

Lesson 3

Definitions

9th Grade



1.	antipathy	an TIP uh thee	a dislike, distaste, or enmity
	Synonyms >>	animosity, animus, antagonism, hostility, rancor	
	The woman's obvious antipathy toward snakes surfaced when she came into contact with the slithering reptile.		
	Derivatives >>	antipathetic, antipathic, antipathist, antipathize, antipathies	
2.	blunderbuss	BLUN der bus	a clumsy and careless person; an obsolete firearm with a bell muzzle
	Synonyms >>		
	The girl made so many embarrassing remarks that she felt like a blunderbuss.		
	Derivatives >>	blunder, blunderer, blundering, blunderbusses	
3.	compatriot	kum PAY tree ut	a fellow countryman
	Synonyms >>		
	The Lewis and Clark expedition was a journey of two compatriots exploring the unknown regions.		
	Derivatives >>	compatriotism	
4.	conflagration	kon fluh GRAY shun	a large fire
	Synonyms >>		
	Some believe that the earth will be destroyed by a large conflagration.		
	Derivatives >>	conflagrations, conflagrant, conflagrate, conflagrator, conflagratory	
5.	edifice	ED uh fis	a very large building
	Synonyms >>		
	This particular edifice has the title of being the tallest building in the world.		
	Derivatives >>		
6.	junction	JUNGK chur	a point of joining
	Synonyms >>		
	His new book emphasizes the importance of the junction of poetry and music into a new art form.		
	Derivatives >>	junctural, junctional	
7.	magnate	MAG nate	a person of power and influence
	Synonyms >>		
	He was a film magnate who had great power to create a star.		
	Derivatives >>	magnateship	
8.	malady	MAL eh dee	a disease or unwholesome condition
	Synonyms >>		
	The poor old woman seems to suffer one malady after another.		
	Derivatives >>	maladies	
9.	potentate	POTE un tate	a monarch, very powerful ruler, sovereign
	Synonyms >>		
	There are many countries in the Middle East that are ruled by a potentate.		
	Derivatives >>	potentates	
10.	stealthy	STEL the	acting in a secret and sneaky way--this is a negative term
	Synonyms >>	clandestine, covert, furtive, surreptitious, underhanded	
	The secret organization moves by stealth to gather information on its enemies.		
	Derivatives >>	stealthyful, stealthfully, stealthily, stealthiness, stealth	

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. | antipathy | a. | a dislike, distaste, or enmity |
| _____ | 2. | blunderbuss | b. | a disease or unwholesome condition |
| _____ | 3. | compatriot | c. | a careless person; an obsolete firearm with a bell muzzle |
| _____ | 4. | conflagration | d. | a point of joining |
| _____ | 5. | edifice | e. | a large fire |
| _____ | 6. | juncture | f. | a very large building |
| _____ | 7. | magnate | g. | a fellow countryman |
| _____ | 8. | malady | h. | a person of power and influence |
| _____ | 9. | potentate | i. | acting in a secret and sneaky way |
| _____ | 10. | stealthy | j. | a monarch, very powerful ruler, sovereign |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|-----------|----|---|
| _____ | 1. | acuity | a. | a charm or ornament worn to protect against evil |
| _____ | 2. | entreaty | b. | a false appearance, a fake punch |
| _____ | 3. | amulet | c. | a plea, an earnest request |
| _____ | 4. | ascend | d. | a serious event causing distress or misfortune |
| _____ | 5. | augment | e. | absolute hatred |
| _____ | 6. | enmity | f. | to degrade; to speak of someone in a derogatory manner |
| _____ | 7. | feint | g. | to mourn or to express sorrow in a demonstrative manner |
| _____ | 8. | calamity | h. | sharpness of perception |
| _____ | 9. | disparage | i. | to move upward, to rise from a lower station |
| _____ | 10. | lament | j. | to make greater or to supplement |

Sentence Completion Test

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blunderbuss

compatriot

conflagration

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junction

magnate

malady

quench

stealthy

1. The doctor assured us that the child's _____ was temporary and that the disease would not be hard to cure.
2. Policemen generally have an _____ for crime and criminals; if they did not dislike these things so much, they would not have gone into the profession of law enforcement.
3. The _____ would not stay long in the small village; he was anxious to get to the capital and engage in the affairs of government, his first love.
4. The San Francisco earthquake caused a _____ that burned many city blocks.
5. Because it is one of the rules of the park to extinguish all camp fires, we decided to _____ the fire with water.
6. The business _____ considered himself superior to everyone because he had the power to fire any employee at all.
7. The two railroad tracks joined at St. Louis, which was considered the _____ of the East and the West.
8. The crowd gathered in front of the building to protest, but the _____ was completely surrounded by guards.
9. In order to survive, a spy must be _____ and sneaky.
10. I've never seen such a clumsy person; he is truly a _____.

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accuity	disparaging	enmity	inundated	penury
perjury	posterity	potentate	supple	virtuous

11. The ancient king, a very powerful _____, surrounded himself with strong supporters.
12. He was charged with _____ for lying to the grand jury.
13. The plastic rod was just _____ enough to bend the needed amount without breaking. We were fortunate to have found something so pliable.
14. The wise man saw the situation with _____; his sharp perception always added to his wisdom.
15. Because of his _____ remarks about me, the committee gave the job to another person; he had effectively ruined my reputation.
16. The man loved the _____ woman for her purity, honesty and integrity.
17. The bridge collapsed when it was _____ by the flood waters.
18. The mayor's objective for this term is to stop the recent outbreak of violent crime in the inner city; he believes that those homeless people living in a state of _____ seem to be victimized most.
19. The man wanted to leave more than money for his _____; he wanted to leave a love for honor and justice to his descendants.
20. Deep-seated _____ and ill will caused the man to be bitter and antagonistic; indeed, he continued to hate the woman until he died.