

Lesson 13

Definitions

9th Grade



1.	adulterate	uh DUL ter ate	to make impure by adding lesser substances; to corrupt
	Synonyms >>		
	The authorities were concerned that the drugs might have been adulterated intentionally.		
	Derivatives >>	adulterator, adulterant, adulteration, adulterine, adulterous, adulterated, adulterating	
2.	animosity	an uh MAH suh tee	harsh feelings, enmity, resentment, hatred
	Synonyms >>	animus, antagonism, antipathy, enmity, hostility, rancor	
	I have a lot of animosity for him, since he attempted to steal my girlfriend.		
	Derivatives >>	animus	
3.	apocryphal	uh PA kra ful	of doubtful origin or authenticity, not genuine
	Synonyms >>		
	The jury saw through the apocryphal tears of the witness.		
	Derivatives >>	apocryphally, apocryphalness	
4.	avarice	AV uh ris	greed for wealth
	Synonyms >>	cupidity	
	Avarice and gluttony are two vices that can destroy lives.		
	Derivatives >>	avaricious, avariciously, avariciousness	
5.	coalesce	ko uh LESS	to merge, to fuse, to join, or to unite
	Synonyms >>	amalgamate, commingle	
	If the party can coalesce diverse groups into a united force, it might win the election.		
	Derivatives >>	coalesced, coalescing, coalescent	
6.	venerate	VEN uh rate	to honor, to revere
	Synonyms >>	adore, worship	
	Although I did not always agree with President Kennedy, I venerate his memory.		
	Derivatives >>	veneration, venerational, venerator, venerable, venerability	
7.	vigilant	VIJ uh lunt	very alert, watchful
	Synonyms >>		
	I have been vigilant in trying to find the thief.		
	Derivatives >>	vigilance, vigilantly, vigilantness, vigil	
8.	vivacious	vi VAY shus	full of life, very animated
	Synonyms >>		
	Game shows are looking for vivacious contestants who are fun to watch and who will liven up the show.		
	Derivatives >>	vivaciously, vivaciousness, vivacity	
9.	vidid	VIV id	bright, distinct, and clear
	Synonyms >>	graphic	
	I have vivid memories of my trip to Europe.		
	Derivatives >>	vividly, vividness, vividity, vivific, vivificate, vivification, vivifier, vivify	
10.	voluptuous	vuh LUP choo us	pleasurable to the senses, sensuous
	Synonyms >>		
	Bob Hope always took voluptuous women with him when he entertained soldiers overseas.		
	Derivatives >>	voluptuosity, voluptuousness, voluptuate, voluptuously	

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. | adulterate | a. | to honor, to revere |
| _____ 2. | animosity | b. | to merge, to fuse, to join, or to unite |
| _____ 3. | apocryphal | c. | harsh feelings, enmity, resentment, hatred |
| _____ 4. | avarice | d. | greed for wealth |
| _____ 5. | coalesce | e. | bright, distinct, and clear |
| _____ 6. | venerate | f. | to make impure by adding lesser substances; to corrupt |
| _____ 7. | vigilant | g. | of doubtful origin or authenticity, not genuine |
| _____ 8. | vivacious | h. | very alert, watchful |
| _____ 9. | vivid | i. | full of life, very animated |
| _____ 10. | voluptuous | j. | pleasurable to the senses, sensuous |

Exercise B

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| _____ 1. | deprecate | a. | to disapprove regretfully, to belittle |
| _____ 2. | despoil | b. | using a minimum of words; concise |
| _____ 3. | discern | c. | to take possessions by force, to plunder |
| _____ 4. | gaunt | d. | very thin, emaciated, angular |
| _____ 5. | laconic | e. | very principled, very careful and conscientious |
| _____ 6. | palpable | f. | wise, shrewd, very discerning |
| _____ 7. | perpetuate | g. | to cause to speedily occur, to throw headlong |
| _____ 8. | precipitate | h. | to prolong the existence of something |
| _____ 9. | sagacious | i. | tangible, perceptible, easily noticeable |
| _____ 10. | scrupulous | j. | to differentiate between two or more things |

Sentence Completion Test

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adulterate	animosity	apocryphal	avarice	coalesce
venerate	vigilant	vivacious	vivid	voluptuous

1. The pictures were so _____ and distinct that it was almost like seeing the scene in person.
2. _____ and full of life, the dancer appeared on the stage in glorious attire.
3. We tried to avoid the conversation when we saw the _____ that the woman had about the issue; she was extremely angry and resentful about the matter.
4. The jury saw through the _____ tears of the witness, knowing they weren't genuine.
5. The woman's reputation as a _____ model resulted from the sensuous pictures taken of her.
6. Because I _____ the memory of my father, I would never say bad things about him; I still honor him, even after his death.
7. We encouraged the scientist not to _____ the substance with the additional chemicals; we preferred it in its pure form.
8. Though each man had his own opinion, the group decided to _____ into a unified force against the enemy.
9. Always alert, the _____ guard stood in front of the mayor's residence.
10. Do not let greed dictate your actions; such _____ is not a quality to be proud of.

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despoiled	emulate	engender	galling	laconic
munificent	muse	perpetuate	precipitate	

11. His harsh words were likely to _____ a fight between the two boys; they were both ready to throw themselves into battle.
12. Jerry looked at his father as a perfect role model and tried to _____ the man's behavior, copying him in every aspect.
13. If you show respect for a person, you are likely to _____ a similar regard in that person to show respect for you.
14. The gypsy woman carefully laid out the cards that she had prepared for the auguries of the future, and then she sat silently in contemplation of them and began to _____.
15. The child's behavior was absolutely _____; I can't recall having been so irritated before.
16. The natural wilderness of the jungles was _____ by the ruinous introduction of slash and burn agriculture.
17. The disciple of the guru wrote down all his master's teachings and was able to _____ those ideas for centuries through the written word.
18. 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.
19. The president's _____ speech was brief, but to the point.
20. The starving dog's ribs showed through his thin, _____ body.