BOY unt	capable of floating; cheerful
	Synonyms >>		
	Because the log was buoyant, it stayed afloat. The girl's buoyant spirit made her pleasant company.		
	Derivatives >>	buoyancy, buoyance, buoyantly, buoyantness, buoy	
5.	cajole	kuh JOLE	to persuade with deliberate flattery, to coax, to wheedle
	Synonyms >>		
	I will not be cajoled into allowing you to stay up past your bedtime.		
	Derivatives >>	cajoled, cajoling, cajolery, cajoleries, cajolement, cajoler	
6.	debase	deh BASE	to reduce in dignity or quality
	Synonyms >>	abase, corrupt, debauch, demean, deprave, pervert, vitiate	
	Do not debase yourself by swearing.		
	Derivatives >>	debased, debasing, debasement, debaser, debasingly	
7.	denotation	dee no TAY shun	the strict, literal, dictionary definition of a word devoid of any emotion
	Synonyms >>		
	The denotation of that word is easily to understand since we can find it in the dictionary.		
	Derivatives >>		
8.	efface	eh FASE	to erase, to wear away
	Synonyms >>		
	The date on the coin has been effaced.		
	Derivatives >>	effaceable, effacement, effacer	
9.	elucidate	eh LOO seh date	to make clear, to explain
	Synonyms >>	explicate, expound	
	I will try to elucidate some of the important changes in the tax code.		
	Derivatives >>	elucidation, elucidative, elucidatory, elucidator	
10.	volatile	VOL uh til	quickly changeable, easily vaporized
	Synonyms >>		
	Because of his volatile temper, one must use caution in dealing with him.		
	Derivatives >>	volatileness, volatility, volatilization, volatilizable, volatilize	

Lesson 15

Definitions

10th Grade



1.	diction	DIK shun	style of writing dependent upon choice of words
	Synonyms >>		
	The question asked me to describe how the author's diction helped to create his style.		
	Derivatives >>		
2.	ephemeral	eh FEM ur ul	lasting a short period of time, fleeting
	Synonyms >>	evanescent, fleeting, fugitive, transient, transitory	
	The microorganism had an ephemeral lifespan. It died shortly after it was created.		
	Derivatives >>	ephemerally, ephemerality, ephemerality, ephemerous	
3.	ferocity	fuh ROS eh tee	savagery
	Synonyms >>		
	A tiger is an animal that has ferocity.		
	Derivatives >>	ferocious, ferociously, ferociousness	
4.	haughty	HAW tee	arrogant, excessively proud and vain
	Synonyms >>	disdainful, high-handed, insolent, lordly, supercilious	
	Being quarterback of the football team does not give him the right to be haughty.		
	Derivatives >>	haughtily, haughtiness	
5.	impervious	im PUR vee us	incapable of being entered or penetrated, not capable of being damaged
	Synonyms >>		
	Because this watch is impervious to water , I can go swimming while wearing it.		
	Derivatives >>	imperviously, imperviousness	
6.	inane	eh NANE	lacking significance, meaning, or point; silly, insipid
	Synonyms >>	banal, flat, jejune, vapid	
	Your comments are inane and are preventing the discussion of the main topic.		
	Derivatives >>	inanely, inanity, inanition	
7.	indolence	IN duh luns	laziness
	Synonyms >>	slothfulness	
	The hot and humid weather in the tropics encourages indolence.		
	Derivatives >>	indolent, indolency, indolently	
8.	infallible	in FAL uh bul	incapable of error
	Synonyms >>		
	Since everyone makes mistakes, no human is infallible.		
	Derivatives >>	infallibilism, infallibilist, infallibility, infallibleness, infallibly	
9.	inscrutable	in SKROO tuh bul	difficult to understand; mysterious
	Synonyms >>		
	He had us all confused with his inscrutable smile.		
	Derivatives >>	inscrutableness, inscrutably, inscrutability	
10.	languid	LANG gwid	slow, sluggish, listless, weak
	Synonyms >>	lethargic, stuporous, torpid	
	The old man's walk was languid, each pace requiring great effort.		
	Derivatives >>	languidly, languidness, languish, languisher, languishing, languishment	

Lesson 16

Definitions

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1.	antiquated	AN tuh kwat id	obsolete, out of fashion, no longer usable	
	Synonyms >>	antique, archaic, obsolete, venerable		
	We cannot afford to have antiquated military forces.			
	Derivatives >>	antiquate, antiquating, antiquation, antiquatedness		
2.	arable	AIR uh bul	fit for plowing, tillable	
	Synonyms >>			
	If a farmer does not use good conservation measures, the land will not stay arable.			
	Derivatives >>	arability		
3.	ascendancy	uh SIN dun see	domination; growing power	
	Synonyms >>			
	The United States would not patiently submit to the ascendancy of Hitler.			
	Derivatives >>	ascendance, ascend, ascendant, ascension, ascending, ascended		
4.	atrophy	AT row fee	to waste away, to wither	
	Synonyms >>			
	His hunger strike caused his body to atrophy.			
	Derivatives >>	atrophied, atrophying, atrophic		
5.	clandestine	klan DES tin	secret	
	Synonyms >>	covert, furtive, stealthy, surreptitious, underhanded		
	The C.I.A. is involved in clandestine activities.			
	Derivatives >>	clandestinely, clandestineness		
6.	malice	MAL is	desire to harm others	
	Synonyms >>	malevolence, malignity, spite, spleen		
	His death was caused by malice and was not accidental.			
	Derivatives >>	maliceful, malicious, maliciously, maliciousness		
7.	oblique	uh BLEEK	slanting, indirect, evasive, devious, misleading	
	Synonyms >>			
	Because of the suspect's oblique answers, our interrogation of him led us in the wrong direction.			
	Derivatives >>	obliquate, obliquation, obliquely, obliqueness, obliquely		
8.	opulence	OP yuh luns	wealth, affluence, abundance	
	Synonyms >>			
	Until the recent decline in the price of oil, the Hunt name was synonymous with opulence.			
	Derivatives >>	opulent, opulently		
9.	penitent	PEN eh tunt	showing or feeling regret for wrongdoing, repentant	
	Synonyms >>	compunctual, contrite, remorseful		
	He became penitent when he realized that his prank resulted in serious injury.			
	Derivatives >>	penitence, penitency, penitential		
10.	perfunctory	pur FUNGK tuh ree	acting routinely with little interest or care	
	Synonyms >>			
	Due to his perfunctory manner of inspecting the factory, he did not notice some serious problems.			
	Derivatives >>	perfunctorily, perfunctoriness, perfunctorious, perfunctoriously		

Lesson 17

Definitions

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1.	conciliate	kun SIL ee ate	to reconcile, to pacify, to renew a friendship
	Synonyms >>	appease, mollify, placate, propitiate	
	My husband tried to conciliate me with a gift of roses.		
	Derivatives >>	conciliated, conciliating, conciliator, conciliatoriness, conciliatorily	
2.	cursor	KUR suh ree	superficial, casual, hastily done
	Synonyms >>		
	He gave only cursory consideration to my suggestion.		
	Derivatives >>	cursorily, cursoriness	
3.	derision	deh REH zhun	scoffing at, mockery, ridicule
	Synonyms >>		
	The boy received much derision for his plaid gym shorts.		
	Derivatives >>	derisive, derisiveness, derisively, derisory	
4.	enmity	EN muh tee	absolute hatred
	Synonyms >>	animosity, animus, antagonism, antipathy, hostility, rancor	
	I have a lot of enmity for people who provide illegal drugs to children.		
	Derivatives >>	enmities	
5.	extricate	EK struh kate	to free, to disentangle
	Synonyms >>	disembarrass, disencumber	
	He could not extricate himself from the trap.		
	Derivatives >>	extrication, extricated, extricable	
6.	forbearance	fore BARE uns	patience, lenience
	Synonyms >>		
	Because he is so young, we must have forbearance in dealing with him.		
	Derivatives >>	forbear, forbearant, forbearer, forbearing, forbearingly, forbearingsness, forbore	
7.	frivolous	FRIV uh lus	lacking in seriousness or importance
	Synonyms >>		
	A teacher should limit frivolous behavior in the classroom.		
	Derivatives >>	frivolity, frivolousness, frivolously	
8.	garrulous	GAR yuh lus	talkative, rambling
	Synonyms >>	voluble	
	He was so garrulous that he repeated everything many times.		
	Derivatives >>	garrulously, garrulousness, garrulity	
9.	genre	JOHN ruh	the major category into which a literary work fits
	Synonyms >>		
	Autobiography and poetry are two different genre.		
	Derivatives >>		
10.	impetuous	im PECH oo us	violent, hasty, rash, impulsive
	Synonyms >>		
	His impetuous behavior caused him to make many mistakes.		
	Derivatives >>		

Lesson 18

Definitions

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1.	infamous	IN fuh mus	having a reputation of the worst kind, vicious, notoriously bad
	Synonyms >>	disreputable, ignominious	
	The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor was an infamous act.		
	Derivatives >>	infamously, infamy, infamies	
2.	insolence	IN suh luns	insulting or contemptuous behavior
	Synonyms >>	arrogance, haughtiness, high-handedness, impertinence	
	His insolence and lack of respect for his mother are shocking.		
	Derivatives >>	insolent, insolently, insolency, insolentness	
3.	levity	LEV eh tee	excessive frivolity, flippancy
	Synonyms >>		
	It was inappropriate for him to insert some levity into the funeral service.		
	Derivatives >>	levitate, levitation, levitated, levitational, levitative, levitating	
4.	oblivion	uh BLIV ee un	state of being forgotten
	Synonyms >>		
	Until the singer's recent hit, his career had fallen into a state of oblivion.		
	Derivatives >>	oblivious, obliviously	
5.	paradoxical	pair uh DOKS uh kul	something that appears false or contradictory but is actually correct
	Synonyms >>		
	It is paradoxical that a man from the South, Lyndon Johnson, led the fight for the passage of a civil rights bill.		
	Derivatives >>	paradoxicality, paradoxicalness, paradoxology, paradoxality	
6.	perjury	PUR juh ree	false testimony under oath
	Synonyms >>		
	He was charged with perjury for lying to the grand jury.		
	Derivatives >>	perjure, perjured, perjuring, perjurer, perjurious, perjuriouly, perjuriousness, perjurous	
7.	rancor	RANG kur	bitter deep-seated ill will, enmity
	Synonyms >>	animosity, animus, antagonism, antipathy, hostility	
	I was full of rancor when I learned that the men had killed my parents.		
	Derivatives >>	rancored, rancorous, rancorously	
8.	sycophant	SIK uh funt	a self-serving flatterer, a brownnoser
	Synonyms >>	leech, sponge, toady	
	A wise ruler will not pay attention to the many sycophants who will try to gain his attention.		
	Derivatives >>	sycophancy, sycophantic, sycophantical, sycophantically, sycophantize, sycophantish, sycophantishly	
9.	vacillating	VAS uh lay ting	changing, fluctuating
	Synonyms >>		
	I have vacillating opinions concerning my future career.		
	Derivatives >>	vacillate, vacillatingly, vacillation, vacillatory, vacillator	
10.	vivid	VIV id	bright, distinct, and clear
	Synonyms >>	graphic	
	I have vivid memories of my trip to Europe.		
	Derivatives >>	vividly, vividness, vividity, vivific, vivificate, vivification, vivifier, vivify	

Lesson 19

Definitions

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1.	abhor	ab HOR	to regard with extreme repugnance; to detest utterly; to loathe	
	Synonyms >>	despise, abominate		
	If there is one particular food I abhor, it is hominy.			
	Derivatives >>	abhorred, abhorring, abhorrer, abhorrence, abhorrent, abhorrently		
2.	accolade	AK uh layd	praise, an award	
	Synonyms >>			
	He received many accolades for being an excellent teacher.			
	Derivatives >>	accolades		
3.	ascetic	uh SET ik	one who leads a life of self-denial and contemplation; absent of luxury	
	Synonyms >>	austere, severe, stern		
	The rich playboy could not understand the ascetic life led by the monk.			
	Derivatives >>	ascetical, asceticism, ascetically		
4.	bequeath	buh KWEETH	to hand down, to give or to leave in a will	
	Synonyms >>			
	I bequeathed my gym shorts to my brother after I graduated from high school.			
	Derivatives >>	bequeathal, bequest, bequeathed		
5.	charlatan	SHAR luh tun	one who claims to know something that he does not, a quack	
	Synonyms >>			
	The side show featured a charlatan posing as a mind reader.			
	Derivatives >>	charlatanic, charlatanism, charlatanry		
6.	conflagration	kon fluh GRAY shun	a large fire	
	Synonyms >>			
	Some believe that the earth will be destroyed by a large conflagration.			
	Derivatives >>	conflagrations, conflagrant, conflagrate, conflagrator, conflagratory		
7.	dearth	DERTH	a lack, a scarcity	
	Synonyms >>	paucity		
	The dearth of water in the arid country led to numerous deaths.			
	Derivatives >>	dearths		
8.	diffidence	DIF eh duns	shyness, reserve, unassertiveness	
	Synonyms >>	bashfulness, modesty		
	Because of his diffidence, he would not ask any girl to the prom.			
	Derivatives >>	diffidency, diffident, diffidently, diffidentness		
9.	effervescent	ef ur VES unt	showing high spirits	
	Synonyms >>			
	She put me in a good mood because she was always so effervescent.			
	Derivatives >>	effervesce, effervescence, effervescently, effervescingly, effervescible		
10.	ethereal	eh THER ee ul	heavenly, unusually delicate, light, lacking material substance, intangible	
	Synonyms >>			
	The ethereal sounds of the music soothed and calmed the patient.			
	Derivatives >>	etherealness, ethereality, etherealization, etherealize		

11.	expunge	ik SPUNJ	to remove, to erase
	Synonyms >>		
	Their names were expunged from the social register after they were convicted of selling cocaine.		
	Derivatives >>	expunged, expunging, expunction	
12.	guile	GILE	deceitfulness, duplicity
	Synonyms >>		
	The woman was the unfortunate victim of guile and deceit when she lost her money to that swindler.		
	Derivatives >>	guileful, guilefully, guilefulness, guileness, guilelessly, guilelessness, guilery	
13.	implausible	im PLAU zuh bul	not believable
	Synonyms >>		
	His explanation of the accident is so implausible that no jury will believe him.		
	Derivatives >>	implausibility, implausibleness, implausibly	
14.	incongruity	in kon GROO eh tee	nonconformity, disagreement, incompatibility
	Synonyms >>		
	The incongruity between the two stories led me to doubt the accuracy of either report.		
	Derivatives >>	incongruent, incongruently, incongruence, incongruous, incongruously, incongruousness	
15.	insularity	in suh LAR eh tee	qualities of an island; narrow-mindedness of opinion
	Synonyms >>		
	The insularity of the president made it difficult to get a motion passed.		
	Derivatives >>	insularly, insular, insularize	
16.	invective	in VEK tif	an utterance of violent censure or verbal attack; a denunciation
	Synonyms >>		
	The character's invective made his strong views on the issue quite clear.		
	Derivatives >>		
17.	placate	PLAY kate	to appease or to pacify by making concessions
	Synonyms >>	conciliate, mollification, propitiate	
	My wife is so angry at me that I cannot placate her.		
	Derivatives >>	placater, placating, placatingly, placation, placative, placatory	
18.	poignant	POIN yunt	piercing, incisive, and keen
	Synonyms >>	piquant, pungent, racy	
	The man's poignant words struck the very heart of the matter.		
	Derivatives >>	poignance, poignancy, poignantly	
19.	provincial	pruh VEN shul	lacking sophistication, narrow-minded
	Synonyms >>		
	Her parents are so provincial that they believe they should arrange her marriage.		
	Derivatives >>	provinciate, provincialism, provinciality, provincialization	
20.	reiterate	ree IT uh rate	to repeat
	Synonyms >>		
	I hope that I am not becoming redundant by again reiterating the key facts.		
	Derivatives >>	reiteration, reiteratedly, reiterative, reiteratively	



Lesson 20

Definitions

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1.	acquiesce	AK wee es	to give in, to comply
	Synonyms >>	accede, agree, assent, consent, subscribe	
	I was so desperate that I had to acquiesce to his demands.		
	Derivatives >>	acquiescence, acquiescent, acquiescingly, acquiescently	
2.	affinity	uh FIN uh tee	a likeness, a natural relationship, a kinship
	Synonyms >>		
	Having suffered himself, he felt an affinity for the homeless.		
	Derivatives >>	affinitive	
3.	blasphemous	BLAS fuh mus	irreverent, profane
	Synonyms >>		
	Telling that sacrilegious joke is blasphemous.		
	Derivatives >>	blaspheme, blasphemed, blaspheming, blaspemer, blasphemousness, blasphemously, blasphemy	
4.	buttress	BUH tris	a support or prop
	Synonyms >>		
	Many cathedrals are supported by buttresses.		
	Derivatives >>	buttresses, buttressless	
5.	circumspect	SIR kum spekt	careful to consider consequences, cautious, prudent
	Synonyms >>	chary, wary	
	Her circumspect behavior left no doubts as to her integrity.		
	Derivatives >>	circumspectness, circumspectly, circumspection, circumspective	
6.	irony	EYE row nee	a figure of speech in which the literal meaning is opposite of what is intended
	Synonyms >>		
	The fact that the author states exactly opposite of what he really means is verbal irony.		
	Derivatives >>		
7.	spontaneous	spon TAY nee us	having no external cause, acting on impulse
	Synonyms >>		
	He knew exactly what I was thinking because my reaction was so spontaneous.		
	Derivatives >>	spontaneously, spontaneousness, spontaneity	
8.	synthesis	SIN thuh sis	combining parts into a whole
	Synonyms >>		
	Before the project is complete, we need to establish synthesis.		
	Derivatives >>	synthesist, synthesize, synthesizer	
9.	vigilant	VIJ uh lunt	very alert, watchful
	Synonyms >>		
	I have been vigilant in trying to find the thief.		
	Derivatives >>	vigilance, vigilantly, vigilantness, vigil	
10.	voluble	VOL yuh bul	ability to use words easily, fluent and glib
	Synonyms >>	garrulous, loquacious	
	A disc jockey needs to be a voluble speaker.		
	Derivatives >>	volubility, volubleness, volubly	

Lesson 21

Definitions

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1.	corroboration	kuh rob uh RAY shun	confirmation
	Synonyms >>	authentication, substantiation, validation, verification	
	Fortunately, I had some corroboration for my whereabouts on the night of the crime.		
	Derivatives >>	corroborate, corroborated, corroborating, corroboratory, corroboratively, corroborator	
2.	deplete	deh PLETE	to use up gradually, to lessen in amount or value
	Synonyms >>		
	Our oil reserves have been depleted because of years of drilling and pumping.		
	Derivatives >>	depleted, depleting, depletion, depletive, depletable	
3.	despotic	deh SPOT ik	ruling oppressively and absolutely; tyrannical
	Synonyms >>		
	Americans do not like despotic behavior.		
	Derivatives >>	despotic, despotically, despotism, despotist, despotize, despot	
4.	emaciated	eh MAY she ay tid	very thin (usually as a result of starvation), wasting away
	Synonyms >>		
	As a result of receiving little food, most prisoners of concentration camps become extremely emaciated.		
	Derivatives >>	emaciate, emaciation	
5.	empirical	em PEER eh kul	based on observation or experiment and not on theory
	Synonyms >>		
	We need some empirical data to make our case solid.		
	Derivatives >>	empiric, empiricism, empiricist, empirics, empirism	
6.	extraneous	ik STRAY nee us	not essential or vital
	Synonyms >>	alien, extrinsic, foreign	
	The extraneous assignments left the student with little time for himself.		
	Derivatives >>	extraneously, extraneousness	
7.	fallow	FAL ow	inactive, plowed but not sowed
	Synonyms >>		
	In order for land to be productive, it must lie fallow occasionally.		
	Derivatives >>	fallowness	
8.	homogeneous	hoe muh JEE nee us	of the same kind
	Synonyms >>		
	To get the best results with this research, we need a homogeneous group of people to fill out the questionnaire.		
	Derivatives >>	homogeneously, homogeneousness	
9.	hyperbole	hi PER buh lee	obvious exaggeration
	Synonyms >>		
	You have often heard the hyperbole "I've told you a million times;" it's an obvious exaggeration.		
	Derivatives >>	hyperbolic, hyperbolically, hyperbolic, hyperbolism	
10.	incontrovertible	in kon truh VUR tuh bul	indisputable
	Synonyms >>		
	The district attorney was looking for incontrovertible evidence to prove that the accused arsonist burned the bank.		
	Derivatives >>	incontrovertibly	

Lesson 22

Definitions

10th Grade



1.	inference	IN fer uns	a reasonable conclusion from information actually presented
	Synonyms >>		
	The idea that he was very hungry was merely an inference based upon his behavior around the food.		
	Derivatives >>		
2.	irascible	uh RAS uh bul	irritable, easily angered, cranky, cross
	Synonyms >>		
	Just about anything could set off his irascible temper.		
	Derivatives >>	irascibleness, irascibly, irascibility	
3.	laconic	luh KON ik	using a minimum of words; concise to the point of seeming rude
	Synonyms >>	compendious, concise, pithy, succinct, summary, terse	
	After the loss, the coach's remarks were laconic.		
	Derivatives >>	laconian, laconical, laconically, laconicism, laconism	
4.	magnanimity	mag nuh NIM eh tee	having a lofty, generous, and courageous spirit
	Synonyms >>		
	The magnanimity of the king endeared him to his subjects.		
	Derivatives >>	magnanimous, magnanimously, magnanimousness	
5.	obsequious	uh SEE kwee us	overly attentive, like a sycophant, servile
	Synonyms >>	slavish, subservient	
	I believe that his obsequious behavior toward his grandmother is to ensure being included in the will.		
	Derivatives >>	obsequence, obsequent, obsequience, obsequiously, obsequiousness, obsequity	
6.	proliferation	pro lif uh RAY shun	an increase in number, multiplication
	Synonyms >>		
	Many are afraid of nuclear proliferation and the possibility that a terrorist country will explode a bomb.		
	Derivatives >>	proliferate, proliferative, proliferous, proliferously, prolific	
7.	scrupulous	SKROO pyuh lus	very principled, very careful and conscientious
	Synonyms >>	meticulous, punctilious	
	The scrupulous police officer never took a bribe, and he ceaselessly tried to prevent crime.		
	Derivatives >>	scruple, scrupulosity, scrupulousness, scrupulously	
8.	surreptitious	sur up TISH us	secret, clandestine, stealthy
	Synonyms >>	covert, furtive, underhanded	
	The Watergate burglars tried to attain information in a surreptitious manner.		
	Derivatives >>	surreptitiously	
9.	veracity	vuh RAS eh tee	devotion to the truth
	Synonyms >>	truthfulness, accuracy, correctness	
	The lawyer had no confidence in the veracity of the witness.		
	Derivatives >>	veracious, veraciously, veraciousness	
10.	zeal	ZEEL	enthusiasm, fervor
	Synonyms >>		
	To the delight of his students, he brought great zeal to the teaching profession.		
	Derivatives >>	zeals, zealous, zealot, zealotic, zealotism, zealotry	

Lesson 23

Definitions

10th Grade



1.	ambiguous	am BIG yew us	having more than one meaning; unclear, uncertain
	Synonyms >>	cryptic, enigmatic, equivocal, obscure	
	Finding an ambiguous test question is frustrating, since more than one answer could be correct.		
	Derivatives >>	ambiguity, ambiguously, ambiguousness	
2.	amiable	A mee uh bul	friendly, sociable, and congenial; civil and urbane
	Synonyms >>	good-natured, obliging, complaisant	
	She was blessed with having such an amiable friend who was almost always good-natured and obliging.		
	Derivatives >>	amiableness, amiably, amicable, amicability, amiability	
3.	crass	KRASS	coarse, crude, and unrefined
	Synonyms >>		
	Using foul language in front of your mother is crass.		
	Derivatives >>	crassly, crassness, crassitude	
4.	discursive	deh SKUR siv	rambling, moving from one topic to another randomly
	Synonyms >>		
	His discursive speech was hard to follow.		
	Derivatives >>	discursion, discursively, discursiveness	
5.	docile	DOS ul	easily managed, obedient, passive
	Synonyms >>	amenable, tractable	
	The dog was docile until the doorbell rang.		
	Derivatives >>	docible, docibility, docilely, docility	
6.	estrangle	eh STRANJ	to alienate, to separate
	Synonyms >>	disaffect, wean	
	The necessity to travel in his business may estrange him from his family for a short period of time.		
	Derivatives >>	estranged, estrangedness, estrangement	
7.	exonerate	ig ZON uh rate	to free from blame, obligation, or responsibility; to exculpate
	Synonyms >>	absolve, acquit, vindicate	
	I need your testimony to exonerate me from this charge.		
	Derivatives >>	exoneration, exonerated, exoner	
8.	gratuitous	gruh TOO eh tus	given freely, unwarranted
	Synonyms >>		
	I resent your gratuitous comments because no one asked for them.		
	Derivatives >>	gratis, gratuitous, gratuitousness, gratuital, gratuitously	
9.	indignation	in dig NAY shun	anger as a result of something unjust
	Synonyms >>	fury, ire, rage, wrath	
	I have much indignation about the light sentence given to the drunk driver who ran over my child .		
	Derivatives >>	indignant, indignantly, indignance, indignify, indignities	
10.	metonymy	muh TON oh mee	the name of one object is substituted for something closely related to it.
	Synonyms >>		
	The poem uses metonymy when it refers to "the bottle" for "alcoholic beverage."		
	Derivatives >>		

Lesson 24

Definitions

10th Grade



1.	induce	in DOOS, in DYOOS	to bring on or to bring about	
	Synonyms >>	cause, effect, influence, persuade, prevail		
	His personality changes were induced by drugs.			
	Derivatives >>	induced, inducing, inducement, inducer		
2.	intractable	in TRAK tuh bul	stubborn, difficult to manage	
	Synonyms >>	headstrong, recalcitrant, refractory, unruly, willful		
	The intractable child was a discipline problem in every class.			
	Derivatives >>	intractability, intractableness, intractably		
3.	introspective	in truh SPEK tiv	the quality of examining one's own mind or thoughts	
	Synonyms >>			
	I must be very introspective before I make my decision.			
	Derivatives >>	introspect, introspection, introspector, introspectable, introspectional, introspectively, introspectionism		
4.	lucid	LOO sid	easily understood, mentally sound	
	Synonyms >>	perspicuous		
	His lucid remarks helped everyone understand the new tax code.			
	Derivatives >>	lucidity, lucidly, lucidness		
5.	meticulous	muh TIK yuh lus	taking great care	
	Synonyms >>	punctilious, scrupulous		
	I am usually very meticulous in completing my assignments.			
	Derivatives >>	meticulously, meticulousness		
6.	munificent	myoo NIF eh sent	very generous	
	Synonyms >>			
	The munificent gift to the school was appreciated by all of the students.			
	Derivatives >>	munificence, munificency, munificently, munificentness		
7.	onomatopoeia	on oh ma toe PEE uh	natural sounds are imitated in the sounds of words such as "buzz" or "hiss."	
	Synonyms >>			
	The author uses onomatopoeia to get the effect of the sound of the situation.			
	Derivatives >>			
8.	plagiarize	PLAY juh rize	to steal and to use another's writings as one's own	
	Synonyms >>			
	English teachers are always on the lookout for materials in themes that are plagiarized.			
	Derivatives >>	plagiarism, plagiarist, plagiaristic, plagiary		
9.	profuse	pruh FYOOS	extravagantly abundant, flowing freely	
	Synonyms >>	lavish, lush, luxuriant, prodigal		
	Cutting that artery will cause profuse bleeding.			
	Derivatives >>	profusely, profuseness, profusion, profusive, profusively		
10.	recluse	REK loos	a person who lives in solitude, a hermit	
	Synonyms >>			
	Howard Hughes is the most famous recluse of the century.			
	Derivatives >>	reclusion, reclusive		

Lesson 25

Definitions

10th Grade



1.	abstracted	ab STRAK ted	removed in thought from the immediate situation, lost in one's own mind
	Synonyms >>		
	The child, thinking of Christmas, had an abstracted look on his face.		
	Derivatives >>	abstractedly, abstractedness	
2.	adulation	ad u LAY shun	extreme praise or admiration
	Synonyms >>		
	Due to the great adulation of the crowds, the politician thought that he might win the election.		
	Derivatives >>	adulate, adulator, adulatory, adulated, adulating	
3.	adversity	ad VER suh tee	misfortune, unfavorable happening
	Synonyms >>		
	He has suffered much adversity by first losing his job and then losing his wife.		
	Derivatives >>	adverse	
4.	burgeon	BUR jun	to sprout, to newly emerge
	Synonyms >>		
	Plants burgeon with the coming of spring.		
	Derivatives >>	burgeoned, burgeoning	
5.	chimera	kuh MEER uh	a fantasy; a horrible creature of the imagination
	Synonyms >>	fantasy , vision	
	He is not the chimera your fears have made him in your mind.		
	Derivatives >>	chimerical, chimeric, chimerically	
6.	oxymoron	ox ee MOE ron	contradictory terms are grouped together to suggest a paradox
	Synonyms >>		
	The phrases "to make haste slowly" and "cruel kindness" are examples of oxymoron.		
	Derivatives >>		
7.	sated	SAY ted	satisfied fully, indulged to excess
	Synonyms >>	cloyed, glutted, gorged, palled, satiated, surfeited	
	He was quite sated after finishing the seven course meal.		
	Derivatives >>	sate, satiate, satiated, satiation, satiety	
8.	terse	TERS	concise
	Synonyms >>	compendious, laconic, pithy, succinct, summary	
	The president gave a terse statement dismissing the charges of the opposing party.		
	Derivatives >>	tersely, terseness	
9.	transient	TRAN shunt	quickly passing, fleeting
	Synonyms >>	ephemeral, evanescent, fugitive, transitory	
	The moment of happiness she enjoyed was merely transient; soon she was depressed again.		
	Derivatives >>	transience, transiently, transiency, transience	
10.	virtuoso	vur choo OH so	one skilled in the fine arts as an accomplished musician, a savant
	Synonyms >>		
	Having played with some of the greatest symphonies in the world, he was known as a virtuoso.		
	Derivatives >>	virtuosity	

Lesson 26

Definitions

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1.	culpable	KUL puh bul	deserving blame; guilty
	Synonyms >>		
	He was culpable for his children's constant bad behavior.		
	Derivatives >>	culpability, culpableness, culpably	
2.	decadent	DEK uh dunt	decaying
	Synonyms >>	declined, degenerated	
	Drugs, prostitution, and crime are signs of a decadent society.		
	Derivatives >>	decadently, decadence, decadency	
3.	entreaty	en TREE tee	a plea, an earnest request
	Synonyms >>	adjuration, appeal, suit, importunity, supplication	
	The lawyer made a lengthy entreaty to the jury before they retired to chambers.		
	Derivatives >>	entreat, entreatingly, entreatment	
4.	fatuous	FACH oo us	foolish, silly in an obnoxious way, inane
	Synonyms >>	asinine, silly, simple	
	The woman was fatuous to think that she needed three thousand pairs of shoes.		
	Derivatives >>	fatuously, fatuity, fatuitous, fatuitousness	
5.	indulgent	in DUL junt	lenient, especially toward oneself
	Synonyms >>		
	The boy did not learn respect from his indulgent parents.		
	Derivatives >>	indulge, indulged, indulging, indulgence, indulgently, indulger	
6.	ineptness	in EPT nes	lack of competence or judgment
	Synonyms >>	gauche, maladroit	
	The evidence of his ineptness as a coach is his poor win-loss record.		
	Derivatives >>	inept, ineptly, ineptitude	
7.	ingrate	IN grate	an ungrateful person
	Synonyms >>		
	I was stunned when I didn't even receive a "thank you" from the ingrate.		
	Derivatives >>	ingrateful	
8.	inundate	IN un date	to flood, to overflow
	Synonyms >>		
	The television station was inundated with phone calls when the basketball game was interrupted.		
	Derivatives >>	inundable, inundant, inundation, inundator, inundatory	
9.	miser	MY zur	one who lives in wretched circumstances to save and hoard money
	Synonyms >>	niggard, skinflint, tightwad, pinchpenny	
	The old miser lived in a shack but was actually a millionaire.		
	Derivatives >>	miserly, miserliness	
10.	parody	PEAR uh dee	a humorous or satirical imitation of a serious piece of literature or writing
	Synonyms >>		
	The imitation of the masterpiece was nothing but pure parody.		
	Derivatives >>		

Lesson 27

Definitions

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1.	nefarious	neh FARE ee us	extremely wicked, evil, vicious
	Synonyms >>	degenerate, iniquitous, villainous	
	Hitler's treatment of Jewish people was a sign that he was a very nefarious person.		
	Derivatives >>	nefariously, nefariousness	
2.	prattle	PRAT ul	meaningless sounds, babble
	Synonyms >>		
	I have difficulty understanding the prattle of young children.		
	Derivatives >>	prattled, prattling, prattlement, prattler, prattlingly	
3.	predilection	pred uh LEK shun	preference
	Synonyms >>		
	He has a predilection for fish when he goes out to eat.		
	Derivatives >>	predilect, predilected	
4.	procrastinate	pro KRAS tuh nate	to defer action; to delay
	Synonyms >>	prolong, postpone	
	We try not to procrastinate when asked to do a job.		
	Derivatives >>	procrastinated, procrastinating, procrastinatingly, procrastinatively, procrastination, procrastinative,	
5.	sarcasm	SAR kas um	harsh or bitter derision or irony
	Synonyms >>		
	His sarcasm was meant to be funny, but instead it really hurt the girl.		
	Derivatives >>		
6.	stoic	STOW ik	a stoical person; not showing passion or feeling, indifference, impassive
	Synonyms >>	apathetic, phlegmatic, stolid	
	The umpire remained quite stoic despite the manager's screaming and the intense booing of the crowd.		
	Derivatives >>	stoical, stoically, stoicism	
7.	suffrage	SUF rij	right to vote
	Synonyms >>		
	Woman's suffrage was a movement and a cause at the beginning of the twentieth century.		
	Derivatives >>	suffragette, suffragettism, suffragism, suffragist	
8.	transparent	trans PARE unt	quality of being able to be seen through, clear
	Synonyms >>	limpid, translucent	
	Glass is a transparent substance.		
	Derivatives >>	transparently, transparentness, transparency	
9.	turbulence	TUR byuh luns	wild or disturbing activity
	Synonyms >>		
	There is a lot of turbulence during a hurricane.		
	Derivatives >>	turbulent, turbulence, turbulency, turbulently	
10.	viable	VIE uh bul	capable of working, functioning, or developing adequately
	Synonyms >>		
	He is a viable candidate because he has experience and can attract votes.		
	Derivatives >>	viability, viably	

Lesson 28

Definitions

10th Grade



1.	abet	uh BET	to encourage or to assist (usually an offense against justice or the law)
	Synonyms >>	foment, incite, instigate	
	To aid and abet an enemy of the country is a crime.		
	Derivatives >>	abetment, abettor, abetted, abetting	
2.	agile	AJ uhl	characterized by ability to move quickly with suppleness and grace
	Synonyms >>	nimble, brisk, spry	
	The girl's agile movements were the mark of a great gymnast.		
	Derivatives >>	agilely, agility	
3.	antidote	AN teh dote	something that relieves the effects of poison
	Synonyms >>		
	A snake bite need not be deadly, as long as one can get an antidote quickly.		
	Derivatives >>	antidotal	
4.	ascertain	as sur TANE	to find out definitely; to determine
	Synonyms >>	learn	
	The detective attempted to ascertain the truth through his questioning of the suspect.		
	Derivatives >>	ascertainable, ascertainableness, ascertainably, ascertainer, ascertainment, ascertained	
5.	desolate	DES uh lit	deserted, without inhabitants, barren
	Synonyms >>		
	Some of the western states have large areas that are desolate.		
	Derivatives >>	desolately, desolateness, desolater, desolating, desolation	
6.	din	DEN	loud and discordant noises, cacophony
	Synonyms >>		
	The din in the senate was so great that I could not hear the speaker.		
	Derivatives >>	dins, dinned, dinning	
7.	dissuade	deh SWADE	to advise against, to talk out of
	Synonyms >>		
	I tried to dissuade him from going over Niagara Falls in a barrel, but he would not listen.		
	Derivatives >>	dissuadable, dissuasion, dissuasive, dissuasively, dissuasiveness	
8.	distend	deh STEND	to expand, to swell
	Synonyms >>	amplify, dilate, inflate	
	If a balloon is distended too much, it will break.		
	Derivatives >>	distended, distendedly, distendedness, distensibility, distensible, distensile, distension, distention, distensive	
9.	enervation	en er VAY shun	weakness
	Synonyms >>	emasculatation	
	A poor diet will cause enervation.		
	Derivatives >>	enervate, enervated, enervator	
10.	satire	SA tire	a work that ridicules human vices, follies, or social institutions
	Synonyms >>		
	The author ridiculed the social institution of marriage through satire in his novel.		
	Derivatives >>		

Lesson 29

Definitions

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1.	eulogy	YOO luh jee	praise or tribute
	Synonyms >>	encomium, panegyric, tribute	
	The young woman presented a touching eulogy at her father's funeral.		
	Derivatives >>	eulogic, eulogious, eulogism, eulogist, eulogistic, eulogium, eulogization, eulogize, eulogizer	
2.	indelible	in DEL uh bul	cannot be removed, washed away or erased
	Synonyms >>	permanent, lasting	
	Her comments made an indelible impression on his mind, and he was never able to forget.		
	Derivatives >>	indelibility, indelibly	
3.	inert	in URT	unable to move or to act, sluggish
	Synonyms >>	idle, passive, supine	
	It takes a long time to get things done when we must depend on inert bureaucrats.		
	Derivatives >>	inertia, inertial, inertion, inertness, inertly	
4.	malevolence	muh LEV uh lens	ill will or evil intentions
	Synonyms >>	malice, malignity, spite, spleen	
	The old man's malevolence was obvious when he removed the girl from his will.		
	Derivatives >>	malevolent, malevolently	
5.	obliterate	uh BLIT eh rate	to remove all traces of; to do away with; to destroy completely; to cancel
	Synonyms >>	expunge, efface	
	The men began to obliterate the old building.		
	Derivatives >>	obliterated, obliterating, obliterable, obliteration, oblitative	
6.	ornate	or NATE	excessively decorated
	Synonyms >>		
	The ornate Christmas tree provided us with many hours of pleasure.		
	Derivatives >>	ornately, ornateness, ornature	
7.	paucity	PAH seh tee	scarcity, fewness of number, dearth
	Synonyms >>		
	The low achievement test scores indicate that I have a paucity of intelligent students this year.		
	Derivatives >>	pauciloquy	
8.	piety	PIE eh tee	devotion and reverence to God
	Synonyms >>		
	The man was noted for his piety and devotion to the church.		
	Derivatives >>	pietism, pietist, pietistic, pietistically	
9.	precarious	pre KARE ee us	dangerous, risky, not a secure situation
	Synonyms >>		
	It seems that a tightrope walker is often in a precarious situation.		
	Derivatives >>	precariously, precariousness	
10.	syllogism	SIL oh jis um	a deductive reasoning presenting two premises that inevitably leads to a sound conclusion
	Synonyms >>		
	A syllogism's conclusion is valid only if each of the two premises is valid.		
	Derivatives >>		

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, scintillesscent		
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		

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1.	decry	deh KRY	to speak against, to rail against, to disparage
	Synonyms >>		
	Many decry the lack of concern for this problem.		
	Derivatives >>	decried, decrying, decrier	
2.	eclectic	eh KLEK tik	coming from a variety of diverse sources
	Synonyms >>		
	His eclectic tastes range from Bach to the Beatles.		
	Derivatives >>	eclectically, eclecticism	
3.	enhance	en HANS	to make better, to improve
	Synonyms >>		
	Your chances of passing the test will be enhanced if you study.		
	Derivatives >>	enhanced, enhancement, enhancing, enhancer, enhancive	
4.	euphonious	yoo FOE nee us	pleasant or agreeable (sound); dulcet
	Synonyms >>		
	The euphonious sound of the record lulled the baby to sleep.		
	Derivatives >>	euphonym euphonic, euphonia, euphonically, euphonical, euphoniouly, euphonioussness	
5.	fervid	FUR vid	ardent, burning, impassioned
	Synonyms >>	fervent, passionate, perfervid	
	The evangelist is a fervid crusader against sin.		
	Derivatives >>	fervidity, fervidly, fervidness	
6.	impecunious	im puh KYOO nee us	without money
	Synonyms >>	destitute, indigent	
	Some formerly rich people have become impecunious because of the poor oil and real estate market.		
	Derivatives >>	impecuniary, impecuniosity, impecuniously, impecuniousness, impecunity	
7.	ingratiate	in GRAY she ate	to make an effort to gain good favor with someone
	Synonyms >>		
	He tried to ingratiate himself with the girl's parents by always being polite.		
	Derivatives >>	ingratiating, ingratiatingly, ingratiating, ingratiatory	
8.	luxuriant	lug ZHOOR ee unt	abundant in growth, very fertile
	Synonyms >>	lavish, lush, prodigal, profuse	
	The luxuriant farmland of Iowa provides an abundant amount of food.		
	Derivatives >>	luxuriance, luxurancy, luxuriantly, luxuriate, luxurious, luxuriously, luxuriousness, luxury	
9.	paltry	PAWL tree	trifling; petty; worthless
	Synonyms >>	minor, inconsiderable, slight, insignificant, petty	
	He was building paltry houses unfit for occupancy.		
	Derivatives >>	paltrier, paltriest, paltrily, paltriness	
10.	pedantry	PED un tree	act of showing off learning in a manner that is needless and
	Synonyms >>		
	The teacher's lectures are a demonstration of pedantry without scholarship.		
	Derivatives >>	pedantic, pedantical, pedantically, pedanticism, pedant	

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1.	placid	PLAS id	peaceful, calm
	Synonyms >>	serene, tranquil	
	The wilderness is usually a placid place where one can relax.		
	Derivatives >>	placidity, placidly, placidness	
2.	preclude	preh KLOOD	to make impossible
	Synonyms >>		
	A low SAT score may preclude your acceptance to that college.		
	Derivatives >>	precludable, precluded, preclusion, preclusive	
3.	promontory	PROM un tore ee	land or rock projecting into a body of water
	Synonyms >>		
	A promontory is an ideal place to build a lighthouse.		
	Derivatives >>	promontories, promontoried	
4.	raze	RAZE	to completely destroy
	Synonyms >>		
	Atomic war will raze many cities.		
	Derivatives >>	razed, razing	
5.	secular	SEK yuh lur	nonreligious, worldly
	Synonyms >>		
	"Jingle Bells" is a secular Christmas song.		
	Derivatives >>	secularism, secularist, secularity, secularization, secularize, secularly	
6.	static (adj.)	STAT ik	having no motion, showing little change
	Synonyms >>		
	Since our town has attracted little new industry, the population of the city has become static.		
	Derivatives >>	statically, statical	
7.	tact	TAKT	a keen sense for what is appropriate or tasteful in delicate situations
	Synonyms >>	diplomacy, perception, sensitivity, poise	
	The diplomat handled the situation with much tact and courteous behavior.		
	Derivatives >>	tactful, tactfully, tactfulness	
8.	torpid	TOR pid	sluggish, inactive, dull
	Synonyms >>		
	He is always torpid on Sunday mornings.		
	Derivatives >>	torpor, torpidity, torpidness, torpify, torpidly, torpitude, torporific	
9.	vindicated	VIN duh kay ted	cleared of accusations or charges
	Synonyms >>	absolved, acquitted, exculpated, exonerated	
	I am willing to go to trial and believe that I will be vindicated of all charges.		
	Derivatives >>	vindicate, vindication, vindicative, vindicator, vindicatory, vindictive, vindictively, vindictiveness	
10.	vindictive	vin DIK tiv	revengeful, spiteful
	Synonyms >>		
	You should be more forgiving and less vindictive.		
	Derivatives >>	vindicated, vindication, vindicative, vindicator, vindicatory, vindictive, vindictively, vindictiveness	

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1.	allure	uh LUR	to influence, sway, or entice with some tempting appeal	
	Synonyms >>	attract, fascinate, charm		
	The child tried to allure the stray dog into her yard with a piece of bread.			
	Derivatives >>	allured, alluring, allures, allurement, allurer		
2.	apathy	AP uh thee	a lack of concern or feeling, indifference	
	Synonyms >>	phlegm, stoicism, stolidness		
	The man looked upon the turn of events with apathy.			
	Derivatives >>	apathetic, apathetical, apathetically		
3.	auspicious	aw SPISH us	favorable	
	Synonyms >>	propitious		
	Making an "A" on the first test was an auspicious way to begin the year.			
	Derivatives >>	auspiciously, auspiciousness		
4.	caricature	KARE uh kuh chur	a portrayal where features are distorted, a parody	
	Synonyms >>	burlesque, travesty		
	The caricature of the presidential nominee was hysterical.			
	Derivatives >>	caricatured, caricaturing, caricaturist		
5.	cosmopolitan	koz muh POL uh tun	dealing with the whole world	
	Synonyms >>			
	His cosmopolitan views make him a natural delegate to the world convention.			
	Derivatives >>	cosmopolitanism, cosmopolite		
6.	deplore	deh PLORE	to regret deeply or strongly; to feel or to express deep grief for	
	Synonyms >>	bemoan, bewail, lament, mourn		
	The students deplored the death of their teacher.			
	Derivatives >>	deplored, deploring, deploration, deplorer, deplorably		
7.	discrepant	deh SKREP unt	disagreeing, inconsistent	
	Synonyms >>			
	The auditor became suspicious when he found the discrepant accounts.			
	Derivatives >>	discrepancy, discrepantly		
8.	ecstasy	EK stuh see	extreme happiness	
	Synonyms >>	rapture, transport		
	The music was so beautiful that it put the crowd into a state of ecstasy.			
	Derivatives >>	ecstatic, ecstasical, ecstatically		
9.	empathy	EM puh the	understanding or identification with another's feelings or situation	
	Synonyms >>			
	Having been discriminated against, I have a lot of empathy for those seeking equal pay for equal work.			
	Derivatives >>	empathetic, empathetically, empathize		
10.	symbolism	SIM bo lis um	anything that represents or stands for something else	
	Synonyms >>			
	Symbolism in writing is often used to represent complex ideas.			
	Derivatives >>			

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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	

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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	

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1.	disentangle	dis en TANG gul	to unravel, extricate
	Synonyms >>		
	The referee tried to disentangle the players to see who had the ball.		
	Derivatives >>	disentanglement, disentangler	
2.	fanaticism	fuh NAT eh siz um	enthusiasm or zeal that is excessively irrational
	Synonyms >>		
	The Nazis engendered fanaticism among their followers.		
	Derivatives >>	fanatical, fanatic, fanatically, fanaticalness	
3.	feint	FAYNT	a false appearance, a fake punch to occupy defenses allowing a real
	Synonyms >>	artifice, ruse, stratagem, trick, wile	
	Fooled by his opponent's feint, the boxer dropped his guard and was knocked down.		
	Derivatives >>	feign, feigned, feigning, feignedly, feigner	
4.	ferment	FUR ment	state of agitation, commotion
	Synonyms >>		
	During the Civil War, much of the country was in a state of ferment.		
	Derivatives >>	fermentability, fermentable, fermental, fermentation, fermentative, fermenter	
5.	forestalled	fore STAWLD	prevented or delayed beforehand
	Synonyms >>		
	The sandbag dam forestalled the advance of the water.		
	Derivatives >>	forestall, forestaller, forestallment	
6.	gnarl	NARL	to twist extensively
	Synonyms >>		
	After riding the motorcycle all day, her hair was so gnarled by the wind that it was difficult to comb.		
	Derivatives >>	gnarled, gnarly	
7.	hoary	HORE ee	white with age
	Synonyms >>		
	The hoary old man had many wrinkles.		
	Derivatives >>	hoarier, hoariest	
8.	imagery	EM uhj ree	figurative language used to describe, arouse emotion, or represent abstractions
	Synonyms >>		
	The author describes that scene with such clear imagery, I almost feel I can see it.		
	Derivatives >>		
9.	infernal	in FER nul	relating to hell
	Synonyms >>	hellish, diabolical, fiendish	
	It is not nice to wish that someone go to the infernal regions.		
	Derivatives >>	infernally, inferno	
10.	jaunty	JON tee	stylish and lively in manner or appearance
	Synonyms >>		
	The woman walked with a jaunty step that gave clear evidence to her sprightly personality.		
	Derivatives >>	jauntily, jauntness, jauntingly	