

Lesson 33

Definitions

11th Grade



1.	alloy	AL oh ee	a substance that is a mixture of metals
	Synonyms >>		
	This alloy is less expensive than pure gold since it is composed of a mixture of metals.		
	Derivatives >>	alloyed, alloying, alloyage	
2.	altercation	al ter KAY shun	a heated or angry dispute; noisy argument or controversy
	Synonyms >>	quarrel, contention	
	We were not surprised at the altercation of the two enemies; they often fought in public.		
	Derivatives >>	altercate, altercated, altercating	
3.	corrugated	KOR uh gay ted	bent into folds
	Synonyms >>		
	A corrugated box absorbs shock and helps to protect its contents.		
	Derivatives >>	corrugate, corrugating	
4.	deleterious	del eh TEER ee us	harmful; dangerous; injurious
	Synonyms >>	baneful, detrimental, noxious, pernicious	
	Some chemicals have deleterious effects on those who must handle them.		
	Derivatives >>	deleterly, deleteriously, deleteriousness	
5.	emend	eh MEND	to correct (usually by a critic)
	Synonyms >>		
	The newspaper had to emend the incorrect statement printed in the paper.		
	Derivatives >>	emendable, emendate, emendation, emendator, emendatory, emends, emending, emended	
6.	fetter	FET ur	to restrict by shackling or chaining
	Synonyms >>		
	The convict was fettered to prevent his escape.		
	Derivatives >>	fettered, fettering	
7.	heterogeneity	het uh ro je NEE eh tee	state of being dissimilar, composition from unlike elements
	Synonyms >>	disparateness, dissimilarity	
	Coming from many countries and cultures, students in my class are an example of heterogeneity.		
	Derivatives >>	heterogeneous, heterogenesis, heterogeneously, heterogeneity	
8.	peruse	puh ROOZ	to read or to examine
	Synonyms >>		
	My lawyer says he has not had time to peruse the contract.		
	Derivatives >>	perusal, perusable, perused, perusing	
9.	prodigy	PROD eh jee	one with exceptional talents or powers; an extraordinary accomplishment
	Synonyms >>		
	Mozart was considered a child prodigy since he had great musical talents at a very early age.		
	Derivatives >>	prodigies	
10.	rebuff	reh BUFF	to snub or to refuse bluntly
	Synonyms >>		
	The woman was not afraid to rebuff the man's inappropriate advances toward her.		
	Derivatives >>	rebuffed, rebuffing, rebuffs	

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. | alloy | a. | bent into folds |
| _____ 2. | altercation | b. | state of being dissimilar, composition from unlike elements |
| _____ 3. | corrugated | c. | one with exceptional talents; an extraordinary accomplishment |
| _____ 4. | deleterious | d. | to read or to examine |
| _____ 5. | emend | e. | harmful; dangerous; injurious |
| _____ 6. | fetter | f. | to restrict by shackling or chaining |
| _____ 7. | heterogeneity | g. | to correct (usually by a critic) |
| _____ 8. | peruse | h. | to snub or to refuse bluntly |
| _____ 9. | prodigy | i. | a substance that is a mixture of metals |
| _____ 10. | rebuff | j. | a heated or angry dispute; noisy argument or controversy |

Exercise B

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| _____ 1. | archipelago | a. | awkward |
| _____ 2. | buffoon | b. | to discipline, to use punishment to correct behavior |
| _____ 3. | chasten | c. | to gather together, to store up |
| _____ 4. | embroil | d. | disgusting, offensive |
| _____ 5. | garner | e. | a clown, a silly or stupid person |
| _____ 6. | iconoclast | f. | one who attacks established beliefs or institutions |
| _____ 7. | repugnant | g. | to decrease in thickness or width |
| _____ 8. | satiric | h. | characteristic of literature ridiculing vice or folly |
| _____ 9. | taper | i. | a group of islands |
| _____ 10. | ungainly | j. | to entangle, to throw into confusion or strife |

Sentence Completion Test

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alloy	altercation	corrugated	deleterious	emend
fetter	heterogeneity	peruse	prodigy	rebuffed

1. I was shocked to see the couple arguing like that; if they wanted an _____, they should have it at home behind closed doors.
2. An _____ is more than a combination of two metals; an aggregate implies that two or more elements are mixed together, but it does not suggest that the resulting metal will have properties different from each constituent.
3. The old farmhouse had a rusty, _____ tin roof; the folds of metal undulated across the eaves of the house like rhythmic waves.
4. Some foods have a _____ effect on me; I am particularly allergic to tomatoes, and I become quite ill whenever I eat them.
5. The child _____ was an amazing individual; not only did he have exceptional talent, but he was also versatile in many fields.
6. Our schools are known for their _____ since we have students from all parts of the world, not just those born in America.
7. It was necessary to _____ the play when we noticed the objectionable material; it was not difficult, however, to correct it.
8. The student had not had time to _____ the text, and merely glancing over it was not enough to learn the material.
9. The jailer began to _____ the prisoner to the wall, placing chains around his wrist and shackling him to the structure.
10. Although I was bluntly _____ by the man, I took his refusal with good humor.

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boon	chicanery	deft	embroiled	heretical
irreproachable	raucous	repugnant	sporadic	vagrant

11. This city now has one more _____; the number of these homeless people is growing by leaps and bounds.
12. The priest's statements were considered _____ by many members of the church; what he was saying was totally against established doctrine.
13. His _____ behavior is so disgusting that I cannot stand to be around him.
14. The standards of that woman are so high that she is _____ and is practically faultless.
15. Hiring that extraordinary young man has been a _____ for our company; we are suddenly experiencing growth and prosperity.
16. My little brother is loud and boisterous at home, but his _____ behavior is not tolerated at school.
17. My interest in school is _____; it occurs just before each grading period ends.
18. With his _____ hands, the craftsman began to fashion a gorgeous piece of jewelry; he was truly skilled in his craft.
19. The senators were _____ in an argument; because both men refused to change their opinions, they were involved for several hours.
20. Some unethical lawyers try to use _____ to confuse witnesses in their testimonies so that they can be tricked into saying something incriminating.