

Lesson 15

Definitions

12th Grade



1.	convivial	kun VIV ee ul	fond of good company and of festivity
	Synonyms >>	friendly, sociable	
	He was of the convivial sort, fond of people, parties, and pleasures.		
	Derivatives >>	conviviality, convivially, convivium, convivia	
2.	dilation	die LAY shun	expansion
	Synonyms >>	amplification, distention, inflation, swelling	
	Some drugs will cause the dilation of the pupil of the eye.		
	Derivatives >>	dilate, dilated, dilatedly, dilatedness, dilative	
3.	elegiac	el uh JEE uk	mournful, expressing sorrow
	Synonyms >>		
	His elegiac poem about the war deaths moved everyone.		
	Derivatives >>	elegiacal, elegy	
4.	exculpate	EK skul pate	to clear from blame or guilt
	Synonyms >>	absolve, acquit, exonerate, vindicate	
	The governor was petitioned to exculpate the prisoner.		
	Derivatives >>	exculpation, exculpatory	
5.	fiasco	fee AS ko	a total failure and a mess
	Synonyms >>		
	The man's attempt to run the business was such a fiasco that a small fortune was lost because of his failure.		
	Derivatives >>	fiascoes, fiascos	
6.	heedless	HEED les	disregarding, thoughtless
	Synonyms >>		
	He walked on, heedless of the signs warning about the mine field.		
	Derivatives >>	heed, heeded, heeding, heeds, heedlessly, heedful, heedfully	
7.	incisive	in SIE siv	very perceptive, clear and to the point
	Synonyms >>		
	His incisive remarks swayed the crowd.		
	Derivatives >>	incisively, incisiveness	
8.	instigation	in stuh GAY shun	urging, provocation; initiation
	Synonyms >>	abetment, fomentation, incitement	
	This project would never have been attempted without his instigation.		
	Derivatives >>	instigate, instigatingly, instigative, instigator	
9.	interloper	IN tur lope ur	one who interferes in the affairs or with the rights of others
	Synonyms >>		
	As the man tried to work out his difficulties a busy-body interloper jumped in and made matters worse.		
	Derivatives >>	interlope	
10.	labyrinthine	lab uh RIN thin	like a maze, very convoluted and intricate
	Synonyms >>	mazy	
	The senator vowed to unravel the labyrinthine welfare bureaucracy.		
	Derivatives >>	labyrinth, labyrinthal, labyrinthical, labyrinthian, labyrinthic, labyrinthically	

Matching Test Lesson 15

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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. | expansion |
| _____ | 2. | adulterate | b. | mournful, expressing sorrow |
| _____ | 3. | apprehend | c. | to clear from blame or guilt |
| _____ | 4. | beguile | d. | to deceive, to mislead, to persuade with charm |
| _____ | 5. | censure | e. | to reduce in intensity or amount |
| _____ | 6. | convivial | f. | to blame or to condemn |
| _____ | 7. | dilation | g. | to make impure by adding lesser substances; to corrupt |
| _____ | 8. | elegiac | h. | to seize, arrest, take into custody; to understand |
| _____ | 9. | exculpate | i. | a total failure and a mess |
| _____ | 10. | fiasco | j. | fond of good company and of festivity |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|--------------|----|--|
| _____ | 1. | heedless | a. | an outcast |
| _____ | 2. | incisive | b. | one who interferes in the affairs of others |
| _____ | 3. | instigation | c. | disregarding, thoughtless |
| _____ | 4. | interloper | d. | urging, provocation; initiation |
| _____ | 5. | labyrinthine | e. | persistent, holding fast to a position |
| _____ | 6. | pariah | f. | flimsy, barely attached |
| _____ | 7. | philanderer | g. | inclined toward something in advance |
| _____ | 8. | predisposed | h. | very perceptive, clear and to the point |
| _____ | 9. | tenacious | i. | like a maze, very convoluted and intricate |
| _____ | 10. | tenuous | j. | one who engages in love affairs lightly or insincerely |

Sentence Completion Test

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convivial

dilation

elegiac

exculpate

fiasco

heedless

incisive

instigation

interloper

labyrinthine

1. The woman was able to be _____ and jolly even in the middle of such a _____; it was the biggest mess I've ever seen, but through it all she was friendly and sociable.
2. The soldiers were _____ about the warning they received that there might be mines in the field; because they did not pay attention, they lost three men.
3. The doctor had to wait for the _____ of the patient's eyes before he could make a thorough exam; in order to see the entire eye, the pupil had to expand.
4. The solution to the problem was not straightforward; instead, it was a _____ maze of false starts and turns.
5. The song writer tends to write _____ songs; they always deal with death or sorrow.
6. The group would have worked very well during the week except for an _____ who slowed them down; he kept trying to interfere with the actions of the others.
7. If this witness will _____ me in the crime, then the charges against me will be dropped, and I will not be blamed.
8. I look forward to your _____ of this new project; it takes special people to "get the ball rolling" and start things moving.
9. With his _____ intelligence, he is never at a loss for words; he is always clear and to the point.

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abate	adulterate	apprehend	beguiled	censure
pariah	philanderer	predisposed	tenaciously	tenuous

10. Forced out of the community, he was considered a _____, an outcast of society.
11. Barely attached by a single thread, the button on his ragged shirt finally lost its _____ hold and fell off.
12. Having decided in advance, I am _____ to buying that new car.
13. The _____ constantly sought the love of one girl after another, not really concerned that his insincerity was obvious.
14. Holding on tightly for his life, the man _____ gripped the rocks until his rescuers arrived.
15. We encouraged the scientist not to _____ the substance with the additional chemicals; we preferred it in its pure form.
16. The intensity of the storm began to _____; apparently the worst part was over.
17. The detective was ready to _____ the criminal and take him into immediate custody.
18. The committees sought to _____ the book because of some pornographic language that it contained.
19. The crowd was _____ by the magician's sleight-of-hand; he was so fast that he deceived all eyes.