

# Lesson 24

## Definitions

9<sup>th</sup> Grade



1.	<b>declaim</b>	deh KLAME	to harangue, to speak bombastically or vehemently
	Synonyms >>	bombast, fustian, rant, rodomontade	
	He declaimed his opponents with oratorical vigor.		
	Derivatives >>	declaimer, declamation, declamatory, declaimed, declaiming	
2.	<b>equanimity</b>	ee kwuh NIM uh tee	a calm temper, an even disposition
	Synonyms >>		
	The rude behavior of the students did not disturb his equanimity.		
	Derivatives >>	equanimous, equanimously	
3.	<b>eschew</b>	es CHOO	to avoid or to shun
	Synonyms >>		
	He eschewed situations in which there would be drinking.		
	Derivatives >>	eschewed, eschewal	
4.	<b>exigent</b>	EK seh junt	urgent, requiring immediate attention
	Synonyms >>		
	The exigent situation required immediate attention.		
	Derivatives >>	exigency, exigencies, exigence, exigently	
5.	<b>hone</b>	HONE	to sharpen, to make more intense, to make more effective
	Synonyms >>		
	I am going to the golf course to hone my putting skills.		
	Derivatives >>	honer	
6.	<b>slag</b>	SLAG	the residue or mass of metal left after smelting; worthless matter
	Synonyms >>		
	The bottom of the pit was full of slag.		
	Derivatives >>	slagger	
7.	<b>sumptuous</b>	SUMP choo us	lavish, luxurious
	Synonyms >>		
	I like to go to my mother's house on Thanksgiving Day because we always have a sumptuous feast.		
	Derivatives >>	sumptuously, sumptuosity, sumptuousness	
8.	<b>tinge</b>	TINJ	to add a bit of color; to affect slightly; a slight coloration
	Synonyms >>		
	I wanted to add a tinge of red to the picture. The roses tinged the air with their fragrance.		
	Derivatives >>	tingent, tinged, tinging, tinges	
9.	<b>unpalatable</b>	un PAL eh tuh bul	distasteful, unpleasant, disagreeable
	Synonyms >>		
	The speaker made harshly unpalatable but honest statements.		
	Derivatives >>	unpalatableness, unpalatably	
10.	<b>workaday</b>	WUR kuh day	ordinary, commonplace
	Synonyms >>		
	Because the novelist included workaday settings in her book, she was able to appeal to the ordinary man.		
	Derivatives >>		

# 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. declaim     | a. lavish, luxurious  |
| _____ 2. equanimity  | b. a calm temper, an even disposition                             |
| _____ 3. eschew      | c. the residue of metal left after smelting; worthless matter     |
| _____ 4. exigent     | d. urgent, requiring immediate attention                          |
| _____ 5. hone        | e. distasteful, unpleasant, disagreeable                          |
| _____ 6. slag        | f. to avoid or to shun  |
| _____ 7. sumptuous   | g. to harangue, to speak bombastically or vehemently              |
| _____ 8. tinge       | h. to add a bit of color; to affect slightly; a slight coloration |
| _____ 9. unpalatable | i. to sharpen, to make more intense                               |
| _____ 10. workaday   | j. ordinary, commonplace  |

### Exercise B

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|----------------------|---|
| _____ 1. addendum    | a. something added, usually to a book                       |
| _____ 2. anthology   | b. inclined or eager to fight; aggressively hostile         |
| _____ 3. bellicose   | c. abundance, a lot   |
| _____ 4. cognizant   | d. aware, having knowledge                                  |
| _____ 5. endemic     | e. a collection of selected pieces of literature or art     |
| _____ 6. intangibles | f. things that cannot be realized or defined                |
| _____ 7. morbidity   | g. to exclude by general consent from society or privileges |
| _____ 8. ostracize   | h. unwholesomeness and gloominess, gruesomeness             |
| _____ 9. pithy       | i. peculiar to or a trait of a group or area                |
| _____ 10. plenitude  | j. concise and meaningful                                   |

# Sentence Completion Test

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declaim

equanimity

eschew

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hone

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unpalatable

workaday

1. The rude behavior of the students did not disturb the teacher's \_\_\_\_\_; he remained calm and composed during the entire time.
2. The food we had to eat during the camp was practically \_\_\_\_\_; it was so bad I couldn't force myself to swallow it.
3. Thanksgiving Day is a time my family joins together for a \_\_\_\_\_ feast; everyone brings something special, and no one goes away hungry.
4. The farmer used a \_\_\_\_\_ solution for a commonly occurring problem.
5. The swimmers were careful to avoid the \_\_\_\_\_ in the bottom of the tank. It was difficult to tell what debris had accumulated there.
6. Although the slight \_\_\_\_\_ of pink appeared to be a sign of health, the color deceived the doctor, and he thought his patient was well.
7. This is one situation to \_\_\_\_\_ if at all possible; some things are best left alone and avoided.
8. The man started to \_\_\_\_\_ his opponents in a loud, vehement voice; his bombastic speech was enough to capture everyone's attention.
9. If you want to impress the committee, you should \_\_\_\_\_ your speaking skills; they need to be sharpened.
10. His \_\_\_\_\_ injury required the immediate attention of the paramedics.

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anchor	antediluvian	anthology	bellicose	cognizant
foible	importune	intangibles	plenitude	resonant

11. 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.
12. We tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the boat to the dock, but it was difficult to tie up securely to the shore.
13. Although I think he has many character defects, he admits to having only one slight \_\_\_\_\_.
14. The scientist was \_\_\_\_\_ of the fact that the test results left no room for doubt, but he had trouble accepting the truth.
15. The \_\_\_\_\_ that results from American agriculture is evident in a yearly surplus of most food items.
16. This \_\_\_\_\_ is a collection of several short stories.
17. We seemed to have walked into a room full of \_\_\_\_\_ ruffians; everyone in the room wanted to fight.
18. Some things cannot be realized or defined; understanding the \_\_\_\_\_ can be difficult.
19. 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!
20. We knew that the opera was about to begin when we heard the \_\_\_\_\_ sounds of the orchestra's overture echoing throughout the hall.