

Lesson 6

Definitions

9th Grade



1.	affable	AF uh bul	friendly, courteous, amiable
	Synonyms >>	cordial, genial, gracious, sociable	
	He had a very affable nature, always saying "Hello" to everyone.		
	Derivatives >>	affability, affableness, affably	
2.	demented	duh MEN ted	insane
	Synonyms >>		
	Only a demented person would commit such a crime.		
	Derivatives >>	dement, denentate, dementation, dementedness, dementedly	
3.	implacable	im PLAK uh bul	incapable of being appeased
	Synonyms >>		
	That young man is the enemy of the implacable woman standing in the corner; she will never stop hating him.		
	Derivatives >>	implacability, implacableness, implacably	
4.	incorrigible	in KOR eh juh bul	incapable of being reformed or improved
	Synonyms >>		
	He was expelled from school because of his incorrigible conduct.		
	Derivatives >>	incorrigibility, incorrigibleness, incorrigibly	
5.	infallible	in FAL uh bul	incapable of error
	Synonyms >>		
	Since everyone makes mistakes, no human is infallible.		
	Derivatives >>	infallibilism, infallibilist, infallibility, infallibleness, infallibly	
6.	infamous	IN fuh mus	having a reputation of the worst kind, vicious, notoriously bad
	Synonyms >>	disreputable, ignominious	
	The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor was an infamous act.		
	Derivatives >>	infamously, infamy, infamies	
7.	irresolute	eh REZ uh loot	indecisive, unsure of how to proceed
	Synonyms >>		
	The confused child stood irresolute, waiting for some instruction.		
	Derivatives >>	irresolutely, irresoluteness, irresolution	
8.	magnanimity	mag nuh NIM eh tee	having a lofty, generous, and courageous spirit
	Synonyms >>		
	The magnanimity of the king endeared him to his subjects.		
	Derivatives >>	magnanimous, magnanimously, magnanimousness	
9.	peevish	PEE vish	fretful, obstinate
	Synonyms >>		
	With a peevish gesture, Jane slammed the book shut.		
	Derivatives >>	peevishly, peevishness, peeve, peevied	
10.	vehement	VEE uh munt	forcefully expressing emotion or conviction
	Synonyms >>		
	He vehemently denied that he had said those harsh words.		
	Derivatives >>	vehemence, vehemency, vehemently	

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. | affable | a. | having a lofty, generous, and courageous spirit |
| _____ 2. | demented | b. | having a reputation of the worst kind, vicious |
| _____ 3. | implacable | c. | fretful, obstinate |
| _____ 4. | incorrigible | d. | incapable of being appeased |
| _____ 5. | infallible | e. | incapable of being reformed or improved |
| _____ 6. | infamous | f. | incapable of error |
| _____ 7. | irresolute | g. | indecisive, unsure of how to proceed |
| _____ 8. | magnanimity | h. | friendly, courteous, amiable |
| _____ 9. | peevish | i. | insane |
| _____ 10. | vehement | j. | forcefully expressing emotion or conviction |

Exercise B

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| _____ 1. | auspicious | a. | extremely bad, deserving of hate |
| _____ 2. | deference | b. | exceptionally early in development or occurrence |
| _____ 3. | desolate | c. | fear, trembling, agitation |
| _____ 4. | evanescent | d. | favorable |
| _____ 5. | execrable | e. | fleeting; impermanent |
| _____ 6. | malady | f. | courteous going along with the opinions of another |
| _____ 7. | potentate | g. | calm, placid |
| _____ 8. | precocious | h. | deserted, without inhabitants, barren |
| _____ 9. | serene | i. | a disease or unwholesome condition |
| _____ 10. | trepidation | j. | a monarch, very powerful ruler, sovereign |

Sentence Completion Test

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affable	demented	implacable	incorrigible	infallible
infamous	irresolute	magnanimity	peevish	vehement

1. The senator's _____ objection to the bill may stop it in committee and block its passage into law; while others were emotional, he was the most forceful in his expression of conviction.
2. The obstinate child was _____ and fretful.
3. The girl's _____ personality resulted in her being voted friendliest in her class.
4. Mother Theresa is known for her love and _____ toward the poor.
5. He is considered an _____ traitor due to his disgraceful acts.
6. The man is an _____ tyrant; nothing will appease him when he is angry.
7. Because he was incapable of being reformed, the boy's _____ conduct could not be tolerated any longer.
8. They once thought that their leader was _____, but they soon learned that he, too, made mistakes.
9. I stood _____ until I received instructions; I was so confused that I did not know where to begin.
10. The crime was surely committed by some _____ criminal. No sane person would ever consider such atrocities.

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deference	desolate	despondent	docile	edifice
levity	precocious	ardent	sublime	potentate

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 minister entered his religious service because of an _____ and zealous desire to help to improve other people's lives.
13. 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.
14. We were shocked by the man's apparent _____ concerning the situation, but we later realized how seriously earnest he was in spite of his flippancy.
15. As the man ran from the building, the police chased him into a _____ alley that was empty except for one trash can.
16. The dog was _____ and easily managed until a cat ran across his path.
17. The romantic dinner, which included delicious food, soft music and a beautiful setting was simply _____.
18. The _____ child began to read before the age of five and was always several years ahead of his peers.
19. The crowd gathered in front of the building to protest, but the _____ was completely surrounded by guards.
20. The ancient king, a very powerful _____, surrounded himself with strong supporters.