

Lesson 17

Definitions

11th Grade



1.	balm	BALLM	a soothing substance or one that gives relief
	Synonyms >>		
	The balm caused the pain of the sunburn to subside and then to diminish.		
	Derivatives >>	balmily, balminess, balmy, balms, balmed, balming	
2.	blasphemous	BLAS fuh mus	irreverent, profane
	Synonyms >>		
	Telling that sacrilegious joke is blasphemous.		
	Derivatives >>	blaspheme, blasphemed, blaspheming, blaspemer, blasphemousness, blasphemously, blasphemy	
3.	cherubic	chuh ROO bic	innocent, wholesome, angelic
	Synonyms >>		
	The cherubic expression on the child's face concealed his guilt.		
	Derivatives >>	cherub, cherubs, cherubim, cherubically	
4.	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	
5.	equivocate	eh KWIV uh kate	to attempt to lie, to mislead, or to hide the truth
	Synonyms >>	palter, prevaricate	
	Tell the truth and do not attempt to equivocate.		
	Derivatives >>	equivocal, equivocacy, equivocality, equivocally, equivocalness, equivocation, equivocator, equivocality	
6.	hideous	HID ee us	very ugly, offensive, shocking
	Synonyms >>		
	Some characters in the horror movie had hideous faces.		
	Derivatives >>	hideously, hideousness, hideosity	
7.	intemperance	in TEM pur uns	lack of moderation (usually relating to drinking alcohol)
	Synonyms >>		
	Some fraternity members are known for their intemperance.		
	Derivatives >>	intemperate, intemperancy, intemperately, intemperateness	
8.	pernicious	pur NISH us	very destructive or harmful, deadly
	Synonyms >>	baneful, deleterious, detrimental, noxious	
	Shooting heroin is a pernicious habit.		
	Derivatives >>	perniciously, perniciousness	
9.	resolute	REZ uh loot	characterized by a decided purpose
	Synonyms >>	staunch, steadfast, determined, resolved, faithful, firm	
	The business was run by a resolute man who set his mind on a goal and followed through with it.		
	Derivatives >>	resoluter, resolutest, resolutely, resoluteness, resolution, resolutionary, resolutioner, resolute	
10.	trifling	TRY fling	not significant, frivolous
	Synonyms >>		
	Some think that watching MTV is a trifling experience.		
	Derivatives >>	trifle, trifled, trifling, trifles	

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. | balm | a. | very destructive or harmful, deadly |
| _____ | 2. | blasphemous | b. | very ugly, offensive, shocking |
| _____ | 3. | cherubic | c. | lack of moderation in drinking alcohol |
| _____ | 4. | desolate | d. | deserted, without inhabitants, barren |
| _____ | 5. | equivocate | e. | not significant, frivolous |
| _____ | 6. | hideous | f. | to attempt to lie, to mislead, or to hide the truth |
| _____ | 7. | intemperance | g. | irreverent, profane |
| _____ | 8. | pernicious | h. | a soothing substance or one that gives relief |
| _____ | 9. | resolute | i. | characterized by a decided purpose |
| _____ | 10. | trifling | j. | innocent, wholesome, angelic |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|-------------|----|---|
| _____ | 1. | augury | a. | a source of harm or destruction; harmful, destructive |
| _____ | 2. | baneful | b. | exercising self-control |
| _____ | 3. | combustible | c. | to praise, to extol |
| _____ | 4. | confound | d. | to cause one to become confused |
| _____ | 5. | daunt | e. | to intimidate, to dismay |
| _____ | 6. | laud | f. | to call together, to send for or to request to appear |
| _____ | 7. | rend | g. | to tear violently, to split |
| _____ | 8. | searing | h. | capable of burning |
| _____ | 9. | summon | i. | causing to wither or to dry up or to become scorched |
| _____ | 10. | temperate | j. | an omen or prophecy |

Sentence Completion Test

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balm	blasphemous	cherubic	desolate	equivocate
hideous	intemperance	pernicious	resolute	trifling

1. The doctor expected a quick disappearance of the rash after he applied the _____ to the affected area.
2. The witness was _____ in his denial of guilt, firmly and decidedly denying any involvement in the crime.
3. As the man ran from the building, the police chased him into a _____ alley that was empty except for one trash can.
4. The _____ expression on the child's angelic face revealed to everyone her sweet nature.
5. The book was unjustly censured for containing what some people thought to be _____ remarks about the church.
6. Jeff was guilty of great _____, frequently drinking to excess.
7. Some teachers regard watching videos a _____ waste of time; they think I should avoid such frivolous pastimes and do more studying.
8. Witnesses are encouraged to tell the truth and not to attempt to _____; telling lies on the witness stand is punishable.
9. The king revoked the _____ law passed by Parliament because he realized the harm that it could cause.
10. The accident left the girl with a _____, ugly scar on the back of her neck.

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augury

blanching

laud

mortified

palatable

petty

rend

summon

surfeited

temperate

11. The food set before us was not _____; it certainly was not acceptable to my taste.
12. Card reading is an _____ by which people attempt to make prophecies about the future.
13. Although _____ with regard to food and drink, Joe had no self control when he gambled.
14. The starving boys were finally able to eat until they were _____.
15. I disliked the man so much that even his _____, insignificant faults annoyed me greatly.
16. The woman was hesitant to _____ her husband to the meeting because she knew that his hostile attitude was likely to cause much turmoil in the family.
17. Deeply ashamed of the unadorned house in which I lived, I was _____ to have him come into my home.
18. To give praise to mental laziness is difficult for me, but to _____ students with quick minds is a pleasure.
19. _____ will remove the color from the skin of vegetables, while keeping the taste in tact.
20. The warrior began to _____ the beast, cutting it into small pieces with his sword.