

Lesson 32

Definitions

12th Grade



1.	abase	uh BAYS	to degrade, to humiliate
	Synonyms >>	corrupt, debase, debauch, demean, deprave, vitiate, pervert	
	The bitter woman deliberately set out to abase her husband in public.		
	Derivatives >>	abasement, abaser, abased, abasing	
2.	fledgling	FLEJ ling	an immature or inexperienced person, a young bird that is ready to fly
	Synonyms >>		
	The rookie policeman is just a fledgling compared to the captain.		
	Derivatives >>	fledglings, fledgy, fledged	
3.	gilded	GIL did	covered with gold or a golden color; having a background of wealth
	Synonyms >>	prosperous, luxurious, ornate, meretricious, tawdry	
	The gilded and perfumed nobles were inwardly deceptive and rotten to the core.		
	Derivatives >>	gild, gilding, gilder	
4.	graphic	GRAF ik	vivid
	Synonyms >>	descriptive	
	I have trouble looking at graphic films of concentration camps.		
	Derivatives >>	graphical, graphically, graphicness	
5.	introvert	IN truh vurt	one who turns inward and concentrates thoughts upon himself
	Synonyms >>		
	He is such an introvert that he is not even interested in making new friends.		
	Derivatives >>	introverted, introvertive, introversion, introversive, introversively	
6.	jocular	JOK yu lur	jesting or joking
	Synonyms >>	facetious, jocose, jocund	
	The man's jocular mood kept us all entertained throughout the evening.		
	Derivatives >>	jocularly, jocularness, jocularator	
7.	malcontent	MAL kun tent	a person who is constantly dissatisfied and discontented
	Synonyms >>		
	The principal blamed the disturbance on malcontents who were never happy with anything.		
	Derivatives >>	malcontented, malcontentedly, malcontentedness	
8.	misnomer	mis NO mur	misnaming, use of a wrong name
	Synonyms >>		
	Some think that "a peacekeeper" is a misnomer for an MX missile .		
	Derivatives >>	misnomered, misnomed	
9.	obstinate	OB stuh nit	unyielding regardless of reason or logic
	Synonyms >>		
	He will not accept advice on many things because of his obstinate attitude.		
	Derivatives >>	obstinacy, obstinancy, obstinance, obstinately, obstinateness, obstination	
10.	prevalent	PREV uh lunt	generally or widely accepted, current, or practiced
	Synonyms >>	prevailing, victorious, dominant	
	The state of lethargy is a prevalent problem in education.		
	Derivatives >>	prevalence, prevalently	

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. | abase | a. | one who turns inward and concentrates upon himself |
| _____ 2. | caustic | b. | appropriate conduct, correct and proper behavior |
| _____ 3. | decorum | c. | sarcastically biting, acrid |
| _____ 4. | drone | d. | jesting or joking |
| _____ 5. | fledgling | e. | vivid |
| _____ 6. | gilded | f. | to degrade, to humiliate |
| _____ 7. | girth | g. | an immature person, a young bird that is ready to fly |
| _____ 8. | graphic | h. | speaking in a monotonous tone; a continuous low sound |
| _____ 9. | introvert | i. | covered with gold or a golden color |
| _____ 10. | jocular | j. | size or dimensions (usually the measure around a body) |

Exercise B

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| _____ 1. | malcontent | a. | without a doubt, clear |
| _____ 2. | misnomer | b. | perceptible by touch; capable of being felt |
| _____ 3. | nebulous | c. | quality of being fixed with little chance of moving |
| _____ 4. | obstinate | d. | generally or widely accepted, current, or practiced |
| _____ 5. | prevalent | e. | to rave, to speak in a loud and attacking manner |
| _____ 6. | rant | f. | unyielding regardless of reason or logic |
| _____ 7. | recapitulation | g. | a person who is constantly dissatisfied and discontented |
| _____ 8. | steadfastness | h. | misnaming, use of a wrong name |
| _____ 9. | tactile | i. | lacking clarity of feature or sharpness of outline |
| _____ 10. | unequivocal | j. | a summary |

Sentence Completion Test

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abase	fledgling	gilded	graphic	introvert
jocular	malcontent	misnomer	obstinate	prevalent

1. Everyone considers Jeff a _____ because he is never satisfied with anything.
2. Knowing that it was time for the young bird to learn to fly, the mother pushed the _____ out of the nest.
3. The _____ chain appeared to be priceless, but the thin layer of gold soon began to wear away.
4. In Detroit, American cars are _____ while foreign cars are hardly accepted at all.
5. The _____ circus clown made us laugh with his antics.
6. To call the death of my husband a blessing is a _____; to call it that is wrong and distasteful.
7. An _____ desperately wants solitude, whereas an extrovert desires the company of others.
8. The bitter woman deliberately set out to humiliate and _____ her husband in public.
9. He was the most _____ and stubborn person I have ever met; he was unwilling to do anything that I asked of him.
10. The _____ visual effects contained in that film made me ill; I had never seen anything so vivid and realistic before.

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11. It is a good idea to have a _____ of the day's activities before class is over; a summary reinforces the main idea from the lecture.
12. The _____ of the gentleman was noticed by everyone; impeccable manners and proper behavior are signs of sophistication and good breeding.
13. Those deprived of sight may still read Braille by using the _____ sense in their fingertips.
14. Her _____ was remarkable; she simply refused to change or to be easily upset.
15. His snide remarks were enunciated so clearly that they sounded even more _____ and bitter than ever before.
16. We looked through the hazy windows at the _____, indistinct outlines of the figures outside.
17. It is easy to commiserate 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.
18. The teacher bored us all with the _____ of her monotonous voice.
19. Although my father would mildly reproach me to correct my mistakes, he would never _____ at me the same way some parents yell at their children.
20. We are seeking _____ support for this project; there can be no doubts about where one stands.