

Lesson 17

Definitions

9th Grade



1.	contempt	kun TEMPT	scorn, extreme dislike or disdain
	Synonyms >>	despicableness, pitiableness, scurviness	
	The man treated the gossiping woman with contempt; talking about other people was beneath his dignity.		
	Derivatives >>	contemptible, contemptuous	
2.	cynical	SIN uh kul	given to faultfinding, sneering, and sarcasm; exhibiting mocking
	Synonyms >>	misanthropic, pessimistic, misogynic	
	Some people are so cynical they sneer at everything that would make life worthwhile.		
	Derivatives >>	cynic, cynically, cynicism	
3.	dexterous	DEK struss	skillful and active with the hands; manually adroit and skillful
	Synonyms >>	deft, handy	
	The machine shop advertised for a dexterous worker.		
	Derivatives >>	dexterity, dexterously, dexterousness, dextral	
4.	dour	DOUR, DOW ur	sullen, stern, harsh
	Synonyms >>		
	His dour behavior was caused by the rain washing out his golf game.		
	Derivatives >>	dourly, dourer, dourest	
5.	exalt	ig ZALT	to glorify, to praise, to raise in rank
	Synonyms >>		
	The woman was exalted for her successes in the field of science.		
	Derivatives >>	exalted, exalting, exalts, exaltation, exaltedly, exaltedness, exalter	
6.	felicitous	feh LIS eh tus	happy or delightful
	Synonyms >>		
	Her marriage was a felicitous occasion.		
	Derivatives >>	felicitate, felificic, felicitation, felicitously, felicitousness, felicity	
7.	impeccable	im PEK uh bul	free from fault or blame
	Synonyms >>	flawless, irreproachable	
	She was a woman of impeccable character and could not be blamed for the smallest wrongdoing.		
	Derivatives >>	impeccability, impeccableness, impeccably	
8.	imperturbable	im pur TUR buh bul	marked by extreme calm, impassivity, assurance and steadiness
	Synonyms >>	composed, collected, cool, unruffled, nonchalant	
	Before the accident he seemed imperturbable, but now he is becoming frantic.		
	Derivatives >>	imperturbability, imperturbableness, imperturbably, imperturbation, imperturbed	
9.	malleable	MAL ee uh bul	capable of being shaped, influenced, or altered; tractable
	Synonyms >>	plastic, pliable, pliant, ductile	
	Gold is a malleable metal.		
	Derivatives >>	malleability, malleabilization, malleableize, malleableness	
10.	mortify	MORE tuh fie	to humiliate, to wound pride, to experience shame
	Synonyms >>		
	It would simply mortify me to have someone say such shameful things about my family.		
	Derivatives >>	mortifyingly, mortifier, mortified, mortifiedly, mortification	

Matching Test Lesson 17

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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. | contempt | a. | marked by extreme calm, impassivity, and assurance |
| _____ | 2. | cynical | b. | skillful and active with the hands; manually adroit |
| _____ | 3. | dexterous | c. | scorn, extreme dislike or disdain |
| _____ | 4. | dour | d. | free from fault or blame |
| _____ | 5. | exalt | e. | given to faultfinding, sneering, and sarcasm |
| _____ | 6. | felicitous | f. | capable of being shaped, influenced, or altered |
| _____ | 7. | impeccable | g. | sullen, stern, harsh |
| _____ | 8. | imperturbable | h. | to glorify, to praise, to raise in rank |
| _____ | 9. | malleable | i. | happy or delightful |
| _____ | 10. | mortify | j. | to humiliate, to wound pride, to experience shame |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|---------------|----|---|
| _____ | 1. | abate | a. | filthy, foul |
| _____ | 2. | antecedent | b. | fed or supplied to excess |
| _____ | 3. | bane, baneful | c. | tireless, incapable of being fatigued |
| _____ | 4. | indefatigable | d. | a source of harm or destruction; harmful, destructive |
| _____ | 5. | interminable | e. | preceding a cause |
| _____ | 6. | peripheral | f. | to reduce in intensity or amount |
| _____ | 7. | protract | g. | having or seeming to have no end, wearisomely protracted |
| _____ | 8. | soporific | h. | something that tends to cause sleep and to dull awareness |
| _____ | 9. | sordid | i. | to prolong |
| _____ | 10. | surfeited | j. | on the edge, not important |

Sentence Completion Test

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contempt	cynical	dexterous	dour	exalt
felicitous	impeccable	imperturbable	malleable	mortified

1. Some plastics are _____ and are easy to bend, but most are hard and stiff.
2. The defendant believed his alibi was _____, so perfect that it would free him from blame, leaving him no need to worry.
3. The sarcastic, faultfinding student offered his peers nothing but _____ comments.
4. Homesteaders in the Old West were _____ during events like weddings; they enjoyed these happy times in their otherwise rugged lives.
5. The defendant remained _____ throughout the trial; he had plenty of assurance that he would be found not guilty.
6. The woman viewed the issue with hate and _____; because of her dislike, she would do anything in her power to change the situation.
7. The clown's _____ left hand juggled three balls while his equally skillful right hand picked the spectator's pockets.
8. The _____ attitude of the girl was caused by a teacher's being harsh with her; she remained sullen for the entire day.
9. The officer wanted to _____ the soldier for his bravery; he enjoyed praising his men for good work.
10. Deeply ashamed of the unadorned house in which I lived, I was _____ to have him come into my home.

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baneful	dissipation	hedonists	indefatigable	peripheral
respite	sordid	surfeited	treachery	trifling

11. The woman saw a steady _____ of her funds as she continually spent her money on such frivolous items as jewelry and make-up.
12. A quiet walk in the woods would be a nice _____ from the drudgery of city life; we all need a relaxing break once in awhile.
13. The starving boys were finally able to eat until they were _____.
14. 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.
15. The deadly spread of AIDS is a _____ epidemic plaguing the entire world.
16. Some teachers regard watching videos a _____ waste of time; they think I should avoid such frivolous pastimes and do more studying.
17. The candidate was _____, working tirelessly for months in order to win the election.
18. We could not believe the _____ of the man; he had actually committed treason.
19. Filth and gossip filled the pages of the cheap newspaper that focused on the _____ details of people's lives.
20. The world is becoming full of _____ who are only interested in fulfilling their sensual desires and nothing more.