

# Lesson 19

## Definitions

9<sup>th</sup> Grade



1.	<b>air</b>	AIR	to make a public utterance
	Synonyms >>		
	I intend to air my views to the school board and to anybody who will listen.		
	Derivatives >>	airs, airing, aired	
2.	<b>beguile</b>	buh GUYL	to deceive, to mislead, to persuade with charm
	Synonyms >>	delude	
	We sometimes allow ourselves to be beguiled by flatterers.		
	Derivatives >>	beguiled, beguiling, beguilement, beguiler	
3.	<b>concert</b>	KON surt	agreement in purpose or feeling, consensus
	Synonyms >>		
	My wife and children were in concert together to plan the surprise party.		
	Derivatives >>	concerted, concertedly	
4.	<b>confluence</b>	KON floo uns	a coming together
	Synonyms >>		
	What is the name of the town that sits at the confluence of the Missouri and Mississippi rivers?		
	Derivatives >>	confluent	
5.	<b>corpulence</b>	KOR pyuh luns	state of being very fat
	Synonyms >>	obesity	
	Overeating will lead to corpulence.		
	Derivatives >>	corpulent, corpulently	
6.	<b>dirge</b>	DURJ	funeral hymn, lament
	Synonyms >>		
	The music was so morose and solemn that it sounded like a dirge.		
	Derivatives >>	dirgeful, dirges	
7.	<b>disconcerting</b>	dis kun SUR ting	upsetting, frustrating
	Synonyms >>		
	That he has not responded to the medicine is disconcerting.		
	Derivatives >>	disconcert, disconcerted, disconcertedness, disconcerting, disconcertingly, disconcertingness, disconcertment	
8.	<b>disencumber</b>	dis en KUM bur	to free from burdens, to extricate
	Synonyms >>	disembarrass, extricate	
	We are trying to disencumber ourselves from financial debts.		
	Derivatives >>	disencumberment, disencumbrance	
9.	<b>fly-by-night</b>	FLY by nite	one who is temporary and usually unreliable
	Synonyms >>		
	It is not wise to hire a fly-by-night for an important position.		
	Derivatives >>	fly-by-nighter	
10.	<b>foliage</b>	FOE lee ij	leaves of a plant, leafage
	Synonyms >>		
	The trees will soon come alive with green foliage.		
	Derivatives >>	foliages, foliar, foliaceous	

11.	<b>gratis</b>	GRAH tis	free
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>		
	The gratis appearance of the artist allowed more funds for the charity ball.		
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	gratitude, gratuitous, gratuitously	
12.	<b>hues</b>	HYOOZ	colors
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>		
	A rainbow has many hues.		
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	hue, hueless, hued	
13.	<b>kudos</b>	KOO doze	awards or honors
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>		
	She deserves kudos for her work in building the museum.		
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	kudize, kudized, kudizing	
14.	<b>legerdemain</b>	lej ur duh MANE	sleight of hand, deception or trickery resulting from use of the hands
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>		
	A magician must be able to perform feats of legerdemain.		
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	legerdemains	
15.	<b>lurid</b>	LOOR id	sensational, gruesome and causing shock or horror
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>	grisly, ghastly, macabre	
	The tabloid published every lurid detail of the horrible incident.		
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	luridity, luridness	
16.	<b>spurn</b>	SPURN	to reject or to refuse with hostility
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>		
	The woman had always viewed the man with disdain and would spurn his attempts at friendship forever.		
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	spurner, spurned, spurning	
17.	<b>supercilious</b>	soo pur SIL ee us	haughty, vain and arrogant
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>	disdainful, high-handed, insolent, lordly	
	I do not like your arrogant and supercilious attitude toward people.		
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	superciliously, superciliousness	
18.	<b>trite</b>	TRITE	overused, commonplace, hackneyed
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>	threadbare	
	This essay is full of trite phrases; it needs a fresh approach, avoiding phrases so hackneyed and overused.		
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	triter, tritest, tritely, triteness	
19.	<b>vociferous</b>	voe SIF ur us	clamorous; boisterous (suggests a vehement outcry)
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>	blatant, obstreperous, strident	
	The rock crowd became vociferous in its anger when it was announced that the show was cancelled.		
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	vociferator, vociferously, vociferousness	
20.	<b>vulgarity</b>	vul GAR eh tee	something offensive to good taste and refinement
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>	coarseness, grossness, obscenity, ribaldness	
	She chose to ignore the vulgarity of his crude remark.		
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	vulgar, vulgarian, vulgarism, vulgarization, vulgarize, vulgarizer	



# Matching Test Lesson 19

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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.  | concert       | a. | funeral hymn, lament                               |
| _____ | 2.  | confluence    | b. | awards or honors                                   |
| _____ | 3.  | corpulence    | c. | agreement in purpose or feeling, consensus         |
| _____ | 4.  | dirge         | d. | a coming together                                  |
| _____ | 5.  | disconcerting | e. | free   |
| _____ | 6.  | fly-by-night  | f. | state of being very fat                            |
| _____ | 7.  | gratis        | g. | one who is temporary and usually unreliable        |
| _____ | 8.  | kudos         | h. | clamorous; boisterous (suggests a vehement outcry) |
| _____ | 9.  | supercilious  | i. | upsetting, frustrating                             |
| _____ | 10. | vociferous    | j. | haughty, vain and arrogant                         |

## Exercise B

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|-------|-----|-------------|----|--|
| _____ | 1.  | air         | a. | to make a public utterance                                 |
| _____ | 2.  | beguile     | b. | to reject or to refuse with hostility                      |
| _____ | 3.  | disencumber | c. | to deceive, to mislead, to persuade with charm             |
| _____ | 4.  | foliage     | d. | to free from burdens, to extricate                         |
| _____ | 5.  | hues        | e. | overused, commonplace, hackneyed                           |
| _____ | 6.  | legerdemain | f. | leaves of a plant, leafage                                 |
| _____ | 7.  | lurid       | g. | colors   |
| _____ | 8.  | spurn       | h. | sleight of hand, deception resulting from use of the hands |
| _____ | 9.  | trite       | i. | sensational, gruesome and causing shock or horror          |
| _____ | 10. | vulgarity   | j. | something offensive to good taste and refinement           |

# Sentence Completion Test

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trite

1. Three major rivers meet at the same point; their \_\_\_\_\_ makes the resulting river one of the world's largest.
2. The secret documents proved that an agreement had been reached for the two countries to work in \_\_\_\_\_ with each other.
3. Among the \_\_\_\_\_ the minister received for his service was a plaque honoring his moral integrity.
4. Platitudes are common sayings, yet even though they are \_\_\_\_\_ and overused, they can be a source of wisdom.
5. The painting was done in the most stunning \_\_\_\_\_; reds and blues were predominant, but other colors were included as well.
6. We were surprised when the man offered to do the work for us \_\_\_\_\_; we had expected to pay for the job, but he wanted to do it free of charge.
7. It was \_\_\_\_\_ for me to listen to the \_\_\_\_\_; the funeral song upset me considerably.
8. I do not like your arrogant and \_\_\_\_\_ attitude toward poor people.
9. Once the seed had begun to burgeon, the sprout quickly began to develop bright green leaves, beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ laced in white.

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airing	beguiled	corpulence	disencumber	fly-by-night
legerdemain	lurid	spurn	vociferous	vulgarity

- The crowd was \_\_\_\_\_ by the magician's \_\_\_\_\_; his sleight-of-hand was so fast that it deceived all eyes.
- Although the Greeks believed in free speech and in \_\_\_\_\_ the differences between people in open debate, some among them were too narrow minded to appreciate this freedom of speech.
- I soon learned that to pay more money for a reputable firm to do the work was better than to hire \_\_\_\_\_ organizations; too many times customers are cheated and the unreliable business leaves town without doing any work.
- Once, fat men regarded their \_\_\_\_\_ as a sign of success; today, they worry that being overweight will lead to a heart attack
- The \_\_\_\_\_ mob resorted to \_\_\_\_\_ as it shouted obscenities and clamored for the prisoner's release.
- On the spur of the moment we decided to go to a movie; our selection was a horror film that was so \_\_\_\_\_ that it shocked us.
- Sam's childish behavior has caused his girlfriend to \_\_\_\_\_ him; she refuses to answer any of his calls.
- The warrior began to rend the beast into small pieces with his sword; then he took off his armor to \_\_\_\_\_ himself so that his long climb would be less awkward.