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1.	abase	uh BAYS	to degrade, to humiliate
	Synonyms >>	corrupt, debase, debauch, demean, deprave, vitiate, pervert	Antonym >> to exalt
	The bitter woman deliberately set out to abase her husband in public.		
	Derivatives >>	abasement, abaser, abased, abasing	
2.	abbreviate	uh BREEV ee ate	to shorten, to diminish
	Synonyms >>	shorten, abridge, curtail, retrench	Antonym >> protract
	Due to his abbreviated stay, we did not really get to know him.		
	Derivatives >>	abbreviated, abbreviation, abbreviator, abbreviature	
3.	abolish	uh BOL ish	to do away with
	Synonyms >>	annul, eradicate, exterminate, extirpate, obliterate	Antonym >> initiate
	Lincoln abolished slavery.		
	Derivatives >>	abolishment, abolition, abolitionary, abolitiondom, abolitionist	
4.	abstracted	ab STRAK ted	removed in thought from the immediate situation, lost in one's own mind
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> attentive
	The child, thinking of Christmas, had an abstracted look on his face.		
	Derivatives >>	abstractedly, abstractedness	
5.	abstruse	ab STRUSE	difficult to understand, recondite, concealed
	Synonyms >>	complex, complicated, intricate, knotty	Antonym >> readily understood; clear
	Some concepts of Einstein were so abstruse that many physicists could not understand them.		
	Derivatives >>	abstrusely, abstruseness	
6.	abyss	uh BISS	bottomless hole, a vast expanse or depth
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The man had fallen into the abyss of depravity.		
	Derivatives >>	abysm, abysmal, abysmally, abyssal	
7.	acrid	AK rid	caustic, bitter, harsh (relates sometimes to taste and smell)
	Synonyms >>	caustic, mordant, scathing	Antonym >> agreeable
	The acrid odor in the restaurant caused me to leave.		
	Derivatives >>	acridity, acridness, acridly	
8.	adherent	ad HEER unt	a follower of something such as a leader, party, philosophy, or profession
	Synonyms >>	disciple, follower, partisan	Antonym >> dissenter
	He is an adherent of the Democratic party.		
	Derivatives >>	adhere, adherer, adherence, adherently	
9.	adulation	ad u LAY shun	extreme praise or admiration
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> defamation; slander
	Due to the great adulation of the crowds, the politician thought that he might win the election.		
	Derivatives >>	adulate, adulator, adulatory, adulated, adulating	
10.	advocacy	AD vuh cuh see	support of an idea or cause
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> opposition
	The nominee's advocacy of higher taxes may have cost him the election.		
	Derivatives >>	advocate, advocator, advocatory, advocated, advocating	
11.	alcove	AL kove	a partially enclosed extension of a room or part of a room
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	An alcove is to a room as an inlet is to a lake.		
	Derivatives >>	alcoves	

12.	allure	uh LUR	to influence, sway, or entice with some tempting appeal
	Synonyms >>	attract, fascinate, charm	Antonym >>
	The child tried to allure the stray dog into her yard with a piece of bread.		
	Derivatives >>	allured, alluring, allures, allurement, allurer	
13.	aloof	uh LOOF	apart, indifferent
	Synonyms >>	detached, incurious, unconcerned	Antonym >> integrated; friendly
	The woman remained aloof during the party, separating herself from everyone else.		
	Derivatives >>	aloofness	
14.	amulet	AM yew let	a charm or ornament worn to protect against evil
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> hex
	The princess wore the amulet to protect herself.		
	Derivatives >>	amulets	
15.	anchor	ANG kur	to secure firmly
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to release from restraint
	Anchor the boat to the dock.		
	Derivatives >>	anchored, anchoring, anchors	
16.	anthology	an THAH luh gee	an assortment or collection of selected pieces of literature or art
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> novel
	The anthology we are using as a text contains many poems of various authors.		
	Derivatives >>	anthological, anthologist, anthologize, anthologies	
17.	apathy	AP uh thee	a lack of concern or feeling, indifference
	Synonyms >>	phlegm, stoicism, stolidness	Antonym >> enthusiastic devotion
	The man looked upon the turn of events with apathy.		
	Derivatives >>	apathetic, apathetical, apathetically	
18.	archaic	are KAY ik	antiquated, old, out of use
	Synonyms >>	ancient, antique, obsolete, venerable	Antonym >> contemporary; modern
	Words such as "thou", which are no longer part of normal vocabulary, are archaic.		
	Derivatives >>	archaically, archaism, archaize, archaized, archaizing, archaizer	
19.	articulate	are TIK yuh late	to speak distinctly; expressing oneself clearly
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to speak indistinctly; to mumble
	An announcer must be articulate. A good politician must be able to articulate his views.		
	Derivatives >>	articulated, articulating, articulation, articulateness, articulative, articulately, articulator	
20.	astronomical	as trow NOM uh kul	inconceivably large
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> very small; miniscule
	The number of stars in the sky is astronomical.		
	Derivatives >>	astronomic, astronomically	
21.	austere	aw STEER	strict, stern; unadorned, ascetic
	Synonyms >>	severe	Antonym >> indulgent
	Pioneers usually led an austere existence.		
	Derivatives >>	austereness, austereity, austerity	
22.	authoritative	oh THOR uh ta tive	coming from the proper authority; dictatorial; conclusive
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> submissive
	The authoritative manner of the teacher quieted the disruptive students.		
	Derivatives >>	authoritatively, authoritativeness, authority	
23.	avarice	AV uh ris	greed for wealth
	Synonyms >>	cupidity	Antonym >> generosity
	Avarice and gluttony are two vices that can destroy lives.		
	Derivatives >>	avaricious, avariciously, avariciousness	
24.	balk	BALK	to defeat, check, or stop as if by a barrier
	Synonyms >>	foil, baffle, thwart, demur, frustrate, circumvent, hinder	Antonym >>
	The steers balked at the sight of the snake and refused to move into the corral.		
	Derivatives >>	balked, balking, balky	
25.	balm	BALLM	a soothing substance or one that gives relief
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> irritant
	The balm caused the pain of the sunburn to subside and then to diminish.		
	Derivatives >>	balmily, balminess, balmy, balms, balmed, balming	

26.	barbarism	BAR buh riz um	the incorrect usage of words or forms of language
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> acceptable diction
		The English teacher cringed at the gross barbarism in the paper.	
	Derivatives >>	barbarous, barbarously, barbarousness	
27.	benevolence	buh NEV uh lunz	kindness, generosity, charity
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> antagonism; avarice; malevolence
		His benevolence was shown when he set up soup kitchens for the poor.	
	Derivatives >>	benevolent, benevolently	
28.	bestow	be STOW	to grant or to give
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> deprive
		The country bestowed honor for Martin Luther King, Jr., by making his birthday a national holiday.	
	Derivatives >>	bestowal, bestowed, bestowment	
29.	bloat	BLOTE	to swell; to become turgid
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> shrink
		The body began to bloat after being in the water for only one day.	
	Derivatives >>	bloating	
30.	bourgeois	BOOR zhwah	a person with the traits or viewpoints of the bourgeoisie
	Synonyms >>	middle class, mediocre	Antonym >>
		Your outdated ideas are so bourgeois.	
	Derivatives >>	bourgeoisie	
31.	calamity	kuh LAM uh tee	a serious event causing distress or misfortune
	Synonyms >>	cataclysm, catastrophe	Antonym >> good fortune
		The earthquake in Mexico was a calamity.	
	Derivatives >>	calamitous, calamitously, calamitousness	
32.	camouflage	KAM uh flaj	a concealment by means of disguise
	Synonyms >>	disguise	Antonym >>
		The soldier could not be seen because of his camouflage.	
	Derivatives >>	camouflages, camouflaged, camouflaging	
33.	capitulate	kuh PICH uh late	to surrender
	Synonyms >>	defer, relent, submit, succumb, yield	Antonym >> to resist
		The army was expected to capitulate after having lost that last battle with so many casualties.	
	Derivatives >>	capitulated, capitulating, capitulation	
34.	caricature	KARE uh kuh chur	a portrayal where features are distorted, a parody
	Synonyms >>	burlesque, travesty	Antonym >> somber portrait
		The caricature of the presidential nominee was hysterical.	
	Derivatives >>	caricatured, caricaturing, caricaturist	
35.	cascade	kas KADE	a steep waterfall or series of waterfalls, a continuous series
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> trickle of water
		The canoe disappeared under the cascade of water into the hidden passageway in the cliff.	
	Derivatives >>	cascaded, cascading	
36.	chronic	KRON ik	marked by long duration or by frequent recurrence over a long period
	Synonyms >>	unending, habitual, inveterate	Antonym >> transitory
		The chain smoker is often plagued by a chronic cough.	
	Derivatives >>	chronical, chronically, chronicity	
37.	clamor	KLAM ur	loud noise or shouting
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> quiet
		The clamor finally subsided when the children went to bed.	
	Derivatives >>	clamors, clamored, clamoring, clamorous, clamorously, clamorousness	
38.	clandestine	klan DES tin	secret
	Synonyms >>	covert, furtive, stealthy, surreptitious, underhanded	Antonym >> open; obvious
		The C.I.A. is involved in clandestine activities.	
	Derivatives >>	clandestinely, clandestineness	
39.	commodious	kuh MO dee us	affording ample space and room; adapted to or suitable for use
	Synonyms >>	capacious, ample, serviceable	Antonym >> cramped and crowded
		The room was of a commodious, well-proportioned size.	
	Derivatives >>	commodiously, commodiousness, commodity	

40.	communal	kuh MYOON ul	pertaining to a group or community	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	individual
	A hermit does not enjoy communal situations.			
	Derivatives >>	commune, communed, communing, communally, communalism, communalist, communalization,		
41.	compatibility	kum PAT uh bil uh ty	harmony, ability to get along together	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	lack of accord
	A husband and wife should have compatibility.			
	Derivatives >>	compatible, compatibleness, compatibly		
42.	compilation	kom puh LAY shun	an accumulation of many things	
	Synonyms >>	accretion	Antonym >>	
	The book was an interesting compilation of many sources.			
	Derivatives >>	compiler, compilatory, compile, compiled, compilement, compiler		
43.	conspicuous	kun SPIK yoo us	obvious, noticeable, attracting attention	
	Synonyms >>	prominent, remarkable, salient, striking	Antonym >>	veiled; hidden
	The wife of the president was conspicuous by her absence.			
	Derivatives >>	conspicuity, conspicuously, conspicuosity		
44.	constrict	kun STRIKT	to tighten or to make narrow	
	Synonyms >>	compress, condense, contract, deflate	Antonym >>	to distend
	Strangling constricts the windpipe and keeps air from reaching the lungs.			
	Derivatives >>	constriction, constrictive, constrictor, constricted, constricting		
45.	contempt	kun TEMPT	scorn, extreme dislike or disdain	
	Synonyms >>	despicableness, pitiableness, scurviness	Antonym >>	respect
	The man treated the gossiping woman with contempt; talking about other people was beneath his dignity.			
	Derivatives >>	contemptible, contemptuous		
46.	copious	KO pee us	abundant	
	Synonyms >>	ample	Antonym >>	sparse
	I always take copious notes in my history class.			
	Derivatives >>	copiousness, copiously		
47.	corrugated	KOR uh gay ted	bent into folds	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	smooth
	A corrugated box absorbs shock and helps to protect its contents.			
	Derivatives >>	corrugate, corrugating		
48.	corrupt	kuh RUPT	to ruin or destroy morally	
	Synonyms >>	abase, debase, debauch, demean, deprave, pervert, vitiate	Antonym >>	regenerate
	Drug dealers deliberately try to corrupt young children.			
	Derivatives >>	corrupter, corruptive, corruptly, corru[tness, corruptible, corruptibility, corruption		
49.	credible	KRED uh bul	reliable and believable	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	unbelievable
	It is important for a person's words to be credible.			
	Derivatives >>	credibility, credibleness, credibly		
50.	credulous	KREJ uh lus	believing on slight evidence, gullible	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	suspicious
	Because the lady's horoscope said that she should stay inside, the credulous woman did not go to work.			
	Derivatives >>	credulously, credulousness, credulity		
51.	cumbersome	KUM bur sum	difficult to handle, unwieldy	
	Synonyms >>	cumbrous, ponderous	Antonym >>	easily handled
	Carrying all of these books is a cumbersome task.			
	Derivatives >>	cumbersomely, cumbersomeness, cumbrous, cumbrously, cumbrousness		
52.	cynical	SIN uh kul	given to faultfinding, sneering, and sarcasm; exhibiting mocking disbelief	
	Synonyms >>	misanthropic, pessimistic, misogynic	Antonym >>	
	Some people are so cynical they sneer at everything that would make life worthwhile.			
	Derivatives >>	cynic, cynically, cynicism		
53.	daunt	DAWNT	to intimidate, to dismay	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	to hearten
	I am not daunted by your threats.			
	Derivatives >>	dauntless, dauntlessly, dauntlessness		

54.	debase	deh BASE	to reduce in dignity or quality
	Synonyms >>	abase, corrupt, debauch, demean, deprave, pervert, vitiate	Antonym >> to glorify
	Do not debase yourself by swearing.		
	Derivatives >>	debased, debasing, debasement, debaser, debasingly	
55.	debauchery	deh BAH chuh ree	moral corruption
	Synonyms >>	abasement, corruption, debasement, depravity, perversion,	Antonym >> temperance
	Certainly a minister would say that group sex is an example of debauchery.		
	Derivatives >>	debauch, debaucher, debauchment, debauchee	
56.	defile	deh FILE	to make dirty, to desecrate, to pollute
	Synonyms >>	contaminate, taint	Antonym >> to enhance
	The gang defiled the school with obscene graffiti.		
	Derivatives >>	defilement, defiler, defiling, defilingly	
57.	demur	deh MUR	to hesitate, to delay, to object
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to proceed, to agree, to accede
	To demur at this time might cause the whole operation to be destroyed.		
	Derivatives >>	demurred, demurring	
58.	deprecate	DEP ruh kate	to disapprove regretfully, to belittle, to express mild disapproval
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to endorse
	Do not deprecate her act unless you fully understand her situation.		
	Derivatives >>	deprecating, deprecatingly, deprecative, deprecatively, deprecatory, deprecated, deprecating	
59.	derision	deh REH zhun	scoffing at, mockery, ridicule
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> applause
	The boy received much derision for his plaid gym shorts.		
	Derivatives >>	derisive, derisiveness, derisively, derisory	
60.	despotic	deh SPOT ik	ruling oppressively and absolutely; tyrannical
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> ruling democratically
	Americans do not like despotic behavior.		
	Derivatives >>	despotic, despotically, despotism, despotist, despotize, despot	
61.	desultory	DES ul tore ee	jumping around, aimless, random
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> concentrated
	The man's desultory attempts at finding employment wasted his time.		
	Derivatives >>	desultorious, desultoriness, desultorily, desultor	
62.	didactic	die DAK tik	instructive, designed to teach
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> uninformative
	Because of the coach's didactic approach, his players learned many blocking techniques.		
	Derivatives >>	didactical, didacticism, didactic, didactically	
63.	diminution	dim uh NOO shun	diminishment, reduction
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> escalation
	The diminution of nuclear weapons is a goal of arms control.		
	Derivatives >>	diminutive, diminutival, diminutively, diminutiveness	
64.	din	DEN	loud and discordant noises, cacophony
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> euphony
	The din in the senate was so great that I could not hear the speaker.		
	Derivatives >>	dins, dinned, dinning	
65.	discretion	deh SKRESH un	ability to act on one's own power of individual decision
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The judge has wide discretion in the bail that he sets.		
	Derivatives >>	discretionary, discretionally, discretionary	
66.	disdain	dis DANE	intense dislike; to treat with scorn or contempt, to reject as unworthy
	Synonyms >>	(to be) arrogant, haughty, high-handed, insolent, lordly,	Antonym >> favor, admiration; to love
	Never having had to do manual labor, he disdained the idea of becoming a cotton picker.		
	Derivatives >>	disdained, disdainful, disdainfully, disdainfulness	
67.	disrepute	dis reh PYOOT	disgrace, loss of reputation
	Synonyms >>	ignominy, infamy	Antonym >> esteem; dignity
	If he does not win the perjury case, he will be held in disrepute.		
	Derivatives >>	disreputability, disreputable, disreputably	

68.	dissemble	deh SEM bul	to disguise, to pretend
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to reveal
	Although he tried to dissemble his motive for seeing me, I knew the real reason.		
	Derivatives >>	dissembled, dissembling, dissembler, dissemblingly	
69.	dissemination	deh sem uh NAY shun	the act of spreading widely; scattering
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> consolidation
	The dissemination of these ideas can best be achieved through television.		
	Derivatives >>	disseminate, disseminator	
70.	dissipation	dis uh PAY shun	wasteful spending, squandering
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> collection
	Even though he inherited a million dollars, I expect quick dissipation of his fortune.		
	Derivatives >>	dissipate, dissipated, dissipatedly, dissipatedness, dissipater, dissipative	
71.	divination	div uh NAY shun	foretelling the future by means of magic
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The prophet was known for his accuracy in divination.		
	Derivatives >>	divinator, divinatory, divine, divination, divined	
72.	drone	DRONE	speaking in a monotonous tone; a continuous low humming sound
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	I could hardly endure the constant drone of the speaker's voice.		
	Derivatives >>	droned, droning, drones, droner, droningly, dronish	
73.	dupe	DOOP, DYOOOP	to trick, to fool, to deceive, or to cheat; to bilk
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	He was duped into investing his life savings into a bankrupt company.		
	Derivatives >>	duped, duping, dupery	
74.	ecstasy	EK stuh see	extreme happiness
	Synonyms >>	rapture, transport	Antonym >> wretchedness
	The music was so beautiful that it put the crowd into a state of ecstasy.		
	Derivatives >>	ecstatic, ecstatical, ecstatically	
75.	eddy	ED ee	a current of air or water moving contrary to the main current (circularly)
	Synonyms >>	whirlpool	Antonym >>
	An eddy of wind picked up debris in the street and scattered it along the walks.		
	Derivatives >>	eddies, eddyings	
76.	edifying	ED uh fie ing	instructing and improving spiritually or morally
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> heinous; nefarious
	Visiting the cathedral was an edifying experience.		
	Derivatives >>	edification, edificatory, edify, edifier, edifyingness	
77.	effigy	EF eh jee	a dummy or image of a person (usually one who is not liked)
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The ball team hung the opponent's mascot in effigy at the pep rally before the game.		
	Derivatives >>	effigies	
78.	emaciated	eh MAY she ay tid	very thin (usually as a result of starvation), wasting away
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> fat; corpulent
	As a result of receiving little food, most prisoners of concentration camps become extremely emaciated.		
	Derivatives >>	emaciate, emaciation	
79.	embed	em BED	to enclose firmly in some mass
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to extract
	The fossil has been embedded in the rock for millions of years.		
	Derivatives >>	embedment	
80.	embellish	em BEL ish	to decorate, to make beautiful with ornamentation
	Synonyms >>	deck, garnish, ornament, adorn	Antonym >> to abbreviate
	He would embellish his narratives with anecdotes about famous people.		
	Derivatives >>	embellisher, embellishment	
81.	empirical	em PEER eh kul	based on observation or experiment and not on theory
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> theoretical
	We need some empirical data to make our case solid.		
	Derivatives >>	empiric, empiricism, empiricist, empirics, empirism	

82.	enunciate	eh NUN see ate	to pronounce clearly
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to slur
	Please enunciate your response so that everyone can understand you.		
83.	equilibrium	ee kwuh LIB ree um	a state of balance between opposing forces
	Synonyms >>	balance, poise	Antonym >> imbalance
	The acrobats need a good sense of equilibrium in order to perform the tricks.		
84.	equivocal	eh KWIV uh kul	ambiguous (usually intended to mislead)
	Synonyms >>	abstruse, ambiguous, cryptic, enigmatic, obscure, recondite	Antonym >> clear; straightforward
	His speech was difficult to understand because of all his equivocal statements.		
85.	exalt	ig ZALT	to glorify, to praise, to raise in rank
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to defame; to deprecate
	The woman was exalted for her successes in the field of science.		
86.	execrable	EK suh kruh bul	extremely bad, deserving of hate
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> admirable
	The cheerleader told a joke about the drill team that was so execrable that he was suspended for three days.		
87.	extricate	EK struh kate	to free, to disentangle
	Synonyms >>	disembarrass, disencumber	Antonym >> to snare
	He could not extricate himself from the trap.		
88.	fallible	FAL uh bul	capable of making an error
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> not likely to be erroneous
	All humans are fallible because none are perfect.		
89.	fanaticism	fuh NAT eh siz um	enthusiasm or zeal that is excessively irrational
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> apathy; lack of zeal
	The Nazis engendered fanaticism among their followers.		
90.	fatuous	FACH oo us	foolish, silly in an obnoxious way, inane
	Synonyms >>	asinine, silly, simple	Antonym >> sensible
	The woman was fatuous to think that she needed three thousand pairs of shoes.		
91.	fecund	FEE kund, FEK und	capable of reproducing, intellectual productivity
	Synonyms >>	fertile, fruitful, prolific	Antonym >> barren
	The Amazon, with abundant plant and animal life, is a fecund area.		
92.	ferocity	fuh ROS eh tee	savagery
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> mildness
	A tiger is an animal that has ferocity.		
93.	fertile	FUR till	capable of reproducing
	Synonyms >>	fecund, fruitful, prolific	Antonym >> unproductive
	The fertile soil was ready for planting.		
94.	flourish	FLUR ish	to thrive, to grow well
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to wither
	The company flourished after a new board of directors took control.		
95.	forbearance	fore BARE uns	patience, lenience
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> impatience
	Because he is so young, we must have forbearance in dealing with him.		
	Derivatives >>	forbear, forbearant, forbearer, forbearing, forbearingly, forbearingness, forbore	

96.	formidable	FORE meh duh bul	menacing, causing fear or awe
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> harmless; unimportant
	That retired boxer was a formidable opponent in his time.		
	Derivatives >>	formidability, formidableness, formidably	
97.	fret	FRET	to worry or be annoyed
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> relax
	You should not fret over things that you cannot control		
	Derivatives >>	fretted, fretting, frets, fretful, fretfully, fretfulness	
98.	frivolous	FRIV uh lus	lacking in seriousness or importance
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> serious; sober
	A teacher should limit frivolous behavior in the classroom.		
	Derivatives >>	frivolity, frivolousness, frivolously	
99.	furtive	FUR tiv	secret in an underhanded way, stealthy
	Synonyms >>	clandestine, covert, stealthy, surreptitious, underhanded	Antonym >> bold
	During the test, he made some furtive glances at other classmates' papers.		
	Derivatives >>	furtively, furtiveness	
100.	gambol	GAM bul	to playfully skip or leap
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to trudge
	The young child laughed with glee as he began to gambol around the room.		
	Derivatives >>	gamboled, gamboling	
101.	gilded	GIL did	covered with gold or a golden color; having a background of wealth
	Synonyms >>	prosperous, luxurious, ornate, meretricious, tawdry	Antonym >>
	The gilded and perfumed nobles were inwardly deceptive and rotten to the core.		
	Derivatives >>	gild, gilding, gilder	
102.	gratuitous	gruh TOO eh tus	given freely, unwarranted
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> demanded
	I resent your gratuitous comments because no one asked for them.		
	Derivatives >>	gratis, gratuitous, gratuitousness, gratuital, gratuitously	
103.	gravity	GRAV eh tee	seriousness, importance
	Synonyms >>	earnestness, sedateness, sobriety, solemnity, staidness	Antonym >> unimportance
	The gravity of the situation was heightened by the death of the president .		
	Derivatives >>	grave, graver, gravely	
104.	hedonist	HEED un ist	one who seeks pleasure as the sole aim in life
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> ascetic
	The world is full of hedonists who seek nothing but their own pleasures.		
	Derivatives >>	hedonism, hedonistically, hedonistical, hedonics, hedonic, hedonically	
105.	heretical	huh RET eh kul	contrary to church doctrine or accepted beliefs or standards
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> sacred
	His heretical statements were offensive to many believers.		
	Derivatives >>	heretic, heretically, hereticalness, hereticate, heretication, hereticator	
106.	hideous	HID ee us	very ugly, offensive, shocking
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> delightful
	Some characters in the horror movie had hideous faces.		
	Derivatives >>	hideously, hideousness, hideosity	
107.	hypocrite	HIP uh krit	one who is insincere or deceitful
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> sincere person
	Saying one thing and then doing the other is the mark of a hypocrite.		
	Derivatives >>	hypocrites, hypocritical, hypocritically, hypocritical, hypocrisy	
108.	impale	im PALE	to pierce, to fix on a pointed instrument
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	Shish kebab can be prepared by impaling meat and vegetables on a skewer.		
	Derivatives >>	impaled, impalement	
109.	impoundment	im POUND munt	the act of being seized and held in the custody of the law
	Synonyms >>	confinement	Antonym >>
	The man was not happy when he had to deal with the impoundment of his car.		
	Derivatives >>	impound, impounded, impounding, impoundable	

110.	impregnable	im PREG nuh bul	incapable of being taken by assault, of being broken into or escaped from
	Synonyms >>	unconquerable, unassailable	Antonym >> easily conquered
		The warriors felt secure in the impregnable fortress.	
	Derivatives >>	impregnability, impregnableness, impregnably	
111.	impudent	IM pyuh dunt	disrespectful, characterized by improper bold behavior
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> respectful
		The student's impudent act of using profanity toward Mrs. Dove caused him to be expelled.	
	Derivatives >>	impudence, impudency, impudently, impudentness, impudicity	
112.	incongruity	in kon GROO eh tee	nonconformity, disagreement, incompatibility
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> agreement
		The incongruity between the two stories led me to doubt the accuracy of either report.	
	Derivatives >>	incongruent, incongruently, incongruence, incongruous, incongruously, incongruousness	
113.	incurious	in KYOOR ee us	uninterested, lacking normal curiosity
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> interested; curious
		I was surprised at his incurious reaction when I told him that the prom queen was interested in him.	
	Derivatives >>	incuriosity, incuriously, incuriousness	
114.	indefatigable	in deh FAT uh guh bul	tireless, incapable of being fatigued
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> easily tired
		The indefatigable army moved ahead steadily over the many days without rest.	
	Derivatives >>	indefatigability, indefatigableness, indefatigably	
115.	indignation	in dig NAY shun	anger as a result of something unjust
	Synonyms >>	fury, ire, rage, wrath	Antonym >> serenity
		I have much indignation about the light sentence given to the drunk driver who ran over my child .	
	Derivatives >>	indignant, indignantly, indignance, indignify, indignities	
116.	induce	in DOOS, in DYOOS	to bring on or to bring about
	Synonyms >>	cause, effect, influence, persuade, prevail	Antonym >> to impede
		His personality changes were induced by drugs.	
	Derivatives >>	induced, inducing, inducement, inducer	
117.	inert	in URT	unable to move or to act, sluggish
	Synonyms >>	idle, passive, supine	Antonym >> active
		It takes a long time to get things done when we must depend on inert bureaucrats.	
	Derivatives >>	inertia, inertial, inertion, inertness, inertly	
118.	inertia	in UR shuh	resistance to motion or action
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> disposition to action
		In order to move, a force must first overcome a body's initial inertia.	
	Derivatives >>	inert, inertial, inertion, inertness, inertly	
119.	inextricable	in EKS truh kuh bul	not able to be disentangled
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> separable
		The kite string is in such an inextricable mess that you might as well throw it all away.	
	Derivatives >>	inextricability, inextricableness, inextricably	
120.	infallible	in FAL uh bul	incapable of error
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> erroneous; fallacious
		Since everyone makes mistakes, no human is infallible.	
	Derivatives >>	infallibilism, infallibilist, infallibility, infallibleness, infallibly	
121.	ingenuity	in juh NOO eh tee	cleverness, inventiveness, resourcefulness
	Synonyms >>	adroitness, cunning, deftness, dexterity	Antonym >> lack of cleverness
		He showed much ingenuity in his unique way of solving the problem.	
	Derivatives >>	ingenious, ingeniously, ingeniousness	
122.	inimical	eh NIM eh kul	having the disposition or temper of an enemy
	Synonyms >>	hostile, unfriendly, harmful, adverse	Antonym >> hospitable
		The child shuddered under the inimical glare of his father.	
	Derivatives >>	inimicable, inimically, inimicalness, inimicous	
123.	insatiable	in SAY shuh bul	incapable of being satisfied
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> capable of being satisfied
		She became quite fat because of her insatiable desire for chocolate.	
	Derivatives >>	insatiability, insatiableness, insatiably, insatiate, insatiated, insatiately, insatiate, insatiety	

124.	inscrutable	in SKROO tuh bul	difficult to understand; mysterious
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> clear; readable; understandable
	He had us all confused with his inscrutable smile.		
	Derivatives >>	inscrutableness, inscrutably, inscrutability	
125.	insidious	in SID ee us	treacherous or dangerous in a secret sort of way
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> harmless
	AIDS is insidious because one can have it and transmit it before showing symptoms of the disease.		
	Derivatives >>	insidiously, insidiousness	
126.	interminable	in TUR mun uh bul	having or seeming to have no end, wearisomely protracted
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> short and limited
	Although the reading assignment was only ten pages, it seemed interminable to the bored student.		
	Derivatives >>	interminability, interminableness, interminably, interminate	
127.	inviolable	in VIE uh luh bul	secure from violation or from being profaned
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> destructible
	The numerous guards attempt to make the President inviolable.		
	Derivatives >>	inviolate, inviolability, invioableness, invioably, inviolacy, inviolateness, inviolately, inviolated, inviolating	
128.	knoll	NOLE	a small round hill
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> mountain
	The young deer stood upon the knoll and looked out over the pond that lay beneath him.		
	Derivatives >>	knolls	
129.	labyrinthine	lab uh RIN thin	like a maze, very convoluted and intricate
	Synonyms >>	mazy	Antonym >>
	The senator vowed to unravel the labyrinthine welfare bureaucracy.		
	Derivatives >>	labyrinth, labyrinthal, labyrinthical, labyrinthian, labyrinthic, labyrinthically	
130.	lassitude	LAS eh tood	feeling of weariness; fatigue
	Synonyms >>	languor, lethargy, stupor, torpor	Antonym >> restlessness
	The hot weather in some parts of Mexico probably created the lassitude that led to the siesta.		
	Derivatives >>	lassitudes	
131.	latent	LATE unt	not visible, dormant
	Synonyms >>	abeyant, quiescent	Antonym >> obvious
	Sometimes a teacher can cause latent talents to emerge.		
	Derivatives >>	latency	
132.	loathe	LOETH	to detest
	Synonyms >>	abhor, abominate	Antonym >> to adore
	The fact that I loathe your brother does not mean that we cannot be friends.		
	Derivatives >>	loathful, loathing, loathingly, loathness, loathsome	
133.	loiter	LOI tur	to stand idly or to linger aimlessly
	Synonyms >>	dally, dawdle, procrastinate	Antonym >> to hasten
	The police did not want people to loiter around the scene of the shooting.		
	Derivatives >>	loitering, loiteringly	
134.	lucid	LOO sid	easily understood, mentally sound
	Synonyms >>	perspicuous	Antonym >> obscure
	His lucid remarks helped everyone understand the new tax code.		
	Derivatives >>	lucidity, lucidly, lucidness	
135.	lurid	LOOR id	sensational, gruesome and causing shock or horror
	Synonyms >>	grisly, ghastly, macabre	Antonym >>
	The tabloid published every lurid detail of the ax murder.		
	Derivatives >>	luridity, luridness	
136.	luxuriant	lug ZHOOR ee unt	abundant in growth, very fertile
	Synonyms >>	lavish, lush, prodigal, profuse	Antonym >> scanty
	The luxuriant farmland of Iowa provides an abundant amount of food.		
	Derivatives >>	luxuriance, luxurancy, luxuriantly, luxuriate, luxurious, luxuriously, luxuriousness, luxury	
137.	malign	muh LINE	to utter injuriously misleading reports about
	Synonyms >>	traduce, asperse, vilify, calumniate, defame	Antonym >> to extol
	Several old gossips in the neighborhood had maligned the woman.		
	Derivatives >>	malignance, malignancy, malignant, malignantly	

138.	malleable	MAL ee uh bul	capable of being shaped, influenced, or altered; tractable
	Synonyms >>	plastic, pliable, pliant, ductile	Antonym >> unpliable
		Gold is a malleable metal.	
	Derivatives >>	malleability, malleabilization, malleableize, malleableness	
139.	melancholy	MEL un kol ee	depression of spirits
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> happiness
		After Dad lost his job, he fell into a state of melancholy.	
	Derivatives >>	melancholia, melancholic, melancholiac, melancholically, melancholily, melancholiness, melancholious	
140.	mellow	MEL oh	pleasingly mild
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> harsh
		The orchestra played soft and mellow music.	
	Derivatives >>	mellowy, mellowed	
141.	meritorious	mer eh TOR ee us	deserving of honor or praise
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
		As a result of his meritorious behavior, the soldier was given a medal.	
	Derivatives >>	meritoriously, meritoriousness	
142.	mobile (adj)	MO bul	capable of moving or being moved
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> fixed
		In the modern game of professional football, a quarterback must be mobile.	
	Derivatives >>	mobilize, mobilizable, mobilization	
143.	multifarious	mul tuh FARE ee us	great in variety, diverse
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> limited in variety
		He is valuable because of his multifarious talents.	
	Derivatives >>	multifariously, multifariousness	
144.	musty	MUS tee	smelling of damp or decay, malodorous
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> fragrant
		The old house was pervaded by an offensive, musty odor.	
	Derivatives >>	mustily, mustiness	
145.	mutability	myoo tuh BILL uh tee	the degree to which something is subject and likely to change
	Synonyms >>	inconsistency	Antonym >> consistency
		The mutability of his opinions was because of political pressures; these alone caused his changing attitudes.	
	Derivatives >>	mutable, mutably, mutation	
146.	muted	MYOO tid	toned down or silenced
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> amplified
		The conductor wanted the music to be muted at one spot in the performance.	
	Derivatives >>	mute, mutedly, mutely, muteness	
147.	myriad	MIR ee id	a very large and indefinite number
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> small number
		The myriad of races and cultures that make up America is said to resemble a mosaic.	
	Derivatives >>	myriadfold, myriadly	
148.	nebulous	NEB yuh lus	lacking clarity of feature or sharpness of outline
	Synonyms >>	hazy, indistinct, turbid, clouded	Antonym >>
		She had a nebulous recollection of the meeting with the man, unable to provide any specific facts about it.	
	Derivatives >>	nebulously, nebulousness, nebulosity	
149.	neurotic	noo ROT ik	an emotionally unstable person; emotionally unstable
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> mentally healthy; sound mind
		My mother is so neurotic that she is difficult to be around.	
	Derivatives >>	neurotically, neuroticism, neurotogenic	
150.	oblique	uh BLEEK	slanting, indirect, evasive, devious, misleading
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> direct
		Because of the suspect's oblique answers, our interrogation of him led us in the wrong direction.	
	Derivatives >>	obliquate, obliquation, obliquely, obliqueness, obliquely	
151.	oblivion	uh BLIV ee un	state of being forgotten
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> remembrance
		Until the singer's recent hit, his career had fallen into a state of oblivion.	
	Derivatives >>	oblivious, obliviously	

152.	obscure	ub SKYOOOR	difficult to see, vague
	Synonyms >>	abstruse, ambiguous, cryptic, enigmatic, equivocal, recondite	Antonym >> clear; apparent
	Because the meaning of the play was obscure, I was unable to enjoy it.		
	Derivatives >>	obscuration, obscurative, obscuredly, obscurely, obscurement, obscureness, obscurity	
153.	odious	OH dee us	deserving hate or contempt
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> respectable
	Pornography is an odious business.		
	Derivatives >>	odiously, odiousness, odium	
154.	officious	uh FISH us	overly dutiful or obliging, insisting on providing a service not requested
	Synonyms >>	impertinent, intrusive, meddlesome, obtrusive	Antonym >> disinterested
	The boss is not pleased with that employee's officious conduct.		
	Derivatives >>	officiously, officiousness	
155.	omnipotent	om NIP uh tunt	having unlimited power
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> limited
	A President who feels that he is omnipotent is not serving the country.		
	Derivatives >>	omnipotence, omnipotency, omnipotently	
156.	orthodox	OR thuh doks	conforming to established standards, conventional
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> unconventional
	The church is founded upon a set of orthodox views.		
	Derivatives >>	orthodoxness, orthodoxical, orthodoxically, orthodoxism, orthodoxly, orthodoxy	
157.	ossify	OS uh fie	to change or to harden into bone, to be rigidly conventional
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to soften
	This particular type of tree ossifies with age.		
	Derivatives >>	ossified, ossifying, ossifier, ossificatory, ossification	
158.	overt	oh VURT	open to view
	Synonyms >>	conspicuous	Antonym >> secret; hidden
	In an overt attempt to take over the corporation, he offered \$50 per share for stock in the company.		
	Derivatives >>	overtly, overtness	
159.	palpable	PAL puh bul	tangible, perceptible, easily noticeable
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	I do not see how I overlooked such a palpable miscalculation.		
	Derivatives >>	palpability, palpably, palpableness	
160.	parasite	PAIR uh site	an organism that lives on another organism but contributes nothing
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> self-sufficient individual
	A tapeworm is a commonly known parasite that lives in humans.		
	Derivatives >>	parasital, parasitic, parasitary, parasitical, parasitically	
161.	parody	PAIR uh dee	humorous or ridiculous imitation
	Synonyms >>	burlesque, caricature, travesty	Antonym >> reverent imitation
	Many skits on "Saturday Night Live" are parodies of current events.		
	Derivatives >>	parodies	
162.	partisan	PAR ti zen	one who exhibits extreme or possibly blind allegiance to a group or cause
	Synonyms >>	adherent, disciple, follower	Antonym >> antagonist
	The cause was supported by a small group of partisans.		
	Derivatives >>	partisanism, partisanry, partisanship	
163.	peal	PEEL	a loud ringing (usually of bells)
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The church bells pealed at noon to celebrate the wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana.		
	Derivatives >>	pealed, pealing	
164.	pendant	PEN dunt	something suspended, hanging down from something
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	Her pendant earrings were in the shape of oil derricks.		
	Derivatives >>	pendants	
165.	penitent	PEN eh tunt	showing or feeling regret for wrongdoing, repentant
	Synonyms >>	compunctual, contrite, remorseful	Antonym >> unrepentant
	He became penitent when he realized that his prank resulted in serious injury.		
	Derivatives >>	penitence, penitency, penitential	

166.	perishable	PER eh shuh bul	likely to decay or to spoil
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> unlikely to deteriorate
	We have to move the perishable items to a cooler place.		
	Derivatives >>	perishability, perishableness, perishably, perishing, perishless, perishment	
167.	perpetuate	pur PECH oo ate	to prolong the existence of something
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to destroy
	The Audubon Society works to perpetuate the species of many threatened birds.		
	Derivatives >>	perpetuation, perpetuator, perpetuity, perpetual, perpetually	
168.	petty	PET ee	small and insignificant
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> significant; prodigious
	Put your petty grievances aside and settle this matter.		
	Derivatives >>	pettiness, pettily	
169.	philology	feh LOL uh jee	study of literature, especially language used in literature
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The study of philology is common among English majors.		
	Derivatives >>	philologist, philological, philologist, philologist, philologist, philologist, philologist, philologist, philologist, philologist	
170.	plausible	PLAH zuh bul	seemingly acceptable, believable, or possible
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> unbelievable
	We need someone to develop a plausible solution to this problem.		
	Derivatives >>	plausibleness, plausibly, plausibility	
171.	pneumatic	noo MAT ik	pertaining to air or gas
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	A pneumatic drill uses compressed air.		
	Derivatives >>	pneumatics, pneumatism, pneumatization, pneumatize	
172.	posterity	pah STER uh tee	future generations, all descendants of a person
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> forebears
	They wanted to write a declaration of independence that would last for all posterity.		
	Derivatives >>	posterities	
173.	pretentious	preh TEN shus	making an extravagant outward show, self-important
	Synonyms >>	ostentatious, pompous	Antonym >> meek; humble; shy
	Isn't it a little pretentious to spend two million dollars on a wedding?		
	Derivatives >>	pretension, pretention, pretensionless, pretensive, pretentiously, pretentiousness	
174.	prevarication	preh var uh KAY shun	evasiveness, lie
	Synonyms >>	equivocation	Antonym >> honesty
	Prevarication is a dangerous activity when under oath on the witness stand.		
	Derivatives >>	prevaricate, prevaricative, prevaricator, prevaricatory	
175.	privation	pry VA Y shun	the condition of lacking basic necessities of life
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> abundance
	Children in many parts of the world face severe privation.		
	Derivatives >>	privational, privative, privatively	
176.	prodigious	pruh DIJ us	extraordinary in bulk, quantity, or degree, great in size, enormous
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> puny; minuscule
	His prodigious appetite allowed him to eat the entire turkey.		
	Derivatives >>	prodigiously, prodigiousness	
177.	prodigy	PROD eh jee	one with exceptional talents or powers; an extraordinary accomplishment
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> ordinary occurrence
	Mozart was considered a child prodigy since he had great musical talents at a very early age.		
	Derivatives >>	prodigies	
178.	proliferation	pro lif uh RAY shun	an increase in number, multiplication
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> decline; decrease
	Many are afraid of nuclear proliferation and the possibility that a terrorist country will explode a bomb.		
	Derivatives >>	proliferate, proliferative, proliferous, proliferously, prolific	
179.	prosaic	pro ZAY ik	commonplace, uninspired, banal
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> imaginative
	Because his writings are so prosaic, I find them boring and unimaginative.		
	Derivatives >>	prosaical, prosaically, prosaicalness, prosaicism, prosaism, prosaist	

180.	prostration	pros TRAY shun	a stretching out due to lacking vitality and being completely overcome
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> vitality
		During late summer football practices, players sometimes suffer from heat prostration.	
	Derivatives >>	prostrate, prostrator, prostrating	
181.	protuberance	pro TOO buh runs	the state of bulging beyond the surrounding area; protrusion
	Synonyms >>	projection	Antonym >> indentation
		The woman was embarrassed by the protuberance of her lower jaw.	
	Derivatives >>	protuberancy, protuberant, protuberantly	
182.	pugnacious	pug NAY shus	looking for a fight, combative, belligerent
	Synonyms >>	bellicose, contentious, quarrelsome	Antonym >> peaceful
		There are many pugnacious punks at the high school that bully other students.	
	Derivatives >>	pugnaciously, pugnaciousness, pugnacity	
183.	refrain (noun)	reh FRAIN	a recurring phrase or verse
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
		The congregation joined in singing the refrain of the hymn.	
	Derivatives >>	refrainment	
184.	refute	reh FYOOT	to disprove, to show as erroneous
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to prove; to avow
		The lawyer presented evidence that refuted the testimony of the witness.	
	Derivatives >>	refutable, refutability, refutably, refutation, refutative, refutatory, refuter	
185.	rejoice	re JO is	to feel great joy
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> bemoan
		I rejoice every time I get to see you again.	
	Derivatives >>	rejoiced, rejoicing, rejoiceful, rejoicement	
186.	relish	REL ish	to take great pleasure or delight in
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to detest
		I relish the thought of graduating from high school and getting out on my own.	
	Derivatives >>	relishable, relished, relishing	
187.	remonstrate	reh MON strate	to protest, to make objections
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to agree; to acquiesce
		I must remonstrate about the treatment of the residents of the rest home.	
	Derivatives >>	remonstrance, remonstrancer, remonstrant, remonstrantly, remonstratingly, remonstration, remonstrative	
188.	reproach	reh PROCH	to blame for something; a disgrace
	Synonyms >>	admonish, castigate, chasten, chastise, chide, rebuke, reprove	Antonym >> to praise; accolade
		Her conduct was so good that it was beyond reproach.	
	Derivatives >>	reproachable, reproachful, reproachfully, reproachfulness, reproachingly	
189.	reprove	reh PROOV	to scold or to rebuke for a misdeed usually with kindly intent
	Synonyms >>	admonish, castigate, chastise, chide, rebuke, reproach	Antonym >> to approve; to applaud
		A teacher sometimes needs to reprove a student for talking during class.	
	Derivatives >>	reprovable, reprovably, reproving, reproved, reproves, reproof	
190.	repudiate	reh PYOO dee ate	to reject, to disown, to disavow
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to adopt
		He announced that he would repudiate all debts that had been created by his wife.	
	Derivatives >>	repudiation, repudiationist, repudiator	
191.	respite	RES pit	a rest, a delay, a period of relief
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> continuance
		I enjoy a quiet lunch that serves a respite from my tense job of being an air traffic controller.	
	Derivatives >>	respiteless	
192.	revere	reh VERE	to honor, to regard with respect
	Synonyms >>	adore, venerate, worship	Antonym >> to despise
		Nearly all Catholics revere the Pope.	
	Derivatives >>	reverence, reverent, reverentness, reverential, reverentially, reverentially	
193.	reverie	REV uh ree	daydreaming
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> attentiveness
		Spring seems to lend itself to reverie.	
	Derivatives >>	reveries, reverist	

194.	rotund	roe TUND	very plump, round	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> gaunt
	Picture Henry the VIII if you want to visualize a rotund individual.			
	Derivatives >>	rotundity, rotundly, rotundate		
195.	saboteur	sab uh TUR	one that destroys property or normal operations (usually in a war effort)	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>
	Saboteurs sneak behind enemy lines and blow up power lines and bridges.			
	Derivatives >>	sabotage		
196.	scuttle	SKUT ul	to sink (usually a ship)	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> to preserve
	In war a captain of a ship might scuttle his vessel rather than have it captured and used by the enemy.			
	Derivatives >>	scuttled, scuttling		
197.	sententious	sen TEN shus	given to excessive moralizing	
	Synonyms >>	expressive, pithy, epigrammatic		Antonym >>
	The sententious expression "contentment breeds happiness" is not readily accepted by everyone.			
	Derivatives >>	sententiously, sententiousness		
198.	servile	SUR vil, SUR vile	overly submissive	
	Synonyms >>	obsequious, slavish, subservient		Antonym >> authoritative
	Having complete devotion and submissiveness for the sheik, the women of the harem were very servile.			
	Derivatives >>	servilely, servilism, servility, servitude		
199.	sever	SEV ur	to cut or to separate	
	Synonyms >>	divorce, sunder		Antonym >> to connect
	I decided to sever my relationship with that organization when I found out the true nature of it.			
	Derivatives >>	severs, severed, severing, severability, severance, severable		
200.	sordid	SOR did	filthy, foul	
	Synonyms >>	abject, ignoble, mean		Antonym >> nice; harmless
	The sordid details of the brutal ax murder sickened the jurors.			
	Derivatives >>	sordidness, sordidly		
201.	spontaneous	spou TAY nee us	having no external cause, acting on impulse	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> planned
	He knew exactly what I was thinking because my reaction was so spontaneous.			
	Derivatives >>	spontaneously, spontaneousness, spontaneity		
202.	sporadic	spo RAD ik	occasionally occurring	
	Synonyms >>	infrequent, rare, scarce, uncommon		Antonym >> constant
	While there are sporadic showers, the summers in the western part of Texas are usually hot and dry.			
	Derivatives >>	sporadically, sporadicity		
203.	spurious	SPYOOR ee us	false or deceitful	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> honest
	Cashing forged checks is a spurious activity.			
	Derivatives >>	spuriously, spuriousness		
204.	stagnant	STAG nunt	not flowing, foul from not moving	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> flowing
	The stagnant pond had a foul odor.			
	Derivatives >>	stagnate, stagnation, stagnantly, stagnancy, stagnance		
205.	stratum	STRAY tum, STRAT	a horizontal layer	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>
	The geologist said that this stratum is composed of limestone.			
	Derivatives >>	stratums		
206.	strident	STRIDE unt	loud and harsh sounding	
	Synonyms >>	raucous, stentorian, boisterous, clamorous, obstreperous		Antonym >> soft and pleasant
	The teacher used a strident voice when reprimanding a student.			
	Derivatives >>	stridently		
207.	stupefy	STOO puh fie	to dull the senses as to put into a stupor	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> to excite
	That boring lecture would stupefy anyone with any intelligence.			
	Derivatives >>	stupefyingly, stupefaction, stupefacient, stupefactive		

208.	submissive	sub MIS iv	yielding or surrendering oneself to the will of another
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> rebellious
	I am very submissive to the demands and requests of my parents because I feel that they know best.		
	Derivatives >>	submission, submit, submissionist, submissively, submissiveness	
209.	subtle	SUT ul	delicate, elusive, not obvious
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> obvious; gross; blunt
	To avoid being obtrusive in the elegant restaurant, he used subtle gestures to call the waiter to his table.		
	Derivatives >>	subtilist, subtlety, subtilization, subtilize, subtilizer, subtleness, subtlety	
210.	summon	SUM un	to call together, to send for or to request to appear
	Synonyms >>	convene, convoke, muster	Antonym >> to turn away
	I am frightened because I have been summoned to the principal's office.		
	Derivatives >>	summoner, summons	
211.	superfluous	soo PUR floo us	beyond what is needed or required, an overflow
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> necessary
	The meeting lasted so long because of many superfluous comments by some of the speakers.		
	Derivatives >>	superfluously, superfluousness, superfluent, superfluity	
212.	supersede	soo pur SEDE	to replace, to cause to be displaced or set aside
	Synonyms >>	displace, supplant	Antonym >>
	This new law will supersede all previous laws.		
	Derivatives >>	supersedure, supersedence	
213.	synthetic	sin THET ik	artificial
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> authentic
	Many synthetic substances are better than the natural substances that they replaced.		
	Derivatives >>	synthetical, synthetically	
214.	tacit	TAS it	understood, silent, not spoken, implicit
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> spoken; verbalized
	We have a tacit agreement that the goods are delivered only after payment is made.		
	Derivatives >>	tacitly, tacitness, taciturn	
215.	tenet	TEN ut	a doctrine or principle held as being true
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The principle that only men may become priests is a tenet of that church.		
	Derivatives >>	tenets	
216.	tentative	TEN tuh tiv	not fully worked out, provisional, uncertain
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> permanent
	We have a tentative arms-control agreement, but we hope to have a signed agreement by the end of the year.		
	Derivatives >>	tentatively, tentativeness	
217.	tepid	TEP id	moderately warm; lacking in passion, force, or animation
	Synonyms >>	lukewarm; dull, lifeless, halfhearted	Antonym >> passionate
	The girl enjoyed a tepid bath. She had only a tepid interest in her grades.		
	Derivatives >>	tepidly, tepidness, tepidarium, tepidity	
218.	tinge	TINJ	to add a bit of color; to affect slightly; a slight coloration
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to blanch
	I wanted to add a tinge of red to the picture. The roses tinged the air with their fragrance.		
	Derivatives >>	tingent, tinged, tinging, tinges	
219.	torpid	TOR pid	sluggish, inactive, dull
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> active; animated
	He is always torpid on Sunday mornings.		
	Derivatives >>	torpor, torpidity, torpidness, torpify, torpidly, torpitude, torporific	
220.	translucence	trans LOO suns	the quality of allowing passage of light but not a clear view
	Synonyms >>	limpidity, transparency	Antonym >> opaqueness; darkness
	Because of the translucence of the water, I could see a body but could not tell whose it was.		
	Derivatives >>	translucency, translucent, translucently	
221.	transparent	trans PARE unt	quality of being able to be seen through, clear
	Synonyms >>	limpid, translucent	Antonym >> opaque
	Glass is a transparent substance.		
	Derivatives >>	transparently, transparentness, transparency	

222.	trivia	TRIV ee uh	insignificant matters	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> important matters
	The English teacher is looking for substance, not trivia, in themes.			
	Derivatives >>	trivial, triviality, trivialization, trivialize, trivially		
223.	uproarious	up ROAR ee us	making great noise (not necessarily negative)	
	Synonyms >>	tumultuous		Antonym >> soft, quiet
	The Beatles usually played to uproarious crowds.			
	Derivatives >>	uproariously, uproariousness, uproar		
224.	urbane	ur BANE	having a refined manner, suave and elegant	
	Synonyms >>	diplomatic, politic		Antonym >> boorish; unrefined
	Southern gentlemen and English noblemen are known for their urbane manners.			
	Derivatives >>	urbanely		
225.	utopian	yoo TOE pee un	having the characteristics of an ideally perfect place	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>
	Dorothy thought that Oz was a utopian place until she found out that the Wizard was a fake.			
	Derivatives >>	utopianism, utopianist, utopianize, utopia		
226.	utter	UT ur	to express by speaking	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> to leave unspoken
	The teacher told me not to utter another word.			
	Derivatives >>	utters, uttered, uttering, utterance		
227.	validate	VAL eh date	to give official sanction	
	Synonyms >>	authenticate, confirm, corroborate, substantiate, verify		Antonym >> to invalidate; to void; to nullify
	The election results must be validated by the school board before they are official.			
	Derivatives >>	validation, validatory, validity, validly		
228.	vanquished	VAN kwishd	conquered, overpowered	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> submitted
	Hitler's armies vanquished Poland with aid from Russia.			
	Derivatives >>	vanquishable, vanquisher, vanquishment		
229.	vapid	VAP id	dull, inane, insipid	
	Synonyms >>	banal, flat, jejune		Antonym >> intelligent; interesting
	The vapid discussion between the two girls was boring and uninteresting.			
	Derivatives >>	vapidity, vapidly, vapidness		
230.	vehement	VEE uh munt	forcefully expressing emotion or conviction	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> meek
	He vehemently denied that he had said those harsh words.			
	Derivatives >>	vehemence, vehemency, vehemently		
231.	venerate	VEN uh rate	to honor, to revere	
	Synonyms >>	adore, worship		Antonym >>
	Although I did not always agree with President Kennedy, I venerate his memory.			
	Derivatives >>	veneration, venerational, venerator, venerable, venerability		
232.	vilify	VIL eh fie	to malign, to defame, to utter abusive statements against	
	Synonyms >>	aspere, calumniate, denigrate, traduce		Antonym >> to praise; to acclaim
	It is not right to vilify someone just because he disagrees with you.			
	Derivatives >>	vilification, vilifier, vilifying, vilifyingly		
233.	vindicated	VIN duh kay ted	cleared of accusations or charges	
	Synonyms >>	absolved, acquitted, exculpated, exonerated		Antonym >> accused
	I am willing to go to trial and believe that I will be vindicated of all charges.			
	Derivatives >>	vindicate, vindication, vindicative, vindicator, vindicatory, vindictive, vindictively, vindictiveness		
234.	vindictive	vin DIK tiv	revengeful, spiteful	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> loving; forgiving
	You should be more forgiving and less vindictive.			
	Derivatives >>	vindicated, vindication, vindicative, vindicator, vindicatory, vindictive, vindictively, vindictiveness		
235.	virtuoso	vur choo OH so	one skilled in the fine arts as an accomplished musician, a savant	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> unskilled beginner
	Having played with some of the greatest symphonies in the world, he was known as a virtuoso.			
	Derivatives >>	virtuosity		

236.	vista	VIS tuh	a distant view seen through an opening
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	As he reached the forest, he saw vistas of stone passages leading in many directions.		
	Derivatives >>	vistaed, vistas	
237.	vivid	VIV id	bright, distinct, and clear
	Synonyms >>	graphic	Antonym >> lackluster
	I have vivid memories of my trip to Europe.		
	Derivatives >>	vividly, vividness, vividity, vivific, vivificate, vivification, vivifier, vivify	
238.	voluptuous	vuh LUP choo us	pleasurable to the senses, sensuous
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> plain; homely
	Bob Hope always took voluptuous women with him when he entertained soldiers overseas.		
	Derivatives >>	voluptuosity, voluptuousness, voluptuate, voluptuously	
239.	vulgarity	vul GAR eh tee	something offensive to good taste and refinement
	Synonyms >>	coarseness, grossness, obscenity, ribaldness	Antonym >> refinement
	She chose to ignore the vulgarity of his crude remark.		
	Derivatives >>	vulgar, vulgarian, vulgarism, vulgarization, vulgarize, vulgarizer	
240.	wanton	WAHN tun	immoral, lewd
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> moral
	He had to drop out of the presidential race when his wanton behavior was exposed.		
	Derivatives >>	wantonly, wantonness	
241.	wheedle	HWEED ul	to try to convince by flattery, to coax, to cajole
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	She is able to wheedle whatever she desires from the men she dates.		
	Derivatives >>	wheedling, wheedled, wheedles	
242.	wispy	WIS pee	small in amount, fragile, or slight
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> substantial
	A baby hummingbird is a wispy little creature.		
	Derivatives >>	wispily, wispiness, wispish, wisps	
243.	witticism	WIT eh siz um	a clever and witty remark
	Synonyms >>	pun	Antonym >> platitude
	The speaker's witticism will be remembered long after he is gone.		
	Derivatives >>	witty	
244.	wooden	WOOD un	stiff, clumsy
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> graceful
	The dancer's wooden movements quickly eliminated her from the troupe.		
	Derivatives >>		
245.	zeal	ZEEL	enthusiasm, fervor
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> lack of enthusiasm
	To the delight of his students, he brought great zeal to the teaching profession.		
	Derivatives >>	zeals, zealous, zealot, zealous, zealotism, zealotry	
246.	zealot	ZEL ot	one who embraces a cause and supports it with vigor
	Synonyms >>	enthusiast	Antonym >> one without enthusiasm or passion
	The man was known as a religious zealot, as he never stopped trying to convert others to his beliefs.		
	Derivatives >>	zealotic, zealotism, zealotry, zealous, zealously	

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|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1. abasement | 42. compiling | 83. equilibrium | 124. inscrutable |
| 2. abbreviated | 43. conspicuous | 84. equivocal | 125. insidious |
| 3. abolished | 44. constricted | 85. exaltation | 126. interminable |
| 4. abstractedly | 45. contempt | 86. execrate | 127. inviolate |
| 5. abstruse | 46. copiously | 87. extricate | 128. knoll |
| 6. abyss | 47. corrugated | 88. fallible | 129. labyrinthine |
| 7. acrid | 48. corruption | 89. fanatically | 130. lassitude |
| 8. adherents | 49. credible | 90. fatuous | 131. latent |
| 9. adulation | 50. credulous | 91. fecundity | 132. loathing |
| 10. advocated | 51. cumbersome | 92. ferocity | 133. loitering |
| 11. alcove | 52. cynicism | 93. fertile | 134. lucid |
| 12. alluring | 53. daunted | 94. flourish | 135. lurid |
| 13. aloofness | 54. debased | 95. forbearance | 136. luxuries |
| 14. amulets | 55. debauchery | 96. formidable | 137. malignant |
| 15. anchored | 56. defiler | 97. fretfully | 138. malleable |
| 16. anthologies | 57. demur | 98. frivolity | 139. melancholy |
| 17. apathetic | 58. deprecating | 99. furtive | 140. mellowed |
| 18. archaic | 59. derisive | 100. gamboling | 141. meritorious |
| 19. articulate | 60. despotism | 101. gilded | 142. mobile |
| 20. astronomical | 61. desultorily | 102. gratuitous | 143. multifarious |
| 21. austere | 62. didactically | 103. grave | 144. musty |
| 22. authoritative | 63. diminution | 104. hedonistic | 145. mutability |
| 23. avaricious | 64. din | 105. heretical | 146. mute |
| 24. balks | 65. discretion | 106. hideous | 147. myriad |
| 25. balminess | 66. disdainfully | 107. hypocrites | 148. nebulous |
| 26. barbarous | 67. disreputability | 108. impalement | 149. neurotically |
| 27. benevolent | 68. dissemble | 109. impounded | 150. obliquely |
| 28. bestowed | 69. disseminate | 110. impregnable | 151. oblivion |
| 29. bloated | 70. dissipated | 111. impudent | 152. obscure |
| 30. bourgeoisie | 71. divined | 112. incongruous | 153. odious |
| 31. calamity | 72. droning | 113. incurious | 154. officiousness |
| 32. camouflage | 73. dupes | 114. indefatigably | 155. omnipotent |
| 33. capitulated | 74. ecstasy | 115. indignation | 156. orthodox |
| 34. caricaturist | 75. eddies | 116. induce | 157. ossified |
| 35. cascaded | 76. edified | 117. inert | 158. overt |
| 36. chronic | 77. effigies | 118. inertia | 159. palpable |
| 37. clamorous | 78. emaciation | 119. inextricably | 160. parasitical |
| 38. clandestinely | 79. embed | 120. infallible | 161. parody |
| 39. commodity | 80. embellishing | 121. ingenious | 162. partisanship |
| 40. communal | 81. empirical | 122. inimical | 163. peeling |
| 41. compatible | 82. enunciating | 123. insatiably | 164. pendant |

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| 165. | penitence | 206. | strident |
| 166. | perished | 207. | stupefied |
| 167. | perpetually | 208. | submissive |
| 168. | petty | 209. | subtle |
| 169. | philologist | 210. | summons |
| 170. | plausible | 211. | superfluous |
| 171. | pneumatic | 212. | superseded |
| 172. | posterity | 213. | synthetic |
| 173. | pretentious | 214. | tacitly |
| 174. | prevaricate | 215. | tenets |
| 175. | privation | 216. | tentative |
| 176. | prodigious | 217. | tepid |
| 177. | prodigies | 218. | tinged |
| 178. | proliferated | 219. | torpid |
| 179. | prosaically | 220. | translucency |
| 180. | prostrated | 221. | transparency |
| 181. | protuberant | 222. | trivialities |
| 182. | pugnaciously | 223. | uproar |
| 183. | refrain | 224. | urbane |
| 184. | refuted | 225. | utopianism |
| 185. | rejoiced | 226. | uttered |
| 186. | relish | 227. | validate |
| 187. | remonstrances | 228. | vanquished |
| 188. | reproach | 229. | vapid |
| 189. | reproved | 230. | vehemently |
| 190. | repudiate | 231. | venerated |
| 191. | respites | 232. | vilifies |
| 192. | reverence | 233. | vindicate |
| 193. | reverie | 234. | vindictiveness |
| 194. | rotund | 235. | virtuosity |
| 195. | sabotage | 236. | vistas |
| 196. | scuttled | 237. | vivid |
| 197. | sententiously | 238. | voluptuously |
| 198. | servile | 239. | vulgar |
| 199. | severed | 240. | wantonness |
| 200. | sordid | 241. | wheedle |
| 201. | spontaneous | 242. | wispy |
| 202. | sporadically | 243. | witty |
| 203. | spurious | 244. | wooden |
| 204. | stagnant | 245. | zeal |
| 205. | stratum | 246. | zealot |

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5. sordid	46. partisanship	87. flourish	128. inertia
6. alcove	47. stagnant	88. scuttled	129. summons
7. archaic	48. mutability	89. fanatically	130. fatuous
8. furtive	49. myriad	90. synthetic	131. loitering
9. strident	50. obscure	91. reverie	132. transparency
10. interminable	51. reproach	92. credulous	133. malignant
11. nebulous	52. gilded	93. alluring	134. vanquished
12. adherents	53. zealot	94. inextricably	135. extricate
13. orthodox	54. disdainfully	95. tacitly	136. incurious
14. formidable	55. labyrinthine	96. debauchery	137. insatiably
15. urbane	56. repudiate	97. vulgar	138. droning
16. hideous	57. induce	98. wooden	139. cascaded
17. defiler	58. pneumatic	99. submissive	140. daunted
18. sabotage	59. abbreviated	100. impregnable	141. knoll
19. constricted	60. superseded	101. bloated	142. virtuosity
20. plausible	61. heretical	102. petty	143. reverence
21. advocated	62. astronomical	103. mute	144. anchored
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32. odious	73. authoritative	114. pugnaciously	155. abstractedly
33. din	74. uproar	115. tentative	156. melancholy
34. refrain	75. divined	116. bourgeoisie	157. effigies
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36. voluptuously	77. mobile	118. embed	159. acrid
37. contempt	78. discretion	119. benevolent	160. apathetic
38. inscrutable	79. aloofness	120. debased	161. inviolate
39. equivocal	80. venerated	121. cumbersome	162. indignation
40. wispy	81. rejoiced	122. incongruous	163. deprecating
41. abolished	82. zeal	123. peeling	164. impudent

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165.	abyss	206.	abasement
166.	witty	207.	dissipated
167.	grave	208.	omnipotent
168.	ingenious	209.	oblivion
169.	superfluous	210.	ossified
170.	inert	211.	calamity
171.	tinged	212.	cynicism
172.	clamorous	213.	vilifies
173.	remonstrances	214.	fertile
174.	demur	215.	validate
175.	pretentious	216.	impounded
176.	disseminate	217.	wheedle
177.	translucency	218.	forbearance
178.	lurid	219.	pendant
179.	prodigies	220.	desultorily
180.	neurotically	221.	sententiously
181.	tepid	222.	servile
182.	equilibrium	223.	insidious
183.	meritorious	224.	emaciation
184.	fecundity	225.	reproved
185.	latent	226.	rotund
186.	prodigious	227.	prevaricate
187.	empirical	228.	overt
188.	luxuries	229.	wantonness
189.	stupefied	230.	vehemently
190.	chronic	231.	vindicate
191.	austere	232.	despotism
192.	adulation	233.	penitence
193.	spurious	234.	prostrated
194.	diminution	235.	hedonistic
195.	indefatigably	236.	malleable
196.	tenets	237.	torpid
197.	execrate	238.	capitulated
198.	barbarous	239.	frivolity
199.	inimical	240.	didactically
200.	parasitical	241.	impalement
201.	utopianism	242.	obliquely
202.	avaricious	243.	abstruse
203.	articulate	244.	sporadically
204.	fallible	245.	musty
205.	respites	246.	copiously

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Vocabulary Test 1

Directions: Match the word in the left column with the correct definition in the right column.

Exercise A

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|-------|-----|------------|----|--|
| _____ | 1. | abase | a. | removed in thought |
| _____ | 2. | abbreviate | b. | a follower of something such as a party or faction |
| _____ | 3. | abolish | c. | difficult to understand |
| _____ | 4. | abstracted | d. | bottomless hole |
| _____ | 5. | abstruse | e. | extreme praise or admiration |
| _____ | 6. | abyss | f. | to degrade; to humiliate |
| _____ | 7. | acid | g. | caustic; bitter; harsh |
| _____ | 8. | adherent | h. | the supporting of an idea or cause |
| _____ | 9. | adulation | i. | to shorten |
| _____ | 10. | advocacy | j. | to do away with |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|--------------|----|--|
| _____ | 1. | alcove | a. | a partly enclosed extension of a room |
| _____ | 2. | allure | b. | antiquated; old; out of use |
| _____ | 3. | aloof | c. | an assortment of selected pieces of literature |
| _____ | 4. | amulet | d. | lack of concern or feeling; indifference |
| _____ | 5. | anchor | e. | to influence or entice with something tempting |
| _____ | 6. | anthology | f. | to secure firmly |
| _____ | 7. | apathy | g. | apart; indifferent |
| _____ | 8. | archaic | h. | to speak distinctly |
| _____ | 9. | articulate | i. | inconceivably large |
| _____ | 10. | astronomical | j. | a charm or ornament to protect against evil |

Exercise C

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|-------|-----|---------------|----|---|
| _____ | 1. | austere | a. | middle class; mediocre |
| _____ | 2. | authoritative | b. | strict; stern; unadorned; ascetic |
| _____ | 3. | avarice | c. | to swell; to become turgid |
| _____ | 4. | balk | d. | a soothing substance that gives relief |
| _____ | 5. | balm | e. | coming from the proper authority; dictatorial |
| _____ | 6. | barbarism | f. | to grant or to give |
| _____ | 7. | benevolence | g. | incorrect usage of words or forms of language |
| _____ | 8. | bestow | h. | greed for wealth |
| _____ | 9. | bloat | i. | kindness; generosity; charity |
| _____ | 10. | bourgeois | j. | to hesitate; to stop as if by barrier or obstacle |

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Vocabulary Test 2

Directions: Choose the letter of the definition that **best** fits the meaning of the word in **bold** type.

- _____ 1. to witness a **calamity**
a. marriage b. ceremony c. catastrophe d. contract
- _____ 2. to **camouflage** oneself
a. berate b. disguise c. adore d. exhibit
- _____ 3. an army that **capitulated**
a. surrendered b. fought bravely c. sought hiding d. attacked
- _____ 4. to hire a **caricaturist**
a. gourmet cook b. politician c. tutor d. humorous artist
- _____ 5. to watch a **cascade**
a. fight b. graduation c. waterfall d. dishwasher
- _____ 6. a **chronic** cough
a. harsh b. slight c. habitual d. loud
- _____ 7. a **clamorous** ringing
a. slight b. loud c. harmonious d. joint
- _____ 8. to meet **clandestinely**
a. openly b. quickly c. romantically d. secretly
- _____ 9. a **commodious** room
a. decorated b. spacious c. bare d. tiny
- _____ 10. a **communal** affair
a. group b. unpopular c. advertised d. immoral
- _____ 11. a **compatible** relationship
a. harmonious b. hostile c. unsettled d. marital
- _____ 12. to be **compiling** evidence
a. uncovering b. accumulating c. researching d. destroying
- _____ 13. a **conspicuous** place
a. secret b. unhealthy c. infamous d. obvious
- _____ 14. **constricted** breath
a. irregular b. stinking c. tightened d. impassioned
- _____ 15. to view with **contempt**
a. questioning b. suspicion c. scorn d. acceptance
- _____ 16. **copiously** filled
a. abundantly b. scarcely c. easily d. quickly
- _____ 17. a **corrugated** roof
a. shingle b. flat c. leaking d. bent into folds
- _____ 18. **corruption** of a society
a. achievements b. depravity c. morals d. goals
- _____ 19. a **credible** statement
a. believable b. ridiculous c. hasty d. hostile
- _____ 20. to be **credulous**
a. beautiful b. intelligent c. sensitive d. gullible

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Vocabulary Test 3

Directions: Select the word that **best** completes the following sentences.

cumbersome	cynicism	daunted	debased	debauchery
defiler	demur	deprecating	derisive	despotism
desultory	didactically	diminution	din	discretion

1. The _____ load was almost impossible to carry. Two men were required to carry the unwieldy items.
2. We found it difficult to hear because of the _____ from the party next door.
3. The _____ statements were so abusive that the girl's spirit was _____.
4. The _____ of the church sidewalk _____ the ideas of the religious group. He desecrated private property and tried to demean spiritual values.
5. His lack of _____ announced his inability to make sound decisions.
6. The woman did not _____ for an instant in _____ the child for his inappropriate behavior. She did not hesitate to express her disapproval.
7. I found it difficult to talk to the man in light of his _____; he was not only sarcastic but was also determined to find fault with everything I said.
8. The _____ of the man was disclosed by several witnesses; his moral corruption was no secret.
9. The _____ in the foreign country made it an unpleasant experience for American visitors; they are not used to being ruled absolutely and oppressively.
10. The girl made only _____ attempts to find a job. Her aimless, random searches led to nothing.
11. The man approached the situation _____; his concern was to instruct the group, to teach them the materials at hand.
13. Test ban treaties have as a goal the _____ of nuclear weapons. They are designed to encourage the reduction of dangerous nuclear warheads.

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Vocabulary Test 4

Directions: Choose the letter of the word that **best** fits the definition.

- _____ 1. disgrace; loss of reputation
a. equivocal b. execrable c. empirical d. disrepute
- _____ 2. to free; to disentangle
a. dissemble b. dupe c. extricate d. embellish
- _____ 3. to disguise; to pretend
a. dissemble b. edify c. extricate d. embellish
- _____ 4. to pronounce clearly
a. exalt b. enunciate c. embellish d. dupe
- _____ 5. ambiguous; usually intended to mislead
a. equivocal b. execrable c. empirical d. disrepute
- _____ 6. extremely bad; deserving of hate
a. equivocal b. execrable c. empirical d. disrepute
- _____ 7. the act of spreading widely; the act of scattering
a. edifying b. divination c. disdain d. dissemination
- _____ 8. a current of air or water moving contrary to the main current
a. effigy b. divination c. disdain d. eddy
- _____ 9. very thin usually as a result of starvation; wasting away
a. emaciated b. embellished c. embedded d. edified
- _____ 10. to enclose firmly in some mass
a. exalt b. enunciate c. embed d. dupe
- _____ 11. to glorify or praise; to raise in rank
a. exalt b. enunciate c. embellish d. dupe
- _____ 12. a state of balance between opposing forces resulting in the absence of acceleration
a. equilibrium b. enunciation c. exaltation d. dissipation
- _____ 13. to decorate; to make beautiful with ornamentation; to adorn
a. dissemble b. dupe c. extricate d. embellish
- _____ 14. a dummy or image of a person (usually one who is not liked)
a. disrepute b. dupe c. effigy d. equivocation
- _____ 15. based on observation or experiment and not on theory
a. equivocal b. execrable c. empirical d. disrepute
- _____ 16. instructing and improving spiritually or morally
a. edifying b. dissipation c. disdain d. disseminating
- _____ 17. wasteful spending; squandering
a. enunciation b. dissipation c. divination d. dissemination
- _____ 18. extreme happiness
a. extrication b. disdain c. dissipation d. ecstasy
- _____ 19. foretelling the future by means of magic
a. edifying b. divination c. disdain d. dissemination
- _____ 20. to trick; to fool, deceive, or cheat
a. exalt b. dupe c. extricate d. embellish
- _____ 21. to speak in a monotonous tone; a continual low humming sound
a. drone b. enunciate c. exalt d. embellish
- _____ 22. intense dislike; to treat with scorn or contempt; to reject as unworthy
a. extrication b. disdain c. dissipation d. ecstasy

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Vocabulary Test 5

Directions: Match the word in the left column with the correct definition in the right column.

Exercise A

- | | | | | |
|-------|-----|-------------|----|---|
| _____ | 1. | fallible | a. | fertile; fruitful; capable of reproducing |
| _____ | 2. | fanaticism | b. | savagery |
| _____ | 3. | fatuous | c. | patience; lenience |
| _____ | 4. | fecund | d. | secret in an underhanded way; stealthy |
| _____ | 5. | ferocity | e. | menacing; causing fear or awe |
| _____ | 6. | flourish | f. | capable of making an error |
| _____ | 7. | forbearance | g. | to thrive; to grow well |
| _____ | 8. | formidable | h. | to worry or to be annoyed |
| _____ | 9. | fret | i. | excessive irrational enthusiasm or zeal |
| _____ | 10. | furtive | j. | foolish; silly in an obnoxious way; inane |

Exercise B

- | | | | | |
|-------|-----|------------|----|---|
| _____ | 1. | frivolous | a. | capable of reproducing |
| _____ | 2. | fertile | b. | seriousness; importance |
| _____ | 3. | gambol | c. | given freely; unwarranted |
| _____ | 4. | gilded | d. | contrary to church doctrine or accepted beliefs |
| _____ | 5. | gratuitous | e. | one who seeks pleasure as the sole aim in life |
| _____ | 6. | gravity | f. | lacking in seriousness or importance |
| _____ | 7. | hedonist | g. | covered or tinged with gold or a golden color |
| _____ | 8. | heretical | h. | one who is insincere or deceitful |
| _____ | 9. | hideous | i. | to playfully skip or leap |
| _____ | 10. | hypocrite | j. | very ugly; offensive; shocking |

Exercise C

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|-------|-----|---------------|----|---|
| _____ | 1. | impale | a. | the act of being seized and held by the law |
| _____ | 2. | impoundment | b. | tireless; incapable of being fatigued |
| _____ | 3. | impregnable | c. | incapable of being taken by assault |
| _____ | 4. | impudent | d. | anger as a result of something unjust |
| _____ | 5. | incongruity | e. | uninterested; lacking normal curiosity |
| _____ | 6. | incurious | f. | to pierce; to fix on a pointed instrument |
| _____ | 7. | indefatigable | g. | unable to move or act; sluggish |
| _____ | 8. | indignation | h. | to bring on or bring about |
| _____ | 9. | induce | i. | nonconformity; disagreement; incompatibility |
| _____ | 10. | inert | j. | disrespectful; characterized by bold behavior |

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Vocabulary Test 7

Directions: Choose the letter of the definition that **best** fits the meaning of the word in **bold** type.

- _____ 1. to be caught **loitering**
a. standing idly b. stealing c. lying d. cheating
- _____ 2. to remain **lucid** after an accident
a. hospitalized b. mentally alert c. unconscious d. in shock
- _____ 3. the **lurid** details of a murder
a. abundant b. hidden c. gruesome d. published
- _____ 4. a **luxuriant** farm
a. bankrupt b. dairy c. populated d. fertile
- _____ 5. a **malignant** remark
a. hostile b. kind c. approving d. sympathetic
- _____ 6. **malleable** material
a. expensive b. shiny c. pliable d. stiff
- _____ 7. a **melancholy** gaze
a. disinterested b. depressed c. hostile d. flirtatious
- _____ 8. **mellowed** with age
a. mild b. intelligent c. fearful d. bitter
- _____ 9. a **meritorious** action
a. difficult b. ridiculous c. hurried d. honorable
- _____ 10. a **mobile** society
a. hostile b. movable c. uneducated d. geometric
- _____ 11. **multifarious** pieces
a. various b. similar c. dissimilar d. colored
- _____ 12. a **musty** odor
a. sweet b. sour c. damp d. acrid
- _____ 13. the **mutability** of scientific theories
a. popularity b. difficulty c. changeability d. experiments
- _____ 14. to become **mute** from fear
a. frozen b. talkative c. sweaty d. silent
- _____ 15. a **myriad** of stars
a. large number b. group c. classification d. reflection
- _____ 16. a **nebulous** outline
a. unimportant b. indistinct c. clear d. realistic
- _____ 17. to behave **neurotically**
a. mentally unsound b. considerately c. nonchalantly d. honestly
- _____ 18. to answer **obliquely**
a. easily b. clearly c. evasively d. honestly
- _____ 19. a state of **oblivion**
a. turmoil b. being forgotten c. happiness d. anger
- _____ 20. an **obscure** statement
a. vague b. silly c. intelligent d. sad

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Vocabulary Test 6

Directions: Select the word that **best** completes the following sentences.

inertia	inextricably	infallible	ingenuity	inimical
insatiable	inscrutable	insidious	interminable	inviolable
knoll	labyrinthine	lassitude	latent	loathing

1. In order to get the rock to roll down the _____, it had to overcome its own _____, its resistance to motion.
2. The _____ heatwave afflicted everyone with _____; the whole village was fatigued because of the unending heat.
3. It is not unusual for the _____ disease of AIDS to remain _____ for years before exhibiting any symptoms. The fact that it is not visible for so long is one thing that makes it so treacherous.
4. When you walk into the garden, the _____ path through the shrubs becomes like a puzzle, a maze from which you must escape.
5. His _____ of the woman's attire did not seem to stop him from befriending her. He seemed to detest one aspect of her, but adored another.
6. Because the church had been profaned before, the authorities surrounded it with walls to make it _____, secure from future violation.
7. The young man's _____ kept him from making careless mistakes, but clever as he was he was not _____ and sooner or later he, too, would make an error.
8. The hose had gotten so tangled that it had become _____ entwined with the bushes. Try as we might, we were not able to disentangle it.
9. The evil man had an _____ aura about him that let us all know that he was the enemy.
10. The _____ text did not tell us much; it was so mysterious and difficult to understand that we needed someone to interpret it for us.
11. The man's _____ appetite has caused him to gain an enormous amount of weight. As much as he eats, he is still incapable of being satisfied.

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Vocabulary Test 8

Directions: Choose the letter of the definition that **best** fits the meaning of the word in **bold** type.

- _____ 1. an **odious** business
a. unknown b. contemptible c. popular d. successful
- _____ 2. an **officious** manner
a. overly dutiful b. benevolent c. hostile d. disrespectful
- _____ 3. to be **omnipotent**
a. important b. popular c. unknown d. all powerful
- _____ 4. an **orthodox** view
a. unusual b. breathtaking c. conventional d. biased
- _____ 5. to **ossify** after many years
a. harden b. age c. weaken d. mellow
- _____ 6. an **overt** action
a. secret b. obvious c. mysterious d. humorous
- _____ 7. a **palpable** mistake
a. serious b. common c. unusual d. perceptible
- _____ 8. a **parasite** on animals
a. coat of hair b. appendage c. organism d. ban
- _____ 9. to write a **parody**
a. humorous imitation b. novel c. lengthy letter d. dissertation
- _____ 10. to become a **partisan**
a. doctor b. follower c. prisoner d. immigrant
- _____ 11. a **peal** of thunder
a. fear b. study c. cause d. ringing
- _____ 12. a **pendant** around one's neck
a. noose b. hanging object c. chain d. scar
- _____ 13. a **penitent** expression
a. remorseful b. happy c. interested d. angry
- _____ 14. a **perishable** item
a. expensive b. unusual c. spoilable d. necessary
- _____ 15. to **perpetuate** an argument
a. end b. prolong c. analyze d. prepare
- _____ 16. a **petty** remark
a. insignificant b. kind c. hostile d. prying
- _____ 17. to study **philology**
a. faces b. thoughts c. finances d. literary language
- _____ 18. a **plausible** statement
a. unacceptable b. brief c. believable d. unkind
- _____ 19. a **pneumatic** machine
a. air or gas b. relentless c. inoperative d. ancient
- _____ 20. to leave to one's **posterity**
a. own devices b. descendants c. business d. charities

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Vocabulary Test 9

Directions: Match the word in the left column with the correct definition in the right column.

Exercise A

- _____ 1. pretentious
- _____ 2. prevarication
- _____ 3. privation
- _____ 4. prodigious
- _____ 5. prodigy
- _____ 6. proliferation
- _____ 7. prosaic
- _____ 8. prostration
- _____ 9. protuberance
- _____ 10. reproach

- a. the condition of lacking basic necessities of life
- b. extravagant and showy
- c. stretched out due to being overcome
- d. an increase in number; multiplication
- e. evasiveness; a lie
- f. protrusion; projection
- g. commonplace; uninspired; banal
- h. extraordinary in bulk or size; enormous
- i. to blame for something; to admonish; a disgrace
- j. a person with exceptional talents or powers

Exercise B

- _____ 1. pugnacious
- _____ 2. refrain
- _____ 3. refute
- _____ 4. rejoice
- _____ 5. relish
- _____ 6. remonstrate
- _____ 7. reprove
- _____ 8. respite
- _____ 9. reverie
- _____ 10. rotund

- a. a rest; a delay; a period of relief
- b. to protest; to make objections
- c. looking for a fight; belligerent
- d. to take great pleasure or delight in
- e. to scold or rebuke; to admonish
- f. a recurring phrase or verse
- g. daydreaming
- h. very plump; round
- i. to disprove; to show as erroneous
- j. to feel great joy

Exercise C

- _____ 1. repudiate
- _____ 2. saboteur
- _____ 3. scuttle
- _____ 4. sententious
- _____ 5. servile
- _____ 6. sever
- _____ 7. sordid
- _____ 8. spontaneous
- _____ 9. sporadic
- _____ 10. spurious

- a. false or deceitful
- b. given to excessive moralizing; expressive
- c. filthy; foul; abject; ignoble
- d. to reject; to disown; to disavow
- e. overly submissive; subservient
- f. having no external cause; acting on impulse
- g. one who destroys property usually in a war
- h. to cut or to separate; to sunder
- i. occasional; not regular
- j. to sink (a ship)

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Vocabulary Test 10

Directions: Match the word in the left column with the correct definition in the right column.

Exercise A

- _____ 1. stagnant
- _____ 2. stratum
- _____ 3. strident
- _____ 4. stupefy
- _____ 5. submissive
- _____ 6. subtle
- _____ 7. summon
- _____ 8. superfluous
- _____ 9. supersede
- _____ 10. translucence

- a. to dull the senses as to put into a stupor
- b. delicate; elusive; not obvious
- c. to replace; to cause to be set aside
- d. loud and harsh sounding
- e. to call together; to send for or request to appear
- f. yielding or surrendering oneself to another's will
- g. a horizontal layer
- h. the quality of allowing passage of light
- i. beyond what is needed or required; an overflow
- j. not flowing; foul from not moving

Exercise B

- _____ 1. synthetic
- _____ 2. tacit
- _____ 3. tenet
- _____ 4. tentative
- _____ 5. tepid
- _____ 6. tinge
- _____ 7. torpid
- _____ 8. transparent
- _____ 9. trivia
- _____ 10. uproarious

- a. moderately warm; lacking in passion or force
- b. to add a bit of color; to affect slightly
- c. artificial
- d. not fully worked out; provisional; uncertain
- e. quality of being able to see through something
- f. sluggish; inactive; dull
- g. making great noise (not necessarily negative)
- h. understood; silent; not spoken
- i. insignificant matters
- j. a doctrine or principle held as being true

Exercise C

- _____ 1. urbane
- _____ 2. utopian
- _____ 3. utter
- _____ 4. validate
- _____ 5. vanquished
- _____ 6. vapid
- _____ 7. vehement
- _____ 8. venerate
- _____ 9. vilify
- _____ 10. vindicated

- a. to give official sanction
- b. cleared of accusations or charges; acquitted
- c. to express by speaking
- d. to malign; to defame; to denigrate
- e. having characteristics of an ideally perfect place
- f. to honor; to revere
- g. having a refined manner; suave; elegant
- h. forceful in expressing emotion or conviction
- i. conquered; overpowered
- j. dull; inane; insipid

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Vocabulary Test 11

Directions: Select the word that **best** completes the following sentences.

virtuoso	vista	vivid	voluptuous
vulgarity	wanton	wheedle	wispy
witticism	wooden	zeal	zealot

1. Because of the woman's aching leg, her movements on the dance floor seemed awfully _____ making her appear stiff and clumsy.
2. The prosecutor tried to _____ an answer from the witness, but was unsuccessful even with all his coaxing and cajoling.
3. The crowd was infused with a _____ we had not seen before; their enthusiasm and fervor were unmatched.
4. The author was able to please the diverse crowd with one _____ after another; his clever and witty remarks are what made his speech so entertaining.
5. We were thrilled to get tickets to hear the great violinist play; a _____ of his caliber did not often come through town.
6. The language of the novel was quite _____. There was never any doubt about the author's images because they were are so distinct and clear.
7. The crowd was led by a _____ who had lost sight of reason and was merely supporting his cause with the same vigor and enthusiasm of his predecessor.
8. The man's _____ hair floated around his head as the slight web of a spider might do.
9. Our best interests are not served by having _____ Congressmen represent us. We must demand that immoral, lewd behavior be outlawed in high places.
10. The _____ woman caused every man's head to turn as she walked by. She was a beautiful, sensuous woman.
11. The _____ was seen through the crevices of the rocks by a small band of men. It was a beautiful, if far off, view.
12. I do not like to hear _____ from students. They do not have to use offensive and gross obscenities when they speak.

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Vocabulary Test 1

- Exercise A**
- | | | | | |
|------|------|------|------|-------|
| 1. f | 2. i | 3. j | 4. a | 5. c |
| 6. d | 7. g | 8. b | 9. e | 10. h |
- Exercise B**
- | | | | | |
|------|------|------|------|-------|
| 1. a | 2. e | 3. g | 4. j | 5. f |
| 6. c | 7. d | 8. b | 9. h | 10. i |
- Exercise C**
- | | | | | |
|------|------|------|------|-------|
| 1. b | 2. e | 3. h | 4. j | 5. d |
| 6. g | 7. i | 8. f | 9. c | 10. a |

Vocabulary Test 2

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1. c | 2. b | 3. a | 4. d | 5. c | 6. c | 7. b |
| 8. d | 9. b | 10. a | 11. a | 12. b | 13. d | 14. c |
| 15. c | 16. a | 17. d | 18. b | 19. a | 20. d | |

Vocabulary Test 3

- | | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| 1. cumbersome | 5. discretion | 9. despotism |
| 2. din | 6. demur, deprecating | 10. desultory |
| 3. derisive, daunted | 7. cynicism | 11. didactically |
| 4. defiler, debased | 8. debauchery | 12. diminution |

Vocabulary Test 4

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1. d | 2. c | 3. a | 4. b | 5. a | 6. b | 7. d |
| 8. d | 9. a | 10. c | 11. a | 12. a | 13. d | 14. c |
| 15. c | 16. a | 17. b | 18. d | 19. b | 20. b | 21. a |
| 22. b | | | | | | |

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Vocabulary Test 5

- Exercise A**
- | | | | | |
|------|------|------|------|-------|
| 1. f | 2. i | 3. j | 4. a | 5. b |
| 6. g | 7. c | 8. e | 9. h | 10. d |
- Exercise B**
- | | | | | |
|------|------|------|------|-------|
| 1. f | 2. a | 3. i | 4. g | 5. c |
| 6. b | 7. e | 8. d | 9. j | 10. h |
- Exercise C**
- | | | | | |
|------|------|------|------|-------|
| 1. f | 2. a | 3. c | 4. j | 5. i |
| 6. e | 7. b | 8. d | 9. h | 10. g |

Vocabulary Test 6

- | | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. knoll, inertia | 5. loathing | 9. inimical |
| 2. interminable, lassitude | 6. inviolable | 10. inscrutable |
| 3. insidious, latent | 7. ingenuity, infallible | 11. insatiable |
| 4. labyrinthine | 8. inextricably | |

Vocabulary Test 7

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1. a | 2. b | 3. c | 4. d | 5. a | 6. c | 7. b |
| 8. a | 9. d | 10. b | 11. a | 12. c | 13. c | 14. d |
| 15. a | 16. b | 17. a | 18. c | 19. b | 20. a | |

Vocabulary Test 8

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1. b | 2. a | 3. d | 4. c | 5. a | 6. b | 7. d |
| 8. c | 9. a | 10. b | 11. d | 12. b | 13. a | 14. c |
| 15. b | 16. a | 17. d | 18. c | 19. a | 20. b | |

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Vocabulary Test 9

- Exercise A**
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|------|------|------|------|-------|
| 1. b | 2. e | 3. a | 4. h | 5. j |
| 6. d | 7. g | 8. c | 9. f | 10. i |
- Exercise B**
- | | | | | |
|------|------|------|------|-------|
| 1. c | 2. f | 3. i | 4. j | 5. d |
| 6. b | 7. e | 8. a | 9. g | 10. h |
- Exercise C**
- | | | | | |
|------|------|------|------|-------|
| 1. d | 2. g | 3. j | 4. b | 5. e |
| 6. h | 7. c | 8. f | 9. i | 10. a |

Vocabulary Test 10

- Exercise A**
- | | | | | |
|------|------|------|------|-------|
| 1. j | 2. g | 3. d | 4. a | 5. f |
| 6. b | 7. e | 8. i | 9. c | 10. h |
- Exercise B**
- | | | | | |
|------|------|------|------|-------|
| 1. c | 2. h | 3. j | 4. d | 5. a |
| 6. b | 7. f | 8. e | 9. i | 10. g |
- Exercise C**
- | | | | | |
|------|------|------|------|-------|
| 1. g | 2. e | 3. c | 4. a | 5. i |
| 6. j | 7. h | 8. f | 9. d | 10. b |

Vocabulary Test 11

- | | | |
|--------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1. wooden | 5. virtuoso | 9. wanton |
| 2. wheedle | 6. vivid | 10. voluptuous |
| 3. zeal | 7. zealot | 11. vista |
| 4. witticism | 8. wispy | 12. vulgarity |