

Lesson 31

Definitions

11th Grade



1.	dispatch	deh SPATCH	to send away with promptness or speed; speed, quickness
	Synonyms >>	haste, expediency	
	The officer dispatched his troops to the scene of conflict.		
	Derivatives >>	dispatched, dispatching, dispatches	
2.	embroil	em BROIL	to entangle, to throw into confusion or strife
	Synonyms >>		
	The senators are embroiled in an argument over raising taxes.		
	Derivatives >>	embroiled, embroiling, embroiler, embroilment, embroils	
3.	expurgate	EK spur gate	to remove obscene or objectionable material usually before publication
	Synonyms >>		
	The censors felt that certain words needed to be expurgated from the book.		
	Derivatives >>	expurgation, expurgator, expurgatorial, expurgatory	
4.	garner	GAR nur	to gather together, to store up
	Synonyms >>		
	I will need to garner all of my allies in order to win this vote.		
	Derivatives >>	garnering, garnered	
5.	heretical	huh RET eh kul	contrary to church doctrine or accepted beliefs or standards
	Synonyms >>		
	His heretical statements were offensive to many believers.		
	Derivatives >>	heretic, heretically, hereticalness, hereticate, heretication, hereticator	
6.	iconoclast	eye KON uh klast	one who attacks established beliefs or institutions
	Synonyms >>		
	The church is constantly under attack by iconoclasts.		
	Derivatives >>	iconoclasm, iconoclastic, iconoclastically	
7.	irreproachable	ear eh PRO chuh bul	faultless, not discreditable
	Synonyms >>		
	The woman's morals are so high that she is irreproachable.		
	Derivatives >>	irreproachability, irreproachableness, irreproachably	
8.	mercurial	mur KYOOR ee ul	changing unpredictably, fickle
	Synonyms >>	capricious, inconstant, unstable	
	Due to his mercurial temperament, employees always approached him carefully, unsure of what his mood would be.		
	Derivatives >>	mercuriality, mercurially	
9.	nuance	NOO awns	a subtle distinction or difference
	Synonyms >>		
	The nuance of flavor cannot be described adequately.		
	Derivatives >>	nuances, nuanced, nuancing	
10.	pious	PIE us	marked by showing zealous devotion to the rites of religion
	Synonyms >>		
	He engages in many pious practices such as attending mass.		
	Derivatives >>	devout	

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. | dispatch | a. | changing unpredictably, fickle |
| _____ | 2. | embroil | b. | marked by showing zealous devotion to the rites of religion |
| _____ | 3. | expurgate | c. | contrary to church doctrine or accepted beliefs or standards |
| _____ | 4. | garner | d. | to gather together, to store up |
| _____ | 5. | heretical | e. | to remove objectionable material usually before publication |
| _____ | 6. | iconoclast | f. | one who attacks established beliefs or institutions |
| _____ | 7. | irreproachable | g. | a subtle distinction or difference |
| _____ | 8. | mercurial | h. | to send away with promptness or speed; speed, quickness |
| _____ | 9. | nuance | i. | to entangle, to throw into confusion or strife |
| _____ | 10. | pious | j. | faultless, not discreditable |

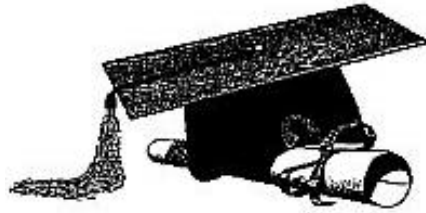
Exercise B

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|-------|-----|--------------|----|---|
| _____ | 1. | belligerent | a. | waging war; inclined to or exhibiting assertiveness |
| _____ | 2. | blandishment | b. | messy, untidy, careless |
| _____ | 3. | congenial | c. | to cause to speedily occur, to throw headlong |
| _____ | 4. | galling | d. | flattery |
| _____ | 5. | luscious | e. | very irritating |
| _____ | 6. | parry | f. | full of spite or malice; malicious; malevolent |
| _____ | 7. | precipitate | g. | to deflect or to ward off a blow |
| _____ | 8. | slovenly | h. | characterized by friendly sociability |
| _____ | 9. | spiteful | i. | very pleasant to the taste |
| _____ | 10. | vagrant | j. | a wanderer who does not have a home |

Sentence Completion Test

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dispatch	embroiled	expurgate	garner	heretical
iconoclast	irreproachable	mercurial	nuance	pious

1. The _____ of flavor cannot be described adequately; the distinction is so subtle that it eludes description.
2. The woman's _____ moods annoyed her husband, who, unlike her, was so stable that he seemed almost static at times.
3. The priest's statements were considered _____ by many members of the church; what he was saying was totally against established doctrine.
4. The standards of that woman are so high that she is _____ and is practically faultless.
5. Some people are annoyed by his _____ attitude, but he is simply devoted to his religion and does not really intend to offend anyone with his zeal.
6. The young social worker was an _____ who attacked the institutions of government and finance with equal fervor.
7. The senators were _____ in an argument; because both men refused to change their opinions, they were involved for several hours.
8. Because I will need to _____ all of my money in order to buy that house, I should start saving now.
9. Editors often try to _____ objectionable material in stories before they go to the publisher.
10. The king vowed to promptly _____ his trusty messenger on a secret errand.

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blandishments	chasten	civility	expedient	incantation
nomadic	parry	ratify	tangential	taper

- Without the recital of the _____, the black magic was useless.
- You might find it _____ to devote two hours each night to study if you intend to raise your scores very much.
- The small tribe of _____ natives was moving again; they rarely stayed more than a month in one place as they moved about the country.
- Even though the two people met with _____ to flatter each other, they were still mortal enemies.
- It was a pleasure to meet with someone who was polite and courteous; such _____ in people is pleasing, and it creates a favorable impression.
- In order to solve this problem, he first tried a _____ solution, one that appeared to be only slightly related to the problem.
- Jim was told to cut the wood so that it would _____, decreasing from a width of four inches to a width of two inches.
- The man was able to _____ the blow that might have knocked him unconscious; fortunately he was able to avoid the strike.
- Since the child was so good, the mother rarely needed to _____ him for bad behavior; consequently, he was seldom scolded.
- The president was willing to _____ a treaty with the country, but the formal approval would take place only after many conditions were met.