

Lesson 4

Definitions

12th Grade



1.	palpable	PAL puh bul	tangible, perceptible, easily noticeable
	Synonyms >>		
	I do not see how I overlooked such a palpable miscalculation.		
	Derivatives >>	palpability, palpably, palpableness	
2.	paradoxical	pair uh DOKS uh kul	something that appears false or contradictory but is actually correct
	Synonyms >>		
	It is paradoxical that a man from the South, Lyndon Johnson, led the fight for the passage of a civil rights bill.		
	Derivatives >>	paradoxicality, paradoxicalness, paradoxology, paradoxality	
3.	paragon	PAIR uh gon	a model of excellence or perfection
	Synonyms >>		
	The minister was a paragon of virtue in all his affairs.		
	Derivatives >>	paragonize	
4.	parch	PARCH	to become dry from heat, to shrivel from heat
	Synonyms >>		
	The fruit was parched from staying in the sun so long.		
	Derivatives >>	parched, parchedly, parchedness, parches, parching	
5.	peevish	PEE vish	fretful, obstinate
	Synonyms >>		
	With a peevish gesture, Jane slammed the book shut.		
	Derivatives >>	peevishly, peevishness, peeve, peevied	
6.	perdition	pur DISH un	eternal damnation, utter ruin
	Synonyms >>		
	The church warns against pursuing hedonistic and worldly things and risking eternal perdition.		
	Derivatives >>	perditions	
7.	pernicious	pur NISH us	very destructive or harmful, deadly
	Synonyms >>	baneful, deleterious, detrimental, noxious	
	Shooting heroin is a pernicious habit.		
	Derivatives >>	perniciously, perniciousness	
8.	peruse	puh ROOZ	to read or to examine
	Synonyms >>		
	My lawyer says he has not had time to peruse the contract.		
	Derivatives >>	perusal, perusable, perused, perusing	
9.	pithy	PITH ee	concise and meaningful
	Synonyms >>	compendious, laconic, succinct, summary, terse	
	Due to great demands on his time, the President needs memos that he must read to be pithy.		
	Derivatives >>	pithier, pithiest, pith	
10.	plausible	PLAH zuh bul	seemingly acceptable, believable, or possible
	Synonyms >>		
	We need someone to develop a plausible solution to this problem.		
	Derivatives >>	plausibleness, plausibly, plausibility	

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. | palpable | a. | very destructive or harmful, deadly |
| _____ 2. | paradoxical | b. | concise and meaningful |
| _____ 3. | paragon | c. | eternal damnation, utter ruin |
| _____ 4. | parch | d. | to become dry from heat, to shrivel from heat |
| _____ 5. | peevish | e. | to read or to examine |
| _____ 6. | perdition | f. | fretful, obstinate |
| _____ 7. | pernicious | g. | seemingly acceptable, believable, or possible |
| _____ 8. | peruse | h. | tangible, perceptible, easily noticeable |
| _____ 9. | pithy | i. | something that appears false but is actually correct |
| _____ 10. | plausible | j. | a model of excellence or perfection |

Exercise B

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| _____ 1. | portent | a. | to reject or to refuse with hostility |
| _____ 2. | precept | b. | a sign or forewarning |
| _____ 3. | prologue | c. | a rule guiding conduct or imposing a standard |
| _____ 4. | promontory | d. | unusual in character or appearance |
| _____ 5. | quaint | e. | to take possession over something without right |
| _____ 6. | requite | f. | to make repayment or to return |
| _____ 7. | reconcile | g. | to reestablish friendship, to resolve a dispute |
| _____ 8. | replicate | h. | to repeat, to copy, or to duplicate |
| _____ 9. | spurn | i. | introductory remarks in a speech or play |
| _____ 10. | usurp | j. | land or rock projecting into a body of water |

Sentence Completion Test

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palpable	paradoxical	paragon	parch	peevish
perdition	pernicious	peruse	pithy	plausible

1. Cousin Billy, whom we once considered a _____ of virtue, was just convicted of tax evasion; he obviously was not the shining example who we thought he was.
2. Your comments about the book are quite _____; you say things in a very concise and direct manner.
3. Many world religions do not believe in a place of _____; thus, they do not accept the idea of “burning in Hell.”
4. The obstinate child was _____ and fretful.
5. We could not offer a _____ excuse for our behavior, so our parents were unwilling to believe us.
6. The liberal politician’s support for the death penalty is _____ since it seems to contradict all that he has previously endorsed.
7. He was embarrassed by the _____ error in his calculations; it was so obvious and easily perceived by everyone else that it made him look pretty silly.
8. The sun will _____ the fruit if you leave it out too long; then it will be dried out, and we will not be able to eat it.
9. The student had not had time to _____ the text, and merely glancing over it was not enough to learn the material.
10. The king revoked the _____ law passed by Parliament because he realized the harm that it could cause.

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portent	potent	precept	prologue	promontory
ratify	reconcile	replicate	vulgarity	vulnerable

11. The _____ of this course, its guiding rule, is that you must learn your vocabulary words.
12. The large raindrops were a _____ of the thunderous storm about to occur.
13. The first fight in the valley was but a _____ to one hundred years of war.
14. The lighthouse sat on the _____ overlooking the sea, casting its beams of light on the dark waters far below.
15. The doctor gave Sally the most _____ medicine available, a very powerful antibiotic.
16. The president was willing to _____ a treaty with the country, but the formal approval would take place only after many conditions were met.
17. The couple was encouraged to _____ their differences and try to resolve their dispute.
18. The difference between the original painting and the forgery was obscure and hard to see; to _____ such a work involved copying even the style of brush strokes.
19. The mob resorted to _____ as it shouted obscenities and clamored for the prisoner's release.
20. The girl was _____ to the group's attack; because she was shy, she was especially susceptible to their sarcastic remarks.