# Lesson 12 Definitions 9<sup>th</sup> Grade



1.	despoil	deh SPOIL	to take possessions by force, to plunder				
	Synonyms >>	devastate, pillage, ravage, sack, waste					
	Residents of occupied areas during a war are often despoiled.						
	Derivatives >>	despoiler, despoilment, o					
2.	emaciated	eh MAY she ay tid	very thin (usually as a result of starvation), wasting away				
	Synonyms >>						
	As a result of receiving little food, most prisoners of concentration camps become extremely emaciated.						
	<b>Derivatives</b> >>	emaciate, emaciation					
3.	emulate	EM yuh late	to try to equal or to be like (usually through imitation)				
	Synonyms >>						
	He has a lot of fine qualities that I try to emulate.						
	Derivatives >>						
4.	galling	GAUL ing	very irritating				
	Synonyms >>						
	It was a galling	s a galling experience to have my boyfriend ask another girl to the prom.					
	Derivatives >>						
5.	gaunt	GAWNT	very thin, emaciated, angular				
	Synonyms >>	lank, lean, rawboned, spa	are				
	Prisoners in Wo	oners in World War II concentration camps became gaunt from lack of nutrition.					
	Derivatives >>	gauntly, gauntness, gaunty					
6.	hideous	HID ee us	very ugly, offensive, shocking				
	Synonyms >>						
	Some character	rs in the horror movie had hideous faces.					
	Derivatives >>	hideously, hideousness,	hideosity				
7.	laconic	luh KON ik	using a minimum of words; concise to the point of seeming rude				
	Synonyms >>	compendious, concise, p	bithy, succinct, summary, terse				
	After the loss, th	ter the loss, the coach's remarks were laconic.					
	Derivatives >>	laconian, laconically, laconicism, laconism					
8.	munificent	myoo NIF eh sent	very generous				
	Synonyms >>						
	The munificent gift to the school was appreciated by all of the students.						
	Derivatives >>	munificence, munificency, munificently, munificentness					
9.	sagacious	suh GAY shus	wise, shrewd, very discerning				
	Synonyms >>	astute, perspicacious					
	The sagacious freshman knew not to buy an elevator pass from the senior attempting a clever ruse.						
	Derivatives >> sagaciate, sagaciously, sagaciousness, sagacity						
10.	scrupulous	SKROO pyuh lus	very principled, very careful and conscientious				
	Synonyms >>	meticulous, punctilious					
	The scrupulous police officer never took a bribe, and he ceaselessly tried to prevent crime.						
	Derivatives >>	scruple, scrupulosity, scrupulousness, scrupulously					

# Matching Test Lesson 12 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. despoil
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 2. emaciated
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. emulate
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. galling
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. gaunt
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. hideous
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 7. laconic
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. munificent
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 9. sagacious
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. scrupulous

- a. wise, shrewd, very discerning
- b. using a minimum of words
- c. to take possessions by force, to plunder
- d. very thin, emaciated, angular
- e. very principled, very careful and conscientious
- f. very thin (as a result of starvation), wasting away
- g. to try to equal or to be like (through imitation)
- h. very irritating
- i. very ugly, offensive, shocking
- j. very generous

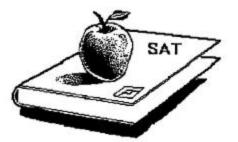
#### **Exercise B**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. capitulate
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 2. complacency
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. consecrate
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. demur
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. embellish
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. engender
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. impute
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. inviolable
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 9. muse
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 10. oblivion

- a. to decorate, to make beautiful with ornamentation
- b. to surrender
- c. to dedicate or to declare sacred
- d. to ponder
- e. to hesitate, to delay, to object
- f. the state of being self-satisfied
- g. to cause, to produce, to create
- h. to blame or to charge
- i. secure from violation or from being profaned
- j. state of being forgotten

## Sentence Completion Test Lesson 12

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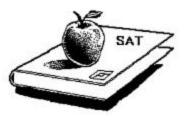


despoiled	emaciated	emulate	galling	gaunt
hideous	laconic	munificent	sagacious	scrupulous

- 1. The natural wilderness of the jungles was \_\_\_\_\_\_ by the ruinous introduction of slash and burn agriculture.
- 2. Jerry looked at his father as a perfect role model and tried to \_\_\_\_\_\_ the man's behavior, copying him in every aspect.
- 3. The president's \_\_\_\_\_\_ speech was brief, but to the point.
- 4. The \_\_\_\_\_\_ woman was giving gifts not only to relatives she knew but also to strangers she did not know, simply because she enjoyed giving things to people.
- 5. The child's behavior was absolutely \_\_\_\_\_\_; I can't recall having been so irritated before.
- 6. There was one man \_\_\_\_\_\_ enough to trust with the position; he alone had the integrity and the honesty to lead the people.
- 7. The \_\_\_\_\_\_prisoner of war was near death as a result of his lack of nourishment.
- 8. The dictator was a selfish tyrant whose word was law and whose people lived close to starvation with bones showing through the skin of their \_\_\_\_\_\_ bodies.
- 9. While some young people often appear to be fools, older men use their wisdom and gain a reputation for being \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- 10. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sight of the mangled bodies made even the hardened police officers turn away from the shocking scene.

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deprecates	discern	dissociate	elicit	embellish
imputed	oblivion	proscribe	reproach	consecrate

- 11. The girl's father approves of her desire to sing, but he \_\_\_\_\_\_ her willingness to sing in nightclubs.
- 12. The young girl tried to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ her handwriting by adding swirls and curls to her letters.
- 13. Although my father would mildly \_\_\_\_\_\_ me when I made a mistake, he would never rail at me the same way some parents yell at their children.
- 14. To shift the blame from himself, he \_\_\_\_\_\_ others, saying that they were responsible for the mistake.
- 15. The lawyer tried to overcome the complacency of the jury and to \_\_\_\_\_\_ some emotional response, but their state of being self-satisfied was too great to be overcome.
- 16. The church will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the new sanctuary, holding a prayer service there to dedicate its use to the Almighty.
- 17. The man was so senile that most of the time he existed in a state of \_\_\_\_\_\_, not knowing anything.
- 18. The class president rose in anger and began to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ everyone who had voted to impeach him; when he finally sat down, he had denounced almost everyone in the room.
- 19. We tried to \_\_\_\_\_\_ the difference between the two colors, but it was difficult to tell one from the other.
- 20. Sometimes you may find it necessary to \_\_\_\_\_\_ from a particular group of people; you have to choose carefully whom your associates will be.