

Lesson 7

Definitions

9th Grade



1.	blasphemous	BLAS fuh mus	irreverent, profane
	Synonyms >>		
	Telling that sacrilegious joke is blasphemous.		
	Derivatives >>	blaspheme, blasphemed, blaspheming, blaspemer, blasphemousness, blasphemously, blasphemy	
2.	disdain	dis DANE	intense dislike; to treat with scorn or contempt, to reject as unworthy
	Synonyms >>	(to be) arrogant, haughty, high-handed, insolent, lordly, supercilious	
	Never having had to do manual labor, he disdained the idea of becoming a cotton picker.		
	Derivatives >>	disdained, disdaining, disdainer, disdainful, disdainfully, disdainfulness	
3.	insolence	IN suh luns	insulting or contemptuous behavior
	Synonyms >>	arrogance, haughtiness, high-handedness, impertinence	
	His insolence and lack of respect for his mother are shocking.		
	Derivatives >>	insolent, insolently, insolency, insolentness	
4.	modicum	MOD eh kum	limited quantity
	Synonyms >>		
	I insist on at least a modicum of decorum.		
	Derivatives >>	modicums	
5.	plaintive	PLANE tiv	mournful and expressing sorrow
	Synonyms >>		
	The dog moaned in a plaintive manner when her puppies were taken.		
	Derivatives >>	plaintively, plaintiveness	
6.	prattle	PRAT ul	meaningless sounds, babble
	Synonyms >>		
	I have difficulty understanding the prattle of young children.		
	Derivatives >>	prattled, prattling, prattlement, prattler, prattlingly	
7.	provincial	pruh VEN shul	lacking sophistication, narrow-minded
	Synonyms >>		
	Her parents are so provincial that they believe they should arrange her marriage.		
	Derivatives >>	provinciate, provincialism, provinciality, provincialization	
8.	slothful	SLOTH ful	lazy, indolent
	Synonyms >>	bovine	
	That student is so slothful that he has never done any of his homework assignments.		
	Derivatives >>	slothfully, slothfulness, sloth	
9.	slovenly	SLUV un lee	messy, untidy, careless
	Synonyms >>		
	A person with slovenly work habits will likely lose his job.		
	Derivatives >>	slovenry, slovenness, slovenliness	
10.	unfathomable	un FATH um uh bul	not capable of being understood
	Synonyms >>		
	The solution to the mystery was unfathomable in the beginning.		
	Derivatives >>	unfathomableness, unfathomably, unfathomed	

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. blasphemous | a. limited quantity |
| _____ | 2. disdain | b. meaningless sounds, babble |
| _____ | 3. insolence | c. messy, untidy, careless |
| _____ | 4. modicum | d. intense dislike; to treat with scorn or contempt |
| _____ | 5. plaintive | e. lazy, indolent |
| _____ | 6. prattle | f. mournful and expressing sorrow |
| _____ | 7. provincial | g. irreverent, profane |
| _____ | 8. slothful | h. lacking sophistication, narrow-minded |
| _____ | 9. slovenly | i. not capable of being understood |
| _____ | 10. unfathomable | j. insulting or contemptuous behavior |

Exercise B

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| _____ | 1. affable | a. friendly, courteous, amiable |
| _____ | 2. ardent | b. having a reputation of the worst kind; vicious |
| _____ | 3. demented | c. insane |
| _____ | 4. despondency | d. incapable of being appeased |
| _____ | 5. expeditious | e. incapable of being reformed or improved |
| _____ | 6. florid | f. flowery, flushed with color |
| _____ | 7. implacable | g. excessive frivolity, flippancy |
| _____ | 8. incorrigible | h. expressing strong feelings, impassioned, zealous |
| _____ | 9. infamous | i. depression, dejection |
| _____ | 10. levity | j. done with speed and efficiency |

Sentence Completion Test

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blasphemous	disdain	insolence	modicum	plaintive
prattle	provincial	affable	slovenly	unfathomable

1. The teacher found the boy's _____ to be both insulting and contemptible.
2. I met his remarks with _____; I didn't appreciate his trying to hide his feelings. He should have been forthright, open and honest.
3. The book was unjustly censured for containing what some people thought to be _____ remarks about the church.
4. The father's _____ attitude about his daughter's dating caused her to leave home prematurely, looking for the freedom she had never known.
5. It took the _____ girl three hours to clean her room; she had left it cluttered for so long that it was a wonder she finished in only three hours.
6. Although Sue is a student of cosmetology, she has only a _____ of skill at applying her own makeup; hopefully her studies will give her considerably more knowledge.
7. When you begin to _____ like that, I can't understand a word you say; you babble just like a child.
8. The girl's _____ personality resulted in her being voted friendliest in her class.
9. The widow's _____ cries revealed her sorrow at her husband's death.
10. The fact that in some countries the AIDS virus infects more than 50% of the population is practically _____, but as hard as it is to believe, the fact is true.

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slothful	auspicious	execrable	expeditious	infamous
magnanimity	obscure	peevish	trepidation	vehement

11. 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.
12. The _____ man was dressed in rags and covered with dirt and filth.
13. 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.
14. Seeing her ex-boyfriend wasn't an _____ event; instead, it was an unlucky occasion for her.
15. I experienced great _____ because we were isolated in a cabin during the snowstorm, and we had only a small portion of food; I was afraid we would starve before being rescued.
16. Joe's manners are so _____ that we hate to have him over for dinner; he behaves so badly that he is embarrassing to us.
17. He is considered an _____ traitor due to his disgraceful acts.
18. Mother Theresa is known for her love and _____ toward the poor.
19. The obstinate child was _____ and fretful.
20. 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.