

Lesson 12

Definitions

9th 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, despoliation	
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.		
	Derivatives >>	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 >>	emulation, emulative, emulator, emulatively	
4.	galling	GAUL ing	very irritating
	Synonyms >>		
	It was a galling experience to have my boyfriend ask another girl to the prom.		
	Derivatives >>	gallingly, gallingness, gall, galls, galled	
5.	gaunt	GAWNT	very thin, emaciated, angular
	Synonyms >>	lank, lean, rawboned, spare	
	Prisoners 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 characters 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, pithy, succinct, summary, terse	
	After the loss, the coach's remarks were laconic.		
	Derivatives >>	laconian, laconical, 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

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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. despoil | a. wise, shrewd, very discerning |
| _____ 2. emaciated | b. using a minimum of words |
| _____ 3. emulate | c. to take possessions by force, to plunder |
| _____ 4. galling | d. very thin, emaciated, angular |
| _____ 5. gaunt | e. very principled, very careful and conscientious |
| _____ 6. hideous | f. very thin (as a result of starvation), wasting away |
| _____ 7. laconic | g. to try to equal or to be like (through imitation) |
| _____ 8. munificent | h. very irritating |
| _____ 9. sagacious | i. very ugly, offensive, shocking |
| _____ 10. scrupulous | j. very generous |

Exercise B

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| _____ 1. capitulate | a. to decorate, to make beautiful with ornamentation |
| _____ 2. complacency | b. to surrender |
| _____ 3. consecrate | c. to dedicate or to declare sacred |
| _____ 4. demur | d. to ponder |
| _____ 5. embellish | e. to hesitate, to delay, to object |
| _____ 6. engender | f. the state of being self-satisfied |
| _____ 7. impute | g. to cause, to produce, to create |
| _____ 8. inviolable | h. to blame or to charge |
| _____ 9. muse | i. secure from violation or from being profaned |
| _____ 10. oblivion | j. state of being forgotten |

Sentence Completion Test

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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.