

A Doll's House

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Definitions



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1.	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	
2.	appease	uh PEES	to pacify, to be conciliatory in a manner that sacrifices principles
	Synonyms >>	conciliate, mollify, placate, propitiate	Antonym >> to incense
	The woman tried to appease her husband when he became so angry.		
	Derivatives >>	appeased, appeasing, appeasement, appeasable, appeaser	
3.	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 >>	bloated	
4.	capricious	kuh PRISH us	changing suddenly, fickle
	Synonyms >>	inconstant, mercurial, unstable	Antonym >> stable
	Her capricious moods are difficult to anticipate.		
	Derivatives >>	caprice, capriciously, capriciousness	
5.	conciliate	kun SIL ee ate	to reconcile, to pacify, to renew a friendship
	Synonyms >>	appease, mollify, placate, propitiate	Antonym >> to estrange
	My husband tried to conciliate me with a gift of roses.		
	Derivatives >>	conciliated, conciliating, conciliator, conciliatoriness, conciliatorily	
6.	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	
7.	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	
8.	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	
9.	depravity	deh PRAV eh tee	moral corruption, a wicked or perverse act
	Synonyms >>	abasement, corruption, debasement, debauchery, perversion,	Antonym >> noble behavior
	The depravity of his behavior shocked everyone.		
	Derivatives >>	deprave, depraver, depravement, depraved	
10.	despairing	deh SPARE ing	hopeless, despondent, discouraged
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> hopeful
	The woman's despairing tears touched the hearts of many.		
	Derivatives >>	despair, despaired, despairful, despairfully, despairingly, despairingness	
11.	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	

12.	document	DOK yu munt	to support with references or citations	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> to leave unsupported
		The lawyer must document instances of bad conduct if a sound case is to be made against the criminal.		
	Derivatives >>	documents, documenting, documentive		
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.	foremost	FORE most	first in rank, time, place, or position	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> lowest in rank
		Learning these vocabulary words is foremost in importance.		
	Derivatives >>	foremostly		
15.	fraudulent	FRAW due lunt	deceitful; portrayed as genuine but is really an imposter	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> genuine
		The lawyer used the fraudulent document as evidence of fraud.		
	Derivatives >>	fraud, fraudulent, fraudulence, fraudulently, fraudulentness		
16.	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		
17.	gracious	GRAY shus	marked by kindness, courtesy, and tact	
	Synonyms >>	affable, cordial, genial, sociable		Antonym >> surly
		My mother was always gracious regardless of the situation.		
	Derivatives >>	graciousness, graciously		
18.	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		
19.	hack	HAK	one who forfeits professional integrity in exchange for money or reward	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>
		Only a hack would go to work for one of those offensive tabloid newspapers.		
	Derivatives >>	hacks		
20.	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		
21.	imperturbable	im pur TUR buh bul	marked by extreme calm, impassivity, assurance and steadiness	
	Synonyms >>	composed, collected, cool, unruffled, nonchalant		Antonym >> frantic
		Before the accident he seemed imperturbable, but now he is becoming frantic.		
	Derivatives >>	imperturbability, imperturbableness, imperturbably, imperturbation, imperturbed		
22.	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		
23.	irresolute	eh REZ uh loot	indecisive, unsure of how to proceed	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> sure; decisive; certain
		The confused child stood irresolute, waiting for some instruction.		
	Derivatives >>	irresolutely, irresoluteness, irresolution		
24.	jeopardize	JEH pur dize	to expose to danger	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> shelter
		You may jeopardize your dog's life if you keep him outside when the weather is extremely cold.		
	Derivatives >>	jeopardized, jeopardizing, jeopard, jeoparded, jeoparding, jeopardy		
25.	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		

26.	magnanimity	mag nuh NIM eh tee	having a lofty, generous, and courageous spirit
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> greed; stinginess
	The magnanimity of the king endeared him to his subjects.		
	Derivatives >>	magnanimous, magnanimously, magnanimousness	
27.	obstinate	OB stuh nit	unyielding regardless of reason or logic
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> yielding
	He will not accept advice on many things because of his obstinate attitude.		
	Derivatives >>	obstinacy, obstinancy, obstinance, obstinately, obstinateness, obstination	
28.	petty	PET ee	small and insignificant
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> significant; prodigious
	Put your petty grievances aside and settle this matter.		
	Derivatives >>	pettiness, pettily	
29.	refuge	REF yooj	shelter or place of protection
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> dangerous place
	Reservations were supposed to be places of refuge for Indians.		
	Derivatives >>	refuges	
30.	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	
31.	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	
32.	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	
33.	sovereign	SOV rin	possessed of controlling power
	Synonyms >>	predominant, paramount, preponderant	Antonym >> without power
	The king is sovereign within his country.		
	Derivatives >>	sovereignly, sovereignty, sovranity	
34.	squalid	SKWOL id	filthy in appearance, sordid
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> clean
	There are squalid and depressed areas in most of the world's major cities.		
	Derivatives >>	squalidity, squalidly, squalidness	
35.	squander	SKWON dur	to waste
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to conserve
	He squandered the family fortune on wine, women, and song.		
	Derivatives >>	squanderer, squandered, squandering	
36.	steadfastness	STED fas nes	quality of being fixed with little chance of moving or changing
	Synonyms >>	resolution, staunchness	Antonym >> irresolution
	The steadfastness of her position not to sell her land is remarkable considering what she has been offered.		
	Derivatives >>	steadfast, steadfastly	
37.	stealthy	STEL the	acting in a secret and sneaky way--this is a negative term
	Synonyms >>	clandestine, covert, furtive, surreptitious, underhanded	Antonym >> open; indiscreet
	The secret organization moves by stealth to gather information on its enemies.		
	Derivatives >>	stealthy, stealthfully, stealthily, stealthiness, stealth	
38.	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	
39.	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	

40.	whim	HWIM	a sudden and impulsive action
	Synonyms >>	caprice, crotchet, vagary	Antonym >>
	Our trip to Washington was a mere whim.		
	Derivatives >>	whims, whimmed, whimming	

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| 2. appeasing | 15. fraudulent | 28. petty |
| 3. bloated | 16. frivolous | 29. refuge |
| 4. capricious | 17. gracious | 30. rejoice |
| 5. conciliatory | 18. gravely | 31. reproaching |
| 6. contemptuously | 19. hack | 32. scrupulous |
| 7. corruption | 20. hypocrite | 33. sovereign |
| 8. credulously | 21. imperturbably | 34. squalid |
| 9. depraved | 22. infallible | 35. squandering |
| 10. despair | 23. irresolute | 36. steadfast |
| 11. dissemble | 24. jeopardized | 37. stealthily |
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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. | amiable | a. | changing suddenly; fickle |
| _____ | 2. | appease | b. | hopeless; feeling futility |
| _____ | 3. | bloat | c. | to swell; turgid |
| _____ | 4. | capricious | d. | scorn; extreme dislike or disdain |
| _____ | 5. | hack | e. | moral corruption; a wicked or perverse act |
| _____ | 6. | contempt | f. | friendly; sociable; congenial |
| _____ | 7. | corrupt | g. | believing on slight evidence; gullible |
| _____ | 8. | credulous | h. | one who forfeits professional integrity for money |
| _____ | 9. | depravity | i. | to ruin or destroy morally |
| _____ | 10. | despairing | j. | to pacify; being conciliatory |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|------------|----|---|
| _____ | 11. | dissemble | k. | to reconcile; pacify; renew a friendship |
| _____ | 12. | document | l. | to support with references or citations |
| _____ | 13. | exhaust | m. | deceitful; portraying as genuine with an impostor |
| _____ | 14. | foremost | n. | seriousness; importance |
| _____ | 15. | fraudulent | o. | to disguise; pretend |
| _____ | 16. | frivolous | p. | lacking in seriousness or importance |
| _____ | 17. | gracious | q. | one who is insincere or deceitful |
| _____ | 18. | gravity | r. | to use up; to drain |
| _____ | 19. | conciliate | s. | marked by kindness, courtesy, and tact |
| _____ | 20. | hypocrite | t. | first in rank, time, place, or position |

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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 be **imperturbable**
a. extremely calm b. intelligent c. humorous d. handicapped
- _____ 2. to be **infallible**
a. healthy b. honest c. incapable of error d. thoughtless
- _____ 3. to be **irresolute**
a. criminal b. indecisive c. resolved d. depressed
- _____ 4. to **jeopardize** one's safety
a. assure b. expose to danger c. depend on d. plead for
- _____ 5. to **loathe** spinach
a. love b. prepare c. detest d. serve
- _____ 6. the quality of **magnanimity**
a. generosity b. stinginess c. intelligence d. serenity
- _____ 7. an **obstinate** child
a. well-behaved b. sickly c. beautiful d. unyielding
- _____ 8. a **petty** remark
a. insignificant b. deliberate c. mysterious d. caustic
- _____ 9. a place of **refuge**
a. unlawfulness b. religion c. protection d. merriment
- _____ 10. to **rejoice** with someone
a. cry b. be joyful c. fight d. make up
- _____ 11. to **reproach** a child
a. come near b. blame c. praise d. instruct
- _____ 12. a **scrupulous** person
a. principled b. insincere c. educated d. business
- _____ 13. **squalid** living conditions
a. cramped b. inadequate c. filthy d. dangerous
- _____ 14. to **squander** money
a. lose b. waste c. hoard d. earn
- _____ 15. the quality of **steadfastness**
a. happiness b. honesty c. trustworthiness d. remaining the same
- _____ 16. a **stealthy** glance
a. open b. obvious c. sneaky d. wide-eyed
- _____ 17. a master of **trivia**
a. insignificant matters b. trials c. games d. argument
- _____ 18. a **vehement** reply
a. strange b. silly c. unsolicited d. forceful
- _____ 19. **sovereign** power
a. predominant b. useless c. necessary d. dangerous
- _____ 20. to act on a **whim**
a. special occasion b. revolving stage c. difficult decision d. impulse

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Test 1

EX. A

1. F
2. J
3. C
4. A
5. H
6. D
7. I
8. G
9. E
10. B

EX. B

11. O
12. L
13. R
14. T
15. M
16. P
17. S
18. N
19. K
20. Q

Test 2

1. A
2. C
3. B
4. B
5. C
6. A
7. D
8. A
9. C
10. B

11. B
12. A
13. C
14. B
15. D
16. C
17. A
18. D
19. A
20. D