

# Lesson 10

## Definitions

12<sup>th</sup> Grade



1.	<b>dearth</b>	DERTH	a lack, a scarcity
	Synonyms >>	paucity	
	The dearth of water in the arid country led to numerous deaths.		
	Derivatives >>	dearths	
2.	<b>dexterous</b>	DEK struss	skillful and active with the hands; manually adroit and skillful
	Synonyms >>	deft, handy	
	The machine shop advertised for a dexterous worker.		
	Derivatives >>	dexterity, dexterously, dexterousness, dextral	
3.	<b>diligent</b>	DIL eh junt	characterized by steady, attentive and energetic effort in a pursuit or
	Synonyms >>	industrious, assiduous, sedulous	
	The students in the special course were studious and diligent.		
	Derivatives >>	diligence, diligency, diligently, diligentness	
4.	<b>dirge</b>	DURJ	funeral hymn, lament
	Synonyms >>		
	The music was so morose and solemn that it sounded like a dirge.		
	Derivatives >>	dirgeful, dirges	
5.	<b>discord</b>	DIS kord	lack of agreement, tension, strife
	Synonyms >>	contention, dissension, variance	
	There is a lot of discord in the nation over the issue of abortion.		
	Derivatives >>	discordance, discordancy, discordant, discordantly, discordantness	
6.	<b>discretion</b>	deh SKRESH un	ability to act on one's own power of individual decision
	Synonyms >>		
	The judge has wide discretion in the bail that he sets.		
	Derivatives >>	discretional, discretionally, discretionary	
7.	<b>dispatch</b>	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	
8.	<b>divination</b>	div uh NAY shun	foretelling the future by means of magic
	Synonyms >>		
	The prophet was known for his accuracy in divination.		
	Derivatives >>	divinator, divinatory, divine, divination, divined	
9.	<b>dross</b>	DROSE	waste material
	Synonyms >>		
	Separating gold from the dross by hand is backbreaking labor.		
	Derivatives >>	drosser, drossy, drossier, drossiest	
10.	<b>ecstasy</b>	EK stuh see	extreme happiness
	Synonyms >>	rapture, transport	
	The music was so beautiful that it put the crowd into a state of ecstasy.		
	Derivatives >>	ecstatic, ecstasical, ecstatically	

# 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.  | dearth     | a. | a lack, a scarcity                                   |
| _____ | 2.  | dexterous  | b. | skillful and active with the hands; manually adroit  |
| _____ | 3.  | diligent   | c. | funeral hymn, lament                                 |
| _____ | 4.  | dirge      | d. | lack of agreement, tension, strife                   |
| _____ | 5.  | discord    | e. | to send away with promptness or speed; speed         |
| _____ | 6.  | discretion | f. | waste material                                       |
| _____ | 7.  | dispatch   | g. | extreme happiness                                    |
| _____ | 8.  | divination | h. | characterized by steady and energetic effort         |
| _____ | 9.  | dross      | i. | ability to act on one's power of individual decision |
| _____ | 10. | ecstasy    | j. | foretelling the future by means of magic             |

### Exercise B

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|-------|-----|-------------|----|---|
| _____ | 1.  | enmity      | a. | prevented or delayed beforehand                       |
| _____ | 2.  | entreaty    | b. | very ugly, offensive, shocking                        |
| _____ | 3.  | epitaph     | c. | a plea, an earnest request                            |
| _____ | 4.  | esteem      | d. | estimate of value; approval and respect often blended |
| _____ | 5.  | felling     | e. | patience, lenience                                    |
| _____ | 6.  | forbearance | f. | absolute hatred                                       |
| _____ | 7.  | forestalled | g. | to worry or be annoyed                                |
| _____ | 8.  | fret        | h. | cutting down or knocking down a tree; killing         |
| _____ | 9.  | hideous     | i. | to manage prudently and in a conservative manner      |
| _____ | 10. | husband     | j. | an inscription in memory of a dead person             |

# Sentence Completion Test

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dearth	dexterous	diligent	dirge	discord
discretion	dispatch	divinations	dross	ecstasy

1. Because they lack adequate medical care, there is a \_\_\_\_\_ of healthy natives in the region.
2. At the judge's \_\_\_\_\_ you are jailed or set free; he makes his own individual decisions about each case and is not easily influenced by other people.
3. After years of \_\_\_\_\_ study, Frank saw his earnest effort pay off when he graduated from high school.
4. I was in a state of \_\_\_\_\_ as we flew over the Grand Canyon; never before had I been so excited about seeing something so incredible.
5. During the days of the early settlers, many people believed that innocent girls could forecast the future; these \_\_\_\_\_ they believed to be extremely accurate.
6. It was difficult for me to listen to the \_\_\_\_\_; the funeral song upset me considerably.
7. That family is continually fighting and arguing; I have never seen such \_\_\_\_\_ among relatives.
8. The clown's \_\_\_\_\_ left hand juggled three balls while his equally skillful right hand picked the spectator's pockets.
9. The king vowed to promptly \_\_\_\_\_ his trusty messenger on a secret errand.
10. Publishers consider most manuscripts submitted to them to be pure \_\_\_\_\_, the waste material of bad writers.

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entreaty

epitaph

esteem

falling

fetter

flourish

gambol

hideous

husband

11. Contrary to the emotional \_\_\_\_\_ for help that was delivered by the last speakers, this woman's plea was rational but without sincerity.
12. Deep-seated \_\_\_\_\_ and ill will caused the man to be bitter and antagonistic; indeed, he continued to hate the woman until he died.
13. I would like to write my own \_\_\_\_\_, although I don't want it inscribed on my tombstone for a long time to come.
14. We all screamed when we saw the \_\_\_\_\_, disfigured monster appear on the movie screen. We were not expecting a horror film.
15. The man is held in highest \_\_\_\_\_ by all who know him; his friends have the utmost respect for him.
16. The teacher was stern and inflexible about not letting the student \_\_\_\_\_ about the room since his movements were a great distraction to the other students.
17. The jailer began to \_\_\_\_\_ the prisoner to the wall, placing chains around his wrist and shackling him to the structure.
18. Her business was beginning to \_\_\_\_\_ under the direction of the new manager, showing a profit for the first time in ten years.
19. The shepherd was told to \_\_\_\_\_ his herd, but he soon found that managing sheep was not as easy as he had imagined.
20. We watched the \_\_\_\_\_ of the giant tree with dismay. We did not want it to be cut down.