

Lesson 4

Definitions

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1.	corroboration	kuh rob uh RAY shun	confirmation	
	Synonyms >>	authentication, substantiation, validation, verification		
	Fortunately, I had some corroboration for my whereabouts on the night of the crime.			
	Derivatives >>	corroborate, corroborated, corroborating, corroboratory, corroboratively, corroborator		
2.	deference	DEF ur uns	courteous going along with the opinions or wishes of another	
	Synonyms >>	homage, reverence, respect		
	In deference to your wishes, I will not see him again.			
	Derivatives >>	deferential, deferentially, deferentiality		
3.	desolate	DES uh lit	deserted, without inhabitants, barren	
	Synonyms >>			
	Some of the western states have large areas that are desolate.			
	Derivatives >>	desolately, desolateness, desolater, desolating, desolation		
4.	despondency	deh SPON dun see	depression, dejection	
	Synonyms >>			
	Because he thought that he had failed the test, he felt great despondency.			
	Derivatives >>	despondent, despondence, despondently, desponding, despondingly		
5.	expeditious	ek speh DISH us	done with speed and efficiency	
	Synonyms >>			
	You need to be expeditious in solving this matter.			
	Derivatives >>	expedite, expediter, expedition, expeditionary, expeditioner, expeditiously, expeditiousness, expeditive		
6.	ingenuity	in juh NOO eh tee	cleverness, inventiveness, resourcefulness	
	Synonyms >>	adroitness, cunning, deftness, dexterity		
	He showed much ingenuity in his unique way of solving the problem.			
	Derivatives >>	ingenious, ingeniously, ingeniousness		
7.	morose	muh ROSE	being sullen or gloomy	
	Synonyms >>	crabbed, glum, saturnine, sulky, surly		
	He was very morose after his wife left him.			
	Derivatives >>	morosely, moroseness, morosity		
8.	obscure	ub SKYOOR	difficult to see, vague	
	Synonyms >>	abstruse, ambiguous, cryptic, enigmatic, equivocal, recondite		
	Because the meaning of the play was obscure, I was unable to enjoy it.			
	Derivatives >>	obscuration, obscurative, obscuredly, obscurely, obscurement, obscureness, obscurity		
9.	serene	suh REEN	calm, placid	
	Synonyms >>	tranquil		
	The mountain on a clear spring morning is a serene setting.			
	Derivatives >>	serenely, sereneness, serenity		
10.	supplication	sup luh KAY shun	begging, humbly asking for a favor	
	Synonyms >>	adjuration, beseechment, entreaty, imploration, importunity		
	I am going to see the Governor to make a supplication for a pardon for my brother.			
	Derivatives >>	supplicate, supplicatingly, supplicator, supplicatory		

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. | corroboration | a. | difficult to see, vague |
| _____ 2. | deference | b. | begging, humbly asking for a favor |
| _____ 3. | desolate | c. | cleverness, inventiveness, resourcefulness |
| _____ 4. | despondency | d. | confirmation |
| _____ 5. | expeditious | e. | being sullen or gloomy |
| _____ 6. | ingenuity | f. | courteous going along with the wishes of another |
| _____ 7. | morose | g. | calm, placid |
| _____ 8. | obscure | h. | deserted, without inhabitants, barren |
| _____ 9. | serene | i. | depression, dejection |
| _____ 10. | supplication | j. | done with speed and efficiency |

Exercise B

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| _____ 1. | antipathy | a. | a dislike, distaste, or enmity |
| _____ 2. | blunderbuss | b. | acting in a secret and sneaky way |
| _____ 3. | compatriot | c. | a clumsy person; an obsolete firearm with a bell muzzle |
| _____ 4. | conflagration | d. | a fellow countryman |
| _____ 5. | dissemble | e. | a large fire |
| _____ 6. | baleful | f. | to disguise, to pretend |
| _____ 7. | engrossed | g. | unfavorable |
| _____ 8. | inauspicious | h. | to flood, to overflow |
| _____ 9. | inundate | i. | completely occupied or absorbed |
| _____ 10. | stealthy | j. | destructive, deadly |

Sentence Completion Test

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corroboration	deference	desolate	wanton	expeditious
ingenuity	morose	obscure	serene	supplication

1. There is a decided difference between the two brothers; one is usually happy while the other is frequently _____.
2. We stood before the lake and looked at the placid waters, _____ and calm.
3. The man's _____ was amazing; he had his car held together by clothes hangers and paperclips. He could solve many problems with those two items.
4. I depended upon my brother for _____ of my story to prove to my mother that I did not, in fact, break the vase.
5. In _____ to the woman's wishes, her husband sat quietly through the play even though he hated it; he was merely showing a high regard for her desires.
6. The woman made a _____ for a pardon for her son, but the judge refused to listen to her pleas for that favor.
7. As the man ran from the building, the police chased him into a _____ alley that was empty except for one trash can.
8. Certain passages of the book were so _____ that it was difficult to get a clear understanding of exactly what the author had intended to say.
9. The government expects the people to be _____ about filing their income tax returns; there is a fine for those who don't file them on time.
10. The Puritans considered Hester Prynne a _____ woman; they saw her as being immoral and lewd.

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antipathy	ascend	augment	blunderbuss	compatriot
conflagration	lament	malady	despondent	obsequious

11. The man was in utter depression; he was _____ as a result of his recent loss which had occurred in the stock market crash.
12. The sounds of _____ rising from the sick room announced the death of the man.
13. The San Francisco earthquake caused a _____ that burned many city blocks.
14. The skillful mountain climbers were not afraid to _____ the towering cliff which hovered above them.
15. The woman was such a _____ that she could not hold anything; she was always dropping things and making careless mistakes.
16. The _____ would not stay long in the small village; he was anxious to get to the capital and engage in the affairs of government, his first love.
17. The doctor assured us that the child's _____ was temporary and that the disease would not be hard to cure.
18. Policemen generally have an _____ for crime and criminals; if they did not dislike these things so much, they would not have gone into the profession of law enforcement.
19. Because she needed more money, the woman tried to _____ her income by getting a second job.
20. The waiter was overly attentive; his _____ manner was not really appreciated by the customers.