

Lesson 27

Definitions

12th Grade



1.	abominable	uh BOM uh nuh bul	repugnantly hateful; very unpleasant, detestable, loathsome	
	Synonyms >>	abhorrent, horrible, revolting, foul		
	The weather was abominable last week with temperatures reaching as high as 115 degrees.			
	Derivatives >>	abominableness, abominably, abominate, abominated, abominating, abomination		
2.	invective	in VEK tiv	critical or abusive language; violent abuse	
	Synonyms >>	vituperation, obloquy, scurrility, billingsgate		
	As his anger mounted, slander and invective poured from his mouth.			
	Derivatives >>	invectively, invectives		
3.	philanthropist	feh LAN thruh pist	one who tries to do good for mankind; lover of mankind	
	Synonyms >>			
	Ross Perot is a philanthropist, donating money for many projects and causes.			
	Derivatives >>	philanthrope, philanthropic, philanthropically, philanthropism, philanthropicist, philanthropy		
4.	precursor	preh KUR sur	something that comes before, forerunner	
	Synonyms >>	harbinger, herald		
	A good education is usually a precursor to finding a good job.			
	Derivatives >>	precurse, precursive, precursory		
5.	relish	REL ish	to take great pleasure or delight in	
	Synonyms >>			
	I relish the thought of graduating from high school and getting out on my own.			
	Derivatives >>	relishable, relished, relishing		
6.	rhetoric	RET ur ik	the art of using words effectively in speaking or writing; inflated	
	Synonyms >>	verbosity, bombast; discourse, speech		
	Freshman composition is a course in rhetoric.			
	Derivatives >>	rhetorical, rhetorically, rhetoricalness, rhetoricate, rhetorician, rhetorize		
7.	rigor	RIG ur	strictness, severity	
	Synonyms >>			
	Calculus and physics are courses that require rigor in study habits.			
	Derivatives >>	rigorism, rigorist, rigoristic, rigorous, rigorously, rigorousness		
8.	somnambulist	som NAM byuh list	a sleepwalker	
	Synonyms >>			
	Many people with sleeping disorders are classified as somnambulists.			
	Derivatives >>	sommambulic, somnambulant, somnambular, somnambulation, somnambule, somnambulism, somnambulistic		
9.	stymie	STY mee	to block, to present an obstacle	
	Synonyms >>			
	After hitting the golf ball into the rough, I could not shoot directly at the hole as I was stymied by a tree.			
	Derivatives >>	stymied, stymieing, stymies		
10.	tepid	TEP id	moderately warm; lacking in passion, force, or animation	
	Synonyms >>	lukewarm; dull, lifeless, halfhearted		
	The girl enjoyed a tepid bath. She had only a tepid interest in her grades.			
	Derivatives >>	tepidly, tepidness, tepidarium, tepidity		

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. | abominable | a. | lethargic, unconscious |
| _____ | 2. | comatose | b. | something that comes before, forerunner |
| _____ | 3. | destitution | c. | secure from violation or from being profaned |
| _____ | 4. | invective | d. | indifference, a showing of little interest |
| _____ | 5. | inviolable | e. | critical or abusive language; violent abuse |
| _____ | 6. | nonchalance | f. | repugnantly hateful; very unpleasant, detestable |
| _____ | 7. | philanthropist | g. | one who tries to do good for mankind |
| _____ | 8. | precursor | h. | state of being extremely poor, in extreme want |
| _____ | 9. | relish | i. | to protest, to make objections |
| _____ | 10. | remonstrate | j. | to take great pleasure or delight in |

Exercise B

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| _____ | 1. | rhetoric | a. | swollen |
| _____ | 2. | rigor | b. | lacking content; marked by a lack of intelligence |
| _____ | 3. | somnambulist | c. | strictness, severity |
| _____ | 4. | stymie | d. | forcefully expressing emotion or conviction |
| _____ | 5. | tepid | e. | disheveled in appearance |
| _____ | 6. | turgid | f. | moderately warm; lacking in passion or animation |
| _____ | 7. | unkempt | g. | changed in appearance by applying different colors |
| _____ | 8. | vacuous | h. | to block, to present an obstacle |
| _____ | 9. | variegated | i. | the art of using words effectively; inflated language |
| _____ | 10. | vehement | j. | a sleepwalker |

Sentence Completion Test

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abominable	invective	philanthropist	precursor	relished
rhetoric	rigor	somnambulist	stymie	tepid

1. The woman's first indication that her new husband was a _____ occurred when she found him walking down the stairs while sound asleep.
2. His powerful _____ against the candidate left no doubt as to his opinion; it was evident from such language that he hated the man.
3. The religious zealot was far from _____ in his beliefs; indeed, he was a vigorous supporter of the faith, condemning anyone whom he considered to be lacking in passion for it.
4. The wealthy man became a _____, giving large sums of money to needy and deserving people.
5. I found that new novel completely _____; the language was repugnant, and the scenes that the author described were loathsome.
6. The wind that bounced the ship around like a punching bag was a _____ of the hurricane yet to come.
7. Jim is not prepared for the _____ of college study; he lives to party, and he avoids strictness of any kind.
8. The politician's empty, vacuous speech was full of pompous _____, mere inflated language.
9. The senator's vehement objection to the bill may _____ it in committee and block its passage into law.
10. The great pleasure with which he _____ his daughter's graduation showed in the delight on his face.

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comatose	destitution	inviolable	nonchalance	remonstrate
turgid	unkempt	vacuous	variegated	vehement

11. Although some found the wildflower garden beautiful, I considered it to be _____, a messy conglomeration of _____, multi-colored weeds.
12. His _____ objection to loaning his son the money was loud and forceful.
13. The girl's _____ speech made her appear to be totally devoid of any intelligence.
14. The _____ patient had been unconscious for almost two weeks.
15. The lawyer was hoping the court would reduce the original sentence; unfortunately, the judge seemed totally uninterested and treated the case with _____.
16. The sanctity of the priest's position made his decisions _____, unable to be violated or profaned.
17. When the family lost all their money, they faced _____ and poverty.
18. Your broken leg is still so _____ that we cannot put a cast on it; we will have to wait until some of the swelling goes down.
19. 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.