

# Lesson 24

## Definitions

12<sup>th</sup> Grade



1.	<b>abyss</b>	uh BISS	bottomless hole, a vast expanse or depth
	Synonyms >>		
	The man had fallen into the abyss of depravity.		
	Derivatives >>	abysm, abysmal, abysmally, abyssal	
2.	<b>prevarication</b>	preh var uh KAY shun	evasiveness, lie
	Synonyms >>	equivocation	
	Prevarication is a dangerous activity when under oath on the witness stand.		
	Derivatives >>	prevaricate, prevaricative, prevaricator, prevaricatory	
3.	<b>primordial</b>	pry MORE dee ul	original, existing at the beginning (usually relates to time)
	Synonyms >>		
	Some believe that an ape-like creature is the human's primordial ancestor.		
	Derivatives >>	primordially, primordium	
4.	<b>punctilious</b>	pungk TILL ee us	stressing precise following of instructions, details, codes or conduct
	Synonyms >>	meticulous, scrupulous	
	The boss insists that we be punctilious in following company policy.		
	Derivatives >>	punctiliously, punctiliousness	
5.	<b>remonstrate</b>	reh MON strate	to protest, to make objections
	Synonyms >>		
	I must remonstrate about the treatment of the residents of the rest home.		
	Derivatives >>	remonstrance, remonstrancer, remonstrant, remonstrantly, remonstratingly, remonstration, remonstrative	
6.	<b>rudimentary</b>	roo duh MEN tuh ree	consisting in first principles, of a primitive kind; relating to basic skills
	Synonyms >>	basic, fundamental, undeveloped, elementary	
	Second grade students have only rudimentary skills in reading.		
	Derivatives >>	rudiment, rudiments, rudimental, rudimentarily, rudimentariness, rudimentation	
7.	<b>sonnet</b>	SON it	a fourteen line form of poetry
	Synonyms >>		
	The sonnet is a favorite form of poetry with many writers.		
	Derivatives >>	sonnets	
8.	<b>tantamount</b>	TAN tuh mount	equivalent in value or significance
	Synonyms >>		
	In my father's eyes anything less than an "A" is tantamount to failure.		
	Derivatives >>		
9.	<b>turgid</b>	TUR jid	swollen
	Synonyms >>		
	The body was turgid from being in the water for so long.		
	Derivatives >>	turgidity, turgidly, turgidness	
10.	<b>vestigial</b>	veh STIJ ee ul	something in an underdeveloped form
	Synonyms >>		
	Some animals still have vestigial tails, although they are hardly noticeable.		
	Derivatives >>	vestigially	

# 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. | suspension of action                                     |
| _____ | 2.  | abyss         | b. | caustic, bitter (relates sometimes to taste and smell)   |
| _____ | 3.  | acrid         | c. | shining, full of light                                   |
| _____ | 4.  | cataclysm     | d. | evasiveness, lie   |
| _____ | 5.  | catharsis     | e. | a purification of emotions that brings spiritual renewal |
| _____ | 6.  | chagrin       | f. | vexation through humiliation or disappointment           |
| _____ | 7.  | dogma         | g. | a very large building                                    |
| _____ | 8.  | edifice       | h. | bottomless hole, a vast expanse or depth                 |
| _____ | 9.  | luminous      | i. | an situation that causes a momentous change or upheaval  |
| _____ | 10. | prevarication | j. | a system of beliefs or principles                        |

### Exercise B

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|-------|-----|--------------|----|---|
| _____ | 1.  | primordial   | a. | swollen   |
| _____ | 2.  | punctilious  | b. | consisting in first principles; relating to basic skills      |
| _____ | 3.  | remonstrate  | c. | something in an underdeveloped form                           |
| _____ | 4.  | remuneration | d. | stressing precise following of instructions or details        |
| _____ | 5.  | rudimentary  | e. | to protest, to make objections                                |
| _____ | 6.  | sonnet       | f. | to show restraint or lack of emphasis                         |
| _____ | 7.  | tantamount   | g. | equivalent in value or significance                           |
| _____ | 8.  | turgid       | h. | original, existing at the beginning (usually relates to time) |
| _____ | 9.  | understate   | i. | the act of paying for a service, loss, or expense             |
| _____ | 10. | vestigial    | j. | a fourteen line form of poetry                                |

# Sentence Completion Test

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abyss	prevarication	primordial	punctilious	remonstrate
rudimentary	sonnet	tantamount	turgid	vestigial

1. Only fourteen lines are required in a \_\_\_\_\_, but a poet often works very diligently to compose such a poem.
2. The mountain climber was cautious in order to prevent falling into the \_\_\_\_\_ below him; the hole, which seemed bottomless, was quite terrifying.
3. His wife had not mastered even the basic, \_\_\_\_\_ skills of cooking; as a matter of fact, she knew so little that she could hardly boil water.
4. The man's derogatory remarks were \_\_\_\_\_ to an insult; in the duke's mind, they were equivalent to asking him to fight, so he challenged the man to a duel.
5. He tells lies with the grace of one skilled in \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Some scientists believe that the sun, planets and stars originated from a \_\_\_\_\_ mass of gas.
7. Some scientists believe that tonsils are a \_\_\_\_\_ or underdeveloped part of the body's immune system.
8. The test administrator urged us to be \_\_\_\_\_ and to follow all of the instructions.
9. The \_\_\_\_\_ belly of the dead dog was best left alone. It was so swollen that any disturbance may cause it to burst.
10. I intend to \_\_\_\_\_ about the care of the residents in that rest home; if enough of us object to the treatment they are receiving, something may be done.

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abeyance	acid	cataclysmic	catharsis	chagrin
dogma	edifice	luminous	remuneration	understate

11. His tears acted as a \_\_\_\_\_, cleansing the emotions of the lonely man.
12. The religious \_\_\_\_\_ was upheld by members of the congregation; their beliefs were fundamental and very important to them all.
13. The crowd gathered in front of the building to protest, but the \_\_\_\_\_ was completely surrounded by guards.
14. Most Californians would prefer the minor damage associated with many mild earthquakes to the \_\_\_\_\_ destruction associated with one major upheaval.
15. The chemical became bitter and \_\_\_\_\_ when the additional substance was added to it.
16. The \_\_\_\_\_ sky helped us to find our way in the night; it was not difficult when the evening sky was so full of light.
17. The mob was held in \_\_\_\_\_ by the man's pacifying words; the crowd seemed suspended in time as they listened to his every word.
18. Bill collectors who seek \_\_\_\_\_ from people who are reluctant to pay must be prepared to be verbally abused by their clients.
19. Paul has a tendency to \_\_\_\_\_ the seriousness of the problem; he often fails to give emphasis to the importance of things.
20. Sara was so completely absorbed in reading the compilation of accumulated stories and poems that she was late for work, much to her humiliation and \_\_\_\_\_.