

Lesson 2

Definitions

9th Grade



1.	acuity	uh KEW uh tee	sharpness of perception
	Synonyms >>		
	His acuity in determining the facts made him a good judge.		
	Derivatives >>	acuities, acute, acuteness	
2.	ascend	uh SEND	to move upward, to rise from a lower station
	Synonyms >>		
	The climbers ascended the mountain.		
	Derivatives >>	ascendancy, ascendancy, ascendant, ascension, ascending, ascended	
3.	augment	awg MENT	to make greater or to supplement
	Synonyms >>		
	We must try to augment our savings this year.		
	Derivatives >>	augmentable, augments, augmentation, augmentative, augmented	
4.	disparage	deh SPAR ij	to degrade, to speak of someone or something in a derogatory manner
	Synonyms >>	belittle, decry, deprecate	
	His disparaging remarks about me caused the committee to give the job to another person.		
	Derivatives >>	disparagement, disparager, disparagingly	
5.	dissemble	deh SEM bul	to disguise, to pretend
	Synonyms >>		
	Although he tried to dissemble his motive for seeing me, I knew the real reason.		
	Derivatives >>	dissembled, dissembling, dissembler, dissemblingly	
6.	inauspicious	in ah SPISH us	unfavorable
	Synonyms >>		
	I was disheartened by the inauspicious occasion of his death.		
	Derivatives >>	inauspiciously	
7.	inundate	IN un date	to flood, to overflow
	Synonyms >>		
	The television station was inundated with phone calls when the basketball game was interrupted.		
	Derivatives >>	inundable, inundant, inundation, inundator, inundatory	
8.	lament	luh MENT	to mourn or to express sorrow in a demonstrative manner
	Synonyms >>	bemoan, bewail, deplore	
	She lamented the death of her father in a very lachrymose manner.		
	Derivatives >>	lamented, lamenting, lamentation, lamentable	
9.	prate	PRATE	to talk idly or foolishly at great length
	Synonyms >>		
	We want a speaker who will talk of important issues, not one who will prate about himself.		
	Derivatives >>	prater, prated, prating	
10.	quench	KWENCH	to extinguish, to put out; to relieve with liquid
	Synonyms >>		
	He quenched the hot coals in the barbecue pit with water.		
	Derivatives >>	quencher, quenched, quenching, quenchable, quenchedness	

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. | acuity | a. | to degrade, to speak of someone in a derogatory manner |
| _____ 2. | ascend | b. | to mourn or to express sorrow in a demonstrative manner |
| _____ 3. | augment | c. | sharpness of perception |
| _____ 4. | disparage | d. | to move upward, to rise from a lower station |
| _____ 5. | dissemble | e. | to make greater or to supplement |
| _____ 6. | inauspicious | f. | to disguise, to pretend |
| _____ 7. | inundate | g. | unfavorable |
| _____ 8. | lament | h. | to flood, to overflow |
| _____ 9. | prate | i. | to talk idly or foolishly at great length |
| _____ 10. | quench | j. | to extinguish, to put out; to relieve with liquid |

Exercise B

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| _____ 1. | obsequious | a. | a stretching out due to being completely overcome |
| _____ 2. | penury | b. | bitter deep-seated ill will, enmity |
| _____ 3. | perjury | c. | discomfort or distress |
| _____ 4. | posterity | d. | easily bent, elastic, pliable |
| _____ 5. | prostration | e. | extreme poverty |
| _____ 6. | rancor | f. | false testimony under oath |
| _____ 7. | supple | g. | future generations, all descendants of a person |
| _____ 8. | vexation | h. | having excellent morals; righteous |
| _____ 9. | virtuous | i. | immoral, lewd |
| _____ 10. | wanton | j. | overly attentive, like a sycophant, servile |

Sentence Completion Test

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acuity	ascend	augment	disparaging	dissemble
inauspicious	inundated	lament	prate	quench

1. The wise man saw the situation with _____; his sharp perception always added to his wisdom.
2. Because of his _____ remarks about me, the committee gave the job to another person; he had effectively ruined my reputation.
3. Although he tried to _____ his motive for seeing me, I knew the real reason; he could not hide that from me.
4. Because it is one of the rules of the park to extinguish all camp fires, we decided to _____ the fire with water.
5. The bridge collapsed when it was _____ by the flood waters.
6. Because she needed more money, the woman tried to _____ her income by getting a second job.
7. The sounds of _____ rising from the sick room announced the death of the man.
8. The skillful mountain climbers were not afraid to _____ the towering cliff which hovered above them.
9. As soon as the woman reached the lectern, she began to _____, and I knew we were in for an hour-long session of insignificant chatter.
10. His luck had run out on the _____ day of his accident; such unfavorable occurrences are not happy times.

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amulet	baleful	calamity	engrossed	perjury
entreaty	feint	prostration	rancor	vexation

11. The track star seemed to be suffering complete _____, but the doctor said the runner's vitality would return after a period of rest.
12. The fighter viewed every movement of his opponent as a possible _____ and was prepared for such false appearances; consequently, he was not fooled by any fake punches and was able to win the fight.
13. He was charged with _____ for lying to the grand jury.
14. The _____ in the man's heart must be great if it leads him to murder someone who has merely insulted him; such bitterness and deep-seated ill will is horrible.
15. The routing of the highway was a _____ to the unique inn; it was disastrous to the old-world charm which had made the inn so quaint.
16. Contrary to the emotional _____ for help that was delivered by the last speaker, this woman's plea was rational, but without sincerity.
17. The _____ hung about the neck of the queen, and the copper sheen that reflected from its polished surface sparkled in the sun.
18. Completely absorbed in her task, Sara was so _____ in reading her lesson that she never even heard the bell.
19. His nightmares were a continual source of _____ to him; not knowing when they would occur caused him much distress and discomfort.
20. The _____ winds took yet another life as the tornado struck another row of houses.