

Lesson 1

Definitions

9thth Grade



1.	ambiguous	am BIG yew us	having more than one meaning; unclear, uncertain
	Synonyms >>	cryptic, enigmatic, equivocal, obscure	
	Finding an ambiguous test question is frustrating, since more than one answer could be correct.		
	Derivatives >>	ambiguity, ambiguously, ambiguousness	
2.	amulet	AM yew let	a charm or ornament worn to protect against evil
	Synonyms >>		
	The princess wore the amulet to protect herself.		
	Derivatives >>	amulets	
3.	baleful	BALE ful	destructive, deadly
	Synonyms >>	malign, sinister	
	War is a baleful experience for many.		
	Derivatives >>	bale, balefully, balefulness	
4.	boisterous	BOY stir ous	rowdy, rough, and stormy
	Synonyms >>	blatant, clamorous, obstreperous, strident, vociferous	
	The boisterous child was running through the store screaming and laughing.		
	Derivatives >>	boisterousness, boisterously	
5.	calamity	kuh LAM uh tee	a serious event causing distress or misfortune
	Synonyms >>	cataclysm, catastrophe	
	The earthquake in Mexico was a calamity.		
	Derivatives >>	calamitous, calamitously, calamitousness	
6.	ebullient	eh BUL yunt	overflowing with excitement, showing enthusiasm
	Synonyms >>		
	She was ebullient about going to the prom.		
	Derivatives >>	ebullience, ebulliency, ebulliently	
7.	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	
8.	enmity	EN muh tee	absolute hatred
	Synonyms >>	animosity, animus, antagonism, antipathy, hostility, rancor	
	I have a lot of enmity for people who provide illegal drugs to children.		
	Derivatives >>	enmities	
9.	entreaty	en TREE tee	a plea, an earnest request
	Synonyms >>	adjuration, appeal, suit, importunity, supplication	
	The lawyer made a lengthy entreaty to the jury before they retired to chambers.		
	Derivatives >>	entreat, entreatingly, entreatment	
10.	feint	FAYNT	a false appearance, a fake punch to occupy defenses allowing a real
	Synonyms >>	artifice, ruse, stratagem, trick, wile	
	Fooled by his opponent's feint, the boxer dropped his guard and was knocked down.		
	Derivatives >>	feign, feigned, feigning, feignedly, feigner	

11.	obsequious	ub SEE kwee us	overly attentive, like a sycophant, servile
	Synonyms >>	slavish, subservient	
		I believe that his obsequious behavior toward his grandmother is to ensure being included in the will.	
	Derivatives >>	obsequece, obsequent, obsequience, obsequiously, obsequiousness, obsequity	
12.	penury	PEN yuh ree	extreme poverty
	Synonyms >>	destitution, impecuniousness, indigence, want	
		There is much penury in central Africa.	
	Derivatives >>	penurious, penuriously, penuriousness	
13.	perjury	PUR juh ree	false testimony under oath
	Synonyms >>		
		He was charged with perjury for lying to the grand jury.	
	Derivatives >>	perjure, perjured, perjuring, perjurer, perjurious, perjuriously, perjuriousness, perjurous	
14.	posterity	pah STER uh tee	future generations, all descendants of a person
	Synonyms >>		
		They wanted to write a declaration of independence that would last for all posterity.	
	Derivatives >>	posterities	
15.	prostration	pros TRAY shun	a stretching out due to lacking vitality and being completely overcome
	Synonyms >>		
		During late summer football practices, players sometimes suffer from heat prostration.	
	Derivatives >>	prostrate, prostrator, prostrating	
16.	rancor	RANG kur	bitter deep-seated ill will, enmity
	Synonyms >>	animosity, animus, antagonism, antipathy, hostility	
		I was full of rancor when I learned that the men had killed my parents.	
	Derivatives >>	rancored, rancorous, rancorously	
17.	supple	SUP ul	easily bent, elastic, pliable
	Synonyms >>	resilient	
		Her supple bones allowed her to perform strange feats in gymnastics.	
	Derivatives >>	suppler, supplest	
18.	vexation	vek SAY shun	discomfort or distress
	Synonyms >>		
		The young children were a source of vexation to their nervous, neurotic mother.	
	Derivatives >>	vex, vexatious, vexedly, vexedness, vexingly	
19.	virtuous	VIR choo us	having excellent morals; righteous
	Synonyms >>	ethical, noble	
		One would expect nuns to be very virtuous.	
	Derivatives >>	virtuously, virtuousness, virtue	
20.	wanton	WAHN tun	immoral, lewd
	Synonyms >>		
		He had to drop out of the presidential race when his wanton behavior was exposed.	
	Derivatives >>	wantonly, wantonness	



Matching Test Lesson 1

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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. | ambiguous | a. | a charm or ornament worn to protect against evil |
| _____ 2. | amulet | b. | a false appearance, a fake punch |
| _____ 3. | baleful | c. | a plea, an earnest request |
| _____ 4. | boisterous | d. | a serious event causing distress or misfortune |
| _____ 5. | calamity | e. | absolute hatred |
| _____ 6. | ebullient | f. | completely occupied or absorbed |
| _____ 7. | engrossed | g. | destructive, deadly |
| _____ 8. | enmity | h. | having more than one meaning; unclear, uncertain |
| _____ 9. | entreaty | i. | overflowing with excitement, showing enthusiasm |
| _____ 10. | feint | j. | rowdy, rough, and stormy |

Exercise B

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|-----------|-------------|----|---|
| _____ 1. | obsequious | a. | a stretching out due to lacking vitality |
| _____ 2. | penury | b. | bitter deep-seated ill will, enmity |
| _____ 3. | perjury | c. | discomfort or distress |
| _____ 4. | posterity | d. | easily bent, elastic, pliable |
| _____ 5. | prostration | e. | extreme poverty |
| _____ 6. | rancor | f. | false testimony under oath |
| _____ 7. | supple | g. | future generations, all descendants of a person |
| _____ 8. | vexation | h. | having excellent morals; righteous |
| _____ 9. | virtuous | i. | immoral, lewd |
| _____ 10. | wanton | j. | overly attentive, like a sycophant, servile |

Sentence Completion Test

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amulet	ebullient	calamity	engrossed	enmity
entreaty	feint	prostration	wanton	vexation

1. The _____ hung about the neck of the queen, and the copper sheen that reflected from its polished surface sparkled in the sun.
2. The fighter viewed every movement of his opponent as a possible _____ and was prepared for such false appearances; consequently, he was not fooled by any fake punches and was able to win the fight.
3. Contrary to the emotional _____ for help that was delivered by the last speaker, this woman's plea was rational, but without sincerity.
4. The routing of the highway was a _____ to the unique inn; it was disastrous to the old-world charm which had made the inn so quaint.
5. The track star seemed to be suffering complete _____, but the doctor said the runner's vitality would return after a period of rest.
6. Deep-seated _____ and ill will caused the man to be bitter and antagonistic; indeed, he continued to hate the woman until he died.
7. The argument was a continual source of _____ to her; the distress she left over their differences was unbearable.
8. Completely absorbed in her task, Sara was so _____ in reading her lesson that she never even heard the bell.
9. She could hardly contain her excitement about the prom; her _____ manner revealed her enthusiasm.
10. The Puritans considered Hester Prynne a _____ woman; they saw her as being immoral and lewd.

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ambiguous	boisterous	baleful	obsequious	penury
perjury	posterity	supple	virtuous	rancor

11. The _____ winds took yet another life as the tornado struck another row of houses.
12. He was charged with _____ for lying to the grand jury.
13. The plastic rod was just _____ enough to bend the needed amount without breaking. We were fortunate to have found something so pliable.
14. The waiter's _____ manner ruined our meal; he would not leave us alone even for a minute because of his attentiveness.
15. The man loved the _____ woman for her purity, honesty and integrity.
16. The _____ crowd was so enthusiast that hearing a conversation in the midst of such excitement was virtually impossible.
17. The professor's tests were extremely hard because of their _____ questions; one could never be sure exactly what he was asking because each question seemed to have two meanings.
18. The mayor's objective for this term is to stop the recent outbreak of violent crime in the inner city; he believes that those homeless people living in a state of _____ seem to be victimized most.
19. The man wanted to leave more than money for his _____; he wanted to leave a love for honor and justice to his descendants.
20. The _____ in the man's heart must be great if it leads him to murder someone who has merely insulted him; such bitterness and deep-seated ill will is horrible.