

Lesson 31

Definitions

9th Grade



1.	assimilate	uh SIM uh late	to take in and incorporate as one's own, to absorb
	Synonyms >>		
	He assimilated many new experiences on his trip to the Orient.		
	Derivatives >>	assimilated, assimilating, assimilation, assimilationist, assimilative, assimilatory, assimilativeness, assimilator	
2.	begrudge	buh GRUJ	to give reluctantly, to envy a possession or one's enjoyment
	Synonyms >>		
	She did not begrudge the money spent on her child's education.		
	Derivatives >>	begrudged, begrudging, begrudgingly	
3.	bulwark	BOOL wark	a strong defense or something that defends
	Synonyms >>		
	Nuclear arms are our bulwark against invasion.		
	Derivatives >>	bulwarks	
4.	commodious	kuh MO dee us	affording ample space and room; adapted to or suitable for use
	Synonyms >>	capacious, ample, serviceable	
	The room was of a commodious, well-proportioned size.		
	Derivatives >>	commodiously, commodiousness, commodity	
5.	conglomerate	kun GLOM ur it	a mixture of many things
	Synonyms >>		
	When the three companies merged, a giant conglomerate was formed.		
	Derivatives >>	conglomerated, conglomerating, conglomeratic, conglomeritic, conglomeration	
6.	subjugate	SUB juh gate	to bring under one's control
	Synonyms >>		
	It was the intent of the dictator to subjugate all the people in the land and control them.		
	Derivatives >>	subjugable, subjugation, subjugator	
7.	totter	TOT ur	to stagger as if about to fall
	Synonyms >>		
	Drinking heavily will usually cause one to totter.		
	Derivatives >>	tottered, tottering, totteringly, tottery, totters	
8.	usurp	yoo SURP	to take possession or authority over something without right
	Synonyms >>		
	The younger son tried to usurp the throne from the rightful heir.		
	Derivatives >>	usurpation, usurpative, usurpatory, usurpature	
9.	vicarious	vie KARE ee us	experienced through imagined participation in another's activity
	Synonyms >>		
	Many people who watch football experience a vicarious release of aggression.		
	Derivatives >>	vicariate, vicarism, vicariously, vicariousness	
10.	woe	WOE	great sorrow, grief, or misfortune
	Synonyms >>		
	The woe she suffered at his death continued through months of depression.		
	Derivatives >>	woes, woebegone, woeful, woebegoneness, woefully, woefulness	

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. | assimilate | a. | affording ample space and room; adapted to use |
| _____ 2. | begrudge | b. | to take in and incorporate as one's own, to absorb |
| _____ 3. | bulwark | c. | to bring under one's control |
| _____ 4. | commodious | d. | a strong defense or something that defends |
| _____ 5. | conglomerate | e. | a mixture of many things |
| _____ 6. | subjugate | f. | to give reluctantly, to envy a possession |
| _____ 7. | totter | g. | to stagger as if about to fall |
| _____ 8. | usurp | h. | to take possession over something without right |
| _____ 9. | vicarious | i. | great sorrow, grief, or misfortune |
| _____ 10. | woe | j. | experienced through imagined participation in another's activity |

Exercise B

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| _____ 1. | dissected | a. | inept, awkward |
| _____ 2. | husband | b. | bending in and out in a serpentine or wavy form |
| _____ 3. | inanimate | c. | without life |
| _____ 4. | lithe | d. | flexible and graceful |
| _____ 5. | maladroit | e. | toned down or silenced |
| _____ 6. | muted | f. | divided into numerous segments or parts |
| _____ 7. | reciprocal | g. | to manage prudently and in a conservative manner |
| _____ 8. | revulsion | h. | an amount that is more than what is needed |
| _____ 9. | sinuous | i. | mutual, interacting |
| _____ 10. | surplus | j. | a strong feeling of disgust or repugnance |

Sentence Completion Test

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commodious	conglomerate	bulwark	dissolution	vicarious
subjugate	begrudge	tottered	assimilate	usurp

1. The _____ ballroom gave us ample room for dancing.
2. The book is a _____ that contains poems, short stories, essays and even a few recipes.
3. Germany's poor naval powers made the sea the United States' greatest _____; it became our strongest defense.
4. As the partnership began to disintegrate, he knew that the _____ of the company was at hand.
5. Members of the audience indulged in a _____ experience of watching the youthful dancer and imagining themselves on stage with her.
6. Hitler's goal was to _____ Europe, bringing the entire continent under his control.
7. The father would never _____ his children's request for money; he was never reluctant to give to them.
8. Afraid of losing my balance, I _____ unsteadily on the edge of the pit.
9. As soon as the patient can _____ the medicine, he will begin to regain his strength; it will take an hour for his body to absorb the chemicals.
10. The wicked queen sought to _____ the king's power and steal the throne from him.

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husband	lithe	ardor	severed	retinue
paradigm	sinuous	restive	topple	perfidious

11. The shepherd was told to _____ his herd, but he soon found that managing sheep was not as easy as he had imagined.
12. The _____ movements of the ballerina were astounding; her flexibility allows her to perform extraordinary feats.
13. His _____ for the woman would never cool; he loved her more than life itself.
14. The cut in my hand was so deep that it _____ a nerve.
15. The king was accompanied by his _____ on the journey; his body of attendants always followed him wherever he went.
16. His performance was truly a _____ of musical perfection; it was a magnificent example of great artistry.
17. The winding, _____ road stretched in complex turns for miles into the mountains, looking much like a path of a snake.
18. Because the _____ horse was unwilling to go forward on the mountainous slopes, he was extremely hard to control.
19. The stack of blocks began to _____ when the girl brushed past and accidentally overturned them.
20. My reputation was nearly ruined by the deceitful reporter and his treacherous, _____ stories.