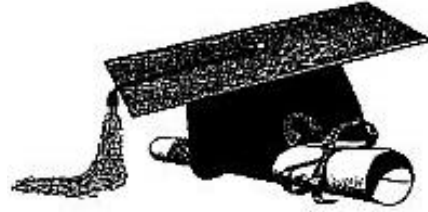


Lesson 6

Definitions

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1.	abstruse	ab STRUSE	difficult to understand, recondite, concealed
	Synonyms >>	complex, complicated, intricate, knotty	
	Some concepts of Einstein were so abstruse that many physicists could not understand them.		
	Derivatives >>	abstrusely, abstruseness	
2.	alchemist	AL kuh mist	one who practices medieval chemistry or tries to change metals into gold
	Synonyms >>		
	The alchemist wanted to change iron into gold.		
	Derivatives >>	alchemistic, alchemical, alchemize, alchemy, alchemic, alchemical, alchemically	
3.	amenable	uh MEN uh bul	open to or willing to follow advice or suggestion, tractable, malleable
	Synonyms >>	docile, obedient	
	Since I like him and usually agree with him, I am always amenable to listening to his ideas.		
	Derivatives >>	amenability, amenableness, amenably	
4.	effervescent	ef ur VES unt	showing high spirits
	Synonyms >>		
	She put me in a good mood because she was always so effervescent.		
	Derivatives >>	effervesce, effervescence, effervescently, effervescingly, effervescible	
5.	gentility	jen TIL eh tee	state of refinement, member of the upper class or gentry
	Synonyms >>		
	Southern gentlemen were proud of their gentility.		
	Derivatives >>	gentilities	
6.	portal	PORE tul	a doorway (especially a large one)
	Synonyms >>		
	She stood for a moment in the portal before stepping into the room.		
	Derivatives >>	portaled, portals	
7.	precipice	PRES uh pis	a very steep cliff or mass of rock, the brink of something dangerous
	Synonyms >>		
	Some mountain climbers enjoy climbing a steep precipice.		
	Derivatives >>	precipices	
8.	primeval	pry MEE vul	ancient, relating to the earliest ages
	Synonyms >>		
	The archeologist discovered a primeval urn that dated to 600 B.C.		
	Derivatives >>	primevally	
9.	prolific	pro LIF ik	abundantly fruitful, marked by great productivity
	Synonyms >>	fecund, fertile	
	Since he has written a great number of books in a short period, Stephen King is known as a prolific writer.		
	Derivatives >>	proliferation, proliferate, proliferative, proliferous, proliferously	
10.	stalwart	STAL wurt	one who supports a cause with firm partisanship
	Synonyms >>	resolute , strong	
	That justice was known as a stalwart in defending 1st amendment rights.		
	Derivatives >>	stalwartyly, stalwartness	

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. | abstruse | a. | showing high spirits |
| _____ | 2. | alchemist | b. | a doorway (especially a large one) |
| _____ | 3. | amenable | c. | abundantly fruitful, marked by great productivity |
| _____ | 4. | effervescent | d. | open to or willing to follow advice; tractable |
| _____ | 5. | gentility | e. | difficult to understand, recondite, concealed |
| _____ | 6. | portal | f. | a very steep cliff; the brink of something dangerous |
| _____ | 7. | precipice | g. | state of refinement, member of the upper class |
| _____ | 8. | primeval | h. | one who supports a cause with firm partisanship |
| _____ | 9. | prolific | i. | ancient, relating to the earliest ages |
| _____ | 10. | stalwart | j. | one who practices medieval chemistry or tries to change metals into gold |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|-------------|----|--|
| _____ | 1. | abyss | a. | a lack, a scarcity |
| _____ | 2. | dearth | b. | filled to capacity, abundantly supplied |
| _____ | 3. | erudite | c. | a person who is elusive or hard to find, wandering |
| _____ | 4. | fugitive | d. | scholarly |
| _____ | 5. | malefactor | e. | devotion and reverence to God |
| _____ | 6. | palliate | f. | a criminal |
| _____ | 7. | peal | g. | to ease pain, guilt or intensity |
| _____ | 8. | piety | h. | a loud ringing (usually of bells) |
| _____ | 9. | propinquity | i. | nearness; kinship |
| _____ | 10. | replete | j. | bottomless hole, a vast expanse or depth |

Sentence Completion Test

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abstruse	alchemist	amenable	effervescence	gentility
portal	precipice	primeval	prolific	stalwart

1. She hung a wreath on the _____ of her house, so that everyone who came to her door could see it.
2. It would be rather ill-considered to jump over the edge of a mountain without knowing whether there was a ledge on the other side or a _____ extending downward thousands of feet.
3. The man was hailed as one of the most _____ writers of his time; he produced six complete novels in one year.
4. Ancient civilizations, such as that of Egypt, are _____.
5. The book was so _____ that after he had finished the first difficult chapter, he understood less than when he had begun.
6. Whichever method an _____ uses to try to turn lead into gold, he will soon learn that an amalgam of the two will never combine into the desired product.
7. The man surrounded himself with _____ bodyguards whose strength was enough to frighten away any enemies.
8. The students were _____ to listening to the unbiased and usually helpful ideas of their teacher; they enjoyed what he had to say.
9. On Christmas morning all the children bubble with _____ over the gifts, food and fun.
10. The _____ of the man was obvious from his refined accent and excellent manners; he was, indeed, a true gentleman.

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abase	calamity	dearth	fugitive	inextricable
palliate	piety	propinquity	regimen	replete

11. Because they lack adequate medical care, there is a _____ of healthy natives in the region.
12. She found life as a _____ intolerable; she always seemed to be on the run, moving from place to place trying to escape the law.
13. The routing of the highway was a _____ to the unique inn; it was disastrous to the old-world charm which had made the inn so quaint.
14. The pilgrims came to the religious shrine to demonstrate their great _____ and reverence.
15. The field is _____ with insects; it must, therefore, be sprayed if we intend to reduce the numbers of pests.
16. The neighbors were concerned because of the _____ of the nuclear plant to their homes; they feared that the nearness of the facility would in some way endanger their health.
17. We are in an _____ position of being hopelessly entangled in these vines, and we cannot break loose without some help.
18. The man was so committed to his daily _____ of exercise that he would follow his regular pattern of jogging even in the rain and snow.
19. The bitter woman deliberately set out to humiliate and _____ her husband in public
20. The man tried to _____ the woman's anger by listening to her grievances, but instead of lessening her hostility, he merely aggravated it.