

Lesson 25

Definitions

12th Grade



1.	capitulate	kuh PICH uh late	to surrender
	Synonyms >>	defer, relent, submit, succumb, yield	
	The army was expected to capitulate after having lost that last battle with so many casualties.		
	Derivatives >>	capitulated, capitulating, capitulation	
2.	castigate	KAS tuh gate	to punish or to subdue by punishment; to criticize with drastic severity
	Synonyms >>	punish, chastise	
	The psychologist suggested that the father might begin to castigate his unruly son for his belligerent behavior.		
	Derivatives >>	castigated, castigating, castigates, castigation, castigator, castigatory	
3.	despondency	deh SPON dun see	depression, dejection
	Synonyms >>		
	Because he thought that he had failed the test, he felt great despondency.		
	Derivatives >>	despondent, despondence, despondently, desponding, despondingly	
4.	destitution	des teh TOO shun	state of being extremely poor, in extreme want
	Synonyms >>	impecunity, indigence, penury, want	
	We face destitution if our father loses his job.		
	Derivatives >>	destitute, destitutely, destituteness	
5.	eddy	ED ee	a current of air or water moving contrary to the main current (circularly)
	Synonyms >>	whirlpool	
	An eddy of wind picked up debris in the street and scattered it along the walks.		
	Derivatives >>	eddies, eddyings	
6.	fecund	FEE kund, FEK und	capable of reproducing, intellectual productivity
	Synonyms >>	fertile, fruitful, prolific	
	The Amazon, with abundant plant and animal life, is a fecund area.		
	Derivatives >>	fecundate, fecundation, fecundative, fecundator, fecundity	
7.	inebriation	in ee bree A shun	drunkenness, intoxication
	Synonyms >>		
	One should not drive when in a state of inebriation.		
	Derivatives >>	inebriant, inebriate, inebriated, inebriety, inebrious	
8.	inopportune	in op ur TOON	inconvenient, poorly timed
	Synonyms >>		
	Today is an inopportune time to get together since my parents are in town.		
	Derivatives >>	inopportunely, inopportuneness	
9.	inviolable	in VIE uh luh bul	secure from violation or from being profaned
	Synonyms >>		
	The numerous guards attempt to make the President inviolable.		
	Derivatives >>	inviolate, inviolability, invioableness, invioably, inviolacy, inviolateness, inviolately, inviolated, inviolating	
10.	nonchalance	non shuh LAWNS	indifference, a showing of little interest
	Synonyms >>		
	He took the news of his failing grade with nonchalance.		
	Derivatives >>	nonchalant, nonchalantly, nonchalantness	

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. abyss | a. capable of reproducing, intellectual productivity |
| _____ | 2. baleful | b. destructive, deadly |
| _____ | 3. capitulate | c. depression, dejection |
| _____ | 4. castigate | d. state of being extremely poor, in extreme want |
| _____ | 5. despondency | e. to count one by one |
| _____ | 6. destitution | f. to surrender |
| _____ | 7. eddy | g. to punish or to subdue by punishment; to criticize |
| _____ | 8. enumerate | h. to cause irritation |
| _____ | 9. fecund | i. bottomless hole, a vast expanse or depth |
| _____ | 10. grate | j. a current of air or water moving contrary to the main current (circularly) |

Exercise B

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| _____ | 1. inebriation | a. inconvenient, poorly timed |
| _____ | 2. inertia | b. secure from violation or from being profaned |
| _____ | 3. inopportune | c. resistance to motion or action |
| _____ | 4. inordinate | d. of a primitive kind; relating to basic skills |
| _____ | 5. inviolable | e. evasiveness, lie |
| _____ | 6. nonchalance | f. indifference, a showing of little interest |
| _____ | 7. prevarication | g. exceeding reasonable limits, excessive |
| _____ | 8. rudimentary | h. drunkenness, intoxication |
| _____ | 9. sonnet | i. equivalent in value or significance |
| _____ | 10. tantamount | j. a fourteen line form of poetry |

Sentence Completion Test

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capitulate	castigate	despondent	destitution	eddy
fecund	inebriation	inopportune	inviolable	nonchalance

1. A whirlwind of air rushed down the street, picking up little bits of paper and trash and swirling them in the _____ as it traveled.
2. The soil was even more _____ than before; after adding fertilizers and letting it lie fallow for two years, it was certainly the most fertile land in the area.
3. The man was in utter depression; he was _____ as a result of his recent _____, which had occurred when he lost all his money in the stock market crash.
4. The state of _____ that follows drinking too much alcohol may leave a person oblivious to his surroundings.
5. The refrigerator stopped working at the most _____ time; because I had just bought groceries, the breakdown was extremely inconvenient.
6. The lawyer was hoping the court would reduce the original sentence; unfortunately, the judge seemed totally uninterested and treated the case with _____.
7. The sanctity of the priest's position made his decisions _____, unable to be violated or profaned.
8. The substitute teacher was compelled to _____ the disorderly student, criticizing his behavior with drastic severity.
9. The general of the troops decided to _____ when he saw that he was outnumbered; he surrendered immediately.

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abyss	baleful	inertia	inordinate	prevarication
purse	refute	rudimentary	sonnet	tantamount

10. Only fourteen lines are required in a _____, but a poet often works very diligently to compose such a poem.
11. The mountain climber was cautious in order to prevent falling into the _____ below him; the hole, which seemed bottomless, was quite terrifying.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. He tells lies with the grace of one skilled in _____.
15. The _____ winds took yet another life as the tornado struck another row of houses.
16. The doctor said that my _____ consumption of food was much greater than was good for my health.
17. In order to move this object, you must first apply a force strong enough to overcome its _____, the property that makes it resistant to motion.
18. The professor began to _____ the theory; he disproved it by using simple math.
19. Eating the sour pickle caused him to _____ his lips into a tight pucker.