

Lesson 12

Definitions

12th Grade



1.	auspicious	aw SPISH us	favorable
	Synonyms >>	propitious	
	Making an "A" on the first test was an auspicious way to begin the year.		
	Derivatives >>	auspiciously, auspiciousness	
2.	baseness	BASE ness	the quality of lacking higher values
	Synonyms >>	vileness, servility, unworthiness	
	We were shocked at the criminal's baseness.		
	Derivatives >>	base, baser, basest, basely	
3.	beguile	buh GUYL	to deceive, to mislead, to persuade with charm
	Synonyms >>	delude	
	We sometimes allow ourselves to be beguiled by flatterers.		
	Derivatives >>	beguiled, beguiling, beguilement, beguiler	
4.	bestial	BES chul	brutal without reason, having the attributes of a savage
	Synonyms >>		
	The bestial traits of the man were offensive to refined ladies.		
	Derivatives >>	bestiality, bestialize, bestialized, bestializing	
5.	boisterous	BOY stir ous	rowdy, rough, and stormy
	Synonyms >>	blatant, clamorous, obstreperous, strident, vociferous	
	The boisterous child was running through the store screaming and laughing.		
	Derivatives >>	boisterousness, boisterously	
6.	bulwark	BOOL wark	a strong defense or something that defends
	Synonyms >>		
	Nuclear arms are our bulwark against invasion.		
	Derivatives >>	bulwarks	
7.	carnal	KAR nul	marked by sexuality that is often frank and unrelieved by higher
	Synonyms >>	bodily, corporeal, worldly, fleshly, sensual, crude	
	The man's carnal actions prompted his dismissal from the social gathering.		
	Derivatives >>	carnalist, carnality, carnalize	
8.	censure	SEN shur	to blame or to condemn
	Synonyms >>	denounce, reprehend, reprobate (verb)	
	The congressman was censured for taking a bribe.		
	Derivatives >>	censured, censuring, censurer, censures	
9.	chary	SHAR ee	careful, cautious
	Synonyms >>	circumspect, wary	
	He is chary when he meets a new person.		
	Derivatives >>	charier, chariest	
10.	chaste	CHASTE	morally pure
	Synonyms >>	pure, modest, decent	
	The king insisted that the woman who would become his wife be chaste.		
	Derivatives >>	chastely, chasteness, chastity	

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. | auspicious | a. | brutal without reason, having attributes of a savage |
| _____ | 2. | baseness | b. | favorable |
| _____ | 3. | beguile | c. | morally pure |
| _____ | 4. | bestial | d. | rowdy, rough, and stormy |
| _____ | 5. | boisterous | e. | the quality of lacking higher values |
| _____ | 6. | bulwark | f. | to deceive, to mislead, to persuade with charm |
| _____ | 7. | carnal | g. | to blame or to condemn |
| _____ | 8. | censure | h. | careful, cautious |
| _____ | 9. | chary | i. | a strong defense or something that defends |
| _____ | 10. | chaste | j. | marked by sexuality that is often frank and unrelieved by higher emotions |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|-------------|----|---|
| _____ | 1. | clemency | a. | leniency |
| _____ | 2. | compliance | b. | skillful with the hands; manually adroit and skillful |
| _____ | 3. | conceit | c. | excessively high opinion of one's worth or ability |
| _____ | 4. | conjecture | d. | ability to act on one's own individual decision |
| _____ | 5. | convocation | e. | a yielding; acquiescence |
| _____ | 6. | dexterous | f. | foretelling the future by means of magic |
| _____ | 7. | equivocate | g. | to praise, to glorify |
| _____ | 8. | descretion | h. | to attempt to lie, to mislead, or to hide the truth |
| _____ | 9. | extol | i. | an inference or conclusion drawn by guesswork |
| _____ | 10. | divination | j. | an assembly where there is a coming together |

Sentence Completion Test

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auspicious	baseness	beguiled	bestial	boisterous
bulwark	carnal	censure	chary	chaste

1. Germany's poor naval powers made the sea the United States' greatest _____; it became our strongest defense.
2. However sickening the _____ behavior of the savage is, most people can understand his uncivilized traits by identifying with his circumstances.
3. In all his endeavors he is _____, sometimes caution to an extreme.
4. We needed a stroke of luck. An _____ event would be a happy surprise.
5. The _____ of their relationship lies in the fact that it is strictly a _____ one, rooted only in sexuality and lacking any spiritual dimension.
6. The reputation of a _____ person is unlikely to fall into disrepute; someone who remains morally pure does not generally lose his good name.
7. The _____ child was running through the store screaming and laughing.
8. The committees sought to _____ the book because of some pornographic language that it contained.
9. The crowd was _____ by the magician. His sleight-of-hand was so fast that it deceived all eyes and brought great entertainment.

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clemency	compliance	conceit	conjecture	convocation
dexterous	dirge	discord	equivocate	extolled

10. This company is in full _____ with all federal hiring laws; its officers are willing to support the regulations established by the government.
11. The teachers were called together at the beginning of school for a _____; the general meeting was an annual event.
12. The theory which the scientist offered was only a matter of _____ and was not scientifically valid since it was based on guesswork.
13. The girl displayed much _____ as she stood in front of the mirror admiring herself.
14. Fortunately, the young boy was put only on probation; the judge treated his case with _____ and decided not to commit him to prison.
15. It was difficult for me to listen to the _____; the funeral song upset me considerably.
16. That family is continually fighting and arguing; I have never seen such _____ among relatives.
17. The clown's _____ left hand juggled three balls while his equally skillful right hand picked the spectator's pockets.
18. Witnesses are encouraged to tell the truth and not to attempt to _____; telling lies on the witness stand is punishable.
19. After her superb performance, the critics _____ her wonderful work; among the many things they praised was her sensitivity.