

Lesson 21

Definitions

9th Grade



1.	anchor	ANG kur	to secure firmly
	Synonyms >>		
	Anchor the boat to the dock.		
	Derivatives >>	anchored, anchoring, anchors	
2.	antediluvian	an tuh duh LEW vee un	very, very old (it literally means "before the Flood")
	Synonyms >>		
	The natives' antediluvian marriage rituals had not changed in thousands of years.		
	Derivatives >>	antediluvial	
3.	denigrate	DEN uh grate	to belittle, to run down, to deny the importance of something
	Synonyms >>	aspere, calumniate, defame, malign, slander, traduce, vilify	
	To denigrate someone's reputation merely on hearsay is wrong.		
	Derivatives >>	denigration, denigrator, denigratory, denigrated, denigrating	
4.	doleful	DOL ful	having great sorrow
	Synonyms >>	melancholy, plaintive, lugubrious, mournful	
	By her doleful expression, I knew that she did not make the cheerleader squad.		
	Derivatives >>	dolefully, dolefulness	
5.	epilogue	EP uh log	a short addition to a literary work, a short speech given at the end of a play
	Synonyms >>		
	The author's intent in writing the novel can be found in the epilogue.		
	Derivatives >>	epilog, epilogist, epilogues, epologuize	
6.	presage	PRES ij	something that foreshadows a future event; foreknowledge of the future
	Synonyms >>	omen, foreboding, presentiment, prediction	
	Many view a rainbow as a presage of good fortune.		
	Derivatives >>	presageful, presagement, presager, presaging, presagingly, presagious	
7.	quixotic	kwik SOT ik	idealistic but impractical
	Synonyms >>	chimera, fanciful, fantastic, visionary	
	It is usually quixotic for a commoner to pursue a relationship with a member of the royal family.		
	Derivatives >>	quixote, quixotical, quixotically, quixotism, quixotize, quixotry	
8.	reserve	reh ZURV	self-restraint
	Synonyms >>	reticence	
	He showed a lot of reserve in dealing with the harsh critics at the meeting.		
	Derivatives >>	reserved, reservedly, reserveless	
9.	stasis	STAY sis	motionlessness, stagnation
	Synonyms >>		
	At a particular point of stasis, one cannot advance in growth or understanding.		
	Derivatives >>	stases	
10.	warranted	WOR un ted	justified
	Synonyms >>		
	The jury felt that the death penalty was warranted because of the heinous nature of the crime.		
	Derivatives >>	warrant, warrantable, warrantableness, warrantably	

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. | anchor | a. | to belittle, to run down |
| _____ 2. | antediluvian | b. | idealistic but impractical |
| _____ 3. | denigrate | c. | having great sorrow |
| _____ 4. | doleful | d. | something that foreshadows a future event |
| _____ 5. | epilogue | e. | self-restraint |
| _____ 6. | presage | f. | to secure firmly |
| _____ 7. | quixotic | g. | very, very old (it literally means "before the Flood") |
| _____ 8. | reserve | h. | a short addition to a literary work; a short |
| _____ 9. | stasis | i. | motionlessness, stagnation |
| _____ 10. | warranted | j. | justified |

Exercise B

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| _____ 1. | air | a. | not visible, dormant |
| _____ 2. | beguile | b. | peculiar to or a trait of a group or area |
| _____ 3. | disencumber | c. | concise and meaningful |
| _____ 4. | endemic | d. | boisterous merriment, mirth |
| _____ 5. | hilarity | e. | to charge or to accuse |
| _____ 6. | indict | f. | to make a public utterance |
| _____ 7. | latent | g. | to reject or to refuse with hostility |
| _____ 8. | pithy | h. | to deceive, to mislead, to persuade with charm |
| _____ 9. | spurn | i. | to free from burdens, to extricate |
| _____ 10. | trite | j. | overused, commonplace, hackneyed |

Sentence Completion Test

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anchor	antediluvian	denigrate	doleful	epilogue
presage	quixotic	reserve	stasis	warranted

1. The book contained an _____, probably because readers reaching the end wanted to know what happened to the characters later in their lives.
2. It was clear from the sorrow on his face that Joe did not win the election to represent his class; his _____ expression was evidence that he had lost.
3. It is usually _____ for a commoner to pursue a relationship with a member of the royalty; it is impractical and not likely to happen.
4. Your excessive anger is neither _____ nor justified.
5. Suspended animation is a form of _____ in which people lie motionless for hundreds or even thousands of years.
6. Ted is a man of great _____, but his self-restraint was really tested by the lawsuit filed against him.
7. Claiming a knowledge of future events, the gypsy sought to _____ things to come.
8. The teacher began to _____ the unruly student by belittling him in front of the entire class.
9. We tried to _____ the boat to the dock, but it was difficult to tie up securely to the shore.
10. Stan's 1940 Chevrolet looks positively _____; a car that is a few years old is one thing, but one that is older than ten years is ancient!

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corpulence	hilarity	legerdemain	lurid	monumental
myriad	oscillating	pithy	trite	vulgarity

11. The crowd was dazzled by the magician's _____; his sleight-of-hand was so fast that it deceived all eyes.
12. Your comments about the book are quite _____; you say things in a very concise and direct manner.
13. Once, fat men regarded their _____ as a sign of success; today, they worry that being overweight will lead to a heart attack
14. This battle will go down in history as one of _____ importance, for it was the turning point of the war.
15. The angry mob resorted to _____ as it shouted obscenities and clamored for the prisoner's release.
16. Jane's extensive travels have helped her become acquainted with _____ foreign countries and customs.
17. The fan's _____ blades moved back and forth, blowing the cool air first to the left and then to the right.
18. The _____ of the clown's skit caused us to laugh so hard we fell over.
19. 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.
20. Platitudes are common sayings, yet even though they are _____ and overused, they can be a source of wisdom.