

# Lesson 21

## Definitions

12<sup>th</sup> Grade



1.	<b>acuity</b>	uh KEW uh tee	sharpness of perception
	Synonyms >>		
	His acuity in determining the facts made him a good judge.		
	Derivatives >>	acuities, acute, acuteness	
2.	<b>burly</b>	BUR lee	great in bodily size, sturdy; brusque
	Synonyms >>		
	When we saw the burly man appear in the door, we knew it was no time to pick a fight.		
	Derivatives >>	burlier, burliest, burly, burliness	
3.	<b>cavalier</b>	kav uh LEER	an armed horseman, a knight; treating important matters lightly
	Synonyms >>	disdainful	
	His arrogant and cavalier attitude has offended many people.		
	Derivatives >>	cavalierly	
4.	<b>chagrin</b>	shuh GRIN	vexation through humiliation, hurt pride, or disappointment
	Synonyms >>	trouble, grief	
	The chagrin the girl felt as a result of her abject poverty kept her from associating with her school peers.		
	Derivatives >>	chagrined, chagrining, chagrins	
5.	<b>coagulate</b>	ko AG yuh late	to gather together in a mass, to clot; to congeal
	Synonyms >>		
	Because blood coagulates, people do not bleed to death from small cuts.		
	Derivatives >>	coagulable, coagulant, coagulated, coagulating, coagulation, coagulative, coagulator	
6.	<b>compilation</b>	kom puh LAY shun	an accumulation of many things
	Synonyms >>	accretion	
	The book was an interesting compilation of many sources.		
	Derivatives >>	compiler, compilatory, compile, compiled, compilation, compiler	
7.	<b>supple</b>	SUP ul	easily bent, elastic, pliable
	Synonyms >>	resilient	
	Her supple bones allowed her to perform strange feats in gymnastics.		
	Derivatives >>	suppler, supplest	
8.	<b>travail</b>	truh VALE	difficult labor
	Synonyms >>		
	It took years of travail to build this business.		
	Derivatives >>	travails	
9.	<b>understate</b>	UN dur state	to show restraint or lack of emphasis
	Synonyms >>		
	I believe that you are understating the danger of nuclear energy.		
	Derivatives >>	understated, understatement	
10.	<b>vibrant</b>	VIE brunt	full of life
	Synonyms >>		
	She was a vibrant young woman before she went into a coma.		
	Derivatives >>	vibrance, vibrancy, vibrantly	

# 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.  | acuity      | a. | sharpness of perception                               |
| _____ 2.  | approbation | b. | official approval, praise, commendation               |
| _____ 3.  | burly       | c. | ardent, showing great emotion, impassioned            |
| _____ 4.  | cavalier    | d. | an armed horseman; treating important matters lightly |
| _____ 5.  | chagrin     | e. | vexation through humiliation or disappointment        |
| _____ 6.  | coagulate   | f. | a long period of time                                 |
| _____ 7.  | compilation | g. | great in bodily size, sturdy; brusque                 |
| _____ 8.  | effigy      | h. | to gather together in a mass, to clot; to congeal     |
| _____ 9.  | eon         | i. | an accumulation of many things                        |
| _____ 10. | fervent     | j. | a dummy or image of a person who is not liked         |

### Exercise B

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|-----------|------------|----|---|
| _____ 1.  | ingenuity  | a. | one who exhibits extreme or blind allegiance to a cause |
| _____ 2.  | partisan   | b. | cleverness, inventiveness, resourcefulness              |
| _____ 3.  | propitious | c. | full of life  |
| _____ 4.  | rustic     | d. | difficult labor   |
| _____ 5.  | sovereign  | e. | easily bent, elastic, pliable                           |
| _____ 6.  | supple     | f. | to show restraint or lack of emphasis                   |
| _____ 7.  | travail    | g. | favorably disposed, graciously inclined                 |
| _____ 8.  | understate | h. | relating to the country                                 |
| _____ 9.  | vibrant    | i. | possessed of controlling power                          |
| _____ 10. | viscosity  | j. | property of having a high resistance to flow            |

# Sentence Completion Test

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acuity	burly	cavalier	chagrin	coagulate
compilation	supple	travail	understate	vibrant

1. Sara was so completely absorbed in reading the \_\_\_\_\_ of accumulated stories and poems that she was late for work, much to her humiliation and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. His disdainful and uncaring attitude caused him to be described as \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The woman was having a difficult labor, but it was nothing compared to the \_\_\_\_\_ of another woman in the adjoining room.
4. The plastic rod was just \_\_\_\_\_ enough to bend the needed amount without breaking. We were fortunate to have found something so pliable.
5. All the characters in this novel are \_\_\_\_\_ and full of life.
6. I was shocked when I found the \_\_\_\_\_ man at my door; his great bodily size and brusque manner alarmed me at first.
7. The wise man saw the situation with \_\_\_\_\_; his sharp perception always added to his wisdom.
8. The doctor insisted that the blood not be allowed to \_\_\_\_\_; he did not want a blood clot forming and endangering the man's life.
9. Paul has a tendency to \_\_\_\_\_ the seriousness of the problem; he often fails to give emphasis to the importance of things.

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effigy	eons	fervent	ingenuity	partisans
propitious	protrusion	rustic	sovereign	viscosity

10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. The general's \_\_\_\_\_ reception of the enemy messenger showed his favorable inclination toward a peace treaty.
15. The revolution was instigated by a small group of \_\_\_\_\_ who exhibited extreme and blind allegiance to the cause.
16. The President possesses \_\_\_\_\_ and complete power over the executive branch of our government.
17. The \_\_\_\_\_ of honey is similar to that of molasses: both flow slowly.
18. Because I wanted to try country life, I moved to a \_\_\_\_\_ country shack with no electricity or indoor plumbing.
19. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the puppet's nose was comical since it stuck out so much.