

Lesson 22

Definitions

11th Grade



1.	abstemious	ab STEM ee us	sparing (usually in eating or drinking); temperate
	Synonyms >>		
	A person who is abstemious in his alcohol intake might not be welcome by that wild fraternity.		
	Derivatives >>	abstemiously, abstemiousness, abstention, abstentious	
2.	admonish	ad MAH nish	to caution, to advise, or to counsel against something
	Synonyms >>	warn, rebuke, censure, notify, jog, apprise, reprove, scold	
	The teacher admonished him about excessively loud noise.		
	Derivatives >>	admonisher, admonishingly, admonishment, admonition, admonished	
3.	incessant	in SES unt	uninterrupted
	Synonyms >>	constant, perennial, perpetual, unremitting	
	The dog's incessant barking caused the man to have difficulty falling asleep.		
	Derivatives >>	incessancy, incessantly, incessantness, incession	
4.	kindle	KIN dul	to start a fire, to stir up
	Synonyms >>		
	The boys were taught to kindle a fire.		
	Derivatives >>	kindled, kindling, kindles	
5.	pliable	PLY uh bul	easily manipulated or able to be bent freely without breaking
	Synonyms >>	pliant, ductile, malleable	
	The diplomat's instructions from his country left him no room to be pliable. He could make no compromises.		
	Derivatives >>	pliability, pliableness, plially, pliant, pliancy, pliantness, pliantly	
6.	rue	ROO	to be sorry for, to regret
	Synonyms >>		
	He will rue the day that he tangles with me.		
	Derivatives >>	rueful, ruefully, ruefulness, rues	
7.	sluggard	SLUG urd	a person who is lazy
	Synonyms >>		
	Let's fire him. Not only is he slovenly, but he is also a sluggard.		
	Derivatives >>	sluggardly, sluggardness	
8.	stealthy	STEL the	acting in a secret and sneaky way--this is a negative term
	Synonyms >>	clandestine, covert, furtive, surreptitious, underhanded	
	The secret organization moves by stealth to gather information on its enemies.		
	Derivatives >>	stealthyful, stealthfully, stealthily, stealthiness, stealth	
9.	succinct	suk SINGKT	brief, compact
	Synonyms >>	compendious, concise, laconic, pithy, summary, terse	
	Because her comments were succinct and to the point the ceremony was brief.		
	Derivatives >>	succinctly, succinctness	
10.	voluminous	vuh LOO muh nus	marked by great volume or size
	Synonyms >>		
	There are voluminous writings about most of our presidents.		
	Derivatives >>	voluminosity, voluminosly, voluminosness	

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. | abstemious | a. | sparing (usually in eating or drinking); temperate |
| _____ | 2. | admonish | b. | brief, compact |
| _____ | 3. | incessant | c. | to be sorry for, to regret |
| _____ | 4. | kindle | d. | a person who is lazy |
| _____ | 5. | pliable | e. | to start a fire, to stir up |
| _____ | 6. | rue | f. | easily manipulated ; able to be bent freely without breaking |
| _____ | 7. | sluggard | g. | uninterrupted |
| _____ | 8. | stealthy | h. | acting in a secret and sneaky way--this is a negative term |
| _____ | 9. | succinct | i. | to caution, to advise, or to counsel against something |
| _____ | 10. | voluminous | j. | marked by great volume or size |

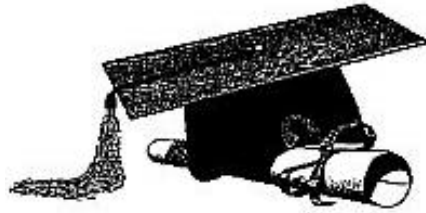
Exercise B

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|-------|-----|-------------|----|------------------------------------------------|
| _____ | 1. | augment | a. | the state of being self-satisfied |
| _____ | 2. | beguile | b. | diminishment, reduction |
| _____ | 3. | complacency | c. | uninterrupted |
| _____ | 4. | desiccate | d. | to make greater or to supplement |
| _____ | 5. | diminution | e. | to reject or to refuse with hostility |
| _____ | 6. | elicit | f. | to deceive, to mislead, to persuade with charm |
| _____ | 7. | harbingers | g. | to bring out a response, to evoke |
| _____ | 8. | incessant | h. | to express by speaking |
| _____ | 9. | spurn | i. | to dry up |
| _____ | 10. | utter | j. | things that precede and forecast |

Sentence Completion Test

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abstemious	admonish	pliable	quell	rectify
rue	sluggard	stealthy	succinct	voluminous

1. It was difficult to get him to work seriously on the job; he was such a _____ that all he wanted to do was sit back and rest.
2. In order to survive, a spy must be _____ and sneaky.
3. The two works were a study in contrast; the first one was short and used few words, while the second work was _____ and wordy.
4. There are many _____ materials which we could use for the project; we just need materials which can be easily bent.
5. Her paper was supposed to be short and _____; it should have been direct and to the point.
6. In order to lose weight, the woman was _____ in her consumption of fatty foods.
7. Sid's expression of _____ showed the great regret and sorrow he felt.
8. The mother began to _____ the child softly, but then her scolding became louder and louder.
9. The mayor's objective for this term is to _____ the recent outbreak of violent crime in the inner city; he was anxious to put a stop to the lawlessness he saw.
10. As soon as we realized that the dolls were not arranged in a straight line, we tried to _____ the situation by lining them up.

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beguiled	buffeted	diminution	expeditious	incessant
jollity	parsimony	perspicacious	posterity	usurp

- The _____ of scholarship funds is caused by the large number of recent applicants; only in the last few months has the money started to dwindle.
- The government expects the people to be _____ about filing their income tax returns; there is a fine for those who don't file them on time.
- The man wanted to leave more than money for his _____; he wanted to leave a love for honor and justice to his descendants.
- Only a _____ lawyer can see through the lies and deceitfulness of some witnesses.
- The circus clown made us laugh so much that he filled our whole evening with _____.
- The girl's _____ was her only defect of character; she was, indeed, the stingiest person I had ever met.
- The wind that _____ the ship like a punching bag was but a foreboding of the hurricane yet to come.
- The crowd was _____ by the magician's tricks; his sleight-of-hand was so fast that it deceived all eyes.
- The wicked queen sought to _____ the king's power and steal the throne from him.
- The child's continual, _____ complaining was not characteristic of her usual spirited and cheerful behavior.