

# Lesson 20

## Definitions

12<sup>th</sup> Grade



1.	<b>contest</b>	kun TEST	to compete, to attempt to disprove
	Synonyms >>		
	I contest your statement about his lack of courage.		
	Derivatives >>	contested, contesting, contests	
2.	<b>defoliate</b>	dee FOE lee ate	to deprive of leaves
	Synonyms >>		
	The chemical Agent Orange was used in Vietnam to defoliate the trees so the enemy could be found.		
	Derivatives >>	defoliant, defoliated, defoliating, defoliator	
3.	<b>effigy</b>	EF eh jee	a dummy or image of a person (usually one who is not liked)
	Synonyms >>		
	The ball team hung the opponent's mascot in effigy at the pep rally before the game.		
	Derivatives >>	effigies	
4.	<b>eon</b>	EE un, EE on	a long period of time
	Synonyms >>		
	It seems like it will be eons before I am allowed to date.		
	Derivatives >>	aeon, aeonian, eonian, aeonic, aeonial	
5.	<b>fervent</b>	FUR vent	ardent, showing great emotion, impassioned
	Synonyms >>	fervid, passionate, perfervid	
	I have a fervent love for that man.		
	Derivatives >>	fervency, fervently, ferventness, fervid, fervidly, fervidity, fervidness	
6.	<b>ingenuity</b>	in juh NOO eh tee	cleverness, inventiveness, resourcefulness
	Synonyms >>	adroitness, cunning, deftness, dexterity	
	He showed much ingenuity in his unique way of solving the problem.		
	Derivatives >>	ingenious, ingeniously, ingeniousness	
7.	<b>insidious</b>	in SID ee us	treacherous or dangerous in a secret sort of way
	Synonyms >>		
	AIDS is insidious because one can have it and transmit it before showing symptoms of the disease.		
	Derivatives >>	insidiously, insidiousness	
8.	<b>myopic</b>	my OP ik	unable to discern, unable to think clearly or objectively; shortsighted
	Synonyms >>		
	She is so myopic that she never sees all of her options.		
	Derivatives >>	myopically	
9.	<b>plethora</b>	PLETH ur uh	superabundance, excessive amount
	Synonyms >>		
	She offered a plethora of excuses for failing French, none of which were acceptable.		
	Derivatives >>	plethoric	
10.	<b>propitious</b>	pruh PISH us	favorably disposed, graciously inclined
	Synonyms >>	helpful, advantageous, benevolent, favorable, auspicious	
	America has conditions propitious to democracy.		
	Derivatives >>	propitiously, propitiousness, propitiate, propitiated, propitiatory	

# 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.  | contest      | a. | inclined to fight, to argue, or to debate        |
| _____ 2.  | defoliate    | b. | treacherous or dangerous in a secret sort of way |
| _____ 3.  | disputatious | c. | ardent, showing great emotion, impassioned       |
| _____ 4.  | effigy       | d. | cleverness, inventiveness, resourcefulness       |
| _____ 5.  | eon          | e. | dizzy  |
| _____ 6.  | fervent      | f. | a long period of time                            |
| _____ 7.  | giddy        | g. | to compete, to attempt to disprove               |
| _____ 8.  | indomitable  | h. | incapable of being conquered                     |
| _____ 9.  | ingenuity    | i. | to deprive of leaves                             |
| _____ 10. | insidious    | j. | a dummy or image of a person who is not liked    |

### Exercise B

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|-----------|----------------|----|---|
| _____ 1.  | irresolute     | a. | compared nonliterally                                     |
| _____ 2.  | metaphorically | b. | moving with or resembling a wavelike motion               |
| _____ 3.  | myopic         | c. | unable to discern, unable to think clearly, short-sighted |
| _____ 4.  | panacea        | d. | an unqualified or fake doctor, charlatan                  |
| _____ 5.  | plethora       | e. | superabundance, excessive amount                          |
| _____ 6.  | propitious     | f. | indecisive, unsure of how to proceed                      |
| _____ 7.  | quack          | g. | constantly complaining, whining                           |
| _____ 8.  | querulous      | h. | favorably disposed, graciously inclined                   |
| _____ 9.  | temperance     | i. | cure-all, remedy for all ills                             |
| _____ 10. | undulant       | j. | moderation or self-restraint in action or statement       |

# Sentence Completion Test

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contest

defoliate

effigy

eons

fervent

ingenuity

insidious

myopic

plethora

propitious

1. The football pep rally ended when the \_\_\_\_\_ of the opponent was thrown on the fire to burn; fortunately it was only a dummy that they were burning.
2. I am sure it will be \_\_\_\_\_ before I can save enough money to buy another car; I'll be dead before that much time passes.
3. The woman made a \_\_\_\_\_ plea to the government to stop the practice of polluting the country's rivers with toxic waste; her impassioned words impressed the officials.
4. The man's \_\_\_\_\_ was amazing; he had his car held together by clothes hangers and paperclips. He could solve any problem with those two items.
5. The general's \_\_\_\_\_ reception of the enemy messenger showed his favorable inclination toward a peace treaty.
6. The mother always had a \_\_\_\_\_ of advice for her daughter, but the child sometimes grew tired of the abundant suggestions.
7. I can prove that you are wrong about me, and I have a witness to help me \_\_\_\_\_ your statement.
8. Although the chemical claimed to \_\_\_\_\_ the trees, not all the leaves were completely removed.
9. The \_\_\_\_\_ work of a con man often leaves gullible people secretly tricked out of their life savings.
10. It is because of her \_\_\_\_\_ vision that she cannot get out of her predicament; she can see only one course of action.

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disputatious	giddy	indomitable	irresolute	metaphorically
panacea	quack	querulous	temperance	undulant

11. The ill man had been treated by the \_\_\_\_\_ for several months, but of course he did not get well since the so-called “doctor” had no real training or expertise.
12. Rarely speaking literally, he almost always said things that were to be interpreted \_\_\_\_\_.
13. That is the most \_\_\_\_\_ child I have ever seen; all she ever does is whine and complain.
14. The charlatan tried to persuade the gullible crowd that his medicinal potion was the \_\_\_\_\_ for all aches and pains.
15. I, too, became \_\_\_\_\_ after having been in such silly company for so long.
16. The knight was considered to be \_\_\_\_\_, but he, too, was finally defeated.
17. While the classroom is no place for \_\_\_\_\_ students, teachers may sometimes find themselves confronted with a student who enjoys arguing and creating conflict.
18. I stood \_\_\_\_\_ until I received instructions; I was so confused that I did not know where to begin.
19. We encouraged the man to use \_\_\_\_\_ in his drinking; if he could practice moderation he would not get drunk so much.
20. The field was \_\_\_\_\_ with green corn stalks that waved like the ocean as the breeze blew across them.