

Lesson 30

Definitions

12th Grade



1.	deference	DEF ur uns	courteous going along with the opinions or wishes of another
	Synonyms >>	homage, reverence, respect	
	In deference to your wishes, I will not see him again.		
	Derivatives >>	deferential, deferentially, deferentiality	
2.	drone	DRONE	speaking in a monotonous tone; a continuous low humming sound
	Synonyms >>		
	I could hardly endure the constant drone of the speaker's voice.		
	Derivatives >>	droned, droning, drones, droner, droningly, dronish	
3.	enunciate	eh NUN see ate	to pronounce clearly
	Synonyms >>		
	Please enunciate your response so that everyone can understand you.		
	Derivatives >>	enunciabile, enunciation, enunciative, enunciator	
4.	girth	GURTH	size or dimensions (usually the measure around a body)
	Synonyms >>		
	To be a sumo wrestler, one must have a large girth.		
	Derivatives >>	girths	
5.	grandiose	GRAN dee ose	impressive, imposing
	Synonyms >>	grand, magnificent, majestic, stately	
	They have grandiose plans to build a new football stadium		
	Derivatives >>	grandiosely, grandioseness, grandiosity	
6.	inception	in SEP shun	the beginning of something
	Synonyms >>	origin, source	
	Joe has worked for the company since its inception in 1935.		
	Derivatives >>	incept, inceptive, inceptively, inceptor	
7.	ineffable	in EF uh bul	incapable of being expressed in speech or words
	Synonyms >>		
	Her delight in being selected as a cheerleader was ineffable.		
	Derivatives >>	ineffability, ineffableness, ineffably	
8.	nebulous	NEB yuh lus	lacking clarity of feature or sharpness of outline
	Synonyms >>	hazy, indistinct, turbid, clouded	
	She had a nebulous recollection of the meeting with the man, unable to provide any specific facts about it.		
	Derivatives >>	nebulously, nebulousness, nebulosity	
9.	neophyte	NEE uh fite	a recent convert, beginner, novice
	Synonyms >>		
	Being a neophyte to surfing, he is having trouble catching a wave.		
	Derivatives >>	neophytic, neophytism	
10.	obtuse	ub TUSE	dull of mind, insensitive, stupid
	Synonyms >>		
	His obtuse response to the question showed that he did not understand the nature of the discussion.		
	Derivatives >>	obtusely, obtuseness, obtusion, obtusity	

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. | artifacts | a. | the beginning of something |
| _____ | 2. | countenance | b. | courteous going along with the opinions of another |
| _____ | 3. | deference | c. | incapable of being expressed in speech or words |
| _____ | 4. | drone | d. | premonition of evil, an ominous omen |
| _____ | 5. | enunciate | e. | impressive, imposing |
| _____ | 6. | foreboding | f. | to condone or to give approval |
| _____ | 7. | girth | g. | to pronounce clearly |
| _____ | 8. | grandiose | h. | simple objects showing human workmanship |
| _____ | 9. | inception | i. | speaking in a monotonous tone; a continuous low sound |
| _____ | 10. | ineffable | j. | size or dimensions (usually the measure around a body) |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|-------------|----|---|
| _____ | 1. | nebulous | a. | a scholar, a learned person |
| _____ | 2. | neophyte | b. | dull of mind, insensitive, stupid |
| _____ | 3. | obtuse | c. | to block, to present an obstacle |
| _____ | 4. | parable | d. | to take great pleasure or delight in |
| _____ | 5. | relish | e. | a recent convert, beginner, novice |
| _____ | 6. | savant | f. | lacking clarity of feature or sharpness of outline |
| _____ | 7. | stultifying | g. | a short fictitious story that has a moral |
| _____ | 8. | stymie | h. | causing to be useless, crippling, causing to appear stupid |
| _____ | 9. | syllabus | i. | a brief outline of the main points of a text or course of study |
| _____ | 10. | troupe | j. | a company or group--usually theatrical performers |

Sentence Completion Test

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deference	drone	enunciated	girth	grandiose
inception	ineffable	nebulous	neophyte	obtuse

1. The young _____ had barely begun to master the new skills; he was merely a novice, a beginner learning a new trade.
2. In _____ to the woman's wishes, her husband sat quietly through the play even though he hated it; he was merely showing a high regard for her desires.
3. We did, indeed, hear the story, but only in the most _____, unclear terms; we did not, therefore, really understand.
4. The magnificent house was so _____ that we stood in awe as we looked at its massive structure and lavish decorations.
5. The scenic river presented an _____ sight to those writers who tried to describe it; sometimes it's impossible to find the words to express what one sees.
6. We looked through the hazy windows at the _____, indistinct outlines of the figures outside.
7. It is easy to identify with a dieter who has failed to reduce the size of his _____; that portion of the body generally spreads in middle age, and we all know the problems of trying to control weight.
8. The teacher bored us all with the _____ of her monotonous voice.
9. Because it was such a short time since the _____ of his training, his skills were still undeveloped; had he begun a month earlier, he would have been farther along.
10. His snide remarks were _____ so clearly that they sounded even more caustic and bitter than ever before.

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artifacts	countenance	foreboding	parable	relished
savant	stultifying	stymie	syllabus	troupe

11. The teacher presented a _____ of the class on the first day; she wanted us to receive an outline of our assignments immediately.
12. I was surprised that the leader of the theatrical _____ could lead such an interesting group while being so dull himself.
13. The great pleasure with which he _____ his daughter's graduation showed in the delight of his face.
14. The senator's vehement objection to the bill may _____ it in committee and block its passage into law; while others were emotional, he was the most forceful in his expression of conviction.
15. The student was so vapid and dim-witted that he had a _____ effect on the rest of the class, making them all appear stupid.
16. The ominous dark clouds above created a _____ of dangerous events about to occur.
17. Among the _____ found in the tomb were several cups bearing mysterious, arcane writings.
18. I must warn you that I do not _____ any form of cheating; I do not condone it, even though I do not interfere with what you are doing.
19. The _____ uttered his scholarly words of wisdom to his followers so that they could understand, sometimes imparting them through a _____.