

Lesson 7

Definitions

11th Grade



1.	austere	aw STEER	strict, stern; unadorned, ascetic
	Synonyms >>	severe	
	Pioneers usually led an austere existence.		
	Derivatives >>	austereness, austereity, austerity	
2.	gaunt	GAWNT	very thin, emaciated, angular
	Synonyms >>	lank, lean, rawboned, spare	
	Prisoners in World War II concentration camps became gaunt from lack of nutrition.		
	Derivatives >>	gauntly, gauntness, gaunty	
3.	odious	OH dee us	deserving hate or contempt
	Synonyms >>		
	Pornography is an odious business.		
	Derivatives >>	odiously, odiousness, odium	
4.	petulance	PECH uh luns	unreasonable touchiness or irritability
	Synonyms >>		
	Petulance is sometimes the trait of a child who is not getting his way.		
	Derivatives >>	petulant, petulancy, petulantly	
5.	revere	reh VERE	to honor, to regard with respect
	Synonyms >>	adore, venerate, worship	
	Nearly all Catholics revere the Pope.		
	Derivatives >>	reverence, reverent, reverentness, reverential, reverentially, reverentially	
6.	rotund	roe TUND	very plump, round
	Synonyms >>		
	Picture Henry the VIII if you want to visualize a rotund individual.		
	Derivatives >>	rotundity, rotundly, rotundate	
7.	tarry	TARE ee	to delay in coming or going, to linger
	Synonyms >>		
	Please do not tarry; I want you to be here on time.		
	Derivatives >>	tarriness, tarried, tarries	
8.	vicissitude	veh SIS eh tood	a passing from one thing to another, change of luck
	Synonyms >>		
	One can never get used to life's vicissitudes.		
	Derivatives >>	vicissitudinous	
9.	virtuous	VIR choo us	having excellent morals; righteous
	Synonyms >>	ethical, noble	
	One would expect nuns to be very virtuous.		
	Derivatives >>	virtuously, virtuousness, virtue	
10.	vitiated	VISH ee ate id	impaired, corrupted, or made ineffective
	Synonyms >>		
	My agreement with him was vitiated when I found that he was stealing assets.		
	Derivatives >>	vitate, vitation, vitiator	

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. | austere | a. | impaired, corrupted, or made ineffective |
| _____ | 2. | gaunt | b. | to honor, to regard with respect |
| _____ | 3. | odious | c. | a passing from one thing to another, change of luck |
| _____ | 4. | petulance | d. | having excellent morals; righteous |
| _____ | 5. | revere | e. | unreasonable touchiness or irritability |
| _____ | 6. | rotund | f. | very plump, round |
| _____ | 7. | tarry | g. | strict, stern; unadorned, ascetic |
| _____ | 8. | vicissitude | h. | to delay in coming or going, to linger |
| _____ | 9. | virtuous | i. | deserving hate or contempt |
| _____ | 10. | vitiated | j. | very thin, emaciated, angular |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|------------|----|--|
| _____ | 1. | abstruse | a. | scoffing at, mockery, ridicule |
| _____ | 2. | derision | b. | abundantly fruitful, marked by great productivity |
| _____ | 3. | esoteric | c. | a very steep cliff, the brink of something dangerous |
| _____ | 4. | exigent | d. | urgent, requiring immediate attention |
| _____ | 5. | foreboding | e. | understood only by a small group or a select few |
| _____ | 6. | portal | f. | difficult to understand, recondite, concealed |
| _____ | 7. | precipice | g. | ancient, relating to the earliest ages |
| _____ | 8. | primeval | h. | premonition of evil, an ominous omen |
| _____ | 9. | prolific | i. | the regular process or system of doing something |
| _____ | 10. | regimen | j. | a doorway (especially a large one) |

Sentence Completion Test

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austere

gaunt

odious

petulance

revere

rotund

tarry

vicissitudes

virtuous

vitiated

1. One mark of maturity is accepting life's _____; not everyone is able to accept changing situations very gracefully.
2. The evangelist expressed his contempt for the _____ pornography business in this country.
3. The man loved the _____ woman for her purity, honesty and integrity.
4. Too many regulations have _____ the school district, making it ineffective as an organization.
5. The _____ life of a monk does not provide for luxury items.
6. The woman did not _____ in the park; she stayed only five minutes before she left.
7. In a society of increasing lawlessness, it seems that young children have not been taught to _____ authority and law.
8. Because of her _____ and irritability, the young girl was not always pleasant to be around.
9. The old man had gained so much weight that he was _____, somewhat resembling a round, pudgy ball.
10. The imprisoned people lived close to starvation with bones showing through the skin of their _____ bodies.

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ascend	effervescence	ethereal	foreboding	gentility
malefactor	plaintive	portal	precipice	primeval

11. Though a criminal for most of his life, the _____ had a sudden change of heart and was working to redeem himself in the hearts of his earlier victims.
12. She hung a wreath on the _____ of her house, so that everyone who came to her door could see it.
13. 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.
14. Ancient civilizations, such as that of Egypt, are _____.
15. We marveled at the _____ quality of the scene; it looked so heavenly that we never wanted to leave.
16. The widow's _____ cries revealed her sorrow at her husband's death.
17. The ominous dark clouds above created a _____ of dangerous events about to occur.
18. On Christmas morning all the children bubble with _____ over the gifts, food and fun.
19. The _____ of the man was obvious from his refined accent and excellent manners; he was, indeed, a true gentleman.
20. The skillful mountain climbers were not afraid to _____ the towering cliff which hovered above them.