

Death of a Salesman

by Arthur Miller

Definitions



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1.	angular	ANG gyuh ler	lean; sharp cornered; gaunt
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> rotund
	The patient has lost so much weight that his face has become quite angular.		
	Derivatives >>	angulate, angularity, angulation, angulator	
2.	approbation	ap row BAY shun	official approval, praise, commendation
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> disapprobation, disapproval
	We initiated the attack with the approbation of the general.		
	Derivatives >>	approve, approbated, approving, approbative, approbatory, approbateness	
3.	audacity	aw DAS uh tee	excessive boldness, rashness, daring
	Synonyms >>	cheek, chutzpah, effrontery, gall, hardihood, temerity	Antonym >> meekness
	I was surprised that he had the audacity to approach the Queen.		
	Derivatives >>	audacious, audaciousness, audaciously	
4.	aura	AW ruh	a distinctive quality about a person, thing, or place
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	Those at the inauguration ceremony had the aura of greatness.		
	Derivatives >>	auras, aural	
5.	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	
6.	befuddled	buh FUD uld	confused
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> clearheaded
	He was befuddled by the difficult math problem.		
	Derivatives >>	befuddle, befuddling	
7.	candid	KAN did	blunt, sincere honesty
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> reserved
	His candid responses to the questions surprised us all.		
	Derivatives >>	candidly, candidness	
8.	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	
9.	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	
10.	dormer	DOR mur	a gabled extension of an attic room; window in such an extension
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The cat perched on the roof of the dormer and looked down below.		
	Derivatives >>	dormers	
11.	elegiac	el uh JEE uk	mournful, expressing sorrow
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> rejoicing
	His elegiac poem about the war deaths moved everyone.		
	Derivatives >>	elegiacal, elegy	

12.	enthraling	en THROL ing	captivating, spellbinding	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	boring
	Because the book was so enthralling, I stayed awake all night reading it.			
	Derivatives >>	enthral, enthralled, enthrallingly, enthrallment		
13.	exhaust	x AWST	to use up; to drain	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	strengthened
	I will not rest until I have exhausted every means available to me.			
	Derivatives >>	exhausting, exhausted, exhauster, exhaustion, exhaustibility, exhaustive, exhaustively		
14.	gratis	GRAH tis	free	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	earned
	The gratis appearance of the artist allowed more funds for the charity ball.			
	Derivatives >>	gratitude, gratuitous, gratuitously		
15.	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		
16.	incipient	in SIP ee unt	beginning to come into being, the early stage of something	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	waning
	He is not able to recognize his own incipient drug problem.			
	Derivatives >>	incipiative, incipiency, incipience, incipiently		
17.	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		
18.	laconic	luh KON ik	using a minimum of words; concise to the point of seeming rude	
	Synonyms >>	compendious, concise, pithy, succinct, summary, terse	Antonym >>	verbose
	After the loss, the coach's remarks were laconic.			
	Derivatives >>	laconian, laconical, laconically, laconicism, laconism		
19.	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		
20.	mercurial	mur KYOOR ee ul	changing unpredictably, fickle	
	Synonyms >>	capricious, inconstant, unstable	Antonym >>	stolid
	Due to his mercurial temperament, employees always approached him carefully, unsure of what his mood would be.			
	Derivatives >>	mercuriality, mercurially		
21.	monotony	moh NOT uh nee	sameness	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	diversity
	There is so much monotony in my life that I need a change			
	Derivatives >>	monotoness, monotonous, monotonously, monotonousness, monotone		
22.	ominous	OM uh nus	threatening	
	Synonyms >>	fateful, portentous	Antonym >>	harmless; non-threatening
	The ominous clouds were harbingers of the tornado.			
	Derivatives >>	ominously, ominousness		
23.	petty	PET ee	small and insignificant	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	significant; prodigious
	Put your petty grievances aside and settle this matter.			
	Derivatives >>	pettiness, pettily		
24.	philanderer	feh LAN dur ur	one who engages in love affairs lightly or insincerely	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	
	I asked my daughter how she could fall in love with a playboy and a philanderer.			
	Derivatives >>	philander, philandered, philandering		
25.	pompous	POM pus	exaggerated show of dignity or self-importance, bombastic	
	Synonyms >>	ostentatious, pretentious	Antonym >>	humble; meek
	It is very pompous of him to believe that his ideas should always receive the first consideration.			
	Derivatives >>	pomp, pomposity, pompously, pompousness		

26.	raucous	RAH kus	loud and boisterous, harsh, disorderly
	Synonyms >>	stentorian, strident	Antonym >> quiet; mild
	The raucous crowd at the fight threw chairs into the ring to show disagreement with the decision.		
	Derivatives >>	raucously, raucousness, raucid, raucity	
27.	repress	reh PRES	to restrain, to hold back
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to release
	I feel that I need to repress my desires for him since he obviously does not like me.		
	Derivatives >>	repressed, repression, repressive, repressiveness	
28.	reproach	reh PROCH	to blame for something; a disgrace
	Synonyms >>	admonish, castigate, chasten, chastise, chide, rebuke,	Antonym >> to praise; accolade
	Her conduct was so good that it was beyond reproach.		
	Derivatives >>	reproachable, reproachful, reproachfully, reproachfulness, reproachingly	
29.	reserve	reh ZURV	self-restraint
	Synonyms >>	reticence	Antonym >> lack of restraint
	He showed a lot of reserve in dealing with the harsh critics at the meeting.		
	Derivatives >>	reserved, reservedly, reserveless	
30.	seethe	SEETH	to boil , to be agitated
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to be at peace
	The nation seethed with anger when the terrorists took the men as hostages.		
	Derivatives >>	seething, seethingly	
31.	stolid	STOL id	showing little emotion
	Synonyms >>	apathetic, phlegmatic, stoic	Antonym >> emotional
	He always has a stolid appearance at the poker table.		
	Derivatives >>	stolidly, stolidity	
32.	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	
33.	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	
34.	trepidation	trep eh DAY shun	fear, trembling, agitation
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> fearlessness
	Since I did not have time to study, I have a lot of trepidation about this examination.		
	Derivatives >>	trepidate, trepidant, trepid, trepidly, trepidity	
35.	turbulence	TUR byuh luns	wild or disturbing activity
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> stillness
	There is a lot of turbulence during a hurricane.		
	Derivatives >>	turbulent, turbulation, turbulator, turbulency, turbulently	
36.	unnerve	un NURV	to cause to lose composure
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to strengthen
	I became unnerved when he started talking badly about my mother.		
	Derivatives >>	unnerving, unnerves	
37.	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	
38.	wilt	WILT	to become limp ; to droop or weaken
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> revive
	The plant began to wilt in the hot sun.		
	Derivatives >>	wilted, wilting, wilts	

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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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| 11. diffident | 34. sublime | 57. myriads |
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| 18. stupefaction | 41. implacable | 64. animosity |
| 19. extrication | 42. subtle | 65. enmity |
| 20. benignant | 43. epitome | 66. desolation |
| 21. abstruse | 44. quiescent | 67. alchemy |
| 22. blanched | 45. insidious | 68. transmuted |
| 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 |
| _____ | 20. | erudite | t. | attempt to lie, mislead, or hide the truth |
| _____ | 21. | eulogy | u. | finicky, meticulous attitude, critical to an extreme |
| _____ | 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