

Lesson 22

Definitions

12th Grade



1.	abeyance	uh BAY uns	suspension of action
	Synonyms >>	dormancy, latency, quiescence	
	The meeting was held in abeyance until the chairperson arrived.		
	Derivatives >>	abeyant	
2.	luminous	LOO muh nus	shining, full of light
	Synonyms >>	bright, brilliant, lustrous	
	The most luminous thing visible from Earth is the sun.		
	Derivatives >>	luminosity, luminously, luminousness	
3.	maudlin	MOD lin	overly sentimental
	Synonyms >>	mawkish	
	The maudlin clown cried excessively over a simple popped balloon.		
	Derivatives >>	maudlinism, maudlinly, maudlinness	
4.	novice	NOV is	a beginner
	Synonyms >>	apprentice, probationer, neophyte, tyro	
	A novice in swimming should stay in the shallow end of the pool until he is more skilled.		
	Derivatives >>	novicehood, novicelike, novitiate	
5.	pique	PEEK	resentment, irritation
	Synonyms >>		
	After finding that he had been seeing other women, she showed her pique by not speaking to him.		
	Derivatives >>	piqued, piquing	
6.	propensity	pruh PEN seh tee	preference, natural inclination
	Synonyms >>	leaning, penchant, proclivity	
	I have a propensity for rising early.		
	Derivatives >>	propension, propense, propend	
7.	purse	PURS	to pucker or to tighten one's lips
	Synonyms >>		
	The angrier he got, the more he pursed his lips.		
	Derivatives >>	pursed, pursing	
8.	refute	reh FYOOT	to disprove, to show as erroneous
	Synonyms >>		
	The lawyer presented evidence that refuted the testimony of the witness.		
	Derivatives >>	refutable, refutability, refutably, refutation, refutative, refutatory, refuter	
9.	remuneration	reh myoo nuh RAY	the act of paying for a service, loss, or expense
	Synonyms >>	compensation, reimbursement	
	The man sought remuneration for his expenses from his boss.		
	Derivatives >>	remunerate, remunerative, remunerator, remuneratively, remunerativeness	
10.	soothsayer	SOOTH say ur	a person who is able to predict the future, seer
	Synonyms >>		
	After John Kennedy was shot, many self-proclaimed soothsayers claimed to have predicted the assassination.		
	Derivatives >>	soothsay, soothsaying	

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. | abeyance | a. | a beginner |
| _____ | 2. | cavalier | b. | resentment, irritation |
| _____ | 3. | compilation | c. | suspension of action |
| _____ | 4. | contaminant | d. | shining, full of light |
| _____ | 5. | contest | e. | something that causes impurity or pollution |
| _____ | 6. | defoliate | f. | an armed horseman; treating important matters lightly |
| _____ | 7. | luminous | g. | to compete, to attempt to disprove |
| _____ | 8. | maudlin | h. | an accumulation of many things |
| _____ | 9. | novice | i. | to deprive of leaves |
| _____ | 10. | pique | j. | overly sentimental |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|--------------|----|---|
| _____ | 1. | plethora | a. | preference, natural inclination |
| _____ | 2. | propensity | b. | something sticking out |
| _____ | 3. | protrusion | c. | full of life |
| _____ | 4. | purse | d. | difficult labor |
| _____ | 5. | refute | e. | easily bent, elastic, pliable |
| _____ | 6. | remuneration | f. | superabundance, excessive amount |
| _____ | 7. | soothsayer | g. | to disprove, to show as erroneous |
| _____ | 8. | supple | h. | to pucker or to tighten one's lips |
| _____ | 9. | travail | i. | the act of paying for a service, loss, or expense |
| _____ | 10. | vibrant | j. | a person who is able to predict the future, seer |

Sentence Completion Test

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abeyance	luminous	maudlin	novice	pique
propensity	purse	refute	remuneration	soothsayer

1. The girl was a _____ in the class, but even a beginner should know more than what she did.
2. The king should have listened to the _____; although the prophet foretold his future, the warning was not heeded.
3. The _____ clown made fun of emotional people by acting overly sentimental.
4. The girl has a _____ for helping others in need; her natural inclinations for serving others would be of benefit in the field of nursing.
5. After Mary heard the horrid things that Alex had said about her, she showed her _____ by not speaking to him; her irritation and resentment were obvious to everyone.
6. The _____ sky helped us to find our way in the night; it was not difficult when the evening sky was so full of light.
7. The mob was held in _____ by the man's pacifying words; the crowd seemed suspended in time as they listened to his every word.
8. Bill collectors who seek _____ from people who are reluctant to pay must be prepared to be verbally abused by their clients.
9. The professor began to _____ the theory; he disproved it by using simple math.
10. Eating the sour pickle caused him to _____ his lips into a tight pucker.

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aggregate	cavalier	compilation	contaminants	contest
defoliate	plethora	supple	travail	vibrant

11. Sara was so completely absorbed in reading the _____ of accumulated stories and poems that she was late for work, much to her humiliation and chagrin.
12. His disdainful and uncaring attitude caused him to be described as _____.
13. The woman was having a difficult labor, but it was nothing compared to the _____ of another woman in the adjoining room.
14. The plastic rod was just _____ enough to bend the needed amount without breaking. We were fortunate to have found something so pliable.
15. All the characters in this novel are _____ and full of life.
16. The mother always had a _____ of advice for her daughter, but the child sometimes grew tired of the abundant suggestions.
17. I can prove that you are wrong about me, and I have a witness to help me _____ your statement.
18. Although the chemical claimed to _____ the trees, not all the leaves were completely removed.
19. The poisonous water had many _____ in it because the factories dumped their waste products into the river.
20. We thought that if we pooled our _____ resources, we might have enough material for the project.