

Lesson 13

Definitions

12th Grade



1.	abate	uh BAYT	to reduce in intensity or amount
	Synonyms >>	decrease, diminish, dwindle, ebb, lessen, reduce, wane	
	The flood waters abated after forty days of rain.		
	Derivatives >>	abatable, abater, abatement, abated, abating	
2.	abridge	uh BRIJ	to shorten, to diminish
	Synonyms >>	abbreviate, curtail, retrench, shorten	
	Some companies publish abridged versions of novels.		
	Derivatives >>	abridgable, abridged, abridger, abridgment	
3.	adulterate	uh DUL ter ate	to make impure by adding lesser substances; to corrupt
	Synonyms >>		
	The authorities were concerned that the drugs might have been adulterated intentionally.		
	Derivatives >>	adulterator, adulterant, adulteration, adulterine, adulterous, adulterated, adulterating	
4.	afoot	uh FOOT	developing or in the process of happening
	Synonyms >>		
	The eclipse of the sun caused him to think that something bizarre was afoot.		
	Derivatives >>		
5.	aloof	uh LOOF	apart, indifferent
	Synonyms >>	detached, incurious, unconcerned	
	The woman remained aloof during the party, separating herself from everyone else.		
	Derivatives >>	aloofness	
6.	ambiguous	am BIG yew us	having more than one meaning; unclear, uncertain
	Synonyms >>	cryptic, enigmatic, equivocal, obscure	
	Finding an ambiguous test question is frustrating, since more than one answer could be correct.		
	Derivatives >>	ambiguity, ambiguously, ambiguousness	
7.	antiquity	an TIK wuh tee	the quality of being ancient; ancient times
	Synonyms >>		
	Many scholars spend years studying the records left from antiquity.		
	Derivatives >>	antiquities, antiquitarian	
8.	apprehend	a pre HEND	to seize, arrest, take into custody; to understand; become aware of
	Synonyms >>		
	Fortunately the police apprehended the man who stole my television.		
	Derivatives >>	apprehender, apprehensible, apprehensibility, apprehension	
9.	ardor	AR dur	warmth or heat of emotion; extreme force, vigor, or energy
	Synonyms >>	passion, intensity, fervor, enthusiasm, zeal	
	His ardor for the revolution cooled off during the course of the war.		
	Derivatives >>	ardour, ardors	
10.	augury	AW gyuh ree	an omen or prophecy
	Synonyms >>		
	Several auguries were revealed to Caesar before his death.		
	Derivatives >>	augur, auguries, augured	

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. | abate | a. | having more than one meaning; unclear, uncertain |
| _____ 2. | abridge | b. | apart, indifferent |
| _____ 3. | adulterate | c. | warmth or heat of emotion; extreme force or energy |
| _____ 4. | afoot | d. | developing or in the process of happening |
| _____ 5. | aloof | e. | to shorten, to diminish |
| _____ 6. | ambiguous | f. | to reduce in intensity or amount |
| _____ 7. | antiquity | g. | to make impure with lesser substances; to corrupt |
| _____ 8. | apprehend | h. | to seize, take into custody; to understand |
| _____ 9. | ardor | i. | the quality of being ancient; ancient times |
| _____ 10. | augury | j. | an omen or prophecy |

Exercise B

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| _____ 1. | auspicious | a. | brutal without reason, having attributes of a savage |
| _____ 2. | bestial | b. | to desire intensely |
| _____ 3. | bulwark | c. | favorable |
| _____ 4. | chary | d. | morally pure |
| _____ 5. | chaste | e. | pertaining to a group or community |
| _____ 6. | communal | f. | to send away with promptness or speed; quickness |
| _____ 7. | confound | g. | to cause one to become confused |
| _____ 8. | crave | h. | careful, cautious |
| _____ 9. | dispatch | i. | waste material |
| _____ 10. | dross | j. | a strong defense or something that defends |

Sentence Completion Test

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abate	abridged	adulterate	afoot	aloof
ambiguous	antiquity	apprehend	ardor	augury

1. Card reading is an _____ by which people attempt to make prophecies about the future.
2. It is a good idea to remain _____ from people who use drugs; it is safer not to be their friends.
3. As soon as the politician heard the verbal attack from his opponent, he knew a slanderous encounter was _____.
4. The professor's tests were extremely hard because of their _____ questions; one could never be sure exactly what he was asking because each question seemed to have two meanings.
5. The city's _____ was not fully realized until the archeologists ran some sophisticated tests in order to reveal just how old the remains actually were.
6. We encouraged the scientist not to _____ the substance with the additional chemicals; we preferred it in its pure form.
7. The intensity of the storm began to _____; apparently the worst part was over.
8. The thief ran through the streets knowing that the police would soon _____ him and take him into custody.
9. The _____ version of the novel was not as thorough as the longer version; it left out the entire episode of the war.
10. His _____ for the woman would never cool; he loved her more than life itself.

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auspicious	bestial	bulwark	carnal	chary
communal	confound	crave	dispatch	dross

- Germany's poor naval powers made the sea the United States' greatest _____; it became our strongest defense.
- However sickening the _____ behavior of the savage is, most people can understand his uncivilized traits by identifying with his circumstances.
- In all his endeavors he is _____, sometimes caution to an extreme.
- Meeting her friend was an _____ event. Such chance encounters often seem like a lucky day.
- The scenes in the movie were purely _____, rooted only in sexuality and lacking any spiritual dimension.
- The small group decided they wanted to live in a _____ environment to get the sense of a dedicated community.
- Calculus is so difficult that it can _____ even very intelligent people who are not easily confused.
- When the woman began to _____ strawberries, she sent her husband to the store to buy them so she could satisfy her desire.
- The king vowed to promptly _____ his trusty messenger on a secret errand.
- Publishers consider most manuscripts submitted to them to be pure _____, the waste material of bad writers.