

Lesson 34

Definitions

11th Grade



1.	blighted	BLIE ted	destroyed or caused by decline or decay
	Synonyms >>		
	The blighted fruit had to be separated from the rest.		
	Derivatives >>	blight	
2.	charismatic	care iz MAT ic	having special qualities or powers that are used for healing or prophecy
	Synonyms >>		
	Many charismatic religions believe in faith healing.		
	Derivatives >>	charisma, charism	
3.	chary	SHAR ee	careful, cautious
	Synonyms >>	circumspect, wary	
	He is chary when he meets a new person.		
	Derivatives >>	charier, chariest	
4.	convoke	kun VOKE	to summon or to call together
	Synonyms >>	convene, muster	
	The meeting of the board was convoked to discuss the chairman's resignation.		
	Derivatives >>	convocation, convoke, convoker	
5.	despicable	des PIK uh bul	very bad, contemptible
	Synonyms >>	pitiable, scurvy	
	Acting like a bully is despicable.		
	Derivatives >>	despicability, despicableness, despicably	
6.	embed	em BED	to enclose firmly in some mass
	Synonyms >>		
	The fossil has been embedded in the rock for millions of years.		
	Derivatives >>	embedment	
7.	embolden	em BOL dun	to encourage one to be bold or to have courage
	Synonyms >>		
	The general tried to embolden his men before battle.		
	Derivatives >>	emboldened, emboldening, emboldens	
8.	florid	FLOR id	flowery, flushed with color
	Synonyms >>		
	His face becomes florid when he gets angry.		
	Derivatives >>	floridity, floridly, floridness	
9.	hiatus	high ATE us	gap, pause, interruption in time
	Synonyms >>		
	Our vacation will be a short hiatus from our work.		
	Derivatives >>	hiatuses	
10.	incurious	in KYOOR ee us	uninterested, lacking normal curiosity
	Synonyms >>		
	I was surprised at his incurious reaction when I told him that the prom queen was interested in him.		
	Derivatives >>	incuriosity, incuriously, incuriousness	

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. | blighted | a. | very bad, contemptible |
| _____ | 2. | charismatic | b. | careful, cautious |
| _____ | 3. | chary | c. | flowery, flushed with color |
| _____ | 4. | convoke | d. | uninterested, lacking normal curiosity |
| _____ | 5. | despicable | e. | having special powers used for healing or prophecy |
| _____ | 6. | embed | f. | gap, pause, interruption in time |
| _____ | 7. | embolden | g. | destroyed or caused by decline or decay |
| _____ | 8. | florid | h. | to enclose firmly in some mass |
| _____ | 9. | hiatus | i. | to encourage one to be bold or to have courage |
| _____ | 10. | incurious | j. | to summon or to call together |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|-------------|----|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| _____ | 1. | alloy | a. | bent into folds |
| _____ | 2. | altercation | b. | favorable; a blessing, a benefit |
| _____ | 3. | boon | c. | one with exceptional talents or powers |
| _____ | 4. | corrugated | d. | harmful; dangerous; injurious |
| _____ | 5. | deleterious | e. | to remove objectionable material usually before publication |
| _____ | 6. | dispatch | f. | to send away with promptness or speed; speed, quickness |
| _____ | 7. | expurgate | g. | loud and boisterous, harsh, disorderly |
| _____ | 8. | prodigy | h. | a substance that is a mixture of metals |
| _____ | 9. | raucous | i. | a heated or angry dispute; noisy argument or controversy |
| _____ | 10. | sporadic | j. | occasionally occurring |

Sentence Completion Test

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blighted	charismatic	chary	convoke	despicable
embedded	emboldened	florid	hiatus	incurious

1. In all his endeavors he is _____, sometimes cautious to an extreme.
2. It seemed that all the plants had been _____ with disease and were dying.
3. After running in the marathon, the runner's face was _____; it was several minutes before the flushed coloring left.
4. The people were confused by the _____; the temporary pause in action caused much disorientation.
5. Faith healing is an accepted practice in many _____ religions.
6. The coin was securely _____ in the stone; to remove it we had to use a chisel.
7. The once cowardly jackels now had the courage of lions, having been _____ by the smell of food.
8. The family decided to _____ a meeting after her death, coming together to discuss the will.
9. Even people who were interested became _____ after five minutes of his boring lecture.
10. The child was chastened for his bad behavior; his _____ acts of defacing property had to be addressed.

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alloy	altercation	buffoon	emend	heterogeneity
iconoclast	mercurial	rebuffed	satiric	ungainly

11. The audience laughed at the antics of the _____; like most other clowns, he, too, elicited much laughter.
12. I was shocked to see the couple arguing like that; if they wanted an _____, they should have it at home behind closed doors.
13. 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.
14. The _____ young horse wobbled about as he tried to stand; even when he finally made it, he was so awkward that he was laughable.
15. The woman's _____ moods annoyed her husband, who, unlike her, was so stable that he seemed almost static at times.
16. The actor's sarcastic monologue ridiculed all of the political candidates; however, none of them seemed to take offense at the _____ comments.
17. The young social worker was an _____ who attacked the institutions of government and finance with equal fervor.
18. Our schools are known for their _____ since we have students from all parts of the world, not just those born in America.
19. It was necessary to _____ the play when we noticed the objectionable material; it was not difficult, however, to correct it.
20. Although I was bluntly _____ by the man, I took his refusal with good humor.