

Lesson 29

Definitions

11th Grade



1.	affluent	uh FLU unt	abounding in wealth; prosperous; flowing freely
	Synonyms >>	rich, teeming	
	Because the man was so affluent, he was able to donate large sums of money to the organization.		
	Derivatives >>	affluence, affluently	
2.	antiquity	an TIK wuh tee	the quality of being ancient; ancient times
	Synonyms >>		
	Many scholars spend years studying the records left from antiquity.		
	Derivatives >>	antiquities, antiquarian	
3.	indigenous	in DIJ eh nus	native to a certain area
	Synonyms >>	aboriginal, endemic, native	
	Many types of cacti are indigenous to the southwest deserts of the United States.		
	Derivatives >>	indigenously, indigenize, indigenization	
4.	luscious	LUSH us	very pleasant to the taste
	Synonyms >>		
	The meal was absolutely luscious.		
	Derivatives >>	lusciously, lusciousness	
5.	nomadic	no MAD ik	characterized by moving about from place to place as nomads
	Synonyms >>	transient	
	The nomadic people traveled across the continent.		
	Derivatives >>	nomad, nomadism, nomadically, nomadize	
6.	parry	PAIR ee	to deflect or to ward off a blow
	Synonyms >>		
	The champion boxer won the match because he was able to parry his opponent's blows so successfully.		
	Derivatives >>	parried, parrying	
7.	precipitate	preh SIP eh tate	to cause to speedily occur, to throw headlong
	Synonyms >>		
	Coming home late at my house will always precipitate a fight.		
	Derivatives >>	precipitation, precipitancy, precipitately, precipitator, precipitous	
8.	pungent	PUN junt	sharp or irritating to the taste or smell, acrid
	Synonyms >>	piquant, poignant, racy	
	There was a pungent odor in the stockyard.		
	Derivatives >>	pungence, pungency, pungently	
9.	ratify	RAT eh fie	to give formal approval
	Synonyms >>		
	In the United States, a treaty must be ratified by two-thirds of the Senate in order to take effect.		
	Derivatives >>	ratification, ratificationist, ratifier	
10.	sagacious	suh GAY shus	wise, shrewd, very discerning
	Synonyms >>	astute, perspicacious	
	The sagacious freshman knew not to buy an elevator pass from the senior attempting a clever ruse.		
	Derivatives >>	sagaciate, sagaciously, sagaciousness, sagacity	

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. | affluent | a. | abounding in wealth; prosperous; flowing freely |
| _____ | 2. | antiquity | b. | to cause to speedily occur, to throw headlong |
| _____ | 3. | indigenous | c. | to give formal approval |
| _____ | 4. | luscious | d. | the quality of being ancient; ancient times |
| _____ | 5. | nomadic | e. | native to a certain area |
| _____ | 6. | parry | f. | to deflect or to ward off a blow |
| _____ | 7. | precipitate | g. | very pleasant to the taste |
| _____ | 8. | pungent | h. | characterized by moving about from place to place as nomads |
| _____ | 9. | ratify | i. | wise, shrewd, very discerning |
| _____ | 10. | sagacious | j. | sharp or irritating to the taste or smell, acrid |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|-------------|----|--|
| _____ | 1. | adjunct | a. | something joined to a thing but not necessarily a part of it |
| _____ | 2. | compliance | b. | appropriate for a purpose but not necessarily moral |
| _____ | 3. | diligent | c. | announced or publicized |
| _____ | 4. | expedient | d. | to become dry from heat, to shrivel from heat |
| _____ | 5. | guileless | e. | that which permits the passage of substances through pores |
| _____ | 6. | heralded | f. | a spell; a formula of words designed for a particular effect |
| _____ | 7. | incantation | g. | characterized by steady energetic effort in a pursuit or study |
| _____ | 8. | loquacious | h. | very talkative |
| _____ | 9. | parch | i. | without deceit |
| _____ | 10. | porous | j. | a yielding; acquiescence |

Sentence Completion Test

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affluent

antiquity

indigenous

luscious

nomadic

parry

precipitate

pungent

ratify

sagacious

1. These houses belong to the more _____ people of the city, people who abound in wealth.
2. The small tribe of _____ natives was moving again; they rarely stayed more than a month in one place as they moved about the country.
3. Some say the live oak is _____ only to Texas, but it is actually native to the entire Southwest.
4. The _____ aroma of the food is spicy and sharp.
5. The city's _____ was not fully realized until the archeologists ran some sophisticated tests in order to reveal just how old the remains actually were.
6. His harsh words were likely to _____ a fight between the two boys; they were both ready to throw themselves into battle.
7. The man was able to _____ the blow that might have knocked him unconscious; fortunately he was able to avoid the strike.
8. The president was willing to _____ a treaty with the country, but the formal approval would take place only after many conditions were met.
9. The dinner party was served the most _____ dessert; nothing could have been more pleasing to the taste.
10. While some young people often appear to be fools, older men use their wisdom and gain a reputation for being _____.

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censure

diligent

flout

galling

heralded

illustrious

loquacious

reconcile

sonorous

utility

11. The dark sky _____ the coming of the storm.
12. After years of _____ study, Frank saw his earnest effort pay off when he graduated from high school.
13. The man's _____ career was quickly ruined by the news of his behavior; as famous as he was, he still faced humiliation.
14. The full, rich sounds of the singer's _____ voice echoed throughout the hall.
15. The committees sought to _____ the book because of some pornographic language that it contained.
16. The couple was encouraged to _____ their differences and try to resolve their dispute.
17. The convict began to _____ the judge's authority, showing nothing but contempt for the court.
18. The hammer is considered an instrument of _____ to the carpenter; in his job, it is a useful tool.
19. The child's behavior was absolutely _____; I can't recall having been so irritated before.
20. The twins are very different from each other; while one is quiet and reserved, the other is extremely _____, the most talkative child I know.