

Lesson 36

Definitions

9th Grade



1.	augury	AW gyuh ree	an omen or prophecy
	Synonyms >>		
	Several auguries were revealed to Caesar before his death.		
	Derivatives >>	augur, auguries, augured	
2.	connoisseur	kon uh SUR	a person who is able to be a judge in matters of art or taste
	Synonyms >>	critic, aesthete	
	My sister knows so much about wine that she might be considered a connoisseur.		
	Derivatives >>	connoisseurs, connoisseurship	
3.	debauchery	deh BAH chuh ree	moral corruption
	Synonyms >>	abasement, corruption, debasement, depravity, perversion, vitiation	
	Certainly a minister would say that group sex is an example of debauchery.		
	Derivatives >>	debauch, debaucher, debauchment, debauchee	
4.	declivity	deh KLIV uh tee	downward slope
	Synonyms >>		
	The declivity of the mountain made climbing it quite hazardous.		
	Derivatives >>	declivous, declivitous	
5.	diatribe	DIE uh tribe	bitter denunciation or criticism, anathema
	Synonyms >>		
	The new actress could not take the vicious diatribes of the critics.		
	Derivatives >>	diatribes	
6.	skulk	SKULK	to move in a sneaky, furtive, or stealthy manner
	Synonyms >>	lurk, slink, sneak	
	The burglar skulked about on the balcony.		
	Derivatives >>	skulker, skulked, skulking, skulks	
7.	tarry	TARE ee	to delay in coming or going, to linger
	Synonyms >>		
	Please do not tarry; I want you to be here on time.		
	Derivatives >>	tarriness, tarried, tarries	
8.	tawdry	TAH DREE	cheap and gaudy in appearance
	Synonyms >>	garish, meretricious	
	It was in bad taste to wear such tawdry jewelry to the funeral.		
	Derivatives >>	tawdriness, tawdrily	
9.	temerity	tuh MER uh tee	boldness that is foolhardy
	Synonyms >>	audacity, cheek, chutzpah, effrontery, gall, hardihood, nerve	
	I can't believe that he has the temerity to talk back to his commanding officer.		
	Derivatives >>	temerariousness, temerarious, temerariously	
10.	utopian	yoo TOE pee un	having the characteristics of an ideally perfect place
	Synonyms >>		
	Dorothy thought that Oz was a utopian place until she found out that the Wizard was a fake.		
	Derivatives >>	utopianism, utopianist, utopianize, utopia	

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. augury | a. moral corruption |
| _____ 2. connoisseur | b. boldness that is foolhardy |
| _____ 3. debauchery | c. a person who is able to judge in matters of art or taste |
| _____ 4. declivity | d. cheap and gaudy in appearance |
| _____ 5. diatribe | e. to move in a sneaky, furtive, or stealthy manner |
| _____ 6. skulk | f. an omen or prophecy |
| _____ 7. tarry | g. downward slope |
| _____ 8. tawdry | h. bitter denunciation or criticism, anathema |
| _____ 9. temerity | i. to delay in coming or going, to linger |
| _____ 10. utopian | j. having the characteristics of an ideally perfect place |

Exercise B

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| _____ 1. verdant | a. agreeable to the taste, acceptable |
| _____ 2. gambol | b. so complicated that it can not be solved; full of knots |
| _____ 3. hemophilia | c. extreme paleness of the face |
| _____ 4. immunity | d. harmful, unwholesome |
| _____ 5. knotty | e. resistance (usually to a disease) |
| _____ 6. noxious | f. fresh and green |
| _____ 7. palatable | g. to playfully skip or leap |
| _____ 8. paragon | h. a hereditary disease where blood does not coagulate |
| _____ 9. pallor | i. a model of excellence or perfection |
| _____ 10. potent | j. powerful, having a strong effect |

Sentence Completion Test

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augury	connoisseur	debauchery	declivity	diatribe
skulk	tarry	tawdry	temerity	utopian

1. Because he was a _____ of foods, he was often invited to grand feasts to pass his expert judgment on the quality of food.
2. Card reading is an _____ by which people attempt to make prophecies about the future.
3. The criminal bitterly denounced the judge who sentenced him, and with each _____ that he uttered, the bailiff tightened his grip.
4. I was appalled that she had the _____ to say such a thing to her mother. The audacity she showed was rude and not becoming of a lady.
5. The _____ dress she wore to church was totally inappropriate; it was cheap and gaudy attire.
6. The children looked down the _____, grasping tightly the sleds they had made; the snow bank looked steeper than they had first imagined.
7. A _____ society is one that would be so ideally perfect that men would not need to be ruled.
8. As the sinner confessed his _____ to the congregation, his expression conveyed his extreme sorrow for his degradation and corruption.
9. The woman did not _____ in the park; she stayed only five minutes before she left.
10. The man surrounded himself with sneaky spies whose job was to _____ about, looking for traitors.

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compatriot	defused	gambol	immunity	libertarian
noxious	palatable	pallor	pucker	translucence

11. The _____ of the jellyfish was amazing; we could see light shining right through its thin, veil-like substance.
12. As soon as the girl tasted the lemon flavor, she started to _____ her lips, drawing them up into cute little wrinkles.
13. The food set before us was not _____; it certainly was not acceptable to my taste.
14. We were sickened by the _____ fumes and tried to escape the repulsive odor as quickly as possible.
15. The _____ envisioned a world where government was no longer needed and men would not need to be ruled.
16. Hopefully these shots will grant you _____ to the disease, and you will have more resistance to illnesses.
17. The insurrection was effectively _____ when the authorities decided to listen to the prisoners' grievances; after that, all danger of hostility was removed.
18. The man's death had been expected; his flesh had turned a pale color, assuming the _____ consistent with blood loss.
19. The teacher was inflexible about not letting the student _____ about the room since his movements were a great distraction to the other students.
20. He was happy to find a fellow countryman in the foreign land; in places where friends are few, a _____ can be a comfort.