

Lesson 25

Definitions

11th Grade



1.	arduous	AR jew us	very difficult to accomplish or to achieve, very demanding (task)
	Synonyms >>		
	Training to be a gymnast is an arduous activity.		
	Derivatives >>	arduously, arduousness	
2.	astute	uh STOOT	shrewd, perspicacious, perceptive
	Synonyms >>	sagacious	
	One must be astute to do a geometry proof.		
	Derivatives >>	astutely, astuteness	
3.	carping	KAR ping	finding fault
	Synonyms >>	captious, censorious, critical	
	My mother is always carping at me.		
	Derivatives >>	carp, carper, carpingly, carped	
4.	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	
5.	desecrate	DES uh krate	to violate the sanctity of something, to profane, to adulterate
	Synonyms >>		
	The hoodlums desecrated the cemetery by painting on the tombstones.		
	Derivatives >>	desecrater, desecration	
6.	rupture	RUP chur	to break apart, to burst
	Synonyms >>		
	The rupture of the appendix is a life-threatening situation.		
	Derivatives >>	ruptured, rupturing	
7.	solicitous	suh LIS eh tus	worried, concerned
	Synonyms >>		
	He was very solicitous about the health of his ill grandmother.		
	Derivatives >>	solicitously, solicitousness, solicitude	
8.	stolid	STOL id	showing little emotion
	Synonyms >>	apathetic, phlegmatic, stoic	
	He always has a stolid appearance at the poker table.		
	Derivatives >>	stolidly, stolidity	
9.	tempestuous	tem PES choo us	turbulent, stormy
	Synonyms >>		
	The mayoral candidates had a tempestuous debate in which they exchanged many personal accusations.		
	Derivatives >>	tempestuously, tempestuousness, tempest	
10.	untenable	un TEN uh bul	not able to be defended
	Synonyms >>		
	Taking a bribe is an untenable act for a politician.		
	Derivatives >>	untenability, untenableness	

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. | arduous | a. | showing little emotion |
| _____ | 2. | astute | b. | worried, concerned |
| _____ | 3. | carping | c. | finding fault |
| _____ | 4. | covert | d. | shrewd, perspicacious, perceptive |
| _____ | 5. | desecrate | e. | not able to be defended |
| _____ | 6. | rupture | f. | to violate the sanctity of something, to profane |
| _____ | 7. | solicitous | g. | turbulent, stormy |
| _____ | 8. | stolid | h. | to break apart, to burst |
| _____ | 9. | tempestuous | i. | secret, concealed |
| _____ | 10. | untenable | j. | very difficult to accomplish or to achieve, very demanding (task) |

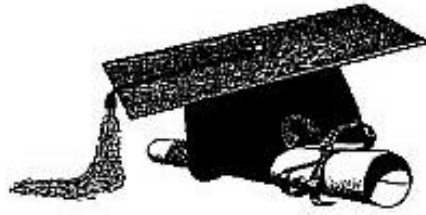
Exercise B

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|-------|-----|------------|----|--|
| _____ | 1. | accord | a. | to expel an evil spirit, to get rid of something troublesome |
| _____ | 2. | annulment | b. | to start a fire, to stir up |
| _____ | 3. | debunk | c. | to expose the falseness or hypocrisy of something |
| _____ | 4. | exorcise | d. | conforming to established standards, conventional |
| _____ | 5. | humility | e. | uninterrupted |
| _____ | 6. | incessant | f. | the quality or state of being humble in spirit |
| _____ | 7. | kindle | g. | a list of works of music that are ready for performance |
| _____ | 8. | neologism | h. | a newly coined word or phrase; new use of a word |
| _____ | 9. | orthodox | i. | a voiding, invalidation |
| _____ | 10. | repertoire | j. | agreement, state of harmony |

Sentence Completion Test

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arduous

astute

carping

covert

desecrate

rupture

solicitous

stolid

tempestuous

untenable

1. Because the man was convinced that his wife was sufficiently sorry for writing the hot check, he stopped _____ on the issue; however, he soon found fault with her in other ways.
2. Taking a bribe is an _____ act for a politician; there is simply no defense for that kind of behavior.
3. Most _____ activities involving the C.I.A. are kept secret from the American people.
4. He was a quiet, _____ man, not easily aroused or excited.
5. The shrewd detective was most _____ as he cleverly stalked the suspect.
6. When the earthquake occurred, it caused a _____ in the earth several feet wide; the hole eventually had to be filled for safety reasons.
7. Young children are taught to honor holy things; for instance, they cannot _____ the Holy Bible by drawing pictures on the pages of scripture.
8. The _____ tempers of the men caused them both to storm out of the room in anger at the slightest word.
9. It was an _____ task which was assigned to me, but as hard and difficult as it was, I finished it rather quickly.
10. The woman expressed her concern with a _____ smile.

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annulment

callous

dupe

finesse

mollify

neologisms

pliable

plight

repertoire

voluminous

11. The _____ of the musician was extremely broad and diversified; he knew hundreds of pieces.
12. My term paper was severely criticized for the many words I coined, _____ which I thought were quite extraordinary.
13. The couple decided to seek an _____ of their wedding vows; they wanted to make the marriage invalid immediately.
14. She handled the hysterical woman with a great deal of _____; she was able to calm the woman without upsetting her any further.
15. Jeremy frequently finds himself in difficult situations; his latest _____ is a love triangle.
16. There are many _____ materials which we could use for the project; we just need materials which can be easily bent.
17. The man has become _____ after so many years of hardship and pain; now he hardly has any feelings left at all.
18. The two works were a study in contrast; the first one was short and used few words, while the second work was large, _____, and wordy.
19. An apology was the only thing that would _____ and soothe her hurt feelings.
20. In some parts of the world, medicine men _____ sick people, tricking them into believing that a harmless substance is actually medicine.