

# Lesson 10

## Definitions

9<sup>th</sup> Grade



1.	<b>advocacy</b>	AD vuh kuh see	support of an idea or cause
	Synonyms >>		
	The nominee's advocacy of higher taxes may have cost him the election.		
	Derivatives >>	advocate, advocator, advocatory, advocated, advocating	
2.	<b>aversion</b>	uh VER shun	strong disinclination, disliking
	Synonyms >>	hesitance, loathing, reluctance	
	I have an aversion to getting married.		
	Derivatives >>	averseness, aversely, averse	
3.	<b>complacency</b>	kum PLAY sun see	the state of being self-satisfied
	Synonyms >>		
	Considering that he is failing, it is curious to see his sense of complacency.		
	Derivatives >>	complacent, complacently, complacence, complaisant, complaisance, complaisantly	
4.	<b>elicit</b>	eh LIS it	to bring out a response, to evoke
	Synonyms >>	educate, extort, extract	
	I would like to elicit your participation in the blood drive.		
	Derivatives >>	elicitable, elicitate, elicitation	
5.	<b>engender</b>	en JEN der	to cause, to produce, to create
	Synonyms >>		
	His angry words engendered strife in his relationship with his wife.		
	Derivatives >>	engendered, engenderer, engenders, engendering	
6.	<b>impute</b>	im PYOOT	to blame or to charge
	Synonyms >>		
	His bizarre actions have been imputed to mental derangement.		
	Derivatives >>	imputability, imputable, imputableness, imputably, imputation, imputational, imputatively, imputativeness	
7.	<b>ominous</b>	OM uh nus	threatening
	Synonyms >>	fateful, portentous	
	The ominous clouds were harbingers of the tornado.		
	Derivatives >>	ominously, ominousness	
8.	<b>palpable</b>	PAL puh bul	tangible, perceptible, easily noticeable
	Synonyms >>		
	I do not see how I overlooked such a palpable miscalculation.		
	Derivatives >>	palpability, palpably, palpableness	
9.	<b>precipitate</b>	preh SIP eh tate	to cause to speedily occur, to throw headlong
	Synonyms >>		
	Coming home late at my house will always precipitate a fight.		
	Derivatives >>	precipitation, precipitancy, precipitately, precipitator, precipitous	
10.	<b>reproach</b>	reh PROCH	to blame for something; a disgrace
	Synonyms >>	admonish, castigate, chasten, chastise, chide, rebuke, reprove	
	Her conduct was so good that it was beyond reproach.		
	Derivatives >>	reproachable, reproachful, reproachfully, reproachfulness, reproachingly	

# Matching Test

## Lesson 10

9<sup>th</sup> grade



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

- |                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| _____ 1. advocacy    | a. to blame for something; a disgrace            |
| _____ 2. aversion    | b. to bring out a response, to evoke             |
| _____ 3. complacency | c. threatening                                   |
| _____ 4. elicit      | d. strong disinclination, disliking              |
| _____ 5. engender    | e. support of an idea or cause                   |
| _____ 6. impute      | f. the state of being self-satisfied             |
| _____ 7. ominous     | g. to cause, to produce, to create               |
| _____ 8. palpable    | h. to blame or to charge                         |
| _____ 9. precipitate | i. tangible, perceptible, easily noticeable      |
| _____ 10. reproach   | j. to cause to speedily occur, to throw headlong |

### Exercise B

- |                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| _____ 1. atheist       | a. shyness, reserve, unassertiveness                   |
| _____ 2. benign        | b. secret in an underhanded way, stealthy              |
| _____ 3. diffidence    | c. showing or feeling regret for wrongdoing, repentant |
| _____ 4. forbearance   | d. seriousness, importance                             |
| _____ 5. furtive       | e. showy, pretentious                                  |
| _____ 6. gravity       | f. one who does not believe in God                     |
| _____ 7. insolence     | g. not causing harm, of gentle disposition, beneficial |
| _____ 8. ostentatious  | h. patience, lenience                                  |
| _____ 9. penitent      | i. not capable of being understood                     |
| _____ 10. unfathomable | j. insulting or contemptuous behavior                  |

# Sentence Completion Test

## Lesson 10

9<sup>th</sup> Grade



advocacy	aversion	complacency	elicit	engender
imputed	ominous	palpable	precipitate	reproach

1. His \_\_\_\_\_ of the right of free speech is shown by his support of the First Amendment.
2. 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.
3. The lawyer tried to overcome the \_\_\_\_\_ of the jury and to \_\_\_\_\_ some emotional response, but their state of being self-satisfied was too great to be overcome.
4. A rising tide and increasing winds are both \_\_\_\_\_ signs of an approaching hurricane.
5. Although my father would mildly admonish me to correct my mistakes, he would never \_\_\_\_\_ me the same way some parents yell at their children.
6. To shift the blame from himself, he \_\_\_\_\_ others, saying that they were responsible for the mistake.
7. His harsh words were likely to \_\_\_\_\_ a fight between the two boys; they were both ready to throw themselves into battle.
8. If you show respect for a person, you are likely to \_\_\_\_\_ a similar regard in that person to show respect for you.
9. Her \_\_\_\_\_ to candy stems from her strong dislike of sweet things.

# Sentence Completion Test

## Lesson 10

9<sup>th</sup> Grade



foreboding	forensic	furtive	gravity	inviolable
penitent	plaintive	propensity	unfathomable	vehemently

10. The student was not able to hide his \_\_\_\_\_ glances at another child's paper; consequently, he received a zero on the test.
11. Only after he had become truly \_\_\_\_\_ was he able to ask for forgiveness.
12. The girl has a \_\_\_\_\_ for helping others in need; her natural inclinations for serving others would be of benefit in the field of nursing.
13. The student's preparation for the debate was not good; \_\_\_\_\_ activities require much work in order to ensure success.
14. The ominous dark clouds above created a \_\_\_\_\_ of dangerous events about to occur.
15. The widow's \_\_\_\_\_ cries revealed her sorrow at her husband's death.
16. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the situation was apparent in the serious countenance of the woman; we could all tell how important the condition was.
17. The sanctity of the priest's position made his decisions \_\_\_\_\_, unable to be violated or profaned.
18. The fact that in some countries the AIDS virus infects more than 50% of the population is practically \_\_\_\_\_, but as hard as it is to believe, the fact is true.
19. The defendant \_\_\_\_\_ denied being at the scene of the crime. The strength of his denial convinced the jury of his innocence.