

Death Be Not Proud

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Definitions



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Definitions



1.	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	
2.	alchemist	AL kuh mist	one who practices medieval chemistry or tries to change metals into gold
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The alchemist wanted to change iron into gold.		
	Derivatives >>	alchemistic, alchemical, alchemize, alchemy, alchemic, alchemical, alchemically	
3.	ameliorate	uh MEE lee o rate	to make better, to relieve, to improve
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to make worse; to aggravate
	Social workers attempt to ameliorate the conditions of people living in the slum areas.		
	Derivatives >>	ameliorated, ameliorating, ameliorable, ameliorant, ameliorative, ameliorator, amelioration	
4.	amiable	A mee uh bul	friendly, sociable, and congenial; civil and urbane
	Synonyms >>	good-natured, obliging, complaisant	Antonym >>
	She was blessed with having such an amiable friend who was almost always good-natured and obliging.		
	Derivatives >>	amiableness, amiably, amicable, amicability, amiability	
5.	analogous	uh NAHL uh gus	alike or similar in certain respects that permits one to draw an analogy
	Synonyms >>	like	Antonym >> unrelated
	The wings of a bird and those of an airplane are analogous.		
	Derivatives >>	analogously, analogize, analogy	
6.	animosity	an uh MAH suh tee	harsh feelings, enmity, resentment, hatred
	Synonyms >>	animus, antagonism, antipathy, enmity, hostility, rancor	Antonym >> love
	I have a lot of animosity for him, since he attempted to steal my girlfriend.		
	Derivatives >>	animus	
7.	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	
8.	benign	buh NINE	not causing harm, of gentle disposition, beneficial
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> malignant, harmful
	The minister was loved because of his benign attitude toward all types of people.		
	Derivatives >>	benignly, benignant, benignancy, benignantly, benignity	
9.	blanch	BLANCH	to take the color out of, to bleach, to make white
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to color
	It is popular to blanch new blue jeans before wearing them.		
	Derivatives >>	blancher, blanched	
10.	buoyant	BOY unt	capable of floating; cheerful
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> likely to sink
	Because the log was buoyant, it stayed afloat. The girl's buoyant spirit made her pleasant company.		
	Derivatives >>	buoyancy, buoyance, buoyantly, buoyantness, buoy	
11.	colloquial	kuh LOW kwee ul	informal (speech)
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> formal
	Term papers are not to contain colloquial expressions.		
	Derivatives >>	colloquially, colloquy	

12.	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	
13.	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	
14.	derivative	deh RIV uh tiv	something that comes from another thing
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> original
	The word "denotative" is a derivative of the word "denote."		
	Derivatives >>	derive, derivable, derivability, derivate, derivately, derivational, derivationist, derivatist	
15.	desolate	DES uh lit	deserted, without inhabitants, barren
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> populous
	Some of the western states have large areas that are desolate.		
	Derivatives >>	desolately, desolateness, desolater, desolating, desolation	
16.	diffidence	DIF eh duns	shyness, reserve, unassertiveness
	Synonyms >>	bashfulness, modesty	Antonym >> confidence
	Because of his diffidence, he would not ask any girl to the prom.		
	Derivatives >>	diffidency, diffident, diffidently, diffidentness	
17.	enmity	EN muh tee	absolute hatred
	Synonyms >>	animosity, animus, antagonism, antipathy, hostility, rancor	Antonym >> love; admiration
	I have a lot of enmity for people who provide illegal drugs to children.		
	Derivatives >>	enmities	
18.	epitome	eh PIT uh mee	a summary or brief representation of something
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	That student is the epitome of the successful graduate.		
	Derivatives >>	epitomator, epitomical, epitomic, epitomist, epitomize, epitomizer	
19.	equivocate	eh KWIV uh kate	to attempt to lie, to mislead, or to hide the truth
	Synonyms >>	palter, prevaricate	Antonym >> to tell the truth
	Tell the truth and do not attempt to equivocate.		
	Derivatives >>	equivocal, equivocacy, equivocality, equivocally, equivocalness, equivocation, equivocator, equivocality	
20.	erudite	ER yoo dite	scholarly
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> ignorant
	The erudite physics professor had spent many years studying the theory of relativity.		
	Derivatives >>	eruditely, erudition	
21.	eulogy	YOO luh jee	praise or tribute
	Synonyms >>	encomium, panegyric, tribute	Antonym >> defamation
	The young woman presented a touching eulogy at her father's funeral.		
	Derivatives >>	eulogic, eulogious, eulogism, eulogist, eulogistic, eulogium, eulogization, eulogize, eulogizer	
22.	euphemism	YOO fuh miz um	substitution of an inoffensive term for one that is offensive
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> coarse expression
	People frequently use a euphemism for the word "died." They commonly say someone "passed away."		
	Derivatives >>	euphemistic, euphemious, euphemiously, euphemistically, euphemize, euphemizer	
23.	extricate	EK struh kate	to free, to disentangle
	Synonyms >>	disembarrass, disencumber	Antonym >> to snare
	He could not extricate himself from the trap.		
	Derivatives >>	extrication, extricated, extricable	
24.	fastidious	fa STID ee us	reflecting a meticulous or demanding attitude, critical to an extreme
	Synonyms >>	finicky	Antonym >> not meticulous
	He considered her fastidious because she was offended by insignificant mistakes or errors.		
	Derivatives >>	fastidiously, fastidiousness, fastidium	
25.	ferocity	fuh ROS eh tee	savagery
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> mildness
	A tiger is an animal that has ferocity.		
	Derivatives >>	ferocious, ferociously, ferociousness	

26.	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	
27.	fortuitous	fore TOO eh tus	something that happens by accident or chance (usually good)
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> predetermined
		Being picked first in the lottery is a fortuitous experience.	
	Derivatives >>	fortuitously, fortuitousness, fortuity	
28.	heterogeneity	het uh ro je NEE eh tee	state of being dissimilar, composition from unlike elements
	Synonyms >>	disparateness, dissimilarity	Antonym >> homogeneity
		Coming from many countries and cultures, students in my class are an example of heterogeneity.	
	Derivatives >>	heterogeneous, heterogenesis, heterogeneously, heterogeneousness	
29.	hypothesize	high POTH eh size	to reach a conclusion based on an assumption or something not proven
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to know with certainty
		Before you begin your experiment, you should hypothesize about the possible outcome.	
	Derivatives >>	hypothesized, hypothesis, hypotheses, hypothetical, hypothetically	
30.	implacable	im PLAK uh bul	incapable of being appeased
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> yielding
		That young man is the enemy of the implacable woman standing in the corner; she will never stop hating him.	
	Derivatives >>	implacability, implacableness, implacably	
31.	incessant	in SES unt	uninterrupted
	Synonyms >>	constant, perennial, perpetual, unremitting	Antonym >> intermittent
		The dog's incessant barking caused the man to have difficulty falling asleep.	
	Derivatives >>	incessancy, incessantly, incessantness, incession	
32.	indomitable	in DOM eh tuh bul	incapable of being conquered
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> weak
		He was from a tribe that was thought to be indomitable but finally was forced to live on the reservation.	
	Derivatives >>	indomitability, indomitableness, indomitably	
33.	ineffable	in EF uh bul	incapable of being expressed in speech or words
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> easily expressed
		Her delight in being selected as a cheerleader was ineffable.	
	Derivatives >>	ineffability, ineffableness, ineffably	
34.	inordinate	in OR duh nit	exceeding reasonable limits, excessive
	Synonyms >>	exorbitant, extravagant, extreme, immoderate	Antonym >> small
		It is a sign of trouble when a student has an inordinate number of absences.	
	Derivatives >>	inordinately, inordinateness, inordination	
35.	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	
36.	introspective	in truh SPEK tiv	the quality of examining one's own mind or thoughts
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
		I must be very introspective before I make my decision.	
	Derivatives >>	introspect, introspection, introspector, introspectable, introspectional, introspectively, introspectionism	
37.	introvert	IN truh vurt	one who turns inward and concentrates thoughts upon himself
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> extrovert
		He is such an introvert that he is not even interested in making new friends.	
	Derivatives >>	introverted, introvertive, introversion, introversive, introversively	
38.	inveterate	in VET ur it	firmly established, habitual, deep-rooted
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> readily changeable
		Because he had been an inveterate workaholic, he had trouble adjusting his lifestyle when he retired.	
	Derivatives >>	inveterately, inveterateness	
39.	irrigate	EAR uh gate	to wet, to supply with water
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to dry out
		We will irrigate the fields by diverting water from the stream.	
	Derivatives >>	irrigable, irrigation, irrigational, irrigated, irrigating	

40.	lethargic	luh THAR jik	sluggish, languid
	Synonyms >>	stuporous, torpid	Antonym >> energetic
	Having had too much to drink, he was very lethargic the morning after the party.		
	Derivatives >>	lethargically, lethargize, lethargy	
41.	malady	MAL eh dee	a disease or unwholesome condition
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> good health
	The poor old woman seems to suffer one malady after another.		
	Derivatives >>	maladies	
42.	malice	MAL is	desire to harm others
	Synonyms >>	malevolence, malignity, spite, spleen	Antonym >> concern
	His death was caused by malice and was not accidental.		
	Derivatives >>	maliceful, malicious, maliciously, maliciousness	
43.	marred	MARD	something damaged or defaced
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> perfect
	The inauguration was marred by outbursts from demonstrators		
	Derivatives >>	mar, mars, marring	
44.	modicum	MOD eh kum	limited quantity
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> abundance
	I insist on at least a modicum of decorum.		
	Derivatives >>	modicums	
45.	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	
46.	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	
47.	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	
48.	ominous	OM uh nus	threatening
	Synonyms >>	fateful, portentous	Antonym >> harmless; non-threatening
	The ominous clouds were harbingers of the tornado.		
	Derivatives >>	ominously, ominousness	
49.	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	
50.	perfunctory	pur FUNGK tuh ree	acting routinely with little interest or care
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> concerned; diligent
	Due to his perfunctory manner of inspecting the factory, he did not notice some serious problems.		
	Derivatives >>	perfunctorily, perfunctoriness, perfunctorious, perfunctoriously	
51.	personification	pur son uh fuh KAY shun	attribution of personal qualities
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	Through the personification in the poem the trees seem to be human.		
	Derivatives >>	personify, personificative, personificator, personifier	
52.	placid	PLAS id	peaceful, calm
	Synonyms >>	serene, tranquil	Antonym >> disturbed
	The wilderness is usually a placid place where one can relax.		
	Derivatives >>	placidity, placidly, placidness	
53.	preclude	preh KLOOD	to make impossible
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to aid
	A low SAT score may preclude your acceptance to that college.		
	Derivatives >>	precludable, precluded, preclusion, preclusive	

54.	presumptuous	preh ZUMP choo us	brazenly overstepping bounds, arrogant
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> humble
	It was presumptuous of him to think that I would loan him the money.		
	Derivatives >>	presume, presumer, presumption, presumptive, presumptively, presumptuously, presumptuousness	
55.	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	
56.	protrusion	pro TROO zhun	something sticking out
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> indentation
	A large protrusion on his head was the result of being hit by the bat.		
	Derivatives >>	protusive, protusively, protusiveness	
57.	quiescent	kwee ES unt	inactive, dormant
	Synonyms >>	abeyance, latent	Antonym >> active
	The eruption was a surprise because the volcano had been quiescent for many years.		
	Derivatives >>	quiescence, quiesce, quiescency, quiescently	
58.	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	
59.	resolute	REZ uh loot	characterized by a decided purpose
	Synonyms >>	staunch, steadfast, determined, resolved, faithful, firm	Antonym >>
	The business was run by a resolute man who set his mind on a goal and followed through with it.		
	Derivatives >>	resoluter, resolute, resolutely, resoluteness, resolution, resolutionary, resolutioner, resolute	
60.	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	
61.	scrupulous	SKROO pyuh lus	very principled, very careful and conscientious
	Synonyms >>	meticulous, punctilious	Antonym >> unprincipled
	The scrupulous police officer never took a bribe, and he ceaselessly tried to prevent crime.		
	Derivatives >>	scruple, scrupulosity, scrupulousness, scrupulously	
62.	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	
63.	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, stupeficient, stupefactive	
64.	sublime	suh BLIME	exalted, noble, uplifting
	Synonyms >>	resplendent, superb	Antonym >>
	The romantic dinner, which included delicious food, soft music, and a beautiful setting, was simply sublime.		
	Derivatives >>	sublimely, sublimeness, sublimer	
65.	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	
66.	transmutation	trans myoo TAY shun	a change into something different
	Synonyms >>	metamorphosis	Antonym >>
	The alchemist was interested in the transmutation of iron into gold.		
	Derivatives >>	transmute, transmutability, transmutationist, transmutative	
67.	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	

68.	voracious	voe RAY shus	having a large appetite, ravenous
	Synonyms >>	gluttonous, rapacious	Antonym >> temperate
	Henry the VIII allegedly had a voracious appetite.		
	Derivatives >>	voraciously, voraciousness, voracity	
69.	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	

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| 1. abstruse | 25. ferocity | 47. oblivious |
| 2. alchemy | 26. formidable | 48. ominously |
| 3. ameliorate | 27. fortuitous | 49. orthodox |
| 4. amiable | 28. heterogeneous | 50. perfunctory |
| 5. analogous | 29. hypothesis | 51. personification |
| 6. animosity | 30. implacable | 52. placid |
| 7. anthology | 31. incessantly | 53. preclude |
| 8. benignant | 32. indomitable | 54. presumptuous |
| 9. blanched | 33. ineffable | 55. prodigy |
| 10. buoyant | 34. inordinately | 56. protrusion |
| 11. colloquy | 35. insidious | 57. quiescent |
| 12. credulous | 36. introspection | 58. remonstrate |
| 13. cynical | 37. introvert | 59. resolutely |
| 14. derivative | 38. inveterate | 60. respite |
| 15. desolation | 39. irrigation | 61. scrupulous |
| 16. diffident | 40. lethargic | 62. strident |
| 17. enmity | 41. malady | 63. stupefaction |
| 18. epitome | 42. malice | 64. sublime |
| 19. wquivocate | 43. marred | 65. subtle |
| 20. erudite | 44. modicum | 66. transmuting |
| 21. eulogy | 45. myriad | 67. vehemently |
| 22. euphemism | 46. neurotic | 68. voracious |
| 23. extrication | | 69. zealot |
| 24. fastidious | | |

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| 23. presumptuous | 46. oblivious | 69. cynical |

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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. | abstruse | a. | friendly, sociable, congenial; civil and urbane |
| _____ | 2. | alchemy | b. | an assortment or collection of selected pieces of literature |
| _____ | 3. | ameliorate | c. | harsh feelings, enmity, resentment, hatred |
| _____ | 4. | amiable | d. | capable of floating, also cheerful |
| _____ | 5. | analogous | e. | difficult to understand, recondite, concealed |
| _____ | 6. | animosity | f. | informal speech |
| _____ | 7. | anthology | g. | to make better, to relieve, to improve |
| _____ | 8. | benignant | h. | not causing harm, of gentle disposition, beneficial |
| _____ | 9. | blanched | i. | the practice of medieval chemistry |
| _____ | 10. | buoyant | j. | bleached, made white, having the color taken out of |
| _____ | 11. | colloquy | k. | showing an analogy or likeness |
| _____ | 12. | credulous | l. | believing on slight evidence, gullible |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|-------------|----|--|
| _____ | 13. | cynical | m. | positive hatred |
| _____ | 14. | derivative | n. | praise or tribute |
| _____ | 15. | desolate | o. | deserted, without inhabitants |
| _____ | 16. | diffident | p. | scholarly |
| _____ | 17. | enmity | q. | given to faultfinding, sneering, and sarcasm |
| _____ | 18. | epitome | r. | substituting an inoffensive term for one that is offensive |
| _____ | 19. | equivocate | s. | shy, reserved, unassertive |
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| _____ | 22. | euphemism | v. | something that comes from another thing |
| _____ | 23. | extrication | w. | the freeing or disentangling of something |
| _____ | 24. | fastidious | x. | summary or brief representation of something |

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Vocabulary Test 2

Exercise A

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

ferocity	formidable	fortuitous	heterogeneity	hypothesize
implacable	incessant	indomitable	ineffable	inordinate

1. Before you begin your experiment, you should _____ about the possible outcome.
2. You have spent an _____ amount of time on this test; apparently you do not know the answers, or you would have been finished long before this.
3. Coming from many countries and cultures, students in my class are an example of _____.
4. My neighbor has become so angry with the situation, he is totally _____; nothing I can do would appease him.
5. I have always been amazed by the _____ of the lion; it is indeed a savage animal.
6. Her _____ delight at being chosen as delegate to the convention was obvious; even after she calmed down, she was not able to fully express herself in words.
7. The teacher was greatly annoyed by the boy's _____ talking; after she had warned him innumerable times, she had him removed from the class so that she could continue teaching uninterrupted.
8. The boxer was concerned about fighting next week; he would fight against a _____ opponent who had not been beaten in any previous fight.
9. We initially thought we were fighting against an _____ enemy; but after much persistence, we discovered that he could, in fact, be conquered.
10. Meeting that man was a _____ occasion for her; soon after their unexpected encounter, they became engaged.

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Vocabulary Test 2

Exercise B

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

insidious	introspective	introvert	inveterate
irrigate	lethargic	malady	malice
marred	modicum	myriad	neurotic

11. Farmers use many ways to _____ their fields in order to provide water to their crops.
12. Some people who are _____ have imaginary illnesses; they have no real disease, yet they suffer the symptoms as though they were really sick.
13. Some students are so _____ when they get home after school, they cannot move themselves to do their homework; because of their lack of energy, they often fail.
14. AIDS is an _____ disease because someone can have it and transmit it to someone else before showing any symptoms; it is truly a dangerous disease.
15. The doctor wondered what kind of _____ the woman complained of; he could see nothing overtly wrong with her, though he knew she had some sort of disease.
16. Because he was always an _____ workaholic, he had trouble adjusting when he retired.
17. If you had even a _____ of patience, you would not get so frustrated so often.
18. The young man is being especially _____ this week; he is trying to decide whether or not to get married this summer, and he is trying to get all his thoughts clear and in order.
19. The clear summer sky glittered with the _____ of stars.
20. Because the picture was _____, it could not be sold for as much money as we hoped.
21. I was shocked at the _____ with which the man approached the girl; it was obvious that he intended to harm her.
22. If she were not such an _____ she would have more friends; as it is, she keeps to herself so much that no one has a chance to even get to know her.

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Vocabulary Test 3

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

1. **oblivion**

a. state of panic b. state of being forgotten c. state of ecstasy d. state of fame
2. **ominous**

a. old b. threatening c. routine d. intelligent
3. **orthodox**

a. conventional b. religious c. ancient d. needless
4. **perfunctory**

a. unnecessary b. meticulous c. routine d. talented
5. **personification**

a. attribution of personal qualities to inanimate object b. friendly interaction
c. naming famous leaders d. innumeration a person's good qualities
6. **placid**

a. unruly b. conventional c. dormant d. peaceful
7. **preclude**

a. decide against b. vote for c. sing softly d. make impossible
8. **presumptuous**

a. delicious b. arrogant c. unusual d. transparent
9. **prodigy**

a. disobedient child b. idiot c. exceptionally talented person d. student
10. **protrusion**

a. something sticking out b. interruption c. gossip d. professional dance troupe
11. **quiescent**

a. demonstrative b. unsettled c. arrogant d. dormant
12. **remonstrate**

a. remind b. dull the senses c. protest d. make impossible
13. **resolute**

a. characterized by a decided purpose b. ravenous c. not obvious d. lazy
14. **respite**

a. continuation b. resentment c. a rest d. argument
15. **scrupulous**

a. unconcerned b. amazed c. very tasty d. very principled
16. **strident**

a. strange and unusual b. exalted c. stressful d. loud and harsh sounding
17. **stupefy**

a. ignore b. study intently c. dull the senses d. separate
18. **sublime**

a. awful b. exalted c. metallic d. ordinary
19. **subtle**

a. underground tunnel b. uncalled for c. strange d. not obvious
20. **transmutation**

a. a change into something different b. distance c. spectacle d. odd belief
21. **vehement**

a. unusual b. unhealthy c. frightening d. forceful
22. **voracious**

a. hateful b. unsettled c. ravenous d. obnoxious
23. **zeal**

a. enthusiasm b. hatred c. laziness d. indecision

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Vocabulary Test 1

1. e 2. i 3. g 4. a 5. k 6. c 7. b
8. h 9. j 10. d 11. f 12. l 13. q 14. v
15. o 16. s 17. m 18. x 19. t 20. p 21. n
22. r 23. w 24. u

Vocabulary Test 2

Exercise A

1. hypothesize
2. inordinate
3. heterogeneity
4. implacable
5. ferocity
6. ineffable
7. incessant
8. formidable
9. indomitable
10. fortuitous

Exercise B

11. irrigate
12. neurotic
13. lethargic
14. insidious
15. malady
16. inveterate
17. modicum
18. introspective
19. myriad
20. marred
21. malice
22. introvert

Vocabulary Test 3

1. b 2. b 3. a 4. c 5. a 6. d 7. d
8. b 9. c 10. a 11. d 12. c 13. a 14. c
15. d 16. d 17. c 18. b 19. d 20. a 21. d
22. c 23. a