

Lesson 34

Definitions

9th Grade



1.	defuse	dee FYOOZ	to remove or to lessen danger or hostility
	Synonyms >>		
	The crisis was defused when the army pulled back.		
	Derivatives >>	defused, defusing	
2.	effrontery	eh FRUN tuh ree	extreme boldness, audacity
	Synonyms >>	cheek, chutzpah, gall, hardihood, nerve, temerity	
	I can't believe you had the effrontery to say such a rude thing to your parents.		
	Derivatives >>	effronteries	
3.	egregious	eh GREE jus	very bad, shocking, conspicuously bad
	Synonyms >>		
	Skipping class is an egregious error.		
	Derivatives >>	egregiously, egregiousness	
4.	gambol	GAM bul	to playfully skip or leap
	Synonyms >>		
	The young child laughed with glee as he began to gambol around the room.		
	Derivatives >>	gamboled, gamboling	
5.	hemophilia	hee muh FIL ee uh	a hereditary disease where blood does not coagulate to stop bleeding
	Synonyms >>		
	Getting a slight cut is dangerous for him because of his hemophilia; a small cut can cause him to bleed to death.		
	Derivatives >>	hemophile, hemophiliac, hemophilic, hemophiloid	
6.	skewed	SKYOOD	not straight, crooked, slanting
	Synonyms >>	asymmetrical	
	The telescope did not work because of the skewed alignment of the mirrors.		
	Derivatives >>	skew, skewness	
7.	supersede	soo pur SEDE	to replace, to cause to be displaced or set aside
	Synonyms >>	displace, supplant	
	This new law will supersede all previous laws.		
	Derivatives >>	supersedure, supersedence	
8.	translucence	trans LOO suns	the quality of allowing passage of light but not a clear view
	Synonyms >>	limpidity, transparency	
	Because of the translucence of the water, I could see a body but could not tell whose it was.		
	Derivatives >>	translucency, translucent, translucently	
9.	verdant	VUR dunt	fresh and green
	Synonyms >>		
	The verdant golf course was in great shape for the tournament.		
	Derivatives >>	verdancy	
10.	zany	ZAY nee	comical and outlandish
	Synonyms >>		
	The zany clown made the children laugh.		
	Derivatives >>	zanies, zanyism	

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. | defuse | a. | not straight, crooked, slanting |
| _____ | 2. | effrontery | b. | extreme boldness, audacity |
| _____ | 3. | egregious | c. | to replace, to cause to be displaced or set aside |
| _____ | 4. | gambol | d. | allowing passage of light but not a clear view |
| _____ | 5. | hemophilia | e. | to remove or to lessen danger or hostility |
| _____ | 6. | skewed | f. | very bad, shocking, conspicuously bad |
| _____ | 7. | supersede | g. | comical and outlandish |
| _____ | 8. | translucence | h. | a hereditary disease where blood does not coagulate |
| _____ | 9. | verdant | i. | fresh and green |
| _____ | 10. | zany | j. | to playfully skip or leap |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|------------|----|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| _____ | 1. | abrogate | a. | to abolish, to do away with |
| _____ | 2. | adamant | b. | lasting for many years |
| _____ | 3. | frenetic | c. | inflexible, immovable, obstinate |
| _____ | 4. | impel | d. | moving backward |
| _____ | 5. | intercede | e. | to gather into wrinkles or irregular folds |
| _____ | 6. | perennial | f. | frenzied, frantic |
| _____ | 7. | pucker | g. | great sorrow, grief, or misfortune |
| _____ | 8. | retrograde | h. | to intervene and to act as a mediator |
| _____ | 9. | vicarious | i. | to urge or to drive forward with moral pressure |
| _____ | 10. | woe | j. | experienced through imagined participation in another's activity |

Sentence Completion Test

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defused	effrontery	egregious	gambol	hemophilia
skewed	supersede	translucence	verdant	zany

1. The man's death was caused by his _____; he bled to death from a small cut because his blood could not coagulate.
2. The _____ clown was delightful to watch; he was both comical and outlandish.
3. We could not tolerate the _____ of the child; he was rude, audacious and bold.
4. The _____ pasture was fresh and green in the morning.
5. The _____ lines on the graph caused a misinterpretation of the figures; had the lines been straight, the reading would have been more accurate.
6. The _____ of the jellyfish was amazing; we could see light shining right through its thin, veil-like substance.
7. The teacher was inflexible about not letting the student _____ about the room since his movements were a great distraction to the other students.
8. The insurrection was effectively _____ when the authorities decided to listen to the prisoners' grievances; after that, all danger of hostility was removed.
9. This new model of transistor will _____ last year's model, replacing it within six weeks.
10. The boy made an _____ error on his English paper; his shocking mistake stemmed from the incorrect use of words in his writing.

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adamant	assimilate	colloquial	ignoble	mutinous
paragon	perennial	retrograde	usurp	woe

11. 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.
12. His _____ ideas betrayed his lowly origin and his lack of honor.
13. Because term papers require formal writing, English teachers do not accept papers that contain _____ expressions.
14. Sometimes this business appears to be going in _____; instead of moving forward, we seem to be going backward.
15. The captain was not able to pacify the _____ crew before they attacked him and took over the ship.
16. The Lakers were the _____ NBA champions of the 1980s, winning the title year after year.
17. The teacher was _____ and inflexible about not letting the student gambol about the room since his movements were a great distraction to the other students.
18. 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.
19. Chaucer's "The Pardoner's Tale" is a tale of the _____ and misfortune that money can cause.
20. The wicked queen sought to _____ the king's power and steal the throne from him.