

Lesson 22

Definitions

9th Grade



1.	epitaph	EP uh taf	an inscription in memory of a dead person (usually on a tombstone)
	Synonyms >>		
	She wants to write her own epitaph before she dies, rather than have someone else write it later.		
	Derivatives >>	epitaphial, epitaphless, epitaphic	
2.	foible	FOI bul	slight fault, minor weakness of character
	Synonyms >>	failing, fragility, vice	
	His character is weakened only by a slight foible.		
	Derivatives >>	foibles	
3.	garish	GAR ish	crudely or tastelessly colorful or showy; excessively ornate or elaborate
	Synonyms >>	loud, tawdry, gaudy	
	Her garish clothes made her look out of place in the conservative setting.		
	Derivatives >>	garishly, garishness	
4.	homage	HOM ij	a reverential regard; respect shown by external action
	Synonyms >>	honor, reverence, deference, obeisance	
	The people went to pay homage to their respected leader.		
	Derivatives >>	homages, homager	
5.	importune	im por TOON	to beg in earnest
	Synonyms >>	entreat, implore, supplicate, adjure	
	Although he importuned for one more chance, his former boss would not rehire him.		
	Derivatives >>	importuned, importuning, importunely, importuner, importunity, importunacy, importunate, importunateness	
6.	intangibles	in TAN juh buls	things that cannot be realized or defined
	Synonyms >>		
	The coach said that he had the best team and that they should win, but one never knows about intangibles.		
	Derivatives >>	intangibility, intangibleness, intangibly	
7.	lecher	LECH ur	one who indulges excessively in sexual activity or in lasciviousness
	Synonyms >>		
	The young woman was repulsed by the unwanted sexual advances of the lecher.		
	Derivatives >>	lechery, lecherous, lecherously, lecherousness	
8.	morbidity	mor BID eh tee	unwholesomeness and gloominess, gruesomeness
	Synonyms >>		
	The boy talked about dead people and gruesome things. He soon frightened me with his morbidity.		
	Derivatives >>	morbid, morbidity	
9.	ostracize	OS truh size	to exclude by general consent from society or privileges
	Synonyms >>	exile, disenfranchise, excommunicate	
	Her friends ostracized her after her husband's arrest.		
	Derivatives >>	ostracized, ostracizing, ostracization, ostracizable, ostracizer	
10.	patronizing	PAY truh niz ing	having a condescending attitude
	Synonyms >>		
	She hugged the poor children in the streets and flashed them patronizing smiles.		
	Derivatives >>	patronize, patronization, patronizer, patronizingly	

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. epitaph | a. having a condescending attitude |
| _____ 2. foible | b. one who indulges excessively in sexual activity |
| _____ 3. garish | c. tastelessly colorful or showy; excessively ornate |
| _____ 4. homage | d. a reverential regard; respect shown by external action |
| _____ 5. importune | e. slight fault, minor weakness of character |
| _____ 6. intangibles | f. things that cannot be realized or defined |
| _____ 7. lecher | g. to exclude by general consent from society |
| _____ 8. morbidity | h. unwholesomeness and gloominess, gruesomeness |
| _____ 9. ostracize | i. an inscription in memory of a dead person |
| _____ 10. patronizing | j. to beg in earnest |

Exercise B

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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. foliage | f. to secure firmly |
| _____ 7. hues | g. very, very old (it literally means "before the Flood") |
| _____ 8. presage | h. colors |
| _____ 9. quixotic | i. leaves of a plant, leafage |
| _____ 10. reserve | j. a short addition to a literary work, a short speech given at the end of a play |

Sentence Completion Test

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epitaph	foible	garish	homage	importune
intangibles	lecher	morbidity	ostracize	patronizing

1. The congregation's reverent regard was evident as they paid _____ to the departing pastor through many gifts that were showered upon him.
2. I would like to write my own _____, although I don't want it inscribed on my tombstone for a long time to come.
3. The woman's _____ attire made her look like a clown. Her clothes were tastelessly colorful and showy.
4. Her husband's _____ smile merely enraged the woman more. She did not appreciate his condescending attitude at all.
5. The man's rapid state of moral decline soon turned him into a _____.
6. Although I think he has many character defects, he admits to having only one slight _____.
7. Some things cannot be realized or defined; understanding the _____ can be difficult.
8. The patient began to _____ the doctor not to amputate his leg, but his pleas were unheeded because the operation was necessary to save his life.
9. When the man continually disobeyed the laws of the tribe, the council decided to _____ him and insist that he move away to another village.
10. The _____ which was displayed in the experiments was gruesome and cruel.

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beguiled	disencumber	doleful	endemic	epilogue
latent	premeditated	quixotic	stasis	warranted

11. Suspended animation is a form of _____ in which people lie motionless for hundreds or even thousands of years.
12. 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.
13. Throughout the region the _____ condition of poverty existed everywhere.
14. It is usually _____ for a commoner to pursue a relationship with a member of the royalty; it is impractical and not likely to happen.
15. Since he had carefully planned his crime for eight months, the suspect was found guilty of _____ murder.
16. His success, which did not come until later in life, was attributed to his _____ talents.
17. The book contained an _____, probably because readers reaching the end wanted to know what happened to the characters later in their lives.
18. Your excessive anger is neither _____ nor justified.
19. The warrior took off his armor to _____ himself so that his long climb up the mountain would be less awkward.
20. The crowd was _____ by the magician's sleight-of-hand; he was so fast that he deceived all eyes.