

Lesson 28

Definitions

9th Grade



1.	ardor	AR dur	warmth or heat of emotion; extreme force, vigor, or energy
	Synonyms >>	passion, intensity, fervor, enthusiasm, zeal	
	His ardor for the revolution cooled off during the course of the war.		
	Derivatives >>	ardour, ardors	
2.	assiduous	uh SIJ you us	marked by careful and unremitting attention, constant in application
	Synonyms >>	industrious, sedulous, diligent	
	He worked assiduously at studying geometry for weeks before he felt prepared to take the final exam.		
	Derivatives >>	assiduously, assiduousness	
3.	bestial	BES chul	brutal without reason, having the attributes of a savage
	Synonyms >>		
	The bestial traits of the man were offensive to refined ladies.		
	Derivatives >>	bestiality, bestialize, bestialized, bestializing	
4.	concord	KON kord	agreement; concurrence in attitudes, consensus
	Synonyms >>		
	There was complete concord among the delegates.		
	Derivatives >>	concordal, concordance, concordant, concordatory	
5.	confound	kon FOUND	to cause one to become confused
	Synonyms >>		
	I am confounded by the tax forms of the IRS.		
	Derivatives >>	confounded, confoundedly, confounding, confounds	
6.	reciprocal	reh SIP ruh kul	mutual, interacting
	Synonyms >>		
	We have made a reciprocal trade agreement whereby we will sell the country grain and it will sell us copper.		
	Derivatives >>	reciprocity, reciprocally, reciprocating, reciprocation, reciprocal, reciprocator, reciprocity, reciprocity	
7.	rejoinder	reh JOIN dur	an answer to a reply
	Synonyms >>	reply	
	Her remarks drew a sharp rejoinder from the man.		
	Derivatives >>	rejoin, rejoinders	
8.	restive	RES tiv	unwilling to yield or to adjust
	Synonyms >>	contrary, perverse, balky, wayward, persistent, stubborn	
	The man was unable to persuade the restive crowd.		
	Derivatives >>	restively, restiveness	
9.	revile	reh VILE	to subject to verbal abuse
	Synonyms >>	upbraid, berate, rail at, vituperate, scold	
	The woman began to revile her husband in a fit of anger.		
	Derivatives >>	reviled, reviling, revilement, reviler, revilingly	
10.	revulsion	reh VUL shun	a strong feeling of disgust or repugnance
	Synonyms >>		
	Everyone should have a revulsion for child abuse.		
	Derivatives >>	revulsant, revulsionsary, revulsive	

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. | ardor | a. | unwilling to yield or to adjust |
| _____ 2. | assiduous | b. | marked by careful and unremitting attention |
| _____ 3. | bestial | c. | warmth or heat of emotion; extreme force, or energy |
| _____ 4. | concord | d. | an answer to a reply |
| _____ 5. | confound | e. | to subject to verbal abuse |
| _____ 6. | reciprocal | f. | to cause one to become confused |
| _____ 7. | rejoinder | g. | agreement; concurrence in attitudes, consensus |
| _____ 8. | restive | h. | brutal without reason, having attributes of a savage |
| _____ 9. | revile | i. | mutual, interacting |
| _____ 10. | revulsion | j. | a strong feeling of disgust or repugnance |

Exercise B

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| _____ 1. | bemuse | a. | division into two opposite positions |
| _____ 2. | collage | b. | buried |
| _____ 3. | fold | c. | ordinary, unimaginative |
| _____ 4. | impudent | d. | a group bound together by common beliefs |
| _____ 5. | interred | e. | disrespectful, characterized by improper bold behavior |
| _____ 6. | pedestrian | f. | to destroy or to impair by insidious undermining |
| _____ 7. | polarization | g. | to confuse or to bewilder |
| _____ 8. | portly | h. | an assembly of things to make an artistic composition |
| _____ 9. | snippet | i. | heavy or rotund in a stately manner, stout |
| _____ 10. | subvert | j. | a small amount, morsel |

Sentence Completion Test

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ardor	assiduous	bestial	concord	confound
reciprocal	rejoinder	restive	revile	revulsion

1. The woman felt total _____ for the man; she had never had such a strong feeling of disgust or repugnance for anyone before.
2. Above all, the council wanted _____ among its members; if they had agreement within the group, they could face many problems.
3. The student replied to the teacher's question with a witty _____.
4. However sickening the _____ behavior of the savage is, most people can understand his uncivilized traits by identifying with his circumstances.
5. The student was _____ in studying for the test; because of his diligence, he made a good grade.
6. The _____ agreement offered mutual advantages to both signers.
7. Calculus is so difficult that it can _____ even very intelligent people who are not easily confused.
8. Verbal abuse is one thing that is terrible to witness; when I hear one person _____ another, I am disgusted.
9. Because the _____ horse was unwilling to go forward on the mountainous slopes, he was extremely hard to control.
10. His _____ for the woman would never cool; he loved her more than life itself.

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bemused	decorousness	fold	impudent	interred
levitate	mosaic	polarization	retrogress	subvert

11. We were all impressed by the man's _____; such proper behavior is becoming to a gentleman.
12. By the time I reached the fifth chapter, I was totally _____ by the confusing and bewildering arrangement of characters and plots.
13. The volcanic eruption _____ Pompeii, burying it under tons of ash and lava.
14. We must learn to live in a society of many cultures if we are not to _____ to an earlier, intolerant era.
15. Because no one can really make someone else float in mid-air, we figured that the magician's ability to _____ the girl must be a skillful trick.
16. The artist was anxious to exhibit his _____; the multi-colored glass pieces made a delightful work of art.
17. For trying to _____ the government and undermine its power, the man was convicted of treason.
18. The child's _____, disrespectful remark to his father resulted in severe punishment.
19. The _____ that existed between the two factions could not be reconciled; their differences were so great that they would never come to agreeable terms.
20. The woman left the group to find new experiences, but she soon returned to the _____ when she realized that her people were bound together by common beliefs that were precious to her.