

Sentence Completion Tests

Grade 9

These tests correspond to the lessons listed in the **Word Lists**, as do the **Matching Tests**. They provide both a second method of testing the student's knowledge of the words and practice with sentence completion questions, one of the formats used on the PSAT/SAT.

As with the Matching Tests, each test on sentence completion consists of 20 words: ten newly introduced words and 10 previously introduced words. At no time will students be responsible for a time period of greater than four weeks. Repetitious study of the definitions will help the students to learn the words.

In order for a student to be successful with this program, he must keep all definitions either in a section in his binder or in a spiral notebook so that he can review definitions from previous lessons which will be on each vocabulary test.

These sentence completion questions are designed to assist the student in his learning process. Each sentence contains a key word or key phrase to help the student determine the correct word to complete the sentence. In most cases the sentences contain a form of the definition of the word needed. This type of structure will help to train students to look for key phrases in the questions created by the writers of the SAT/PSAT, as well as to reinforce the student's commitment to learn the definitions of each word.



Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 1

9th Grade



amulet	ebullient	calamity	engrossed	enmity
entreaty	feint	prostration	wanton	vexation

1. The _____ hung about the neck of the queen, and the copper sheen that reflected from its polished surface sparkled in the sun.
2. The fighter viewed every movement of his opponent as a possible _____ and was prepared for such false appearances; consequently, he was not fooled by any fake punches and was able to win the fight.
3. Contrary to the emotional _____ for help that was delivered by the last speaker, this woman's plea was rational, but without sincerity.
4. The routing of the highway was a _____ to the unique inn; it was disastrous to the old-world charm which had made the inn so quaint.
5. The track star seemed to be suffering complete _____, but the doctor said the runner's vitality would return after a period of rest.
6. Deep-seated _____ and ill will caused the man to be bitter and antagonistic; indeed, he continued to hate the woman until he died.
7. The argument was a continual source of _____ to her; the distress she left over their differences was unbearable.
8. Completely absorbed in her task, Sara was so _____ in reading her lesson that she never even heard the bell.
9. She could hardly contain her excitement about the prom; her _____ manner revealed her enthusiasm.
10. The Puritans considered Hester Prynne a _____ woman; they saw her as being immoral and lewd.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 1

9th Grade



ambiguous	boisterous	baleful	obsequious	penury
perjury	posterity	supple	virtuous	rancor

11. The _____ winds took yet another life as the tornado struck another row of houses.
12. He was charged with _____ for lying to the grand jury.
13. The plastic rod was just _____ enough to bend the needed amount without breaking. We were fortunate to have found something so pliable.
14. The waiter's _____ manner ruined our meal; he would not leave us alone even for a minute because of his attentiveness.
15. The man loved the _____ woman for her purity, honesty and integrity.
16. The _____ crowd was so enthusiast that hearing a conversation in the midst of such excitement was virtually impossible.
17. The professor's tests were extremely hard because of their _____ questions; one could never be sure exactly what he was asking because each question seemed to have two meanings.
18. The mayor's objective for this term is to stop the recent outbreak of violent crime in the inner city; he believes that those homeless people living in a state of _____ seem to be victimized most.
19. The man wanted to leave more than money for his _____; he wanted to leave a love for honor and justice to his descendants.
20. The _____ in the man's heart must be great if it leads him to murder someone who has merely insulted him; such bitterness and deep-seated ill will is horrible.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 2

9th Grade



acuity	ascend	augment	disparaging	dissemble
inauspicious	inundated	lament	prate	quench

1. The wise man saw the situation with _____; his sharp perception always added to his wisdom.
2. Because of his _____ remarks about me, the committee gave the job to another person; he had effectively ruined my reputation.
3. Although he tried to _____ his motive for seeing me, I knew the real reason; he could not hide that from me.
4. Because it is one of the rules of the park to extinguish all camp fires, we decided to _____ the fire with water.
5. The bridge collapsed when it was _____ by the flood waters.
6. Because she needed more money, the woman tried to _____ her income by getting a second job.
7. The sounds of _____ rising from the sick room announced the death of the man.
8. The skillful mountain climbers were not afraid to _____ the towering cliff which hovered above them.
9. As soon as the woman reached the lectern, she began to _____, and I knew we were in for an hour-long session of insignificant chatter.
10. His luck had run out on the _____ day of his accident; such unfavorable occurrences are not happy times.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 2

9th Grade



amulet	baleful	calamity	engrossed	perjury
entreaty	feint	prostration	rancor	vexation

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12. The fighter viewed every movement of his opponent as a possible _____ and was prepared for such false appearances; consequently, he was not fooled by any fake punches and was able to win the fight.
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14. The _____ in the man's heart must be great if it leads him to murder someone who has merely insulted him; such bitterness and deep-seated ill will is horrible.
15. The routing of the highway was a _____ to the unique inn; it was disastrous to the old-world charm which had made the inn so quaint.
16. Contrary to the emotional _____ for help that was delivered by the last speaker, this woman's plea was rational, but without sincerity.
17. The _____ hung about the neck of the queen, and the copper sheen that reflected from its polished surface sparkled in the sun.
18. Completely absorbed in her task, Sara was so _____ in reading her lesson that she never even heard the bell.
19. His nightmares were a continual source of _____ to him; not knowing when they would occur caused him much distress and discomfort.
20. The _____ winds took yet another life as the tornado struck another row of houses.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 3

9th Grade



antipathy

blunderbuss

compatriot

conflagration

edifice

junction

magnate

malady

quench

stealthy

1. The doctor assured us that the child's _____ was temporary and that the disease would not be hard to cure.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. The San Francisco earthquake caused a _____ that burned many city blocks.
5. Because it is one of the rules of the park to extinguish all camp fires, we decided to _____ the fire with water.
6. The business _____ considered himself superior to everyone because he had the power to fire any employee at all.
7. The two railroad tracks joined at St. Louis, which was considered the _____ of the East and the West.
8. The crowd gathered in front of the building to protest, but the _____ was completely surrounded by guards.
9. In order to survive, a spy must be _____ and sneaky.
10. I've never seen such a clumsy person; he is truly a _____.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 3

9th Grade



accuity	disparaging	enmity	inundated	penury
perjury	posterity	potentate	supple	virtuous

11. The ancient king, a very powerful _____, surrounded himself with strong supporters.
12. He was charged with _____ for lying to the grand jury.
13. The plastic rod was just _____ enough to bend the needed amount without breaking. We were fortunate to have found something so pliable.
14. The wise man saw the situation with _____; his sharp perception always added to his wisdom.
15. Because of his _____ remarks about me, the committee gave the job to another person; he had effectively ruined my reputation.
16. The man loved the _____ woman for her purity, honesty and integrity.
17. The bridge collapsed when it was _____ by the flood waters.
18. The mayor's objective for this term is to stop the recent outbreak of violent crime in the inner city; he believes that those homeless people living in a state of _____ seem to be victimized most.
19. The man wanted to leave more than money for his _____; he wanted to leave a love for honor and justice to his descendants.
20. Deep-seated _____ and ill will caused the man to be bitter and antagonistic; indeed, he continued to hate the woman until he died.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 4

9th Grade



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.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 4

9th Grade



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.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 5

9th Grade



ardent	auspicious	docile	evanescent	execrable
florid	levity	precocious	sublime	trepidation

1. The dog was _____ and easily managed until a cat ran across his path.
2. The romantic dinner, which included delicious food, soft music and a beautiful setting was simply _____.
3. The _____ child began to read before the age of five and was always several years ahead of his peers.
4. 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.
5. The minister entered his religious service because of an _____ and zealous desire to help to improve other people's lives.
6. Joe's manners are so _____ that we hate to have him over for dinner; he behaves so badly that he is embarrassing to us.
7. Seeing her ex-boyfriend wasn't an _____ event. That was not her lucky day!
8. 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.
9. Pete Rose was the epitome of the American baseball player, representing the dreams of many young ball players behind him; yet his fame was fleeting and his fortune _____.
10. After running in the marathon, the runner's face was _____; it was several minutes before the flushed coloring left.

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Lesson 5

9th Grade



corroboration	inauspicious	ingenuity	juncture	magnate
morose	stealthy	prate	serene	supplication

11. I depended upon my brother for _____ of my story to prove to my mother that I did not, in fact, break the vase.
12. 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.
13. The business _____ was consumed with gaining more and more power and control.
14. There is a decided difference between the two brothers; one is usually happy while the other is frequently _____.
15. The two railroad tracks joined at St. Louis, which was to be considered the _____ of the East and the West.
16. The small community lifted their humble voices in _____ to beg God to send rain for their crops.
17. His luck had run out on the _____ day of his accident; such unfavorable occurrences are not happy times.
18. We stood before the lake and looked at the placid waters, _____ and calm.
19. In order to survive, a spy must be _____ and sneaky.
20. As soon as the woman reached the lectern, she began to _____, and I knew we were in for an hour-long session of insignificant chatter.

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Lesson 6

9th Grade



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.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 6

9th Grade



deference	desolate	despondent	docile	edifice
levity	precocious	ardent	sublime	potentate

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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.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 7

9th Grade



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.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 7

9th Grade



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.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 8

9th Grade



approbation

atheist

benign

forbearance

foreboding

forensic

infernal

placid

propensity

sonorous

1. The woman was happy to learn that the tumor was _____ and would not cause her harm.
2. Without my parents' _____ to go to the movies, I was forced to stay home; they would not give their approval on week nights.
3. Because the _____ did not believe in God, he had to face his despair alone.
4. The teacher showed _____ toward the student's poor performance by being patient.
5. Her inner peace and serenity were obvious from the _____ expression on her face.
6. The student's preparation for the debate was not good; _____ activities require much work in order to ensure success.
7. The girl has a _____ for helping others in need; her natural inclinations for serving others would be of benefit in the field of nursing.
8. The ominous dark clouds above created a _____ of dangerous events about to occur.
9. Many prohibitionists believed that brandy was the work of the devil, but what they thought to be an _____ drink was just the further distillation of wine.
10. The full, rich sounds of the singer's _____ voice echoed throughout the hall.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 8

9th Grade



blasphemous	disdain	evanescent	florid	implacable
incorrigible	infallible	insolence	provincial	slothful

11. Because he was incapable of being reformed, the boy's _____ conduct could not be tolerated any longer.
12. The father's _____ attitude about his daughter's dating caused her to leave home prematurely, looking for the freedom she had never known.
13. After running in the marathon, the runner's face was _____; it was several minutes before the flushed coloring left.
14. The teacher found the boy's _____ to be both insulting and contemptible.
15. I met his contemptible remarks with _____; I didn't appreciate his trying to hide his feelings. He should have been forthright, open and honest.
16. They once thought that their leader was _____, but they soon learned that he, too, made mistakes.
17. The book was unjustly censured for containing what some people thought to be _____ remarks about the church.
18. 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.
19. The man is an _____ tyrant; nothing will appease him when he is angry.
20. Pete Rose was the epitome of the American baseball player, representing the dreams of many young ball players behind him; yet his fame was fleeting and his fortune _____.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 9

9th Grade



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.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 9

9th Grade



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.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 10

9th Grade



advocacy	aversion	complacency	elicit	engender
imputed	ominous	palpable	precipitate	reproach

1. His _____ of the right of free speech is shown by his support of the First Amendment.
2. He was embarrassed by the _____ error in his calculations; it was so obvious and easily perceived by everyone else that it made him look pretty silly.
3. The lawyer tried to overcome the _____ of the jury and to _____ some emotional response, but their state of being self-satisfied was too great to be overcome.
4. A rising tide and increasing winds are both _____ signs of an approaching hurricane.
5. Although my father would mildly admonish me to correct my mistakes, he would never _____ me the same way some parents yell at their children.
6. To shift the blame from himself, he _____ others, saying that they were responsible for the mistake.
7. His harsh words were likely to _____ a fight between the two boys; they were both ready to throw themselves into battle.
8. If you show respect for a person, you are likely to _____ a similar regard in that person to show respect for you.
9. Her _____ to candy stems from her strong dislike of sweet things.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 10

9th Grade



foreboding	forensic	furtive	gravity	inviolable
penitent	plaintive	propensity	unfathomable	vehemently

10. The student was not able to hide his _____ glances at another child's paper; consequently, he received a zero on the test.
11. Only after he had become truly _____ was he able to ask for forgiveness.
12. The girl has a _____ for helping others in need; her natural inclinations for serving others would be of benefit in the field of nursing.
13. The student's preparation for the debate was not good; _____ activities require much work in order to ensure success.
14. The ominous dark clouds above created a _____ of dangerous events about to occur.
15. The widow's _____ cries revealed her sorrow at her husband's death.
16. The _____ of the situation was apparent in the serious countenance of the woman; we could all tell how important the condition was.
17. The sanctity of the priest's position made his decisions _____, unable to be violated or profaned.
18. 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.
19. The defendant _____ denied being at the scene of the crime. The strength of his denial convinced the jury of his innocence.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 11

9th Grade



capitulate	consecrate	demur	deprecate	discern
embellish	muse	perpetuate	proscribe	remonstrate

1. The young girl tried to _____ her handwriting by adding swirls and curls to her letters.
2. The church will _____ the new sanctuary, holding a prayer service there to dedicate its use to the Almighty.
3. The class president rose in anger and began to _____ everyone who had voted to impeach him; when he finally sat down, he had denounced almost everyone in the room.
4. On hot summer days it is difficult to _____ the difference between a puddle of water and heat waves produced on the road.
5. The girl's father approves of her desire to sing, but he _____ her willingness to sing in nightclubs.
6. The shy girl was so _____ that she even asked her father to avoid talking about her when she was in an earshot.
7. The gypsy woman laid out the cards that she had prepared for the auguries of the future, and then she sat silently in contemplation of them and began to _____.
8. The disciple of the guru wrote down all his master's teachings and was able to _____ those ideas for centuries through the written word.
9. I intend to _____ about the care of the residents in that rest home; if enough of us object to the treatment they are receiving, something may be done.
10. The general of the troops decided to _____ when he saw that he was outnumbered; he surrendered immediately.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 11

9th Grade



advocacy	aversion	complacency	diffidence	infernal
lethargic	ominous	ostentatious	palpable	sonorous

11. My mother's _____ would not allow her to question the waiter; she was too shy to argue about the final bill.
12. The lawyer tried to overcome the _____ of the jury and to elicit some emotional response, but their state of being self-satisfied was too great to be overcome.
13. The _____ child could hardly keep his eyes open during the class; he was obviously lacking in energy.
14. He was embarrassed by the _____ error in his calculations; it was so obvious and easily perceived by everyone else that it made him look pretty silly.
15. Because I have a natural _____ to hominy, I never eat the stuff; it is one food that I can't stand.
16. Many prohibitionists believed that brandy was the work of the devil, but what they thought to be an _____ drink was just the further distillation of wine.
17. The full, rich sounds of the singer's _____ voice echoed throughout the hall.
18. His _____ of the right of free speech is shown by his support of the First Amendment.
19. A rising tide and increasing winds are both _____ signs of an approaching hurricane.
20. A few hints of sophistication began to appear in the woman's _____ apparel; she soon dropped the gaudy accessories and became a conservative dresser.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 12

9th Grade



despoiled	emaciated	emulate	galling	gaunt
hideous	laconic	munificent	sagacious	scrupulous

1. The natural wilderness of the jungles was _____ by the ruinous introduction of slash and burn agriculture.
2. Jerry looked at his father as a perfect role model and tried to _____ the man's behavior, copying him in every aspect.
3. The president's _____ speech was brief, but to the point.
4. The _____ woman was giving gifts not only to relatives she knew but also to strangers she did not know, simply because she enjoyed giving things to people.
5. The child's behavior was absolutely _____; I can't recall having been so irritated before.
6. There was one man _____ enough to trust with the position; he alone had the integrity and the honesty to lead the people.
7. The _____ prisoner of war was near death as a result of his lack of nourishment.
8. The dictator was a selfish tyrant whose word was law and whose people lived close to starvation with bones showing through the skin of their _____ bodies.
9. While some young people often appear to be fools, older men use their wisdom and gain a reputation for being _____.
10. The _____ sight of the mangled bodies made even the hardened police officers turn away from the shocking scene.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 12

9th Grade



deprecates	discern	dissociate	elicit	embellish
imputed	oblivion	proscribe	reproach	consecrate

11. The girl's father approves of her desire to sing, but he _____ her willingness to sing in nightclubs.
12. The young girl tried to _____ her handwriting by adding swirls and curls to her letters.
13. Although my father would mildly _____ me when I made a mistake, he would never rail at me the same way some parents yell at their children.
14. To shift the blame from himself, he _____ others, saying that they were responsible for the mistake.
15. The lawyer tried to overcome the complacency of the jury and to _____ some emotional response, but their state of being self-satisfied was too great to be overcome.
16. The church will _____ the new sanctuary, holding a prayer service there to dedicate its use to the Almighty.
17. The man was so senile that most of the time he existed in a state of _____, not knowing anything.
18. The class president rose in anger and began to _____ everyone who had voted to impeach him; when he finally sat down, he had denounced almost everyone in the room.
19. We tried to _____ the difference between the two colors, but it was difficult to tell one from the other.
20. Sometimes you may find it necessary to _____ from a particular group of people; you have to choose carefully whom your associates will be.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 13

9th Grade



adulterate	animosity	apocryphal	avarice	coalesce
venerate	vigilant	vivacious	vivid	voluptuous

1. The pictures were so _____ and distinct that it was almost like seeing the scene in person.
2. _____ and full of life, the dancer appeared on the stage in glorious attire.
3. We tried to avoid the conversation when we saw the _____ that the woman had about the issue; she was extremely angry and resentful about the matter.
4. The jury saw through the _____ tears of the witness, knowing they weren't genuine.
5. The woman's reputation as a _____ model resulted from the sensuous pictures taken of her.
6. Because I _____ the memory of my father, I would never say bad things about him; I still honor him, even after his death.
7. We encouraged the scientist not to _____ the substance with the additional chemicals; we preferred it in its pure form.
8. Though each man had his own opinion, the group decided to _____ into a unified force against the enemy.
9. Always alert, the _____ guard stood in front of the mayor's residence.
10. Do not let greed dictate your actions; such _____ is not a quality to be proud of.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 13

9th Grade



despoiled	emulate	engender	galling	laconic
munificent	muse	perpetuate	precipitate	

11. His harsh words were likely to _____ a fight between the two boys; they were both ready to throw themselves into battle.
12. Jerry looked at his father as a perfect role model and tried to _____ the man's behavior, copying him in every aspect.
13. If you show respect for a person, you are likely to _____ a similar regard in that person to show respect for you.
14. The gypsy woman carefully laid out the cards that she had prepared for the auguries of the future, and then she sat silently in contemplation of them and began to _____.
15. The child's behavior was absolutely _____; I can't recall having been so irritated before.
16. The natural wilderness of the jungles was _____ by the ruinous introduction of slash and burn agriculture.
17. The disciple of the guru wrote down all his master's teachings and was able to _____ those ideas for centuries through the written word.
18. The _____ woman was giving gifts not only to relatives she knew but also to strangers she did not know, simply because she enjoyed giving things to people.
19. The president's _____ speech was brief, but to the point.
20. The starving dog's ribs showed through his thin, _____ body.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 14

9th Grade



collaborate	cryptic	desultory	dissipation	edifying
protract	replete	soporific	strident	treachery

1. The field is _____ with insects; it must, therefore, be sprayed if we intend to reduce the numbers of pests.
2. Although the heroine over-acted, she did not stop the morally uplifting play from _____ me.
3. The man made only _____ attempts at finding employment with random visits to companies when he was in the mood.
4. The teacher used a _____ voice when reprimanding the student; because she was loud and harsh, she got the child's attention.
5. The meaning of the _____ note was hidden from everyone who looked at it.
6. I fell asleep in her class because her lectures were so _____.
7. The numerous stoplights in the city are likely to _____ my journey by many hours; it may take longer traveling this route.
8. The class was told to _____ on the assignment so that no one would have to do all the work totally alone.
9. We could not believe the _____ of the man; he had actually committed treason.
10. The woman saw a steady _____ of her funds as she continually spent her money on such frivolous items as jewelry and make-up.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 14

9th Grade



animosity	apocryphal	capitulate	emaciated	gaunt
remonstrate	scrupulous	vivacious	vivid	voluptuous

11. The _____ prisoner of war was near death as a result of his lack of nourishment.
12. The woman's reputation as a _____ model resulted from the sensuous pictures taken of her.
13. _____ and full of life, the dancer appeared on the stage in glorious attire.
14. We tried to avoid the conversation when we saw the _____ that the woman had about the issue; she was extremely angry and resentful about the matter.
15. The pictures were so _____ and distinct that it was almost like seeing the scene in person.
16. I intend to _____ about the care of the residents in that rest home; if enough of us object to the treatment they are receiving, something may be done.
17. The dictator was a selfish tyrant whose word was law and whose people lived close to starvation with bones showing through the skin of their _____ bodies.
18. The general of the troops decided to _____ when he saw that he was outnumbered; he surrendered immediately.
19. The jury saw through the _____ tears of the witness, knowing they weren't genuine.
20. There was one man _____ enough to trust with the position; he alone had the integrity and the honesty to lead the people.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 15

9th Grade



equivocate	espousing	hedonists	indefatigable	interminable
naive	parody	peripheral	portent	prodigious

1. The large raindrops were a _____ of the thunderous storm about to occur.
2. My teacher gave us a huge amount of homework, a _____ task by anyone's standards.
3. Although the reading assignment was only ten pages, it seemed _____ to the bored students.
4. The comedian's skit was a _____ of the recent inaugural address; although it was intended to be funny, not many people laughed.
5. The woman is _____ the MADD program because she lost her son in a DWI-related accident; otherwise, she would not adopt the cause so seriously.
6. You must use your _____ vision when performing in a marching band so that you can watch those on each side of you while you look straight ahead.
7. The world is becoming full of _____ who are only interested in fulfilling their sensual desires and nothing more.
8. The candidate was _____, working tirelessly for months in order to win the election.
9. Witnesses are encouraged to tell the truth and not to attempt to _____; telling lies on the witness stand is punishable.
10. Even a beginner should not be so _____ and so unsophisticated as she is.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 15

9th Grade



adulterate	coalesce	cryptic	desultory	edifying
hideous	replete	sagacious	strident	venerate

11. The field is _____ with insects; it must, therefore, be sprayed if we intend to reduce the numbers of pests.
12. Although the heroine over-acted, she did not stop the morally uplifting play from _____ me.
13. The man made only _____ attempts at finding employment with random visits to companies when he was in the mood.
14. The teacher used a _____ voice when reprimanding the student; because she was loud and harsh, she got the child's attention.
15. The meaning of the _____ note was hidden from everyone who looked at it.
16. Because I _____ the memory of my father, I would never say bad things about him; I still honor him, even after his death.
17. We encouraged the scientist not to _____ the substance with the additional chemicals; we preferred it in its pure form.
18. Though each man had his own opinion, the group decided to _____ into a unified force against the enemy.
19. While some young people often appear to be fools, older men use their wisdom and gain a reputation for being _____.
20. The _____ monster hid beneath the water, hiding his disfigured form from view.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 16

9th Grade



abate	antecedent	arid	baneful	beleaguered
profane	respite	sordid	surfeited	trifling

1. A quiet walk in the woods would be a nice _____ from the drudgery of city life; we all need a relaxing break once in awhile.
2. The deadly spread of AIDS is a _____ epidemic plaguing the entire world.
3. The starving boys were finally able to eat until they were _____.
4. Filth and gossip filled the newspaper that focused on printing the _____ details of people's lives.
5. Some teachers regard watching videos a _____ waste of time; they think I should avoid such frivolous pastimes and do more studying.
6. The decisions made _____ to the Supreme Court's ruling were independent of each other; however, those made afterward were all related.
7. The young men were raised to believe that anyone who dared to _____ the sacred words would pay for his contempt with his life.
8. Homesteaders in the Old West were cheerful during events like weddings; there were too few happy events in lives _____ by rampaging Indians and harassed by continual drought.
9. The intensity of the storm began to _____; apparently the worst part was over.
10. Because it is so hot and dry, Death Valley is known as the most _____ region of the United States.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 16

9th Grade



avarice	collaborate	espousing	interminable	parody
portent	prodigious	protract	soporific	vigilant

11. Although the reading assignment was only ten pages, it seemed _____ to the bored students.
12. My teacher gave us a huge amount of homework, a _____ task by anyone's standards.
13. Always alert, the _____ guard stood in front of the mayor's residence.
14. The comedian's skit was a _____ of the recent inaugural address; although it was intended to be funny, not many people laughed.
15. I fell asleep in her class because her lectures were so _____.
16. The class was told to _____ on the assignment so that no one would have to do all the work totally alone.
17. The woman is _____ the MADD program because she lost her son in a DWI-related accident; otherwise, she would not adopt the cause so seriously.
18. The large raindrops were a _____ of the thunderous storm about to occur.
19. The numerous stoplights in the city are likely to _____ my journey by many hours; it may take longer traveling this route.
20. The greedy woman's heart was full of _____. All she wanted was to have more and more possessions.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 17

9th Grade



contempt	cynical	dexterous	dour	exalt
felicitous	impeccable	imperturbable	malleable	mortified

1. Some plastics are _____ and are easy to bend, but most are hard and stiff.
2. The defendant believed his alibi was _____, so perfect that it would free him from blame, leaving him no need to worry.
3. The sarcastic, faultfinding student offered his peers nothing but _____ comments.
4. Homesteaders in the Old West were _____ during events like weddings; they enjoyed these happy times in their otherwise rugged lives.
5. The defendant remained _____ throughout the trial; he had plenty of assurance that he would be found not guilty.
6. The woman viewed the issue with hate and _____; because of her dislike, she would do anything in her power to change the situation.
7. The clown's _____ left hand juggled three balls while his equally skillful right hand picked the spectator's pockets.
8. The _____ attitude of the girl was caused by a teacher's being harsh with her; she remained sullen for the entire day.
9. The officer wanted to _____ the soldier for his bravery; he enjoyed praising his men for good work.
10. Deeply ashamed of the unadorned house in which I lived, I was _____ to have him come into my home.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 17

9th Grade



baneful	dissipation	hedonists	indefatigable	peripheral
respite	sordid	surfeited	treachery	trifling

11. The woman saw a steady _____ of her funds as she continually spent her money on such frivolous items as jewelry and make-up.
12. A quiet walk in the woods would be a nice _____ from the drudgery of city life; we all need a relaxing break once in awhile.
13. The starving boys were finally able to eat until they were _____.
14. You must use your _____ vision when performing in a marching band so that you can watch those on each side of you while you look straight ahead.
15. The deadly spread of AIDS is a _____ epidemic plaguing the entire world.
16. Some teachers regard watching videos a _____ waste of time; they think I should avoid such frivolous pastimes and do more studying.
17. The candidate was _____, working tirelessly for months in order to win the election.
18. We could not believe the _____ of the man; he had actually committed treason.
19. Filth and gossip filled the pages of the cheap newspaper that focused on the _____ details of people's lives.
20. The world is becoming full of _____ who are only interested in fulfilling their sensual desires and nothing more.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 18

9th Grade



acclaim	amass	anarchist	banter	blithe
naive	platitudes	profligate	pugnacious	savory

1. The _____ wasted his money on a number of sins and vices.
2. I was looking forward to a _____ meal with an abundance of delicious desserts.
3. Even a beginner should not be so _____ and so unsophisticated as she is. Some plastics are easily formed and malleable to even a child's molding, but most are hard and _____.
4. The child's continual complaining was not characteristic of her usual _____ spirit and cheerful behavior.
5. The _____ child had to be expelled from school; he was embroiled in a different fight almost every day.
6. Listening to the _____ rave about the evils of government caused me discomfort, but when he began suggesting the overthrow of the government, I experienced great alarm.
7. The _____ of the millionaire was based upon his humanitarian spirit; people from all over the country knew of his benevolent actions.
8. The technicians worked around the clock, trying to _____ as much data as possible before turning off the computers; in twenty-four hours they gathered all they needed.
9. The infielders' _____ is a constant source of teasing to the opposing batters.
10. _____ are common sayings, yet even though they are hackneyed and overused, they can be a source of wisdom.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 18

9th Grade



antecedent	beleaguered	cynical	equivocate	felicitous
impeccable	imperturbable	malleable	obdurate	profane

11. The defendant remained _____ throughout the trial; he had plenty of assurance that he would be found not guilty.
12. Some plastics are easily formed and _____ to even a child's molding, but most are hard and _____.
13. It was a _____ occasion to see the two young people wed. Such happy events are always a source of joy.
14. The young men were raised to believe that anyone who dared to _____ the sacred words would pay for his contempt with his life.
15. The defendant believed his alibi was _____, so perfect that it would free him from blame, leaving him no need to worry.
16. The sarcastic, faultfinding student offered his peers nothing but _____ comments.
17. Witnesses are encouraged to tell the truth and not to attempt to _____; telling lies on the witness stand is punishable.
18. The decisions made _____ to the Supreme Court's ruling were independent of each other; however, those made afterward were all related.
20. Homesteaders in the Old West looked forward to _____ events like weddings; they enjoyed these happy times in their otherwise rugged lives.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 19

9th Grade



concert

confluence

dirge

disconcerting

foliage

gratis

hues

kudos

supercilious

trite

1. Three major rivers meet at the same point; their _____ makes the resulting river one of the world's largest.
2. The secret documents proved that an agreement had been reached for the two countries to work in _____ with each other.
3. Among the _____ the minister received for his service was a plaque honoring his moral integrity.
4. Platitudes are common sayings, yet even though they are _____ and overused, they can be a source of wisdom.
5. The painting was done in the most stunning _____; reds and blues were predominant, but other colors were included as well.
6. We were surprised when the man offered to do the work for us _____; we had expected to pay for the job, but he wanted to do it free of charge.
7. It was _____ for me to listen to the _____; the funeral song upset me considerably.
8. I do not like your arrogant and _____ attitude toward poor people.
9. Once the seed had begun to burgeon, the sprout quickly began to develop bright green leaves, beautiful _____ laced in white.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 19

9th Grade



airing	beguiled	corpulence	disencumber	fly-by-night
legerdemain	lurid	spurn	vociferous	vulgarity

- The crowd was _____ by the magician's _____; his sleight-of-hand was so fast that it deceived all eyes.
- Although the Greeks believed in free speech and in _____ the differences between people in open debate, some among them were too narrow minded to appreciate this freedom of speech.
- I soon learned that to pay more money for a reputable firm to do the work was better than to hire _____ organizations; too many times customers are cheated and the unreliable business leaves town without doing any work.
- Once, fat men regarded their _____ as a sign of success; today, they worry that being overweight will lead to a heart attack
- The _____ mob resorted to _____ as it shouted obscenities and clamored for the prisoner's release.
- On the spur of the moment we decided to go to a movie; our selection was a horror film that was so _____ that it shocked us.
- Sam's childish behavior has caused his girlfriend to _____ him; she refuses to answer any of his calls.
- The warrior began to rend the beast into small pieces with his sword; then he took off his armor to _____ himself so that his long climb would be less awkward.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 20

9th Grade



endemic

focused

hilarity

indict

latent

monumental

myriad

oscillating

pithy

premeditated

1. Jane's extensive travels have helped her become acquainted with _____ foreign countries and customs.
2. The _____ of the clown's skit caused us to laugh so hard we fell over.
3. Your comments about the book are quite _____; you say things in a very concise and direct manner.
4. This battle will go down in history as one of _____ importance, for it was the turning point of the war.
5. The fan's _____ blades moved back and forth, blowing the cool air first to the left and then to the right.
6. His success, which did not come until later in life, was attributed to his _____ talents.
7. Throughout the region the _____ condition of poverty existed everywhere.
8. Since he had carefully planned his crime for eight months, the suspect was found guilty of _____ murder.
9. The mother of the juvenile urged the judge not to _____ her son, but he still charged the boy with assault.
10. The teacher handed out the lenses to the class, giving the students a means to study the effects of concentrated light _____ on paper.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 20

9th Grade



concert	confluence	dirge	disconcerting	foliage
gratis	hues	kudos	supercilious	vociferously

11. The painting was done in the most stunning _____; reds and blues were predominant, but other colors were included as well.
12. I do not like your arrogant and _____ attitude toward poor people.
13. The secret documents proved that an agreement had been reached for the two countries to work in _____ with each other.
14. Among the _____ the minister received for his services was a plaque honoring his moral integrity.
15. It was _____ for me to listen to the _____; the funeral song upset me considerably.
16. We were surprised when the man offered to do the work for us _____; we had expected to pay for the job, but he wanted to do it free of charge.
17. The mob clamored _____ for the prisoner's release; their loud voices echoed through the streets.
18. Once the seed had begun to burgeon, the sprout quickly began to develop bright green leaves, _____ laced in white.
19. Three major rivers meet at the same point; their _____ makes the resulting river one of the world's largest.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 21

9th Grade



anchor	antediluvian	denigrate	doleful	epilogue
presage	quixotic	reserve	stasis	warranted

1. The book contained an _____, probably because readers reaching the end wanted to know what happened to the characters later in their lives.
2. It was clear from the sorrow on his face that Joe did not win the election to represent his class; his _____ expression was evidence that he had lost.
3. It is usually _____ for a commoner to pursue a relationship with a member of the royalty; it is impractical and not likely to happen.
4. Your excessive anger is neither _____ nor justified.
5. Suspended animation is a form of _____ in which people lie motionless for hundreds or even thousands of years.
6. Ted is a man of great _____, but his self-restraint was really tested by the lawsuit filed against him.
7. Claiming a knowledge of future events, the gypsy sought to _____ things to come.
8. The teacher began to _____ the unruly student by belittling him in front of the entire class.
9. We tried to _____ the boat to the dock, but it was difficult to tie up securely to the shore.
10. Stan's 1940 Chevrolet looks positively _____; a car that is a few years old is one thing, but one that is older than ten years is ancient!

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 21

9th Grade



corpulence	hilarity	legerdemain	lurid	monumental
myriad	oscillating	pithy	trite	vulgarity

11. The crowd was dazzled by the magician's _____; his sleight-of-hand was so fast that it deceived all eyes.
12. Your comments about the book are quite _____; you say things in a very concise and direct manner.
13. Once, fat men regarded their _____ as a sign of success; today, they worry that being overweight will lead to a heart attack
14. This battle will go down in history as one of _____ importance, for it was the turning point of the war.
15. The angry mob resorted to _____ as it shouted obscenities and clamored for the prisoner's release.
16. Jane's extensive travels have helped her become acquainted with _____ foreign countries and customs.
17. The fan's _____ blades moved back and forth, blowing the cool air first to the left and then to the right.
18. The _____ of the clown's skit caused us to laugh so hard we fell over.
19. On the spur of the moment we decided to go to a movie; our selection was a horror film that was so _____ that it shocked us.
20. Platitudes are common sayings, yet even though they are _____ and overused, they can be a source of wisdom.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 22

9th Grade



epitaph

foible

garish

homage

importune

intangibles

lecher

morbidity

ostracize

patronizing

1. The congregation's reverent regard was evident as they paid _____ to the departing pastor through many gifts that were showered upon him.
2. I would like to write my own _____, although I don't want it inscribed on my tombstone for a long time to come.
3. The woman's _____ attire made her look like a clown. Her clothes were tastelessly colorful and showy.
4. Her husband's _____ smile merely enraged the woman more. She did not appreciate his condescending attitude at all.
5. The man's rapid state of moral decline soon turned him into a _____.
6. Although I think he has many character defects, he admits to having only one slight _____.
7. Some things cannot be realized or defined; understanding the _____ can be difficult.
8. The patient began to _____ the doctor not to amputate his leg, but his pleas were unheeded because the operation was necessary to save his life.
9. When the man continually disobeyed the laws of the tribe, the council decided to _____ him and insist that he move away to another village.
10. The _____ which was displayed in the experiments was gruesome and cruel.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 22

9th Grade



beguiled	disencumber	doleful	endemic	epilogue
latent	premeditated	quixotic	stasis	warranted

11. Suspended animation is a form of _____ in which people lie motionless for hundreds or even thousands of years.
12. It was clear from the sorrow on his face that Joe did not win the election to represent his class; his _____ expression was evidence that he had lost.
13. Throughout the region the _____ condition of poverty existed everywhere.
14. It is usually _____ for a commoner to pursue a relationship with a member of the royalty; it is impractical and not likely to happen.
15. Since he had carefully planned his crime for eight months, the suspect was found guilty of _____ murder.
16. His success, which did not come until later in life, was attributed to his _____ talents.
17. The book contained an _____, probably because readers reaching the end wanted to know what happened to the characters later in their lives.
18. Your excessive anger is neither _____ nor justified.
19. The warrior took off his armor to _____ himself so that his long climb up the mountain would be less awkward.
20. The crowd was _____ by the magician's sleight-of-hand; he was so fast that he deceived all eyes.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 23

9th Grade



addendum	anthology	bellicose	bizarre	cognizant
plenitude	raconteur	resonant	sentinel	sequester

1. The _____ that results from American agriculture is evident in a yearly surplus of most food items.
2. This _____ is a collection of several short stories.
3. The scientist was _____ of the fact that the test results left no room for doubt, but he had trouble accepting the truth.
4. We knew that the opera was about to begin when we heard the _____ sounds of the orchestra's overture echoing throughout the hall.
5. We seemed to have walked into a room full of _____ ruffians; everyone in the room wanted to fight.
6. The _____ was honored with many awards for his skill in story telling.
7. In order to _____ the witness and seclude him during the trial, a policeman was hired to guard him.
8. While many novelists write about everyday things, this author is preoccupied with the odd and unusual, concentrating on the most _____ happenings.
9. I enjoyed the story so much that I wished for an _____; with the addition to the book, I could continue reading about my favorite characters.
10. Many Egyptologists believe that the Sphinx of Giza was a _____, built to guard the great pyramids.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 23

9th Grade



denigrate	epitaph	focused	garish	homage
indict	lecher	patronizing	presage	reserve

11. Ted is a man of great _____, but his self-restraint was really tested by the lawsuit filed against him.
12. The woman's _____ attire made her look like a clown. Her clothes were tastelessly colorful and showy.
13. The mother of the juvenile urged the judge not to _____ her son, but he still charged the boy with assault.
14. Claiming a knowledge of future events, the gypsy sought to _____ things to come.
15. Her husband's _____ smile merely enraged the woman more. She did not appreciate his condescending attitude at all.
16. I would like to write my own _____, although I don't want it inscribed on my tombstone for a long time to come.
17. The congregation's reverent regard was evident as they paid _____ to the departing pastor through many gifts that were showered upon him.
18. The man's rapid state of moral decline soon turned him into a _____.
19. To belittle and _____ a person in front of others is not only rude, but is also cruel and uncaring.
20. The teacher handed out the lenses to the class, giving the students a means to study the effects of concentrated light _____ on paper.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 24

9th Grade



declaim	equanimity	eschew	exigent	hone
slag	sumptuous	tinge	unpalatable	workaday

1. The rude behavior of the students did not disturb the teacher's _____; he remained calm and composed during the entire time.
2. The food we had to eat during the camp was practically _____; it was so bad I couldn't force myself to swallow it.
3. Thanksgiving Day is a time my family joins together for a _____ feast; everyone brings something special, and no one goes away hungry.
4. The farmer used a _____ solution for a commonly occurring problem.
5. The swimmers were careful to avoid the _____ in the bottom of the tank. It was difficult to tell what debris had accumulated there.
6. Although the slight _____ of pink appeared to be a sign of health, the color deceived the doctor, and he thought his patient was well.
7. This is one situation to _____ if at all possible; some things are best left alone and avoided.
8. The man started to _____ his opponents in a loud, vehement voice; his bombastic speech was enough to capture everyone's attention.
9. If you want to impress the committee, you should _____ your speaking skills; they need to be sharpened.
10. His _____ injury required the immediate attention of the paramedics.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 24

9th Grade



anchor	antediluvian	anthology	bellicose	cognizant
foible	importune	intangibles	plenitude	resonant

11. The patient began to _____ the doctor not to amputate his leg, but his pleas were unheeded because the operation was necessary to save his life.
12. We tried to _____ the boat to the dock, but it was difficult to tie up securely to the shore.
13. Although I think he has many character defects, he admits to having only one slight _____.
14. The scientist was _____ of the fact that the test results left no room for doubt, but he had trouble accepting the truth.
15. The _____ that results from American agriculture is evident in a yearly surplus of most food items.
16. This _____ is a collection of several short stories.
17. We seemed to have walked into a room full of _____ ruffians; everyone in the room wanted to fight.
18. Some things cannot be realized or defined; understanding the _____ can be difficult.
19. Stan's 1940 Chevrolet looks positively _____; a car that is a few years old is one thing, but one that is older than ten years is ancient!
20. We knew that the opera was about to begin when we heard the _____ sounds of the orchestra's overture echoing throughout the hall.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 25

9th Grade



imbue	intemperance	intrepid	levitate	moribund
pluralistic	portly	resplendent	retrogress	snippet

1. All we heard of the lecture was a mere _____; had we been there earlier, we could have heard the entire speech rather than only a small portion of it.
2. The queen's crown was _____ with the jewels shining like a thousand points of light.
3. The woman felt a sense of grief when she learned of the _____ condition of her dog; knowing that her pet was close to death deeply saddened her.
4. Living in a _____ society of many cultures requires great tolerance and the ability to respect different cultural views.
5. The drowning man was saved by an _____ passerby who fearlessly jumped into the rushing waters to rescue him.
6. Just after stuffing myself at the banquet, I looked down at my _____, stout body and swore to begin a diet the next day.
7. Jeff was guilty of great _____, frequently drinking to excess.
8. The professor attempted to _____ his students with a love for the literature; he did whatever he could to inspire them with feelings and opinions.
9. We must learn to live in a society of many cultures if we are not to _____ to an earlier, intolerant era.
10. Because no one can really make someone else float in mid-air, we figured that the magician's ability to _____ the girl must be a skillful trick.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 25

9th Grade



bizarre	equanimity	morbidity	ostracize	raconteur
sentinel	slag	sumptuous	unpalatable	workaday

11. The farmer used a _____ solution for a commonly occurring problem.
12. When the man continually disobeyed the laws of the tribe, the council decided to _____ him and insist that he move away to another village.
13. Thanksgiving Day is a time my family joins together for a _____ feast; everyone brings something special, and no one goes away hungry.
14. The _____ was honored with many awards for his skill in story telling.
15. While many novelists write about everyday things, this author is preoccupied with the odd and unusual, concentrating on the most _____ happenings.
16. The swimmers were careful to avoid the _____ in the bottom of the tank. It was difficult to tell what debris had accumulated there.
17. The criminal had a fascination with _____ and would leave his crime scene looking gruesome and cruel.
18. Many Egyptologists believe that the Sphinx of Giza was a _____, built to guard the Great Pyramid.
19. The rude behavior of the students did not disturb the teacher's _____; he remained calm and composed during the entire time.
20. The food we had to eat during the camp was practically _____; it was so bad I couldn't force myself to swallow it.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 26

9th Grade



abandon	bemused	collage	decorousness	equilibrium
subvert	sybarite	toady	upbraided	willful

1. Because the man was easily flattered, the job of making the proposition was given to a _____, one skilled in the art of flattery.
2. Always requiring an abundance of everything, the Roman emperor Nero was a notorious _____ who was totally devoted to luxury.
3. The swimmer, trapped in the whirlpool, quickly lost his _____, and even after swimming to the shore, he could hardly regain his balance.
4. The woman loved with utter _____, with unrestrained behavior and no regard for the consequences of such intense feelings.
5. In order to make the _____ for my art class, I gathered an assembly of diverse things and placed them at random places on the canvas.
6. We were all impressed by the man's _____; such proper behavior is becoming to a gentleman.
7. By the time I reached the fifth chapter, I was totally _____ by the confusing and bewildering arrangement of characters and plots.
8. For trying to _____ the government and undermine its power, the man was convicted of treason.
9. Because she had been warned that further misbehaving would result in a scolding, the young girl was severely _____ by her mom.
10. The stubborn, _____ child never obeyed his parents; he had a mind of his own, and he let everyone know it.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 26

9th Grade



addendum	declaim	eschew	intrepid	moribund
pluralistic	resplendent	sequester	snippet	tinge

11. In order to _____ the witness and seclude him during the trial, a policeman was hired to guard him.
12. We must learn to live in a _____ society of many cultures if we are not to revert to an earlier, intolerant era.
13. The man started to _____ his opponents in a loud, vehement voice; his bombastic speech was enough to capture everyone's attention.
14. This is one situation to _____ if at all possible; some things are best left alone and avoided.
15. Although the slight _____ of pink appeared to be a sign of health, the color deceived the doctor, and he thought his patient was well.
16. The drowning man was saved by an _____ passerby who fearlessly jumped into the rushing waters to rescue him.
17. The woman felt a sense of grief when she learned of the _____ condition of her dog; knowing that her pet was close to death deeply saddened her.
18. I enjoyed the story so much that I wished for an _____; with the addition to the book, I could continue reading about my favorite characters.
19. All we heard of the lecture was a mere _____; had we been there earlier, we could have heard the entire speech rather than only a small portion of it.
20. The queen's crown was _____ with the jewels shining like a thousand points of light.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 27

9th Grade



ethos	explicate	fold	impudent	intensify
interred	lionize	mosaic	pedestrian	polarization

1. The woman left the group to find new experiences, but she soon returned to the _____ when she realized that her people were bound together by common beliefs that were precious to her.
2. The artist was anxious to exhibit his _____; the multi-colored glass pieces made a delightful work of art.
3. The volcanic eruption _____ Pompeii, burying it under tons of ash and lava.
4. The child's _____, disrespectful remark to his father resulted in severe punishment.
5. The _____ that existed between the two factions could not be reconciled; their differences were so great that they would never come to agreeable terms.
6. This novel could accurately be described as _____; it is the most ordinary, unimaginative attempt at writing I have ever read.
7. The American _____ of freedom for all has led to immigration from all over the world; the belief that all men should be free is attractive to men of all races.
8. Until I fully _____ the topic, you may not understand; however, I'm certain that after I explain it, the concept will be clear to you.
9. The pressure on the coach began to build and to _____ as his team continued to lose game after game.
10. For once the newspaper did not try to abase the young scientist and his work; on the contrary, it finally began to _____ him for his discoveries.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 27

9th Grade



abandon	collage	equilibrium	exigent	hone
imbue	intemperance	portly	sybarite	toady

11. Always requiring an abundance of everything, the Roman emperor Nero was a notorious _____ who was totally devoted to luxury.
12. If you want to impress the committee, you should _____ your speaking skills; they need to be sharpened.
13. In order to make the _____ for my art class, I gathered an assembly of diverse things and placed them at random places on the canvas.
14. Jeff was guilty of great _____, frequently drinking to excess.
15. The woman loved with utter _____, with unrestrained behavior and no regard for the consequences of such intense feelings.
16. Trapped in the whirlpool, the swimmer quickly lost his _____, and even after swimming to the shore, he could hardly regain his balance.
17. His _____ injury required the immediate attention of the paramedics.
18. Because the man was easily flattered, the job of making the proposition was given to a _____, one skilled in the art of flattery.
19. The professor attempted to _____ his students with a love for the literature; he did whatever he could to inspire them with feelings and opinions.
20. Just after stuffing myself at the banquet, I looked down at my _____, stout body and swore to begin a diet the next day.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 28

9th Grade



ardor	assiduous	bestial	concord	confound
reciprocal	rejoinder	restive	revile	revulsion

1. The woman felt total _____ for the man; she had never had such a strong feeling of disgust or repugnance for anyone before.
2. Above all, the council wanted _____ among its members; if they had agreement within the group, they could face many problems.
3. The student replied to the teacher's question with a witty _____.
4. However sickening the _____ behavior of the savage is, most people can understand his uncivilized traits by identifying with his circumstances.
5. The student was _____ in studying for the test; because of his diligence, he made a good grade.
6. The _____ agreement offered mutual advantages to both signers.
7. Calculus is so difficult that it can _____ even very intelligent people who are not easily confused.
8. Verbal abuse is one thing that is terrible to witness; when I hear one person _____ another, I am disgusted.
9. Because the _____ horse was unwilling to go forward on the mountainous slopes, he was extremely hard to control.
10. His _____ for the woman would never cool; he loved her more than life itself.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 28

9th Grade



bemused	decorousness	fold	impudent	interred
levitate	mosaic	polarization	retrogress	subvert

11. We were all impressed by the man's _____; such proper behavior is becoming to a gentleman.
12. By the time I reached the fifth chapter, I was totally _____ by the confusing and bewildering arrangement of characters and plots.
13. The volcanic eruption _____ Pompeii, burying it under tons of ash and lava.
14. We must learn to live in a society of many cultures if we are not to _____ to an earlier, intolerant era.
15. Because no one can really make someone else float in mid-air, we figured that the magician's ability to _____ the girl must be a skillful trick.
16. The artist was anxious to exhibit his _____; the multi-colored glass pieces made a delightful work of art.
17. For trying to _____ the government and undermine its power, the man was convicted of treason.
18. The child's _____, disrespectful remark to his father resulted in severe punishment.
19. The _____ that existed between the two factions could not be reconciled; their differences were so great that they would never come to agreeable terms.
20. The woman left the group to find new experiences, but she soon returned to the _____ when she realized that her people were bound together by common beliefs that were precious to her.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 29

9th Grade



defer	dissected	evince	husband	impertinent
severed	surplus	topple	vanquished	whim

1. James often eats merely on a _____, impulsively deciding to dine at all hours of the night.
2. With such an abundance of wheat, the country had to decide what to do with the _____.
3. The poor country had finally been _____; economic sanctions had overpowered the people, conquering the nation for the enemy.
4. After the students had _____ the frog, they asked permission to bury him in the courtyard.
5. The young man annoyed me with his _____ comments; frankly, he sounded like a rude snob.
6. The cut in my hand was so deep that it _____ a nerve.
7. The shepherd was told to _____ his herd, but he soon found that managing sheep was not as easy as he had imagined.
8. The stack of blocks began to _____ when the girl brushed past and accidentally overturned them.
9. We may have to ask the bank officials to _____ our payment date since we can't pay the bill this week; they will sometimes delay a deadline if they are asked.
10. If you can _____ your capability for handling the job, you will be hired, but you must show clearly that you are qualified for such work.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 29

9th Grade



assiduous	bestial	concord	ethos	explicate
pedestrian	rejoinder	revulsion	upbraided	willful

11. The woman felt total _____ for the man; she had never had such a strong feeling of disgust or repugnance for anyone before.
12. Until I fully _____ the topic, you may not understand; however, I'm certain that after I explain it, the concept will be clear to you.
13. The student was _____ in studying for the test; because of his diligence, he made a good grade.
14. The student replied to the teacher's question with a witty _____.
15. Because she had been warned that further misbehaving would result in a scolding, the young girl was severely _____ by her mom.
16. The American _____ of freedom for all has led to immigration from all over the world; the belief that all men should be free is attractive to men of all races.
17. However sickening the _____ behavior of the savage is, most people can understand his uncivilized traits by identifying with his circumstances.
18. The stubborn, _____ child never obeyed his parents; he had a mind of his own, and he let everyone know it.
19. Above all, the council wanted _____ among its members; if they had agreement within the group, they could face many problems.
20. This novel could accurately be described as _____; it is the most ordinary, unimaginative attempt at writing I have ever read.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 30

9th Grade



inanimate	lithe	maladroit	muted	paradigm
perfidious	potable	redundant	retinue	sinuous

1. The man looked at the _____ body and saw that there was no life left in it.
2. The king was accompanied by his _____ on the journey; his body of attendants always followed him wherever he went.
3. His performance was truly a _____ of musical perfection; it was a magnificent example of great artistry.
4. The winding, _____ road stretched in complex turns for miles into the mountains, looking much like a path of a snake.
5. My reputation was nearly ruined by the deceitful reporter and his treacherous, _____ stories.
6. The _____ movements of the ballerina were astounding; her flexibility allows her to perform extraordinary feats.
7. Jim is so _____ that he can hardly hammer a nail without injuring himself; he is the most awkward person I know.
8. The student's essay was nicely written except that he was _____ much of the time; he said the same things over and over.
9. Because the water was not _____, we had to search for something else that we could drink.
10. The music was _____ by the closed doors of the auditorium, but we still managed to hear a few of the muffled sounds.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 30

9th Grade



confound	dissected	impertinent	intensify	lionize
reciprocal	revile	surplus	vanquished	whim

11. The pressure on the coach began to build and to _____ as his team continued to lose game after game.
12. The young man annoyed me with his _____ comments; frankly, he sounded like a rude snob.
13. The poor country had finally been _____; economic sanctions had overpowered the people, conquering the nation for the enemy.
14. Calculus is so difficult that it can _____ even very intelligent people who are not easily confused.
15. After the students had _____ the frog, they asked permission to bury him in the courtyard.
16. James often eats merely on a _____, impulsively deciding to dine at all hours of the night.
17. Verbal abuse is one thing that is terrible to witness; when I hear one person _____ another, I am disgusted.
18. With such an abundance of wheat, the country had to decide what to do with the _____.
19. For once the newspaper did not try to abase the young scientist and his work; on the contrary, it finally began to _____ him for his discoveries.
20. The _____ agreement offered mutual advantages to both signers.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 31

9th Grade



commodious	conglomerate	bulwark	dissolution	vicarious
subjugate	begrudge	tottered	assimilate	usurp

1. The _____ ballroom gave us ample room for dancing.
2. The book is a _____ that contains poems, short stories, essays and even a few recipes.
3. Germany's poor naval powers made the sea the United States' greatest _____; it became our strongest defense.
4. As the partnership began to disintegrate, he knew that the _____ of the company was at hand.
5. Members of the audience indulged in a _____ experience of watching the youthful dancer and imagining themselves on stage with her.
6. Hitler's goal was to _____ Europe, bringing the entire continent under his control.
7. The father would never _____ his children's request for money; he was never reluctant to give to them.
8. Afraid of losing my balance, I _____ unsteadily on the edge of the pit.
9. As soon as the patient can _____ the medicine, he will begin to regain his strength; it will take an hour for his body to absorb the chemicals.
10. The wicked queen sought to _____ the king's power and steal the throne from him.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 31

9th Grade



husband

lithe

ardor

severed

retinue

paradigm

sinuous

restive

topple

perfidious

11. The shepherd was told to _____ his herd, but he soon found that managing sheep was not as easy as he had imagined.
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14. The cut in my hand was so deep that it _____ a nerve.
15. The king was accompanied by his _____ on the journey; his body of attendants always followed him wherever he went.
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17. The winding, _____ road stretched in complex turns for miles into the mountains, looking much like a path of a snake.
18. Because the _____ horse was unwilling to go forward on the mountainous slopes, he was extremely hard to control.
19. The stack of blocks began to _____ when the girl brushed past and accidentally overturned them.
20. My reputation was nearly ruined by the deceitful reporter and his treacherous, _____ stories.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 32

9th Grade



dither	evocative	frenetic	grisly	ignoble
impel	intercede	lugubrious	mutinous	woe

1. After the accident she began to tremble, and by the time the police arrived, she was in a real _____.
2. The _____ passage in the book brought back to my mind the days of my youth in which I had faced a similar situation.
3. The woman's _____ wailing and crying seemed a little excessive for the mourning of a mere acquaintance.
4. The man's _____ pace in the race became even more hurried after he had a flat tire and fell one minute behind the leading car.
5. The decaying body was a _____ sight; I never expected to see anything so ghastly.
6. Chaucer's "The Pardoner's Tale" is a tale of the _____ and misfortune that money can cause.
7. His _____ ideas betrayed his lowly origin and his lack of honor.
8. The captain was not able to pacify the _____ crew before they attacked him and took over the ship.
9. I have hired a lawyer to _____ with the court on my behalf; it appears that I am going to need a mediator.
10. Perhaps receiving that failing grade will _____ him to study more; we have tried to urge him ourselves without success.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 32

9th Grade



bulwark	commodious	conglomerate	defer	dissolution
evince	maladroit	potable	redundant	vicarious

11. If you can _____ your capability for handling the job, you will be hired, but you must show clearly that you are qualified for such work.
12. Jim is so _____ that he can hardly hammer a nail without injuring himself; he is the most awkward person I know.
13. Members of the audience indulged in a _____ experience of watching the youthful dancer and imagining themselves on stage with her.
14. Germany's poor naval powers made the sea the United States' greatest _____; it became our strongest defense.
15. The student's essay was nicely written except that he was _____ much of the time; he said the same things over and over.
16. We may have to ask the bank officials to _____ our payment date since we can't pay the bill this week; they will sometimes delay a deadline if they are asked.
17. As the partnership began to disintegrate, he knew that the _____ of the company was at hand.
18. The _____ ballroom gave us ample room for dancing.
19. Because the water was not _____, we had to search for something else that we could drink.
20. The book is a _____ that contains poems, short stories, essays and even a few recipes.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 33

9th Grade



abrogate	adamant	barbarism	colloquial	compatriot
paragon	perennial	potent	pucker	retrograde

1. Cousin Billy, whom we once considered a _____ of virtue, was just convicted of tax evasion; he obviously was not the shining example who we thought he was.
2. The teacher was _____ and inflexible about not letting the student move about the room since his movements were a great distraction to the other students.
3. Because term papers require formal writing, English teachers do not accept papers that contain _____ expressions.
4. The Lakers were the _____ NBA champions of the 1980s, winning the title year after year.
5. Sometimes this business appears to be going in _____; instead of moving forward, we seem to be going backward.
6. The doctor gave Sally the most _____ medicine available, a very powerful antibiotic.
7. The boy made an embarrassing error when he used such _____ in his English paper; his shocking mistake stemmed from the incorrect use of words in his writing.
8. The council decided to _____ the law immediately; by doing away with it at that time, they would avoid problems later.
9. As soon as the girl tasted the lemon flavor, she started to _____ her lips, drawing them up into cute little wrinkles.
10. The man was surprised at seeing a fellow countryman; he had thought that there was no other _____ at the embassy dinner.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 33

9th Grade



begrudge	dither	evocative	frenetic	grisly
inanimate	lugubrious	muted	subjugate	tottered

11. The man looked at the _____ body and saw that there was no life left in it.
12. Afraid of losing my balance, I _____ unsteadily on the edge of the pit.
13. After the accident she began to tremble, and by the time the police arrived, she was in a real _____.
14. Hitler's goal was to _____ Europe, bringing the entire continent under his control.
15. The father would never _____ his children's request for money; he was never reluctant to give to them.
16. The music was _____ by the closed doors of the auditorium, but we still managed to hear a few of the muffled sounds.
17. The man's _____ pace in the race became even more hurried after he had a flat tire and fell one minute behind the leading car.
18. The _____ passage in the book brought back to my mind the days of my youth in which I had faced a similar situation.
19. The decaying body was a _____ sight; I never expected to see anything so ghastly.
20. The woman's _____ wailing and crying seemed a little excessive for the mourning of a mere acquaintance.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 34

9th Grade



defused	effrontery	egregious	gambol	hemophilia
skewed	supersede	translucence	verdant	zany

1. The man's death was caused by his _____; he bled to death from a small cut because his blood could not coagulate.
2. The _____ clown was delightful to watch; he was both comical and outlandish.
3. We could not tolerate the _____ of the child; he was rude, audacious and bold.
4. The _____ pasture was fresh and green in the morning.
5. The _____ lines on the graph caused a misinterpretation of the figures; had the lines been straight, the reading would have been more accurate.
6. The _____ of the jellyfish was amazing; we could see light shining right through its thin, veil-like substance.
7. The teacher was inflexible about not letting the student _____ about the room since his movements were a great distraction to the other students.
8. The insurrection was effectively _____ when the authorities decided to listen to the prisoners' grievances; after that, all danger of hostility was removed.
9. This new model of transistor will _____ last year's model, replacing it within six weeks.
10. The boy made an _____ error on his English paper; his shocking mistake stemmed from the incorrect use of words in his writing.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 34

9th Grade



adamant	assimilate	colloquial	ignoble	mutinous
paragon	perennial	retrograde	usurp	woe

11. As soon as the patient can _____ the medicine, he will begin to regain his strength; it will take an hour for his body to absorb the chemicals.
12. His _____ ideas betrayed his lowly origin and his lack of honor.
13. Because term papers require formal writing, English teachers do not accept papers that contain _____ expressions.
14. Sometimes this business appears to be going in _____; instead of moving forward, we seem to be going backward.
15. The captain was not able to pacify the _____ crew before they attacked him and took over the ship.
16. The Lakers were the _____ NBA champions of the 1980s, winning the title year after year.
17. The teacher was _____ and inflexible about not letting the student gambol about the room since his movements were a great distraction to the other students.
18. Cousin Billy, whom we once considered a _____ of virtue, was just convicted of tax evasion; he obviously was not the shining example who we thought he was.
19. Chaucer's "The Pardoner's Tale" is a tale of the _____ and misfortune that money can cause.
20. The wicked queen sought to _____ the king's power and steal the throne from him.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 35

9th Grade



immunity	impaled	knotty	libertarian	mired
noxious	palatable	palliate	pallor	pernicious

1. The food set before us was not _____; it certainly was not acceptable to my taste.
2. The man's death had been expected; his flesh had turned a pale color, assuming the _____ consistent with blood loss.
3. We were sickened by the _____ fumes and tried to escape the repulsive odor as quickly as possible.
4. The _____ envisioned a world where government was no longer needed and men would not need to be ruled.
5. Hopefully these shots will grant you _____ to the disease, and you will have more resistance to illnesses.
6. Unable to move, the prince's horse was _____ in the thicket, caught and entangled in vines up to his neck.
7. The man could find no solution to the _____ problem he faced. He had not seen such a difficult, puzzling problem like this before.
8. The man tried to _____ the woman's anger by listening to her grievances, but instead of lessening her hostility, he merely aggravated it.
9. When the man fell on the picket fence, he was _____ by one of the wooden slats as it pierced his body.
10. The king revoked the _____ law passed by Parliament because he realized the harm that it could cause.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 35

9th Grade



abrogate	barbarism	effrontery	hemophilia	impel
intercede	potent	skewed	verdant	zany

11. The man's death was caused by his _____; he bled to death from a small cut because his blood could not coagulate.
12. We could not tolerate the _____ of the child; he was rude, audacious and bold.
13. Perhaps receiving that failing grade will _____ him to study more; we have tried to urge him ourselves without success.
14. I have hired a lawyer to _____ with the court on my behalf; it appears that I am going to need a mediator.
15. The boy made an embarrassing error when he used such _____ in his English paper; his shocking mistake stemmed from the incorrect use of words in his writing.
16. The council decided to _____ the law immediately; by doing away with it at that time, they would avoid problems later.
17. The _____ lines on the graph caused a misinterpretation of the figures; had the lines been straight, the reading would have been more accurate.
18. The _____ pasture was fresh and green in the morning.
19. The _____ clown was delightful to watch; he was both comical and outlandish.
20. The doctor gave Sally the most _____ medicine available, a very powerful antibiotic.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 36

9th Grade



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.

Sentence Completion Test

Lesson 36

9th Grade



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.

Sentence Completion

Answers

Grade 9



Test 1

Ex. A

1. amulet
2. feint
3. entreaty
4. calamity
5. prostration
6. enmity
7. vexation
8. engrossed
9. ebullient
10. wanton

Ex. B

11. baleful
12. perjury
13. supple
14. obsequious
15. virtuous
16. boisterous
17. ambiguous
18. penury
19. posterity
20. rancor

Test 2

Ex. A

1. acuity
2. disparaging
3. dissemble
4. quench
5. inundated
6. augment
7. lament
8. ascend
9. prate
10. inauspicious

Ex. B

11. prostration
12. feint
13. perjury
14. rancor
15. calamity
16. entreaty
17. amulet
18. engrossed
19. vexation
20. baleful

Test 3

Ex. A

1. malady
2. antipathy
3. compatriot
4. conflagration
5. quench
6. magnate
7. juncture
8. edifice
9. stealthy
10. blunderbuss

Ex. B

11. potentate
12. perjury
13. supple
14. acuity
15. disparaging
16. virtuous
17. inundated
18. penury
19. posterity
20. enmity

Test 4

Ex. A

1. morose
2. serene
3. ingenuity
4. corroboration
5. deference
6. supplication
7. desolate
8. obscure
9. expeditious
10. wanton

Ex. B

11. despondent
12. lament
13. conflagration
14. ascend
15. blunderbuss
16. compatriot
17. malady
18. antipathy
19. augment
20. obsequious

Test 5

Ex. A

1. docile
2. sublime
3. precocious
4. levity
5. ardent
6. execrable
7. auspicious
8. trepidation
9. evanescent
10. florid

Ex. B

11. corroboration
12. ingenuity
13. magnate
14. morose
15. juncture
16. supplication
17. inauspicious
18. serene
19. stealthy
20. prate

Test 6

Ex. A

1. vehement
2. peevish
3. affable
4. magnanimity
5. infamous
6. implacable
7. incorrigible
8. infallible
9. irresolute
10. demented

Ex. B

11. despondent
12. ardent
13. deference
14. levity
15. desolate
16. docile
17. sublime
18. precocious
19. edifice
20. potentate

Test 7

Ex. A

1. insolence
2. disdain
3. blasphemous
4. provincial
5. slovenly
6. modicum
7. prattle
8. affable
9. plaintive
10. unfathomable

Ex. B

11. obscure
12. slothful
13. vehement
14. auspicious
15. trepidation
16. execrable
17. infamous
18. magnanimity
19. peevish
20. expeditious

Test 8

Ex. A

1. benign
2. approbation
3. atheist
4. forbearance
5. placid
6. forensic
7. propensity
8. foreboding
9. infernal
10. sonorous

Ex. B

11. incorrigible
12. provincial
13. florid
14. insolence
15. disdain
16. infallible
17. blasphemous
18. slothful
19. implacable
20. evanescent

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Answers

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Test 9

Ex. A

1. ferocity
2. furtive
3. inviolable
4. gravity
5. penitent
6. ostentatious
7. diffidence
8. lethargic
9. oblivion
10. dissociate

Ex. B

11. forbearance
12. prattle
13. modicum
14. demented
15. irresolute
16. benign
17. placid
18. approbation
19. atheist
20. slovenly

Test 10

Ex. A

1. advocacy
2. palpable
3. complacency, elicit
4. ominous
5. reproach
6. imputed
7. precipitate
8. engender
9. aversion

Ex. B

11. furtive
12. penitent
13. propensity
14. forensic
15. foreboding
16. plaintive
17. gravity
18. inviolable
19. unfathomable
20. vehemently

Test 11

Ex. A

1. embellish
2. consecrate
3. deprecate
4. discern
5. proscribes
6. demur
7. muse
8. perpetuate
9. remonstrate
10. capitulate

Ex. B

11. diffidence
12. complacency
13. lethargic
14. palpable
15. aversion
16. infernal
17. sonorous
18. advocacy
19. ominous
20. ostentatious

Test 12

Ex. A

1. despoiled
2. emulate
3. laconic
4. munificent
5. galling
6. scrupulous
7. emaciated
8. gaunt
9. sagacious
10. hideous

Ex. B

11. deprecates
12. embellish
13. reproach
14. imputed
15. elicit
16. consecrate
17. oblivion
18. proscribe
19. discern
20. dissociate

Test 13

Ex. A

1. vivid
2. vivacious
3. animosity
4. apocryphal
5. voluptuous
6. venerate
7. adulterate
8. coalesce
9. vigilant
10. avarice

Ex. B

11. precipitate
12. emulate
13. engender
14. muse
15. galling
16. despoiled
17. perpetuate
18. munificent
19. laconic
20. gaunt

Test 14

Ex. A

1. replete
2. edifying
3. desultory
4. strident
5. cryptic
6. soporific
7. protract
8. collaborate
9. treachery
10. dissipation

Ex. B

11. emaciated
12. voluptuous
13. vivacious
14. animosity
15. vivid
16. remonstrate
17. gaunt
18. capitulate
19. apocryphal
20. scrupulous

Test 15

Ex. A

1. portent
2. prodigious
3. interminable
4. parody
5. espousing
6. peripheral
7. hedonists
8. indefatigable
9. equivocate
10. naive

Ex. B

11. replete
12. edifying
13. desultory
14. strident
15. cryptic
16. venerate
17. adulterate
18. coalesce
19. sagacious
20. hideous

Test 16

Ex. A

1. respite
2. baneful
3. surfeited
4. sordid
5. trifling
6. antecedent
7. profane
8. beleaguered
9. abate
10. arid

Ex. B

11. interminable
12. prodigious
13. vigilant
14. parody
15. soporific
16. collaborate
17. espousing
18. portent
19. protract
20. avarice

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Answers

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Test 17

Ex. A

1. malleable
2. impeccable
3. cynical
4. felicitous
5. imperturbable
6. contempt
7. dexterous
8. dour
9. exalt
10. mortified

Ex. B

11. dissipation
12. respite
13. surfeited
14. peripheral
15. baneful
16. trifling
17. indefatigable
18. treachery
19. sordid
20. hedonists

Test 18

Ex. A

1. profligate
2. savory
3. naive
4. blithe
5. pugnacious
6. anarchist
7. acclaim
8. amass
9. banter
10. platitudes

Ex. B

11. imperturbable
12. malleable, obdurate
13. felicitous
14. profane
15. impeccable
16. cynical
17. equivocate
18. antecedent
19. beleaguered

Test 19

Ex. A

1. confluence
2. concert
3. kudos
4. trite
5. hues
6. gratis
7. disconcerting, dirge
8. supercilious
9. foliage

Ex. B

10. beguiled, legerdemain
11. airing
12. fly-by-night
13. corpulence
14. vociferous, vulgarity
15. lurid
16. spurn
17. disencumber

Test 20

Ex. A

1. myriad
2. hilarity
3. pithy
4. monumental
5. oscillating
6. latent
7. endemic
8. premeditated
9. indict
10. focused

Ex. B

11. hues
12. supercilious
13. concert
14. kudos
15. disconcerting, dirge
16. gratis
17. vociferously
18. foliage
19. confluence

Test 21

Ex. A

1. epilogue
2. doleful
3. quixotic
4. warranted
5. stasis
6. reserve
7. presage
8. denigrate
9. anchor
10. antediluvian

Ex. B

11. legerdemain
12. pithy
13. corpulence
14. monumental
15. vulgarity
16. myriad
17. oscillating
18. hilarity
19. lurid
20. trite

Test 22

Ex. A

1. homage
2. epitaph
3. garish
4. patronizing
5. lecher
6. foible
7. intangibles
8. importune
9. ostracize
10. morbidity

Ex. B

11. stasis
12. doleful
13. endemic
14. quixotic
15. premeditated
16. latent
17. epilogue
18. warranted
19. disencumber
20. beguiled

Test 23

Ex. A

1. plenitude
2. anthology
3. cognizant
4. resonant
5. bellicose
6. raconteur
7. sequester
8. bizarre
9. addendum
10. sentinel

Ex. B

11. reserve
12. garish
13. indict
14. presage
15. patronizing
16. epitaph
17. homage
18. lecher
19. denigrate
20. focused

Test 24

Ex. A

1. equanimity
2. unpalatable
3. sumptuous
4. workaday
5. slag
6. tinge
7. eschew
8. declaim
9. hone
10. exigent

Ex. B

11. importune
12. anchor
13. foible
14. cognizant
15. plenitude
16. anthology
17. bellicose
18. intangibles
19. antediluvian
20. resonant

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Answers

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Test 25

Ex. A

1. snippet
2. resplendent
3. moribund
4. pluralistic
5. intrepid
6. portly
7. intemperance
8. imbue
9. retrogress
10. levitate

Ex. B

11. workaday
12. ostracize
13. sumptuous
14. raconteur
15. bizarre
16. slag
17. morbidity
18. sentinel
19. equanimity
20. unpalatable

Test 26

Ex. A

1. toady
2. sybarite
3. equilibrium
4. abandon
5. collage
6. decorousness
7. bemused
8. subvert
9. upbraided
10. willful

Ex. B

11. sequester
12. pluralistic
13. declaim
14. eschew
15. tinge
16. intrepid
17. moribund
18. addendum
19. snippet
20. resplendent

Test 27

Ex. A

1. fold
2. mosaic
3. interred
4. impudent
5. polarization
6. pedestrian
7. ethos
8. explicable
9. intensify
10. lionize

Ex. B

11. sybarite
12. hone
13. collage
14. intemperance
15. abandon
16. equilibrium
17. exigent
18. toady
19. imbue
20. portly

Test 28

Ex. A

1. revulsion
2. concord
3. rejoinder
4. bestial
5. assiduous
6. reciprocal
7. confound
8. revile
9. restive
10. ardor

Ex. B

11. decorousness
12. bemused
13. interred
14. retrogress
15. levitate
16. mosaic
17. subvert
18. impudent
19. polarization
20. fold

Test 29

Ex. A

1. whim
2. surplus
3. vanquished
4. dissected
5. impertinent
6. severed
7. husband
8. topple
9. defer
10. evince

Ex. B

11. revulsion
12. explicate
13. assiduous
14. rejoinder
15. upbraided
16. ethos
17. bestial
18. willful
19. concord
20. pedestrian

Test 30

Ex. A

1. inanimate
2. retinue
3. paradigm
4. sinuous
5. perfidious
6. lithe
7. maladroit
8. redundant
9. potable
10. muted

Ex. B

11. intensify
12. impertinent
13. vanquished
14. confound
15. dissected
16. whim
17. revile
18. surplus
19. lionize
20. reciprocal

Test 31

Ex. A

1. commodious
2. conglomerate
3. bulwark
4. dissolution
5. vicarious
6. subjugate
7. begrudge
8. tottered
9. assimilate
10. usurp

Ex. B

11. husband
12. lithe
13. ardor
14. severed
15. retinue
16. paradigm
17. sinuous
18. restive
19. topple
20. perfidious

Test 32

Ex. A

1. dither
2. evocative
3. lugubrious
4. frenetic
5. grisly
6. woe
7. ignoble
8. mutinous
9. intercede
10. impel

Ex. B

11. evince
12. maladroit
13. vicarious
14. bulwark
15. redundant
16. defer
17. dissolution
18. commodious
19. potable
20. conglomerate

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Answers

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Test 33

Ex. A

1. paragon
2. adamant
3. colloquial
4. perennial
5. retrograde
6. potent
7. barbarism
8. abrogate
9. pucker
10. compatriot

Ex. B

11. inanimate
12. tottered
13. dither
14. subjugate
15. begrudge
16. muted
17. frenetic
18. evocative
19. grisly
20. lugubrious

Test 34

Ex. A

1. hemophilia
2. zany
3. effrontery
4. verdant
5. skewed
6. translucence
7. gambol
8. defused
9. supersede
10. egregious

Ex. B

11. assimilate
12. ignoble
13. colloquial
14. retrograde
15. mutinous
16. perennial
17. adamant
18. paragon
19. woe
20. usurp

Test 35

Ex. A

1. palatable
2. pallor
3. noxious
4. libertarian
5. immunity
6. mired
7. knotty
8. palliate
9. impaled
10. pernicious

Ex. B

11. hemophilia
12. effrontery
13. impel
14. intercede
15. barbarism
16. abrogate
17. skewed
18. verdant
19. zany
20. potent

Test 36

Ex. A

1. connoisseur
2. augury
3. diatribe
4. temerity
5. tawdry
6. declivity
7. utopian
8. debauchery
9. tarry
10. skulk

Ex. B

11. translucence
12. pucker
13. palatable
14. noxious
15. libertarian
16. immunity
17. defused
18. pallor
19. gambol
20. compatriot