

Lesson 30

Definitions

11th Grade



1.	blandishment	BLAN dish munt	flattery
	Synonyms >>		
	Due to the salesman's blandishments, the customer bought the jacket.		
	Derivatives >>	blandish, blandisher, blandished	
2.	chasten	CHAY sun	to discipline, to use punishment to correct behavior
	Synonyms >>	admonish, castigate, chastise, chide, rebuke, reproach	
	I was chastened by my mother for not cleaning up my room.		
	Derivatives >>	chastened, chastening, chastener	
3.	civility	suh VIL uh tee	polite and courteous behavior
	Synonyms >>	mannerly behavior	
	Diplomats are expected to display a great deal of civility in their interactions with one another.		
	Derivatives >>	civil, civilities, civilize, civilizatory, civilizedness	
4.	congenial	kun JEEN yul	characterized by friendly sociability
	Synonyms >>	compatible, consonant, genial, pleasant, attractive	
	The family decided to settle in the congenial little town.		
	Derivatives >>	congeniality, congenially, congenialness	
5.	deft	DEFT	skillful, adroit
	Synonyms >>	clever, cunning, dexterous, ingenious	
	He was very deft in handling the questions from the reporter.		
	Derivatives >>	deftness, deftly	
6.	slovenly	SLUV un lee	messy, untidy, careless
	Synonyms >>		
	A person with slovenly work habits will likely lose his job.		
	Derivatives >>	slovenry, slovenness, slovenliness	
7.	spiteful	SPITE ful	full of spite or malice; malicious; malevolent
	Synonyms >>	vengeful, cruel, rancorous	
	She is a spiteful child, always seeking revenge for any injury.		
	Derivatives >>	spitefully, spitefulness	
8.	tangential	tan JEN shul	slightly connected, divergent
	Synonyms >>		
	Since we are short of time, tangential remarks are not appreciated.		
	Derivatives >>	tangent, tangentially, tangently	
9.	taper	TAY pur	to decrease in thickness or width
	Synonyms >>		
	The intensity of the pain will taper off as time goes on. Some shirts are tapered at the bottom.		
	Derivatives >>	tapered, tapering	
10.	vagrant	VAY grunt	a wanderer who does not have a home
	Synonyms >>		
	There are many vagrants who sleep under freeways in urban areas.		
	Derivatives >>	vagrance, vagrancy, vagrantly	

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. | blandishment | a. | messy, untidy, careless |
| _____ | 2. | chasten | b. | polite and courteous behavior |
| _____ | 3. | civility | c. | flattery |
| _____ | 4. | congenial | d. | skillful, adroit |
| _____ | 5. | deft | e. | to discipline, to use punishment to correct behavior |
| _____ | 6. | slovenly | f. | full of spite or malice; malicious; malevolent |
| _____ | 7. | spiteful | g. | slightly connected, divergent |
| _____ | 8. | tangential | h. | characterized by friendly sociability |
| _____ | 9. | taper | i. | to decrease in thickness or width |
| _____ | 10. | vagrant | j. | a wanderer who does not have a home |

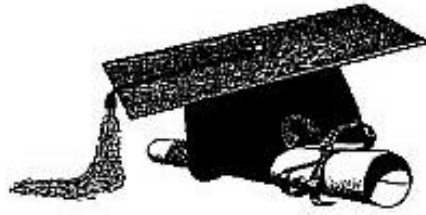
Exercise B

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| _____ | 1. | affluent | a. | usefulness |
| _____ | 2. | censure | b. | abounding in wealth; prosperous; flowing freely |
| _____ | 3. | defile | c. | native to a certain area |
| _____ | 4. | flout | d. | to blame or to condemn |
| _____ | 5. | indigenous | e. | to reestablish friendship, to resolve a dispute |
| _____ | 6. | nomadic | f. | to make dirty, to desecrate, to pollute |
| _____ | 7. | pungent | g. | characterized by moving about from place to place as nomads |
| _____ | 8. | reconcile | h. | wise, shrewd, very discerning |
| _____ | 9. | sagacious | i. | sharp or irritating to the taste or smell, acrid |
| _____ | 10. | utility | j. | to treat with contempt |

Sentence Completion Test

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blandishments	chasten	civility	congenial	deft
slovenly	spiteful	tangential	taper	vagrant

1. This city now has one more _____; the number of these homeless people is growing by leaps and bounds.
2. The man is both sociable and _____; his friendship is sought by all.
3. Even though the two people met with _____ to flatter each other, they were still mortal enemies.
4. The girl was hurt by his _____ remarks; his intent to harm her often caused him to be malicious.
5. The _____ man was dressed in rags and covered with dirt and filth.
6. It was a pleasure to meet with someone who was polite and courteous; such _____ in people is pleasing, and it creates a favorable impression.
7. With his _____ hands, the craftsman began to fashion a gorgeous piece of jewelry; he was truly skilled in his craft.
8. In order to solve this problem, he first tried a _____ solution, one that appeared to be only slightly related to the problem.
9. Jim was told to cut the wood so that it would _____, decreasing from a width of four inches to a width of two inches.
10. Since the child was so good, the mother rarely needed to _____ him for bad behavior; consequently, he was seldom scolded.

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adjunct	antiquity	belligerent	compliance	defile
indigenous	luscious	parch	precipitate	pungent

11. This company is in full _____ with all federal hiring laws; its officers are willing to support the regulations established by the government.
12. Some say the live oak is _____ only to Texas, but it is actually native to the entire Southwest.
13. The _____ aroma of the food is spicy and sharp.
14. The professor was a member of the university's _____ faculty; though she was teaching classes, she was not an official member of the staff.
15. 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.
16. The sun will _____ the fruit if you leave it out too long; then it will be dried out, and we will not be able to eat it.
17. His harsh words were likely to _____ a fight between the two boys; they were both ready to throw themselves into battle.
18. The group of delinquents began to _____ the building by writing obscene language on the walls.
19. The dinner party was served the most _____ dessert; nothing could have been more pleasing to the taste.
20. The man took the bully's _____ remarks as an open invitation to fight and immediately took the first punch.