

Lesson 3

Definitions

11th Grade



1.	abate	uh BAYT	to reduce in intensity or amount
	Synonyms >>	decrease, diminish, dwindle, ebb, lessen, reduce, wane	
	The flood waters abated after forty days of rain.		
	Derivatives >>	abatable, abater, abatement, abated, abating	
2.	abyss	uh BISS	bottomless hole, a vast expanse or depth
	Synonyms >>		
	The man had fallen into the abyss of depravity.		
	Derivatives >>	abysm, abysmal, abysmally, abyssal	
3.	expiate	EK spee ate	to atone or to make amends for a sin or a crime
	Synonyms >>		
	The judge asked him to expiate his crime by doing one hundred hours of community service.		
	Derivatives >>	expiation, expiational, expiative, expiator, expiatory	
4.	import	IM port	relative importance, significance
	Synonyms >>		
	The full import of today's events will not be realized for years.		
	Derivatives >>	importance	
5.	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	
6.	indefatigable	in deh FAT uh guh bul	tireless, incapable of being fatigued
	Synonyms >>		
	The indefatigable army moved ahead steadily over the many days without rest.		
	Derivatives >>	indefatigability, indefatigableness, indefatigably	
7.	inextricable	in EKS truh kuh bul	not able to be disentangled
	Synonyms >>		
	The kite string is in such an inextricable mess that you might as well throw it all away.		
	Derivatives >>	inextricability, inextricableness, inextricably	
8.	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	
9.	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	
10.	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, scintillescent	

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. | abate | a. | sparkling, shining, or flashing |
| _____ | 2. | abyss | b. | to reduce in intensity or amount |
| _____ | 3. | expiate | c. | relative importance, significance |
| _____ | 4. | import | d. | nonconformity, disagreement, incompatibility |
| _____ | 5. | incongruity | e. | tireless, incapable of being fatigued |
| _____ | 6. | indefatigable | f. | having a notoriously bad reputation |
| _____ | 7. | inextricable | g. | to atone or to make amends for a sin or a crime |
| _____ | 8. | infamous | h. | not able to be disentangled |
| _____ | 9. | piety | i. | bottomless hole, a vast expanse or depth |
| _____ | 10. | scintillating | j. | devotion and reverence to God |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|--------------|----|---|
| _____ | 1. | ascetic | a. | jesting or joking |
| _____ | 2. | benign | b. | beyond what is needed or required, an overflow |
| _____ | 3. | foliage | c. | not causing harm, of gentle disposition, beneficial |
| _____ | 4. | inopportune | d. | secure from violation or from being profaned |
| _____ | 5. | inviolable | e. | slow, sluggish, listless, weak |
| _____ | 6. | jocular | f. | one who leads a life of self-denial; absent of luxury |
| _____ | 7. | labyrinthine | g. | like a maze, very convoluted and intricate |
| _____ | 8. | languid | h. | leaves of a plant, leafage |
| _____ | 9. | placid | i. | peaceful, calm |
| _____ | 10. | superfluous | j. | inconvenient, poorly timed |

Sentence Completion Test

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abate	abyss	expiate	import	incongruity
indefatigable	inextricable	infamous	piety	scintillating

1. The mountain climber was cautious in order to prevent falling into the _____ below him; the hole, which seemed bottomless, was quite terrifying.
2. The pilgrims came to the religious shrine to demonstrate their great _____ and reverence.
3. He is considered an _____ traitor due to his disgraceful acts.
4. The _____ of one green sock in a drawer with white socks led to the conclusion that the green sock was there by mistake.
5. We are in an _____ position of being hopelessly entangled in these vines, and we cannot break loose without some help.
6. The _____ of the meeting could not be overemphasized; the company's future would be determined by the outcome of this important event.
7. The _____ brightness of Judy's engagement ring was noticeable to all her envious friends.
8. The candidate was _____, working tirelessly for months in order to win the election.
9. Although he felt he could never _____ his guilt, his talks with his sister convinced her that he had already atoned for his past crimes.
10. The intensity of the storm began to _____; apparently the worst part was over.

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edifice

estranged

furrows

ignominy

jocular

ominous

pallor

portent

solace

witticisms

11. The comedian's _____ were so skilled that even those people being ridiculed in his jokes laughed with him.
12. The large raindrops were a _____ of the thunderous storm about to occur.
13. The crowd gathered in front of the building to protest, but the _____ was completely surrounded by guards.
14. The famous politician's career was quickly ruined by the _____ of his spying against the United States; such disgraceful and dishonorable conduct blackens a reputation.
15. The man's death had been expected; his flesh had turned a pale color, assuming the _____ consistent with blood loss.
16. The _____ circus clown made us laugh with his antics.
17. A rising tide and increasing winds are both _____ signs of an approaching hurricane.
18. Having been separated for two years, his _____ wife finally divorced him.
19. Even though he lost his money, the man took _____ in the fact that he was well equipped to make more.
20. From the air, the deep _____ of the plowed fields appeared to be no larger than wrinkles in a sheet of paper.