

Lesson 15

Definitions

9th Grade



1.	equivocate	eh KWIV uh kate	to attempt to lie, to mislead, or to hide the truth
	Synonyms >>	palter, prevaricate	
	Tell the truth and do not attempt to equivocate.		
	Derivatives >>	equivocal, equivocacy, equivocality, equivocally, equivocalness, equivocation, equivocator, equivocality	
2.	espousing	eh SPOUZ ing	marrying, giving one's loyalty; adopting or embracing a cause
	Synonyms >>		
	The politician seems to be espousing the issue of decreased taxation in order to gain supporters.		
	Derivatives >>	espoused, espousing, espousal, espouser	
3.	hedonist	HEED un ist	one who seeks pleasure as the sole aim in life
	Synonyms >>		
	The world is full of hedonists who seek nothing but their own pleasures.		
	Derivatives >>	hedonism, hedonistically, hedonistical, hedonics, hedonic, hedonically	
4.	indefatigable	in deh FAT uh guh bul	tireless, incapable of being fatigued
	Synonyms >>		
	The indefatigable army moved ahead steadily over the many days without rest.		
	Derivatives >>	indefatigability, indefatigableness, indefatigably	
5.	interminable	in TUR mun uh bul	having or seeming to have no end, wearisomely protracted
	Synonyms >>		
	Although the reading assignment was only ten pages, it seemed interminable to the bored student.		
	Derivatives >>	interminability, interminableness, interminably, interminate	
6.	naive	na EVE	unsophisticated; inexperienced
	Synonyms >>	natural, artless, ingenuous	
	Many naive young women go to Hollywood believing that they will become movie stars.		
	Derivatives >>	naively, naivete, naiveness, naivety	
7.	parody	PAIR uh dee	humorous or ridiculous imitation
	Synonyms >>	burlesque, caricature, travesty	
	Many skits on "Saturday Night Live" are parodies of current events.		
	Derivatives >>	parodies	
8.	peripheral	puh RIF ur ul	on the edge, not important
	Synonyms >>		
	Let's discuss the main topic now and save peripheral issues for later.		
	Derivatives >>	peripheral, peripheric, peripheralism, peripherally, peripherically, periphery	
9.	portent	PORE tent	a sign or forewarning
	Synonyms >>		
	The stock market crash was a portent of the coming of a depression.		
	Derivatives >>	portentive, portentous, portentously, portentousness	
10.	prodigious	pruh DIJ us	extraordinary in bulk, quantity, or degree, great in size, enormous
	Synonyms >>		
	His prodigious appetite allowed him to eat the entire turkey.		
	Derivatives >>	prodigiously, prodigiousness	

Matching Test Lesson 15

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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. equivocate | a. humorous or ridiculous imitation |
| _____ 2. espousing | b. unsophisticated; inexperienced |
| _____ 3. hedonist | c. to attempt to lie, to mislead, or to hide the truth |
| _____ 4. indefatigable | d. a sign or forewarning |
| _____ 5. interminable | e. one who seeks pleasure as the sole aim in life |
| _____ 6. naive | f. on the edge, not important |
| _____ 7. parody | g. seeming to have no end, wearisomely protracted |
| _____ 8. peripheral | h. tireless, incapable of being fatigued |
| _____ 9. portent | i. marrying, giving one's loyalty; embracing a cause |
| _____ 10. prodigious | j. extraordinary in bulk, quantity, or degree, great in size, enormous |

Exercise B

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| _____ 1. adulterate | a. mysterious, secret |
| _____ 2. apocryphal | b. violation of faith; betrayal of trust; treason |
| _____ 3. collaborate | c. filled to capacity, abundantly supplied |
| _____ 4. cryptic | d. loud and harsh sounding |
| _____ 5. hideous | e. to work together |
| _____ 6. munificent | f. to make impure by adding lesser substances; to corrupt |
| _____ 7. replete | g. of doubtful origin or authenticity, not genuine |
| _____ 8. strident | h. very alert, watchful |
| _____ 9. treachery | i. very ugly, offensive, shocking |
| _____ 10. vigilant | j. very generous |

Sentence Completion Test

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equivocate	espousing	hedonists	indefatigable	interminable
naive	parody	peripheral	portent	prodigious

1. The large raindrops were a _____ of the thunderous storm about to occur.
2. My teacher gave us a huge amount of homework, a _____ task by anyone's standards.
3. Although the reading assignment was only ten pages, it seemed _____ to the bored students.
4. The comedian's skit was a _____ of the recent inaugural address; although it was intended to be funny, not many people laughed.
5. The woman is _____ the MADD program because she lost her son in a DWI-related accident; otherwise, she would not adopt the cause so seriously.
6. You must use your _____ vision when performing in a marching band so that you can watch those on each side of you while you look straight ahead.
7. The world is becoming full of _____ who are only interested in fulfilling their sensual desires and nothing more.
8. The candidate was _____, working tirelessly for months in order to win the election.
9. Witnesses are encouraged to tell the truth and not to attempt to _____; telling lies on the witness stand is punishable.
10. Even a beginner should not be so _____ and so unsophisticated as she is.

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adulterate	coalesce	cryptic	desultory	edifying
hideous	replete	sagacious	strident	venerate

11. The field is _____ with insects; it must, therefore, be sprayed if we intend to reduce the numbers of pests.
12. Although the heroine over-acted, she did not stop the morally uplifting play from _____ me.
13. The man made only _____ attempts at finding employment with random visits to companies when he was in the mood.
14. The teacher used a _____ voice when reprimanding the student; because she was loud and harsh, she got the child's attention.
15. The meaning of the _____ note was hidden from everyone who looked at it.
16. Because I _____ the memory of my father, I would never say bad things about him; I still honor him, even after his death.
17. We encouraged the scientist not to _____ the substance with the additional chemicals; we preferred it in its pure form.
18. Though each man had his own opinion, the group decided to _____ into a unified force against the enemy.
19. While some young people often appear to be fools, older men use their wisdom and gain a reputation for being _____.
20. The _____ monster hid beneath the water, hiding his disfigured form from view.