

Lesson 14

Definitions

12th Grade



1.	molt	MOLT	to shed an outer covering such as feathers or skin periodically
	Synonyms >>		
	Feathers are everywhere since my birds are molting.		
	Derivatives >>	molts, molted, molting	
2.	pariah	puh RIE uh	an outcast
	Synonyms >>		
	He became a pariah among his friends when he admitted being a Nazi during the war.		
	Derivatives >>	pariahdom, pariahism	
3.	philanderer	feh LAN dur ur	one who engages in love affairs lightly or insincerely
	Synonyms >>		
	I asked my daughter how she could fall in love with a playboy and a philanderer.		
	Derivatives >>	philander, philandered, philandering	
4.	predisposed	pree deh SPOZD	inclined toward something in advance
	Synonyms >>		
	I believe that the judge was predisposed to freeing the man.		
	Derivatives >>	predispose, predisposition	
5.	quench	KWENCH	to extinguish, to put out; to relieve with liquid
	Synonyms >>		
	He quenched the hot coals in the barbecue pit with water.		
	Derivatives >>	quencher, quenched, quenching, quenchable, quenchedness	
6.	reprobate	REP ruh bate	to disapprove of; a person with no moral principles, a depraved
	Synonyms >>	blame, censure, condemn, denounce, reprehend	
	Some thought that the ax murderer was a reprobate who deserved to die.		
	Derivatives >>	reprobation, reprobative, reprobator, reprobatory	
7.	salutary	SAL yuh ter ee	promoting good health or beneficial effects
	Synonyms >>	salubrious, wholesome	
	Your talk has had a salutary effect on your child. His class behavior has really improved.		
	Derivatives >>	salutarily, salutariness	
8.	tenacious	teh NAY shus	persistent, holding fast to a position
	Synonyms >>	mettlesome, resolved	
	England was tenacious in its desire not to fall to the Germans.		
	Derivatives >>	tenaciously, tenaciousness, tenacity	
9.	tenuous	TEN yoo us	flimsy, barely attached
	Synonyms >>		
	His position with the law firm became tenuous when he objected to hiring women.		
	Derivatives >>	tenuously, tenuousness, tenuity	
10.	unfrock	un FROK	to deprive the right to be in a profession (usually applies to a priest)
	Synonyms >>		
	The priest was unfrocked as a result of his moral depravity.		
	Derivatives >>	unfrocked	

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. | afoot | a. | having more than one meaning; unclear, uncertain |
| _____ 2. | aloof | b. | apart, indifferent |
| _____ 3. | ambiguous | c. | developing or in the process of happening |
| _____ 4. | antiquity | d. | to ruin or destroy morally |
| _____ 5. | augury | e. | rowdy, rough, and stormy |
| _____ 6. | baseness | f. | the quality of lacking higher values |
| _____ 7. | boisterous | g. | to get around something, to outwit; to avoid |
| _____ 8. | carnal | h. | the quality of being ancient; ancient times |
| _____ 9. | circumvent | i. | an omen or prophecy |
| _____ 10. | corrupt | j. | marked by sexuality that is often frank and unrelieved by higher emotions |

Exercise B

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| _____ 1. | molt | a. | an outcast |
| _____ 2. | pariah | b. | persistent, holding fast to a position |
| _____ 3. | philanderer | c. | flimsy, barely attached |
| _____ 4. | predisposed | d. | promoting good health or beneficial effects |
| _____ 5. | quench | e. | inclined toward something in advance |
| _____ 6. | reprobate | f. | a person with no moral principles, a depraved individual |
| _____ 7. | salutary | g. | to deprive the right to be in a profession |
| _____ 8. | tenacious | h. | to extinguish, to put out; to relieve with liquid |
| _____ 9. | tenuous | i. | to shed an outer covering such as feathers or skin |
| _____ 10. | unfrock | j. | one who engages in love affairs lightly or insincerely |

Sentence Completion Test

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molt	pariah	philanderer	predisposed	quench
reprobate	salutary	tenaciously	tenuous	unfrock

1. Forced out of the community, he was considered a _____, an outcast of society.
2. Barely attached by a single thread, the button on his ragged shirt finally lost its _____ hold and fell off.
3. Having decided in advance, I am _____ to buying that new car.
4. The _____ constantly sought the love of one girl after another, not really concerned that his insincerity was obvious.
5. Holding on tightly for his life, the man _____ gripped the rocks until his rescuers arrived.
6. Your talk has had a _____ effect on the child; his class behavior has really improved.
7. The bishop has decided to _____ the priest, formally dismissing him from the priesthood.
8. The old _____ had the morals of an alley cat; in other words, he had none.
9. Because it is one of the rules of the park to extinguish all camp fires, we decided to _____ the fire with water.
10. In the spring we sometimes find the feathers of a bird that has begun to _____, but we know that in place of the feathers he has shed, new ones grow.

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afoot	aloof	ambiguous	antiquity	augury
baseness	boisterous	chaste	circumvent	corrupt

11. Card reading is an _____ by which people attempt to make prophecies about the future.
12. It is a good idea to remain _____ from people who use drugs; it is safer not to be their friends.
13. As soon as the politician heard the verbal attack from his opponent, he knew a slanderous encounter was _____.
14. 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.
15. 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.
16. The reputation of a _____ person is unlikely to fall into question; someone who remains morally pure does not generally lose his good name.
17. The people at the party were loud and unruly; we were not too pleased with the _____ group.
18. The _____ of their relationship lies in the fact that it is strictly a carnal one, rooted only in sexuality and lacking any spiritual dimension.
19. As discontent began to spread throughout the crowd, authorities tried to _____ any trouble by breaking up the group; they wanted to avoid a crisis before the situation became any more inflamed.
20. The committee was fearful that some television shows will _____ the nation's youth with sordid scenes of violence and crime.