

Lesson 33

Definitions

12th Grade



1.	anarchy	AN ar kee	the absence of government; a state of lawlessness
	Synonyms >>		
	During the revolution, the government was overthrown and the country was in a state of anarchy.		
	Derivatives >>	anarches, anarchist, anarchism, anarchic, anarch	
2.	breadth	BREDTH	the width of something, comprehensive quality
	Synonyms >>		
	The breadth of his knowledge about art is amazing.		
	Derivatives >>	breadths, breadthen, breadthened, breadthening	
3.	cant	KANT	secret jargon or slang
	Synonyms >>		
	The rites of the Masons are characterized by their cant.		
	Derivatives >>	cants, canted, canting	
4.	circumscribed	SIR kum skribd	restricted or limited
	Synonyms >>		
	The triangle circumscribed the circle.		
	Derivatives >>	circumscribe, circumscribing, circumscription, circumscriptive	
5.	congeal	kun JEEL	to solidify or to coagulate
	Synonyms >>		
	We waited three hours for the Jell-O to congeal.		
	Derivatives >>	congealing, congealed, congealment, congelative	
6.	demagogue	DEM uh gog	a person or leader who appeals to passions or prejudices
	Synonyms >>		
	Hitler is an example of a demagogue.		
	Derivatives >>	demagogic, demagogical, demagogically, demagogism, demagoguism, demagoguery, demagogy	
7.	dissonance	DIS uh nuns	unrelated and harsh combination of sounds, discord
	Synonyms >>		
	Dissonance is a part of some contemporary music.		
	Derivatives >>	dissonant, dissonancy	
8.	dubious	DOO be us	doubtful; not clear
	Synonyms >>		
	Since he had not read the document, he was a little dubious about signing his name to it.		
	Derivatives >>	dubiously, dubiousness, dubitable, dubitancy, dubitate, dubitation, dubitative, dubiety	
9.	engrossed	en GROSD	completely occupied or absorbed
	Synonyms >>	preoccupied	
	The woman was so engrossed in her knitting that she did not notice her child walk out the door.		
	Derivatives >>	engross, engrossing, engrossedly, engrosser, engrossingly, engrossingness, engrossment	
10.	facilitate	fuh SIL eh tate	to make less difficult
	Synonyms >>		
	Appliances are useful in facilitating housework.		
	Derivatives >>	facilitated, facilitating, facilitates, facilitation, facilitator, facilitatory	

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. | anarchy | a. | doubtful; not clear |
| _____ | 2. | brazen | b. | unrelated and harsh combination of sounds, discord |
| _____ | 3. | breadth | c. | the width of something, comprehensive quality |
| _____ | 4. | cant | d. | shameless, insolent, disrespectful |
| _____ | 5. | circumscribed | e. | to solidify or to coagulate |
| _____ | 6. | commiserate | f. | to express sympathy or pity |
| _____ | 7. | congeal | g. | restricted or limited |
| _____ | 8. | demagogue | h. | the absence of government; a state of lawlessness |
| _____ | 9. | dissonance | i. | secret jargon or slang |
| _____ | 10. | dubious | j. | a person or leader who appeals to passions or prejudices |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|------------|----|--|
| _____ | 1. | engrossed | a. | a person who is constantly dissatisfied and discontented |
| _____ | 2. | enunciate | b. | an immature person, a young bird that is ready to fly |
| _____ | 3. | facilitate | c. | completely occupied or absorbed |
| _____ | 4. | fledgling | d. | covered with a golden color |
| _____ | 5. | gilded | e. | generally or widely accepted, current, or practiced |
| _____ | 6. | inception | f. | jesting or joking |
| _____ | 7. | jocular | g. | the beginning of something |
| _____ | 8. | malcontent | h. | to make less difficult |
| _____ | 9. | prevalent | i. | to pronounce clearly |
| _____ | 10. | pulverize | j. | to reduce into small pieces, to demolish |

Sentence Completion Test

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anarchy	breadth	cant	circumscribed	congeal
demagogue	dissonant	dubious	engrossed	facilitate

1. Because the professor was anxious to help, he tried to _____ the students' research by suggesting some valuable resources.
2. Because the composer had so many _____ sounds in his music, it was not pleasing to hear.
3. Without the protection of laws, _____ would soon be the outcome.
4. Hitler is an example of a _____ whose power was based on prejudices, false claims and promises.
5. It is doubtful that Quasimodo enjoyed the _____ honor of being the "King of Fools."
6. The _____ of the wall makes it difficult to cross; if it were just a little narrower, it would be a simpler task.
7. The _____ of the brotherhood was never explained; their secret jargon prevented outsiders from understanding their slang.
8. The farmer built a fence that _____ the area he had set aside for his corn crop; the fence encircled the plot of land.
9. Completely absorbed in her task, Sara was so _____ in reading her lesson that she never even heard the bell.
10. If you leave the gelatin in the refrigerator for one hour, it will _____ into a solid mass.

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brazen	commiserate	enunciated	fledgling	gilded
inception	jocular	malcontent	prevalent	pulverize

11. Everyone considers Jeff a _____ because he is never satisfied with anything.
12. Knowing that it was time for the young bird to learn to fly, the mother pushed the _____ out of the nest.
13. The _____ chain appeared to be priceless, but the thin layer of gold soon began to wear away.
14. In Detroit, American cars are _____ while foreign cars are hardly accepted at all.
15. The _____ circus clown made us laugh with his antics.
16. The _____ girl who wore the bikini to the wedding either does not know the rules of proper conduct or she does not care what people may think of her.
17. Because the woman needed sympathy and pity, he tried to _____ with her about her recent loss.
18. We used a food processor to _____ the oranges, grinding them into small bits.
19. 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.
20. The teacher _____ her instructions clearly so that everyone could easily understand her words.