

Lesson 33

Definitions

9th Grade



1.	abrogate	AB ruh gayt	to abolish, to do away with
	Synonyms >>	annul, invalidate, negate, nullify	
	The king abrogated the law passed by the parliament.		
	Derivatives >>	abrogable, abrogation, abrogative, abrogator, abrogated, abrogating	
2.	adamant	AD uh munt	inflexible, immovable, obstinate
	Synonyms >>	inexorable, obdurate	
	The man was adamant in his decision to seek a political office.		
	Derivatives >>	adamantine, adamantive, adamancy, adamantly	
3.	barbarism	BAR buh riz um	the incorrect usage of words or forms of language
	Synonyms >>		
	The English teacher cringed at the gross barbarism in the paper.		
	Derivatives >>	barbarous, barbarously, barbarousness	
4.	colloquial	kuh LOW kwee ul	informal (speech)
	Synonyms >>		
	Term papers are not to contain colloquial expressions.		
	Derivatives >>	colloquially, colloquy	
5.	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	
6.	paragon	PAIR uh gon	a model of excellence or perfection
	Synonyms >>		
	The minister was a paragon of virtue in all his affairs.		
	Derivatives >>	paragonize	
7.	perennial	puh REN ee ul	lasting for many years
	Synonyms >>	constant, incessant, perpetual, unremitting	
	The Dallas Cowboys were often a perennial favorite to win the Super Bowl.		
	Derivatives >>	perennially	
8.	potent	POTE unt	powerful, having a strong effect
	Synonyms >>		
	They gave me a potent pain killer to stop the throbbing sensation in my leg.		
	Derivatives >>	potence, potency	
9.	pucker	PUK ur	to gather into wrinkles or irregular folds
	Synonyms >>	wrinkle, furrow, contract	
	His lips puckered into a low whistle when he heard her name.		
	Derivatives >>	puckered, puckering, puckerer, puckery	
10.	retrograde	REH truh grade	moving backward
	Synonyms >>	withdrawing, receding, backward	
	That particular object is moving in retrograde motion.		
	Derivatives >>	retrograded, retrograding, retrogradely, retrogradingly	

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. | abrogate | a. | to abolish, to do away with |
| _____ 2. | adamant | b. | lasting for many years |
| _____ 3. | barbarism | c. | inflexible, immovable, obstinate |
| _____ 4. | colloquial | d. | moving backward |
| _____ 5. | compatriot | e. | to gather into wrinkles or irregular folds |
| _____ 6. | paragon | f. | the incorrect usage of words or forms of language |
| _____ 7. | perennial | g. | informal (speech) |
| _____ 8. | potent | h. | a fellow countryman |
| _____ 9. | pucker | i. | a model of excellence or perfection |
| _____ 10. | retrograde | j. | powerful, having a strong effect |

Exercise B

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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. | grisly | d. | a state of trembling excitement or fear; vacillation; |
| _____ 5. | ignoble | e. | calling forth, calling to mind |
| _____ 6. | redundant | f. | to bring under one's control |
| _____ 7. | retinue | g. | to stagger as if about to fall |
| _____ 8. | subjugate | h. | to take possession over something without right |
| _____ 9. | totter | i. | repetitious, superfluous |
| _____ 10. | usurp | j. | a body of retainers who follow a prince or other distinguished person |

Sentence Completion Test

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abrogate	adamant	barbarism	colloquial	compatriot
paragon	perennial	potent	pucker	retrograde

1. Cousin Billy, whom we once considered a _____ of virtue, was just convicted of tax evasion; he obviously was not the shining example who we thought he was.
2. The teacher was _____ and inflexible about not letting the student move about the room since his movements were a great distraction to the other students.
3. Because term papers require formal writing, English teachers do not accept papers that contain _____ expressions.
4. The Lakers were the _____ NBA champions of the 1980s, winning the title year after year.
5. Sometimes this business appears to be going in _____; instead of moving forward, we seem to be going backward.
6. The doctor gave Sally the most _____ medicine available, a very powerful antibiotic.
7. The boy made an embarrassing error when he used such _____ in his English paper; his shocking mistake stemmed from the incorrect use of words in his writing.
8. The council decided to _____ the law immediately; by doing away with it at that time, they would avoid problems later.
9. As soon as the girl tasted the lemon flavor, she started to _____ her lips, drawing them up into cute little wrinkles.
10. The man was surprised at seeing a fellow countryman; he had thought that there was no other _____ at the embassy dinner.

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begrudge	dither	evocative	frenetic	grisly
inanimate	lugubrious	muted	subjugate	tottered

11. The man looked at the _____ body and saw that there was no life left in it.
12. Afraid of losing my balance, I _____ unsteadily on the edge of the pit.
13. After the accident she began to tremble, and by the time the police arrived, she was in a real _____.
14. Hitler's goal was to _____ Europe, bringing the entire continent under his control.
15. The father would never _____ his children's request for money; he was never reluctant to give to them.
16. The music was _____ by the closed doors of the auditorium, but we still managed to hear a few of the muffled sounds.
17. 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.
18. The _____ passage in the book brought back to my mind the days of my youth in which I had faced a similar situation.
19. The decaying body was a _____ sight; I never expected to see anything so ghastly.
20. The woman's _____ wailing and crying seemed a little excessive for the mourning of a mere acquaintance.