

Lesson 9

Definitions

9th Grade



1.	diffidence	DIF eh duns	shyness, reserve, unassertiveness	
	Synonyms >>	bashfulness, modesty		
	Because of his diffidence, he would not ask any girl to the prom.			
	Derivatives >>	diffidency, diffident, diffidently, diffidentness		
2.	dissociate	dis uh SO see ate	separate	
	Synonyms >>			
	Mental patients often dissociate from people around them.			
	Derivatives >>	dissociation, dissociative		
3.	ferocity	fuh ROS eh tee	savagery	
	Synonyms >>			
	A tiger is an animal that has ferocity.			
	Derivatives >>	ferocious, ferociously, ferociousness		
4.	furtive	FUR tiv	secret in an underhanded way, stealthy	
	Synonyms >>	clandestine, covert, stealthy, surreptitious, underhanded		
	During the test, he made some furtive glances at other classmates' papers.			
	Derivatives >>	furtively, furtiveness		
5.	gravity	GRAV eh tee	seriousness, importance	
	Synonyms >>	earnestness, sedateness, sobriety, solemnity, staidness		
	The gravity of the situation was heightened by the death of the president .			
	Derivatives >>	grave, graver, gravely		
6.	inviolable	in VIE uh luh bul	secure from violation or from being profaned	
	Synonyms >>			
	The numerous guards attempt to make the President inviolable.			
	Derivatives >>	inviolate, inviolability, invioableness, invioably, inviolacy, inviolateness, inviolately, inviolated, inviolating		
7.	lethargic	luh THAR jik	sluggish, languid	
	Synonyms >>	stuporous, torpid		
	Having had too much to drink, he was very lethargic the morning after the party.			
	Derivatives >>	lethargically, lethargize, lethargy		
8.	oblivion	uh BLIV ee un	state of being forgotten	
	Synonyms >>			
	Until the singer's recent hit, his career had fallen into a state of oblivion.			
	Derivatives >>	oblivious, obliviously		
9.	ostentatious	os ten TAY shus	showy, pretentious	
	Synonyms >>	pompous		
	The ostentatious socialite wore her mink fur coat even during the warmest days of August.			
	Derivatives >>	ostentation, ostentate, ostentatiously, ostentatiousness, ostentative		
10.	penitent	PEN eh tunt	showing or feeling regret for wrongdoing, repentant	
	Synonyms >>	compunctual, contrite, remorseful		
	He became penitent when he realized that his prank resulted in serious injury.			
	Derivatives >>	penitence, penitency, penitential		

Matching Test Lesson 9

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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. | diffidence | a. | shyness, reserve, unassertiveness |
| _____ 2. | dissociate | b. | secret in an underhanded way, stealthy |
| _____ 3. | ferocity | c. | showing or feeling regret for wrongdoing, repentant |
| _____ 4. | furtive | d. | seriousness, importance |
| _____ 5. | gravity | e. | showy, pretentious |
| _____ 6. | inviolable | f. | sluggish, languid |
| _____ 7. | lethargic | g. | separate |
| _____ 8. | oblivion | h. | savagery |
| _____ 9. | ostentatious | i. | secure from violation or from being profaned |
| _____ 10. | penitent | j. | state of being forgotten |

Exercise B

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| _____ 1. | approbation | a. | relating to hell |
| _____ 2. | blasphemous | b. | preference, natural inclination |
| _____ 3. | foreboding | c. | premonition of evil, an ominous omen |
| _____ 4. | infernal | d. | peaceful, calm |
| _____ 5. | peevish | e. | official approval, praise, commendation |
| _____ 6. | placid | f. | mournful and expressing sorrow |
| _____ 7. | plaintive | g. | irreverent, profane |
| _____ 8. | propensity | h. | lacking sophistication, narrow-minded |
| _____ 9. | provincial | i. | fretful, obstinate |
| _____ 10. | vehement | j. | forcefully expressing emotion or conviction |

Sentence Completion Test

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diffidence	dissociate	ferocity	furtive	gravity
inviolable	lethargic	oblivion	ostentatious	penitent

1. During the war some of the prisoners fought with the _____ of wild animals.
2. The student was not able to hide his _____ glances at another child's paper; consequently, he received a zero on the test.
3. The sanctity of the priest's position made his decisions _____, unable to be violated or profaned.
4. The _____ of the situation was apparent in the serious countenance of the woman; we could all tell how important the condition was.
5. Only after he had become truly _____ was he able to ask for forgiveness.
6. A few hints of sophistication began to appear in the woman's _____ apparel; she soon dropped the gaudy accessories and became a conservative dresser.
7. My mother's _____ would not allow her to question the waiter; she was too shy to argue about the final bill.
8. The _____ child could hardly keep his eyes open during the class; he was obviously lacking in energy.
9. The man was so senile that most of the time he existed in a state of _____, not knowing anything.
10. The woman's ardent views on rebellion caused her to _____ from that group and sever all ties.

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atheist	benign	demented	forbearance	irresolute
modicum	placid	prattle	slovenly	

11. The teacher showed _____ toward the student's poor performance by being patient.
12. When you begin to _____ like that, I can't understand a word you say; you babble just like a child.
13. 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.
14. The man was clearly _____; he ranted and raved like an insane person.
15. I stood _____ until I received instructions; I was so confused that I did not know where to begin.
16. The woman was happy to learn that the tumor was _____ and would not cause her harm.
17. Her inner peace and serenity were obvious from the _____ expression on her face.
18. Without my parents' _____ to go to the movies, I was forced to stay home; they would not give their approval on week nights.
19. We were stunned to see him in church; we all thought he was an _____.
20. The soldier's messy uniform earned him 50 demerits for his _____ appearance.