

Lesson 18

Definitions

9th Grade



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| 1. | acclaim | uh KLAYM | praise, approval; to salute; to hail |
| | Synonyms >> | | |
| | He received great acclaim for discovering a polio vaccine. | | |
| | Derivatives >> | acclaimer, acclamation, acclamatory | |
| 2. | amass | uh MASS | to collect, to gather, to accumulate |
| | Synonyms >> | | |
| | He amassed a fortune as a result of the oil strike. | | |
| | Derivatives >> | amassable, amasser, amassment, amassed | |
| 3. | anarchist | AN ar kist | one who believes in the absence of government or law |
| | Synonyms >> | | |
| | When the government fell and there was a total state of disorder, the anarchist was happy. | | |
| | Derivatives >> | anarchy, anarchically, anarchical, anarchic, anarchism, anarchistic | |
| 4. | banter | BAN ter | to speak in a witty or teasing manner |
| | Synonyms >> | | |
| | The opposing coaches, who were old friends, bantered back and forth before the game. | | |
| | Derivatives >> | banterer, bantering, banteringly, banters, bantered | |
| 5. | blithe | BLIETH | lighthearted, joyous, glad, cheerful, free of spirit |
| | Synonyms >> | jocund, jolly, jovial | |
| | Her blithe spirit provided an air of gaiety at the meeting. | | |
| | Derivatives >> | blithely, blithesome, blithesomely, blithesomeness | |
| 6. | obdurate | OB doo rit | extremely stubborn, unwilling to accept advice |
| | Synonyms >> | inflexible, inexorable, adamant | |
| | She was obdurate in her refusal to listen to our concerns about her cocaine problem. | | |
| | Derivatives >> | obdurately, obdurateness, obduration, obdure, obduracy | |
| 7. | platitude | PLAT eh tood | trite remark, banal statement |
| | Synonyms >> | | |
| | That politician can spout platitudes, but he has never passed a bill that has substance. | | |
| | Derivatives >> | platitudinal, platitudinarian, platitudinize, platitudinous, platitudinously | |
| 8. | profligate | PROF luh git | a wasteful person; extremely wasteful, given to licentiousness |
| | Synonyms >> | | |
| | The profligate son wasted the family fortune on wine, women, and song. | | |
| | Derivatives >> | profligacy, profligated, profligately, profligateness | |
| 9. | pugnacious | pug NAY shus | looking for a fight, combative, belligerent |
| | Synonyms >> | bellicose, contentious, quarrelsome | |
| | There are many pugnacious punks at the high school that bully other students. | | |
| | Derivatives >> | pugnaciously, pugnaciousness, pugnacity | |
| 10. | savory | SAY vuh ree | appetizing |
| | Synonyms >> | palatable, toothsome | |
| | My mother is known for her savory meals. | | |
| | Derivatives >> | savor, savored, savorer, savorily, savoriness, savoringly, savorous, savorosome | |

Matching Test Lesson 18

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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. | acclaim | a. | one who believes in the absence of government or law |
| _____ | 2. | amass | b. | extremely stubborn, unwilling to accept advice |
| _____ | 3. | anarchist | c. | lighthearted, joyous, glad, cheerful, free of spirit |
| _____ | 4. | banter | d. | appetizing |
| _____ | 5. | blithe | e. | trite remark, banal statement |
| _____ | 6. | obdurate | f. | to collect, to gather, to accumulate |
| _____ | 7. | platitude | g. | looking for a fight, combative, belligerent |
| _____ | 8. | profligate | h. | to speak in a witty or teasing manner |
| _____ | 9. | pugnacious | i. | praise, approval; to salute; to hail |
| _____ | 10. | savory | j. | a wasteful person; extremely wasteful, given to licentiousness |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|---------------|----|---|
| _____ | 1. | arid | a. | marked by extreme calm, impassivity, and assurance |
| _____ | 2. | beleaguer | b. | skillful and active with the hands; manually adroit |
| _____ | 3. | contempt | c. | scorn, extreme dislike or disdain |
| _____ | 4. | cynical | d. | free from fault or blame |
| _____ | 5. | dexterous | e. | given to faultfinding, sneering, and sarcasm |
| _____ | 6. | impeccable | f. | very dry |
| _____ | 7. | imperturbable | g. | to harass |
| _____ | 8. | portent | h. | showing contempt toward sacred things |
| _____ | 9. | prodigious | i. | a sign or forewarning |
| _____ | 10. | profane | j. | extraordinary in bulk, quantity, or degree, great in size |

Sentence Completion Test

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acclaim

amass

anarchist

banter

blithe

naive

platitudes

profligate

pugnacious

savory

1. The _____ wasted his money on a number of sins and vices.
2. I was looking forward to a _____ meal with an abundance of delicious desserts.
3. Even a beginner should not be so _____ and so unsophisticated as she is. Some plastics are easily formed and malleable to even a child's molding, but most are hard and _____.
4. The child's continual complaining was not characteristic of her usual _____ spirit and cheerful behavior.
5. The _____ child had to be expelled from school; he was embroiled in a different fight almost every day.
6. Listening to the _____ rave about the evils of government caused me discomfort, but when he began suggesting the overthrow of the government, I experienced great alarm.
7. The _____ of the millionaire was based upon his humanitarian spirit; people from all over the country knew of his benevolent actions.
8. The technicians worked around the clock, trying to _____ as much data as possible before turning off the computers; in twenty-four hours they gathered all they needed.
9. The infielders' _____ is a constant source of teasing to the opposing batters.
10. _____ are common sayings, yet even though they are hackneyed and overused, they can be a source of wisdom.

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| antecedent | beleaguered | cynical | equivocate | felicitous |
| impeccable | imperturbable | malleable | obdurate | profane |

11. The defendant remained _____ throughout the trial; he had plenty of assurance that he would be found not guilty.
12. Some plastics are easily formed and _____ to even a child's molding, but most are hard and _____.
13. It was a _____ occasion to see the two young people wed. Such happy events are always a source of joy.
14. The young men were raised to believe that anyone who dared to _____ the sacred words would pay for his contempt with his life.
15. The defendant believed his alibi was _____, so perfect that it would free him from blame, leaving him no need to worry.
16. The sarcastic, faultfinding student offered his peers nothing but _____ comments.
17. Witnesses are encouraged to tell the truth and not to attempt to _____; telling lies on the witness stand is punishable.
18. The decisions made _____ to the Supreme Court's ruling were independent of each other; however, those made afterward were all related.
20. Homesteaders in the Old West looked forward to _____ events like weddings; they enjoyed these happy times in their otherwise rugged lives.