

Lesson 30

Definitions

9th Grade



1.	inanimate	in AN uh mit	without life
	Synonyms >>		
	A rock is an inanimate object.		
	Derivatives >>	inanimately, inanimateness	
2.	lithe	LIETH	flexible and graceful
	Synonyms >>		
	Ballet is a dance for lithe dancers.		
	Derivatives >>	lithely	
3.	maladroit	mal uh DROIT	inept, awkward
	Synonyms >>	gauche, clumsy, ungainly	
	His maladroit attempts to repair the situation only made it worse.		
	Derivatives >>	maladroitly, maladroitness	
4.	muted	MYOO tid	toned down or silenced
	Synonyms >>		
	The conductor wanted the music to be muted at one spot in the performance.		
	Derivatives >>	mute, mutedly, mutely, muteness	
5.	paradigm	PAIR uh dim, -dime	a very good example or model
	Synonyms >>		
	The English teacher gave the students a sample outline as a paradigm of good work.		
	Derivatives >>	paradigmatic, paradigmatical, paradigmatically, paradigmaticize	
6.	perfidious	pur FID ee us	calculated to deceive; deceitful; treacherous
	Synonyms >>		
	You show a lack of character by spreading perfidious stories about your brother.		
	Derivatives >>	perfidiously, perfidiousness, perfidy	
7.	potable	POE tuh bul	something drinkable
	Synonyms >>		
	The show "Jeopardy" used to have a category called "Pot & Potables" that concerned all kinds of drinks.		
	Derivatives >>	potability, potableness	
8.	redundant	reh DUN dunt	repetitious, superfluous
	Synonyms >>		
	She is boring because she is a rambling and redundant speaker.		
	Derivatives >>	redundancy, redundancy, redundantly	
9.	retinue	RET uh noo	a body of retainers who follow a prince or other distinguished person
	Synonyms >>		
	It was the largest retinue ever to accompany the president on a trip.		
	Derivatives >>	retinued	
10.	sinuous	SIN yoo us	bending in and out in a serpentine or wavy form
	Synonyms >>	winding, intricate, complex	
	The land was covered with a sinuous system of canals and irrigation ditches.		
	Derivatives >>	sinuosity, sinuously, sinuousness	

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. | inanimate | a. | inept, awkward |
| _____ | 2. | lithe | b. | bending in and out in a serpentine or wavy form |
| _____ | 3. | maladroit | c. | without life |
| _____ | 4. | muted | d. | flexible and graceful |
| _____ | 5. | paradigm | e. | toned down or silenced |
| _____ | 6. | perfidious | f. | a very good example or model |
| _____ | 7. | potable | g. | repetitious, superfluous |
| _____ | 8. | redundant | h. | something drinkable |
| _____ | 9. | retinue | i. | calculated to deceive; deceitful; treacherous |
| _____ | 10. | sinuous | j. | a body of retainers who follow a prince or other distinguished person |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|-------------|----|---|
| _____ | 1. | bestial | a. | a sudden and impulsive action |
| _____ | 2. | concord | b. | agreement; concurrence in attitudes, consensus |
| _____ | 3. | confound | c. | insolently rude, not within the bounds of good taste |
| _____ | 4. | defer | d. | to show clearly |
| _____ | 5. | ethos | e. | to put off action until a future time; to delay |
| _____ | 6. | evince | f. | brutal without reason, having attributes of a savage |
| _____ | 7. | impertinent | g. | to cut or to separate |
| _____ | 8. | mosaic | h. | to cause one to become confused |
| _____ | 9. | sever | i. | the distinguishing character of a specific culture |
| _____ | 10. | whim | j. | a picture made by using various small pieces of multicolored material |

Sentence Completion Test

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inanimate	lithe	maladroit	muted	paradigm
perfidious	potable	redundant	retinue	sinuous

1. The man looked at the _____ body and saw that there was no life left in it.
2. The king was accompanied by his _____ on the journey; his body of attendants always followed him wherever he went.
3. His performance was truly a _____ of musical perfection; it was a magnificent example of great artistry.
4. The winding, _____ road stretched in complex turns for miles into the mountains, looking much like a path of a snake.
5. My reputation was nearly ruined by the deceitful reporter and his treacherous, _____ stories.
6. The _____ movements of the ballerina were astounding; her flexibility allows her to perform extraordinary feats.
7. Jim is so _____ that he can hardly hammer a nail without injuring himself; he is the most awkward person I know.
8. The student's essay was nicely written except that he was _____ much of the time; he said the same things over and over.
9. Because the water was not _____, we had to search for something else that we could drink.
10. The music was _____ by the closed doors of the auditorium, but we still managed to hear a few of the muffled sounds.

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confound	dissected	impertinent	intensify	lionize
reciprocal	revile	surplus	vanquished	whim

11. The pressure on the coach began to build and to _____ as his team continued to lose game after game.
12. The young man annoyed me with his _____ comments; frankly, he sounded like a rude snob.
13. The poor country had finally been _____; economic sanctions had overpowered the people, conquering the nation for the enemy.
14. Calculus is so difficult that it can _____ even very intelligent people who are not easily confused.
15. After the students had _____ the frog, they asked permission to bury him in the courtyard.
16. James often eats merely on a _____, impulsively deciding to dine at all hours of the night.
17. Verbal abuse is one thing that is terrible to witness; when I hear one person _____ another, I am disgusted.
18. With such an abundance of wheat, the country had to decide what to do with the _____.
19. For once the newspaper did not try to abase the young scientist and his work; on the contrary, it finally began to _____ him for his discoveries.
20. The _____ agreement offered mutual advantages to both signers.