

Lesson 32

Definitions

9th Grade



1.	dissolution	dis uh LOO shun	disintegration, decomposition and dispersion
	Synonyms >>		
	The dissolution of the partnership caused him much grief.		
	Derivatives >>	dissolute, dissolutely, dissoluteness, dissolutive, dissoluble	
2.	dither	DITH ur	a state of trembling excitement or fear; vacillation; a trembling; vibration
	Synonyms >>		
	I am in a dither about whose offer to accept to the prom.		
	Derivatives >>	dithered, dithering, dithery	
3.	evocative	eh VOK uh tiv	calling forth, calling to mind
	Synonyms >>		
	The play was evocative in that it made me recall my youth.		
	Derivatives >>	evocatively, evocativeness, evocatory, evocator, evocation, evoke	
4.	frenetic	fruh NET ik	frenzied, frantic
	Synonyms >>		
	The mother became frenetic when the chicken bone lodged in her baby's throat.		
	Derivatives >>	frenetically, frenetical	
5.	grisly	GRIS lee	ghastly, inspiring fear
	Synonyms >>	gruesome, lurid, macabre	
	The scene of the car accident was a grisly sight.		
	Derivatives >>	grisliness, grisliest	
6.	ignoble	ig NO bul	of lowly origin, without honor
	Synonyms >>	abject, mean, sordid	
	I do not like his ignoble ideas.		
	Derivatives >>	ignobility, ignobleness, ignobly	
7.	impel	im PEL	to urge or to drive forward (usually with moral pressure)
	Synonyms >>		
	I will impel him to study more often in order to pass this class.		
	Derivatives >>	impelling, impellment, impeller, impelled	
8.	intercede	in ter SEDE	to intervene and to act as a mediator
	Synonyms >>		
	I will intercede on your behalf in your dispute with your boss if you believe it will do some good.		
	Derivatives >>	interceder, intercession, intercessional, intercessive, intercessor, intercessorial	
9.	lugubrious	loo GOO bree us	excessively mournful
	Synonyms >>		
	The woman shed lugubrious tears at the funeral of her husband and daughter.		
	Derivatives >>	lugubriosity, lugubriously, lugubriousness	
10.	mutinous	MYOOT un us	rebellious, unruly
	Synonyms >>		
	The crew grew mutinous because they thought they might sail right off the edge of the earth.		
	Derivatives >>	mutiny, mutinously, mutinousness, mutinize, mutinies	

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. dissolution | a. of lowly origin, without honor |
| _____ 2. dither | b. ghastly, inspiring fear |
| _____ 3. evocative | c. disintegration, decomposition and dispersion |
| _____ 4. frenetic | d. to intervene and to act as a mediator |
| _____ 5. grisly | e. calling forth, calling to mind |
| _____ 6. ignoble | f. frenzied, frantic |
| _____ 7. impel | g. to urge or to drive forward with moral pressure |
| _____ 8. intercede | h. a state of trembling excitement or fear; vacillation |
| _____ 9. lugubrious | i. excessively mournful |
| _____ 10. mutinous | j. rebellious, unruly |

Exercise B

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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 give reluctantly, to envy a possession |
| _____ 4. commodious | d. a very good example or model |
| _____ 5. conglomerate | e. a mixture of many things |
| _____ 6. paradigm | f. a strong defense or something that defends` |
| _____ 7. perfidious | g. calculated to deceive; deceitful; treacherous |
| _____ 8. potable | h. conquered, overpowered |
| _____ 9. topple | i. to overturn |
| _____ 10. vanquished | j. something drinkable |

Sentence Completion Test

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dither

evocative

frenetic

grisly

ignoble

impel

intercede

lugubrious

mutinous

woe

1. After the accident she began to tremble, and by the time the police arrived, she was in a real _____.
2. The _____ passage in the book brought back to my mind the days of my youth in which I had faced a similar situation.
3. The woman's _____ wailing and crying seemed a little excessive for the mourning of a mere acquaintance.
4. The man's _____ pace in the race became even more hurried after he had a flat tire and fell one minute behind the leading car.
5. The decaying body was a _____ sight; I never expected to see anything so ghastly.
6. Chaucer's "The Pardoner's Tale" is a tale of the _____ and misfortune that money can cause.
7. His _____ ideas betrayed his lowly origin and his lack of honor.
8. The captain was not able to pacify the _____ crew before they attacked him and took over the ship.
9. I have hired a lawyer to _____ with the court on my behalf; it appears that I am going to need a mediator.
10. Perhaps receiving that failing grade will _____ him to study more; we have tried to urge him ourselves without success.

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bulwark	commodious	conglomerate	defer	dissolution
evince	maladroit	potable	redundant	vicarious

11. If you can _____ your capability for handling the job, you will be hired, but you must show clearly that you are qualified for such work.
12. Jim is so _____ that he can hardly hammer a nail without injuring himself; he is the most awkward person I know.
13. Members of the audience indulged in a _____ experience of watching the youthful dancer and imagining themselves on stage with her.
14. Germany's poor naval powers made the sea the United States' greatest _____; it became our strongest defense.
15. The student's essay was nicely written except that he was _____ much of the time; he said the same things over and over.
16. We may have to ask the bank officials to _____ our payment date since we can't pay the bill this week; they will sometimes delay a deadline if they are asked.
17. As the partnership began to disintegrate, he knew that the _____ of the company was at hand.
18. The _____ ballroom gave us ample room for dancing.
19. Because the water was not _____, we had to search for something else that we could drink.
20. The book is a _____ that contains poems, short stories, essays and even a few recipes.