

Lesson 26

Definitions

12th Grade



1.	abscond	ab SKOND	to leave secretly and hide
	Synonyms >>	flee, fly	
	After the thief absconded with the bonds, he was never found.		
	Derivatives >>	absconder, absconded	
2.	comatose	KOM uh tose	lethargic, unconscious
	Synonyms >>		
	After the operation, he was in a comatose state.		
	Derivatives >>	comatosely	
3.	consolidate	kun SOL uh date	to make solid, to unite, or to merge
	Synonyms >>		
	Medical professionals need to consolidate their forces to seek a cure for the AIDS virus.		
	Derivatives >>	consolidated, consolidating, consolidator, consolidation	
4.	enfranchise	en FRAN chize	to give or to bestow something such as the right to vote or citizenship
	Synonyms >>		
	This bill will cause many young people to be enfranchised with the right to vote.		
	Derivatives >>	enfranchisement, enfranchiser	
5.	ennoble	en NOE bul	to elevate, to raise in rank
	Synonyms >>		
	The man was ennobled by his true devotion to mankind.		
	Derivatives >>	ennobled, ennoblement, ennobling, ennoblsh	
6.	unkempt	un KEMPT	disheveled in appearance
	Synonyms >>		
	When the child came to school unkempt and dirty, I became concerned.		
	Derivatives >>	unkemptly, unkemptness	
7.	vacuous	VAK yoo us	lacking content; marked by a lack of intelligence
	Synonyms >>	empty, vacant, void	
	The girl's vacuous statements labeled her as silly and immature.		
	Derivatives >>	vacuously, vacuousness	
8.	variegated	VAR ee uh gay tid	changed in appearance by using or applying different colors
	Synonyms >>		
	The variegated roses were not only beautiful, but were also extremely unusual.		
	Derivatives >>	variegate, variegation, variegator	
9.	vehement	VEE uh munt	forcefully expressing emotion or conviction
	Synonyms >>		
	He vehemently denied that he had said those harsh words.		
	Derivatives >>	vehemence, vehemency, vehemently	
10.	zealot	ZEL ot	one who embraces a cause and supports it with vigor
	Synonyms >>	enthusiast	
	The man was known as a religious zealot, as he never stopped trying to convert others to his beliefs.		
	Derivatives >>	zealotic, zealotism, zealotry, zealous, zealously	

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. | abscond | a. | capable of reproducing, intellectual productivity |
| _____ 2. | capitulate | b. | depression, dejection |
| _____ 3. | castigate | c. | lethargic, unconscious |
| _____ 4. | comatose | d. | to make solid, to unite, or to merge |
| _____ 5. | consolidate | e. | to elevate, to raise in rank |
| _____ 6. | despondency | f. | to leave secretly and hide |
| _____ 7. | eddy | g. | to give or to bestow something such as the right to vote |
| _____ 8. | enfranchise | h. | to surrender |
| _____ 9. | ennoble | i. | to subdue by punishment; to criticize with drastic severity |
| _____ 10. | fecund | j. | a current of water moving contrary to the main current |

Exercise B

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|-----------|-------------|----|---|
| _____ 1. | inebriation | a. | inconvenient, poorly timed |
| _____ 2. | inopportune | b. | something in an underdeveloped form |
| _____ 3. | primordial | c. | lacking content; marked by a lack of intelligence |
| _____ 4. | punctilious | d. | stressing precise following of instructions or conduct |
| _____ 5. | unkempt | e. | forcefully expressing emotion or conviction |
| _____ 6. | vacuous | f. | disheveled in appearance |
| _____ 7. | variegated | g. | one who embraces a cause and supports it with vigor |
| _____ 8. | vehement | h. | changed in appearance by using or applying different colors |
| _____ 9. | vestigial | i. | drunkenness, intoxication |
| _____ 10. | zealot | j. | original, existing at the beginning (usually relates to time) |

Sentence Completion Test

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abscond	comatose	consolidate	enfranchisement	ennobled
unkempt	vacuous	variegated	vehement	zealot

1. Although some found the wildflower garden beautiful, I considered it to be _____, a messy conglomeration of _____, multi-colored weeds.
2. The senator's _____ objection to the bill may stymie it in committee and block its passage into law; while others were emotional, he was the most forceful in his expression of conviction.
3. The politician's empty, _____ speech was full of pompous rhetoric, mere inflated language.
4. The _____ patient had been unconscious for almost two weeks.
5. The religious _____ was far from tepid in his beliefs; indeed, he was a vigorous supporter of the faith, condemning anyone whom he considered to be lacking in passion for it.
6. When the man made his proposal to the crowd, he was met with derision and ridicule by only a few; for the vast majority, airing his views _____ him in their minds, elevating him to the highest regard.
7. The _____ of women and minorities by giving them the right to vote is only a beginning. It is the responsibility of these groups to _____ their power into a unified base.
8. The police were close behind the criminal as he tried to _____ with the stolen money; though he tried to leave secretly and hide, the attempt was useless.

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despondent

eddy

enumerate

fecund

grate

inebriation

inopportune

primordial

punctilious

vestigial

9. A whirlwind of air rushed down the street, picking up little bits of paper and trash and swirling them in the _____ as it traveled.
10. 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.
11. The man was in utter depression; he was _____ as a result of losing all his money in the stock market crash.
12. The state of _____ that follows drinking too much alcohol may leave a person oblivious to his surroundings.
13. The refrigerator stopped working at the most _____ time; because I had just bought groceries, the breakdown was extremely inconvenient.
14. Some scientists believe that the sun, planets and stars originated from a _____ mass of gas.
15. Some scientists believe that tonsils are a _____ or underdeveloped part of the body's immune system.
16. The test administrator urged us to be _____ and to follow all of the instructions.
17. The irritating sounds of the child's screaming began to _____ on my nerves and drove me to distraction.
18. The teacher asked the student to _____ all the ways he had been helped; as the student counted the ways, another child recorded them.