

Hamlet

by William Shakespeare

Definitions



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1.	abate	uh BAYT	to reduce in intensity or amount
	Synonyms >>	decrease, diminish, dwindle, ebb, lessen, reduce, wane	Antonym >> to increase
	The flood waters abated after forty days of rain.		
	Derivatives >>	abatable, abater, abatement, abated, abating	
2.	abridge	uh BRIJ	to shorten, to diminish
	Synonyms >>	abbreviate, curtail, retrench, shorten	Antonym >> to expand
	Some companies publish abridged versions of novels.		
	Derivatives >>	abridgable, abridged, abridger, abridgment	
3.	adulterate	uh DUL ter ate	to make impure by adding lesser substances; to corrupt
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to purify
	The authorities were concerned that the drugs might have been adulterated intentionally.		
	Derivatives >>	adulterator, adulterant, adulteration, adulterine, adulterous, adulterated, adulterating	
4.	afoot	uh FOOT	developing or in the process of happening
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> on hold
	The eclipse of the sun caused him to think that something bizarre was afoot.		
	Derivatives >>		
5.	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	
6.	ambiguous	am BIG yew us	having more than one meaning; unclear, uncertain
	Synonyms >>	cryptic, enigmatic, equivocal, obscure	Antonym >> clear; certain
	Finding an ambiguous test question is frustrating, since more than one answer could be correct.		
	Derivatives >>	ambiguity, ambiguously, ambiguousness	
7.	antiquated	AN tuh kwat id	obsolete, out of fashion, no longer usable
	Synonyms >>	antique, archaic, obsolete, venerable	Antonym >> modern
	We cannot afford to have antiquated military forces.		
	Derivatives >>	antiquate, antiquating, antiquation, antiquatedness	
8.	apprehend	a pre HEND	to seize, arrest, take into custody; to understand; become aware of
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> turn loose
	Fortunately the police apprehended the man who stole my television.		
	Derivatives >>	apprehender, apprehensible, apprehensibility, apprehension	
9.	ardor	AR dur	warmth or heat of emotion; extreme force, vigor, or energy
	Synonyms >>	passion, intensity, fervor, enthusiasm, zeal	Antonym >> lack of energy or enthusiasm
	His ardor for the revolution cooled off during the course of the war.		
	Derivatives >>	ardour, ardors	
10.	augury	AW gyuh ree	an omen or prophecy
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	Several auguries were revealed to Caesar before his death.		
	Derivatives >>	augur, auguries, augured	
11.	auspicious	aw SPISH us	favorable
	Synonyms >>	propitious	Antonym >> ill-omened
	Making an "A" on the first test was an auspicious way to begin the year.		
	Derivatives >>	auspiciously, auspiciousness	

12.	baseness	BASE nes	the quality of lacking higher values
	Synonyms >>	vileness, servility, unworthiness	Antonym >>
	We were shocked at the baseness of the criminal.		
	Derivatives >>	base, baser, basest, basely	
13.	beguile	buh GUYL	to deceive, to mislead, to persuade with charm
	Synonyms >>	delude	Antonym >> to enlighten
	We sometimes allow ourselves to be beguiled by flatterers.		
	Derivatives >>	beguiled, beguiling, beguilement, beguiler	
14.	bestial	BES chul	brutal without reason, having the attributes of a savage
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> civilized
	The bestial traits of the man were offensive to refined ladies.		
	Derivatives >>	bestiality, bestialize, bestialized, bestializing	
15.	boisterous	BOY stir ous	rowdy, rough, and stormy
	Synonyms >>	blatant, clamorous, obstreperous, strident, vociferous	Antonym >> serene
	The boisterous child was running through the store screaming and laughing.		
	Derivatives >>	boisterousness, boisterously	
16.	brazen	BRAY zen	shameless, insolent, disrespectful
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> reserved; mild
	Pinching that woman was a very brazen act.		
	Derivatives >>	brazenly, brazenness, brazenfaced	
17.	bulwark	BOOL wark	a strong defense or something that defends
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> weakness
	Nuclear arms are our bulwark against invasion.		
	Derivatives >>	bulwarks	
18.	carnal	KAR nul	marked by sexuality that is often frank and unrelieved by higher emotions
	Synonyms >>	bodily, corporeal, worldly, fleshly, sensual, crude	Antonym >> spiritual
	The man's carnal actions prompted his dismissal from the social gathering.		
	Derivatives >>	carnalist, carnality, carnalize	
19.	celestial	seh LES chul	pertaining to the sky or heavens
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> earthly
	Stars are celestial bodies.		
	Derivatives >>	celestially	
20.	censure	SEN shur	to blame or to condemn
	Synonyms >>	denounce, reprehend, reprobate (verb)	Antonym >> to praise
	The congressman was censured for taking a bribe.		
	Derivatives >>	censured, censuring, censurer, censures	
21.	chary	SHAR ee	careful, cautious
	Synonyms >>	circumspect, wary	Antonym >> trustful; uncritical
	He is chary when he meets a new person.		
	Derivatives >>	charier, chariest	
22.	chaste	CHASTE	morally pure
	Synonyms >>	pure, modest, decent	Antonym >> immoral, tainted
	The king insisted that the woman who would become his wife be chaste.		
	Derivatives >>	chastely, chasteness, chastity	
23.	chide	CHIDE	to voice disapproval, to scold
	Synonyms >>	admonish, castigate, chasten, chastise, rebuke, reprove	Antonym >> to applaud
	I was chided by my teacher for not completing my assignment.		
	Derivatives >>	chided, chid, chidden, chiding, chider, chidingly	
24.	circumscribed	SIR kum skribd	restricted or limited
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> unbounded
	The triangle circumscribed the circle.		
	Derivatives >>	circumscribe, circumscribing, circumscription, circumscriptive	
25.	circumvent	SIR kum vent	to get around something, to outwit, to frustrate; to avoid
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to confront
	The witness tried unsuccessfully to circumvent the subject.		
	Derivatives >>	circumventer, circumventor, circumvention, circumventive, circumvented, circumventing	

26.	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			
27.	clemency	KLEM un see	leniency		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	harshness
		Governors are usually allowed to grant clemency to deserving prisoners.			
	Derivatives >>	clemencies, clement, clemently			
28.	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,			
29.	compliance	kum PLY uns	a yielding; acquiescence		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	rebellion
		We intend to be in full compliance with the court order.			
	Derivatives >>	compliant, compliantly, compliancy, compliant, compliability, compliably			
30.	conceit	kun SEET	excessively high opinion of one's own worth or ability		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	humility
		The conceited girl suddenly found herself with no friends.			
	Derivatives >>	conceited, conceitedly			
31.	confound	kon FOUND	to cause one to become confused		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to distinguish between
		I am confounded by the tax forms of the IRS.			
	Derivatives >>	confounded, confoundedly, confounding, confounds			
32.	conjecture	kun JEK chur	an inference or conclusion drawn or deduced by surmise or guesswork		
	Synonyms >>	supposition, surmise, guess		Antonym >>	verified statement
		The theory that the scientist offered was only a matter of conjecture.			
	Derivatives >>	conject, conjector, conjectural, conjecturally, conjectured, conjecturing, conjurer			
33.	consonance	KON so nance	agreement or harmony		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	discord, dissonance
		The man's reserved behavior was consonant with his personality.			
	Derivatives >>	consonancy, consonant, consonantly, consonantal			
34.	convocation	kon vo KAY shun	an assembly where there is a coming together		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
		We always start the college fall semester with a general convocation.			
	Derivatives >>	convocational, convoke, convoker			
35.	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[m]ness, corruptible, corruptibility, corruption			
36.	crave	KRAVE	to desire intensely		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	disdain
		During the man's diet, he began to crave sweets.			
	Derivatives >>	craved, craving, cravingly, cravingness			
37.	dearth	DERTH	a lack, a scarcity		
	Synonyms >>	paucity		Antonym >>	adequate supply
		The dearth of water in the arid country led to numerous deaths.			
	Derivatives >>	dearths			
38.	dexterous	DEK struss	skillful and active with the hands; manually adroit and skillful		
	Synonyms >>	deft, handy		Antonym >>	clumsy
		The machine shop advertised for a dexterous worker.			
	Derivatives >>	dexterity, dexterously, dexterousness, dextral			
39.	diligent	DIL eh junt	characterized by steady, attentive and energetic effort in a pursuit or study		
	Synonyms >>	industrious, assiduous, sedulous		Antonym >>	
		The students in the special course were studious and diligent.			
	Derivatives >>	diligence, diligency, diligently, diligentness			

40.	dirge	DURJ	funeral hymn, lament		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	dance
	The music was so morose and solemn that it sounded like a dirge.				
	Derivatives >>	dirgeful, dirges			
41.	discord	DIS kord	lack of agreement, tension, strife		
	Synonyms >>	contention, dissension, variance		Antonym >>	harmony; agreement
	There is a lot of discord in the nation over the issue of abortion.				
	Derivatives >>	discordance, discordancy, discordant, discordantly, discordantness			
42.	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			
43.	dispatch	deh SPATCH	to send away with promptness or speed; speed, quickness		
	Synonyms >>	haste, expediency		Antonym >>	to delay; slowness, inefficiency
	The officer dispatched his troops to the scene of conflict.				
	Derivatives >>	dispatched, dispatching, dispatches			
44.	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			
45.	dross	DROSE	waste material		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	valuable matter
	Separating gold from the dross by hand is backbreaking labor.				
	Derivatives >>	drosser, drossy, drossier, drossiest			
46.	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, ecstasical, ecstatically			
47.	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			
48.	emulate	EM yuh late	to try to equal or to be like (usually through imitation)		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
	He has a lot of fine qualities that I try to emulate.				
	Derivatives >>	emulation, emulative, emulator, emulatively			
49.	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			
50.	entreaty	en TREE tee	a plea, an earnest request		
	Synonyms >>	adjuration, appeal, suit, importunity, supplication		Antonym >>	denial
	The lawyer made a lengthy entreaty to the jury before they retired to chambers.				
	Derivatives >>	entreat, entreatingly, entreatment			
51.	epitaph	EP uh taf	an inscription in memory of a dead person (usually on a tombstone)		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
	She wants to write her own epitaph before she dies, rather than have someone else write it later.				
	Derivatives >>	epitaphial, epitaphless, epitaphic			
52.	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.				
	Derivatives >>	equivocacy, equivocality, equivocally, equivocalness, equivocate, equivocation, equivocator, equivocity			
53.	esteem	eh STEEM	estimate of value; approval and respect often blended with fondness		
	Synonyms >>	regard, valuation, reputation		Antonym >>	disrespect
	The people held their leader in the highest esteem.				
	Derivatives >>	esteemed, esteeming, esteems, esteemable			

54.	extant	EK stunt	still in existence	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> inexistent
	Although his books are illegal, many are extant and available on the black market.			
	Derivatives >>			
55.	extol	ik STOLE	to praise, to glorify	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> to defame
	The teacher would always extol students who tried to do their best.			
	Derivatives >>	extolled, extolling, extollingly, extollment, extoller		
56.	felicitous	feh LIS eh tus	happy or delightful	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> sad; gloomy; morose
	Her marriage was a felicitous occasion.			
	Derivatives >>	felicitate, felicitific, felicitation, felicitously, felicitousness, felicity		
57.	felling	FELL ing	cutting down or knocking down a tree; killing	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> supporting
	By felling Goliath, David became famous.			
	Derivatives >>	fell, felled		
58.	fertile	FUR till	capable of reproducing	
	Synonyms >>	fecund, fruitful, prolific		Antonym >> unproductive
	The fertile soil was ready for planting.			
	Derivatives >>	fertilely, fertility, fertilization, fertilizer, fertilize		
59.	fetter	FET ur	to restrict by shackling or chaining	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> to liberate
	The convict was fettered to prevent his escape.			
	Derivatives >>	fettered, fettering		
60.	flourish	FLUR ish	to thrive, to grow well	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> to wither
	The company flourished after a new board of directors took control.			
	Derivatives >>	flourisher, flourishing, flourishingly, flourishy		
61.	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, forbeariness, forbore		
62.	forestalled	fore STAWLD	prevented or delayed beforehand	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> assisted
	The sandbag dam forestalled the advance of the water.			
	Derivatives >>	forestall, forestaller, forestallment		
63.	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		
64.	fruitless	FRUIT les	unproductive, unsuccessful	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> productive
	It is fruitless to try to finish this project today.			
	Derivatives >>	fruitful, fruitlessly, fruitfully		
65.	galling	GAUL ing	very irritating	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> soothing
	It was a galling experience to have my boyfriend ask another girl to the prom.			
	Derivatives >>	gallingly, gallingness, gall, galls, galled		
66.	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		
67.	germane	jer MANE	important to the issue at hand, pertinent	
	Synonyms >>	applicable, apposite, apropos, material		Antonym >> unimportant
	The judge ruled that the testimony was germane to the trial and allowed it to be entered into the record.			
	Derivatives >>	germanely, germaneness		

68.	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	
69.	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	
70.	grate	GRATE	to cause irritation
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to soothe
	Her acrimonious comments grate on my nerves.		
	Derivatives >>	grated, grating, grater	
71.	gratis	GRAH tis	free
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> earned
	The gratis appearance of the artist allowed more funds for the charity ball.		
	Derivatives >>	gratitude, gratuitous, gratuitously	
72.	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	
73.	grievous	GREE vus	characterized by severe suffering or sorrow, serious or grave
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> minor
	You made a grievous error when you spoke to your parents in such a horrible fashion.		
	Derivatives >>	grievously, grievousness	
74.	harbingers	HAR bin jers	things that precede and forecast
	Synonyms >>	forerunners, heralds, precursors	Antonym >>
	Thick fur on a wooly worm is a harbinger of a cold winter.		
	Derivatives >>	harbinger	
75.	heed	HEED	to give attention to
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> pay no attention to
	People who do not heed the warnings of the weatherman about the hurricane may die.		
	Derivatives >>	heeded, heeding, heedfully, heedless, heedlessly	
76.	heralded	HER ul did	announced or publicized
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> unannounced
	The approaching event was heralded by the newspapers.		
	Derivatives >>	heraldic, heraldically, heraldist, heraldry	
77.	hideous	HID ee us	very ugly, offensive, shocking
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> delightful
	Some characters in the horror movie had hideous faces.		
	Derivatives >>	hideously, hideousness, hideosity	
78.	homage	HOM ij	a reverential regard; respect shown by external action
	Synonyms >>	honor, reverence, deference, obeisance	Antonym >> disrespect
	The people went to pay homage to their respected leader.		
	Derivatives >>	homages, homager	
79.	hues	HYOOZ	colors
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	A rainbow has many hues.		
	Derivatives >>	hue, hueless, hued	
80.	husband	HUZ bund	to manage prudently and in a conservative manner
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to ignore; to slight
	A farmer must husband his animals if they are to remain healthy.		
	Derivatives >>	husbandry, husbandman, husbandly, husbander, husbandland	
81.	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	

82.	impetuous	im PECH oo us	violent, hasty, rash, impulsive
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> reserved
	His impetuous behavior caused him to make many mistakes.		
	Derivatives >>	impetuosity, impetuously, impetuousness, impetus	
83.	incorporeal	in kor POR ee ul	having no material or tangible form
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> material
	The man was horrified by the incorporeal sights he saw in the haunted house.		
	Derivatives >>	incorporeality, incorporeally, incorporeity, incorporeous	
84.	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	
85.	influence	IN floo uns	authority, prestige
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> powerlessness
	Because he has much influence with the President, his friendship should be sought.		
	Derivatives >>	influenceability, influenceable, influences, influenced, influencing	
86.	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	
87.	insolence	IN suh luns	insulting or contemptuous behavior
	Synonyms >>	arrogance, haughtiness, high-handedness, impertinence	Antonym >>
	His insolence and lack of respect for his mother are shocking.		
	Derivatives >>	insolent, insolently, insolency, insolentness	
88.	inter	in TER	to deposit a dead body into a grave
	Synonyms >>	bury, inhume	Antonym >> unearth
	After the funeral the body was interred.		
	Derivatives >>	interred, interring, inters, interment	
89.	jaded	JAY did	weary from overuse, surfeited
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> fresh
	Jaded with the hedonistic life of a playboy, he decided to look for a more altruistic existence.		
	Derivatives >>	jade, jadedly, jadedness	
90.	lament	luh MENT	to mourn or to express sorrow in a demonstrative manner
	Synonyms >>	bemoan, bewail, deplore	Antonym >> to rejoice
	She lamented the death of her father in a very lachrymose manner.		
	Derivatives >>	lamented, lamenting, lamentation, lamentable	
91.	lecher	LECH ur	one who indulges excessively in sexual activity or in lasciviousness
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> ascetic
	The young woman was repulsed by the unwanted sexual advances of the lecher.		
	Derivatives >>	lechery, lecherous, lecherously, lecherousness	
92.	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	
93.	malicious	muh LISH us	motivated by hate or deliberate intent to harm
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> kind
	The malicious boy burned down the school.		
	Derivatives >>	maliciousness, malice, maliciously, malicious	
94.	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	
95.	mettle	MET ul	courage or spirit
	Synonyms >>	resolution, tenacity	Antonym >> lack of courage
	A crisis like this would test anyone's mettle.		
	Derivatives >>	mettles, mettled, mettlesome	

96.	mirth	MURTH	gladness and merriment usually accompanied by laughter
	Synonyms >>	glee, hilarity, jollity	Antonym >> sadness
	The party was a source of mirth and gaiety.		
	Derivatives >>	mirthful, mirthfully, mirthfulness, mirthless, mirthlessly, mirthlessness	
97.	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	
98.	mutinous	MYOOT un us	rebellious, unruly
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> agreeable; compatible
	The crew grew mutinous because they thought they might sail right off the edge of the earth.		
	Derivatives >>	mutiny, mutinously, mutinousness, mutinize, mutinies	
99.	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	
100.	obscure	ub SKYOR	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	
101.	obsequious	ub SEE kwee us	overly attentive, like a sycophant, servile
	Synonyms >>	slavish, subservient	Antonym >> disinterested
	I believe that his obsequious behavior toward his grandmother is to ensure being included in the will.		
	Derivatives >>	obsequence, obsequent, obsequience, obsequiously, obsequiousness, obsequity	
102.	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	
103.	ominous	OM uh nus	threatening
	Synonyms >>	fateful, portentous	Antonym >> harmless; non-threatening
	The ominous clouds were harbingers of the tornado.		
	Derivatives >>	ominously, ominousness	
104.	ostentatious	os ten TAY shus	showy, pretentious
	Synonyms >>	pompous	Antonym >> modest
	The ostentatious socialite wore her mink fur coat even during the warmest days of August.		
	Derivatives >>	ostentation, ostentate, ostentatiously, ostentatiousness, ostentative	
105.	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	
106.	paradoxical	pair uh DOKS uh kul	something that appears false or contradictory but is actually correct
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	It is paradoxical that a man from the South, Lyndon Johnson, led the fight for the passage of a civil rights bill.		
	Derivatives >>	paradoxicality, paradoxicalness, paradoxology, paradoxality	
107.	paragon	PAIR uh gon	a model of excellence or perfection
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The minister was a paragon of virtue in all his affairs.		
	Derivatives >>	paragonize	
108.	parch	PARCH	to become dry from heat, to shrivel from heat
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to refresh
	The fruit was parched from staying in the sun so long.		
	Derivatives >>	parched, parchedly, parchedness, parches, parching	
109.	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	

110.	peevish	PEE vish	fretful, obstinate	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> tranquil; peaceful
		With a peevish gesture, Jane slammed the book shut.		
	Derivatives >>	peevishly, peevishness, peeve, peevd		
111.	perdition	pur DISH un	eternal damnation, utter ruin	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> salvation
		The church warns against pursuing hedonistic and worldly things and risking eternal perdition.		
	Derivatives >>	perditions		
112.	pernicious	pur NISH us	very destructive or harmful, deadly	
	Synonyms >>	baneful, deleterious, detrimental, noxious		Antonym >> harmless, benign
		Shooting heroin is a pernicious habit.		
	Derivatives >>	perniciously, perniciousness		
113.	peruse	puh ROOZ	to read or to examine	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> to skim
		My lawyer says he has not had time to peruse the contract.		
	Derivatives >>	perusal, perusable, perused, perusing		
114.	pithy	PITH ee	concise and meaningful	
	Synonyms >>	compendious, laconic, succinct, summary, terse		Antonym >> long and drawn out
		Due to great demands on his time, the President needs memos that he must read to be pithy.		
	Derivatives >>	pithier, pithiest, pith		
115.	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		
116.	ponderous	PON dur us	very heavy, unwieldy from weight	
	Synonyms >>	cumbersome, cumbrous		Antonym >> lightweight
		The ponderous furniture was hard to move, and thus became a burden.		
	Derivatives >>	ponderosity, ponderously, ponderousness		
117.	portent	PORE tent	a sign or forewarning	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>
		The stock market crash was a portent of the coming of a depression.		
	Derivatives >>	portentive, portentous, portentously, portentousness		
118.	potent	POTE unt	powerful, having a strong effect	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> ineffectual
		They gave me a potent pain killer to stop the throbbing sensation in my leg.		
	Derivatives >>	potence, potency		
119.	prate	PRATE	to talk idly or foolishly at great length	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> to speak about serious matters
		We want a speaker who will talk of important issues, not one who will prate about himself.		
	Derivatives >>	prater, prated, prating		
120.	precept	PREE sept	a rule guiding conduct or imposing a standard	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>
		A favorite precept by which many people live is "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."		
	Derivatives >>	preceptist, preceptive		
121.	precursor	preh KUR sur	something that comes before, forerunner	
	Synonyms >>	harbinger, herald		Antonym >> descendant
		A good education is usually a precursor to finding a good job.		
	Derivatives >>	precurse, precursive, precursory		
122.	prodigal	PROD uh gul	wasteful, a person given to extravagance	
	Synonyms >>	lavish, lush, luxuriant, profuse		Antonym >> thrifty individual
		The prodigal son squandered his inheritance.		
	Derivatives >>	prodigality, prodigally, prodigalize		
123.	profane	pruh FANE	showing contempt toward sacred things	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> holy
		Profane language will not be tolerated on the tennis court.		
	Derivatives >>	profanation, profanatory, profanely, profaneness, profaner, profanity		

124.	prologue	PRO log	introductory remarks in a speech, play or literary work, introductory action
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The play had a prologue that set the scene for the opening act.		
	Derivatives >>	prologist, prologize	
125.	promontory	PROM un tore ee	land or rock projecting into a body of water
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	A promontory is an ideal place to build a lighthouse.		
	Derivatives >>	promontories, promontoried	
126.	quaint	KWAYNT	unusual in character or appearance
	Synonyms >>	eccentric, peculiar, queer, unique	Antonym >> ordinary
	When we go to New England, we like to stay in a quaint old inn that gives us the flavor of the area.		
	Derivatives >>	quaintish, quaintly, quaintness	
127.	rant	RANT	to rave, to speak in a loud and attacking manner
	Synonyms >>	bombastic, claptrap, declamation, fustian, rodomontade	Antonym >> to speak peaceably
	He ranted constantly about how everyone was out to get him.		
	Derivatives >>	ranted, ranting	
128.	ratify	RAT eh fie	to give formal approval
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to reject
	In the United States, a treaty must be ratified by two-thirds of the Senate in order to take effect.		
	Derivatives >>	ratification, ratificationist, ratifier	
129.	rebellion	ruh BELL yun	organized opposition to an authority
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> acquiescence to authority; peace
	The rebellion was led by those who objected to taxation with no representation.		
	Derivatives >>	rebel, rebellions, rebellious, rebelliously, rebelliousness, rebelly, rebels	
130.	reconcile	REK un sile	to reestablish friendship, to resolve a dispute
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to alienate
	The family will never be the same until Mom and Grandma reconcile their differences.		
	Derivatives >>	reconcilability, reconcilable, reconcilableness, reconcilably, reconcileness, reconciliation, reconcile	
131.	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	
132.	replicate	REP luh kate	to repeat, to copy, or to duplicate
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to make an original
	I always try to replicate the moves of my tennis pro when I am taking a lesson.		
	Derivatives >>	replication, replica, repliant	
133.	requite	reh KWITE	to make repayment or to return
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to withhold
	The girl suffered a broken heart from unrequited love.		
	Derivatives >>	requited, requiter, requital	
134.	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	
135.	rhapsodize	RAP suh dize	to express in an overly enthusiastic manner
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to drone
	He felt his Super Bowl trip was the greatest thing since the wheel and rhapsodized about it for weeks.		
	Derivatives >>	rhapsodist, rhapsodic, rhapsodically, rhapsodical, rhapsodistic	
136.	sanctify	SANGK tuh fie	to set apart for sacred use, to make holy, to purify
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to taint
	A priest sanctifies water by blessing it.		
	Derivatives >>	sanctification, sanctified, sanctifier, sanctity, sanctitude	
137.	searing	SEER ing	causing to wither or to dry up or to become scorched
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	One could easily die in the searing heat of the Mojave desert.		
	Derivatives >>	sear, seared, searingly	

138.	sentinel	SEN tuh nul	one who keeps guard as a sentry
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The oak trees hovered over the house as sentinels.		
	Derivatives >>	sentineled, sentinelng, sentinels	
139.	shrill	SHRIL	high-pitched or piercing (sound)
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> muted
	The shrill sounds of the sirens pierced the night.		
	Derivatives >>	shriller, shrillest, shrilling, shrillness, shrilly	
140.	sovereign	SOV rin	possessed of controlling power
	Synonyms >>	predominant, paramount, preponderant	Antonym >> without power
	The king is sovereign within his country.		
	Derivatives >>	sovereignly, sovereignty, sovranty	
141.	spurn	SPURN	to reject or to refuse with hostility
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to embrace
	The woman had always viewed the man with disdain and would spurn his attempts at friendship forever.		
	Derivatives >>	spurner, spurned, spurning	
142.	stately	STATE lee	dignified, majestic
	Synonyms >>	grand, grandiose, imposing, magnificent	Antonym >> humble
	The general's funeral procession was stately as it wound through the streets of the city.		
	Derivatives >>	stateliness, statlier, statlily	
143.	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	
144.	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	
145.	tempestuous	tem PES choo us	turbulent, stormy
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> calm
	The mayoral candidates had a tempestuous debate in which they exchanged many personal accusations.		
	Derivatives >>	tempestuously, tempestuousness, tempest	
146.	traducer	truh DOOS ur	one who slanders or speaks falsely about someone
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> one who praises or extols
	After hearing the gossip, the woman confronted the traducer face to face to stop the vicious slander.		
	Derivatives >>	traduce, traducement, traduction	
147.	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	
148.	turbulence	TUR byuh luns	wild or disturbing activity
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> stillness
	There is a lot of turbulence during a hurricane.		
	Derivatives >>	turbulent, turbulation, turbulator, turbulence, turbulently	
149.	upshot	UP shot	outcome, final result
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> initial step
	The upshot of the riot is that some are dead, and many are wounded.		
	Derivatives >>	upshots	
150.	usurp	yoo SURP	to take possession or authority over something without right
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to acquiesce
	The younger son tried to usurp the throne from the rightful heir.		
	Derivatives >>	usurpation, usurpative, usurpatory, usurpature	
151.	valid	VAL id	well-grounded, justifiable
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> unjustified
	I found his reasons valid, and I accepted his statement.		
	Derivatives >>	validate, validation, validatory, validity, validly, validness	

152.	vanquished	VAN kwishd	conquered, overpowered
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> submitted
	Hitler's armies vanquished Poland with aid from Russia.		
	Derivatives >>	vanquishable, vanquisher, vanquishment	
153.	virtuous	VIR choo us	having excellent morals; righteous
	Synonyms >>	ethical, noble	Antonym >> depraved
	One would expect nuns to be very virtuous.		
	Derivatives >>	virtuously, virtuousness, virtue	
154.	vouchsafe	VOUCH safe	to grant in a condescending manner
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to refuse to grant
	I can vouchsafe you a large return on your investment.		
	Derivatives >>	vouchsafement	
155.	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	
156.	vulnerable	VUL nur uh bul	susceptible to injury or attack
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> protected
	A fighter is vulnerable if he does not keep up his guard.		
	Derivatives >>	vulnerability, vulnerableness, vulnerably	
157.	wan	WAHN	very pale and sickly
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> full of vitality
	I knew that something very serious was wrong by his wan appearance.		
	Derivatives >>	waned, wanning	
158.	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	
159.	warranted	WOR un ted	justified
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> unjustified
	The jury felt that the death penalty was warranted because of the heinous nature of the crime.		
	Derivatives >>	warrant, warrantable, warrantableness, warrantably	
160.	whets	HWETS	stimulates, sharpens
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> stifles; dulls; suppresses
	The smell of fresh bread always whets my appetite.		
	Derivatives >>	whet, whetted	
161.	woe	WOE	great sorrow, grief, or misfortune
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> happiness
	The woe she suffered at his death continued through months of depression.		
	Derivatives >>	woes, weebegone, woeful, weebegoneness, woefully, woefulness	

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| 21. chariost | 61. forbear | 101. obsequious | 141. spurns |
| 22. chaste | 62. forestalled | 102. obstinate | 142. stately |
| 23. chide | 63. fret | 103. ominous | 143. summons |
| 24. circumscribed | 64. fruitful | 104. ostentation | 144. superfluous |
| 25. circumvent | 65. gall | 105. palpable | 145. tempest |
| 26. clamor | 66. gambol | 106. paradox | 146. traduced |
| 27. clemency | 67. germane | 107. paragon | 147. trivial |
| 28. commune | 68. gilded | 108. parching | 148. turbulent |
| 29. comply | 69. gracious | 109. partisan | 149. upshot |
| 30. conceit | 70. grating | 110. peevish | 150. usurp |
| 31. confound | 71. gratis | 111. perdition | 151. validity |
| 32. conjecture | 72. grave | 112. pernicious | 152. vanquisher |
| 33. consonancy | 73. grieve | 113. peruse | 153. virtuous |
| 34. convocation | 74. harbinger | 114. pith | 154. vouchsafe |
| 35. corruption | 75. heedful | 115. plausible | 155. vulgar |
| 36. craves | 76. heraldry | 116. ponderous | 156. vulnerable |
| 37. dearth | 77. hideous | 117. portentous | 157. wanned |
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| 26. lament | 66. dross | 106. sanctified | 146. gall |
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Vocabulary Test 1

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

- _____ 1. something that is developing or is in the process of happening
a. afoot b. aloof c. ambiguous d. auspicious
- _____ 2. a strong defense; something that defends
a. baseness b. bulwark c. ardor d. augury
- _____ 3. the quality of lacking higher values; unworthiness
a. baseness b. bulwark c. ardor d. augury
- _____ 4. to make impure by adding lesser substances; to corrupt
a. abate b. abridge c. adulterate d. apprehend
- _____ 5. marked by sexuality that is often frank and crude; worldly; fleshly; sensual
a. carnal b. celestial c. chary d. chaste
- _____ 6. careful; cautious
a. carnal b. celestial c. chary d. chaste
- _____ 7. favorable; propitious
a. afoot b. aloof c. ambiguous d. auspicious
- _____ 8. apart; indifferent; detached; unconcerned
a. afoot b. aloof c. ambiguous d. auspicious
- _____ 9. shameless; insolent; disrespectful
a. antiquated b. bestial c. boisterous d. brazen
- _____ 10. to deceive; to mislead; to persuade with charm
a. beguile b. censure c. abate d. apprehend
- _____ 11. pertaining to the sky or heavens
a. carnal b. celestial c. chary d. chaste
- _____ 12. to blame or to condemn; to denounce
a. beguile b. censure c. abate d. apprehend
- _____ 13. to shorten; to diminish; to abbreviate
a. abate b. abridge c. adulterate d. apprehend
- _____ 14. an omen or prophecy
a. baseness b. bulwark c. ardor d. augury
- _____ 15. obsolete; out of fashion; no longer usable
a. antiquated b. bestial c. boisterous d. brazen
- _____ 16. to seize, arrest, or take into custody; to understand or become aware of
a. abate b. abridge c. adulterate d. apprehend
- _____ 17. brutality lacking reason; having the attributes of a savage; uncivilized
a. antiquated b. bestial c. boisterous d. brazen
- _____ 18. morally pure; modest; decent
a. carnal b. celestial c. chary d. chaste
- _____ 19. to reduce in intensity or amount; to decrease; to diminish
a. abate b. abridge c. adulterate d. apprehend
- _____ 20. rowdy; rough and stormy; clamorous; obstreperous
a. antiquated b. bestial c. boisterous d. brazen
- _____ 21. warmth or heat of emotion; extreme force, vigor, or energy; passion; intensity
a. baseness b. bulwark c. ardor d. augury
- _____ 22. having more than one meaning; not a clear meaning
a. afoot b. aloof c. ambiguous d. auspicious

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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 **chide** a child
a. educate b. respect c. adore d. scold
- _____ 2. a **circumscribed** area
a. boundless b. limited c. popular d. recreational
- _____ 3. to **circumvent** a topic
a. discuss b. question c. research d. avoid
- _____ 4. to listen to the **clamor**
a. winds b. laughter c. loud noise d. chimes
- _____ 5. to grant **clemency**
a. reward b. leniency c. a request d. an honor
- _____ 6. a **communal** interest
a. community b. studious c. individual d. selfish
- _____ 7. to expect **compliance** with the rules
a. rebellion b. respect c. going along d. questioning
- _____ 8. to be filled with **conceit**
a. anger b. depression c. self-love d. intelligence
- _____ 9. to **confound** another person
a. confuse b. admire c. disrespect d. antagonize
- _____ 10. to make a **conjecture**
puppet b. mistake c. presentation d. inference
- _____ 11. to have **consonance** in a relationship
a. honor b. hostility c. harmony d. goals
- _____ 12. to go to a **convocation**
a. party b. school c. assembly d. study hall
- _____ 13. to **corrupt** a child
a. destroy morally b. support c. educate d. conceive
- _____ 14. to **crave** attention
a. dislike b. accept c. reject d. desire
- _____ 15. to have a **dearth** of supplies
a. sample b. lack c. abundance d. source
- _____ 16. a **dexterous** magician
a. clumsy b. skillful c. convincing d. deceitful
- _____ 17. a **diligent** effort
a. half-hearted b. industrious c. amateurish d. inconsistent
- _____ 18. to listen to a **dirge**
a. argument b. funeral hymn c. musical d. prayer
- _____ 19. to be aware of political **discord**
a. debate b. consensus c. strife d. advantage
- _____ 20. an act of **discretion**
a. selfishness b. secrecy c. hostility d. honor

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Vocabulary Test 3

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

Exercise A

- _____ 1. dispatch
- _____ 2. divination
- _____ 3. dross
- _____ 4. ecstasy
- _____ 5. edifying
- _____ 6. emulate
- _____ 7. enmity
- _____ 8. entreaty
- _____ 9. epitaph
- _____ 10. equivocal

- a. foretelling the future by means of magic
- b. to try to equal or be like usually through imitation
- c. an inscription in memory of a dead person
- d. to send away with promptness
- e. a plea; a request; an appeal
- f. instructing spiritually or morally
- g. ambiguous, usually intended to mislead
- h. waste material
- i. positive hatred; animosity
- j. extreme happiness

Exercise B

- _____ 1. esteem
- _____ 2. extant
- _____ 3. extol
- _____ 4. felicitous
- _____ 5. felling
- _____ 6. fertile
- _____ 7. fetter
- _____ 8. flourish
- _____ 9. forbearance
- _____ 10. forestalled

- a. cutting down a tree; killing
- b. estimate of value; approval and respect
- c. to thrive; to grow well
- d. still in existence
- e. prevented or delayed beforehand
- f. to praise; to glorify
- g. patience; lenience
- h. to restrict by shackling or chaining
- i. happy or delightful
- j. capable of reproducing; fruitful; prolific

Exercise C

- _____ 1. fret
- _____ 2. fruitless
- _____ 3. galling
- _____ 4. gambol
- _____ 5. germane
- _____ 6. gilded
- _____ 7. gracious
- _____ 8. grate
- _____ 9. gratis
- _____ 10. gravity

- a. marked by kindness, courtesy and tact
- b. very irritating
- c. covered or tinged with gold
- d. to worry or be annoyed
- e. free; not earned
- f. important to the issue at hand; pertinent
- g. unproductive; unsuccessful
- h. seriousness; importance
- i. to cause irritation
- j. to playfully skip or leap

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Vocabulary Test 4

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

Exercise A

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|-----------|------------|----|---|
| _____ 1. | grievous | a. | very ugly; offensive; shocking |
| _____ 2. | harbingers | b. | to give attention to |
| _____ 3. | heed | c. | to manage prudently and conservatively |
| _____ 4. | heralded | d. | characterized by severe suffering or sorrow |
| _____ 5. | hideous | e. | one who is insincere or deceitful |
| _____ 6. | homage | f. | announced or publicized |
| _____ 7. | hues | g. | violent; hasty; rash; impulsive |
| _____ 8. | husband | h. | colors |
| _____ 9. | hypocrite | i. | things that precede and forecast |
| _____ 10. | impetuous | j. | a reverential regard; respect shown |

Exercise B

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|-----------|-------------|----|---|
| _____ 11. | incorporeal | k. | to deposit a dead body into a grave |
| _____ 12. | infallible | l. | having no material or tangible form |
| _____ 13. | influence | m. | one who indulges excessively in sexual activity |
| _____ 14. | ingenuity | n. | cleverness; inventiveness; resourcefulness |
| _____ 15. | insolence | o. | to detest; to hate |
| _____ 16. | inter | p. | incapable of error |
| _____ 17. | jaded | q. | to mourn or express sorrow |
| _____ 18. | lament | r. | insulting or contemptuous behavior |
| _____ 19. | lecher | s. | authority; prestige |
| _____ 20. | loathe | t. | weary from overuse; surfeited |

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Vocabulary Test 5

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

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|-----------|--|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| _____ 1. | rebellious; unruly | | | |
| | a. ostentatious | b. mutinous | c. palpable | d. obscure |
| _____ 2. | threatening | | | |
| | a. musty | b. ominous | c. paradoxical | d. pernicious |
| _____ 3. | depression of spirits | | | |
| | a. mettle | b. melancholy | c. oblivion | d. mirth |
| _____ 4. | unyielding regardless of reason or logic | | | |
| | a. obsequious | b. obstinate | c. peevish | d. malicious |
| _____ 5. | motivated by hate or deliberate intent to harm | | | |
| | a. obsequious | b. obstinate | c. peevish | d. malicious |
| _____ 6. | showy; pretentious | | | |
| | a. ostentatious | b. mutinous | c. palpable | d. obscure |
| _____ 7. | smelling of damp or decay; malodorous | | | |
| | a. musty | b. ominous | c. paradoxical | d. pernicious |
| _____ 8. | overly attentive; servile | | | |
| | a. obsequious | b. obstinate | c. peevish | d. malicious |
| _____ 9. | courage or spirit | | | |
| | a. mettle | b. melancholy | c. oblivion | d. mirth |
| _____ 10. | tangible; perceptible; easily noticeable | | | |
| | a. ostentatious | b. mutinous | c. palpable | d. obscure |
| _____ 11. | state of being forgotten | | | |
| | a. mettle | b. melancholy | c. oblivion | d. mirth |
| _____ 12. | something that appears false or contradictory but is actually correct | | | |
| | a. musty | b. ominous | c. paradoxical | d. pernicious |
| _____ 13. | gladness and merriment accompanied by laughter | | | |
| | a. mettle | b. melancholy | c. oblivion | d. mirth |
| _____ 14. | one who exhibits extreme and possibly blind allegiance to a group or cause | | | |
| | a. partisan | b. perdition | c. paragon | d. parch |
| _____ 15. | difficult to see; vague | | | |
| | a. ostentatious | b. mutinous | c. palpable | d. obscure |
| _____ 16. | eternal damnation; utter ruin | | | |
| | a. partisan | b. perdition | c. paragon | d. parch |
| _____ 17. | to become dry from heat; to shrivel from heat | | | |
| | a. partisan | b. perdition | c. paragon | d. parch |
| _____ 18. | very destructive or harmful; deadly | | | |
| | a. musty | b. ominous | c. paradoxical | d. pernicious |
| _____ 19. | fretful; obstinate | | | |
| | a. obsequious | b. obstinate | c. peevish | d. malicious |
| _____ 20. | a model of excellence or perfection | | | |
| | a. partisan | b. perdition | c. paragon | d. parch |

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Vocabulary Test 6

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

Exercise A

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|-----------|-----------|----|---|
| _____ 1. | peruse | a. | to read or examine |
| _____ 2. | pithy | b. | a sign or forewarning |
| _____ 3. | plausible | c. | wasteful; a person given to extravagance |
| _____ 4. | ponderous | d. | very heavy; unwieldy from weight |
| _____ 5. | portent | e. | powerful; having a strong effect |
| _____ 6. | potent | f. | concise and meaningful |
| _____ 7. | prate | g. | to talk idly or foolishly at great length |
| _____ 8. | precept | h. | something that comes before; a forerunner |
| _____ 9. | precursor | i. | seemingly acceptable, believable, or possible |
| _____ 10. | prodigal | j. | a rule guiding conduct or behavior |

Exercise B

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|-----------|------------|----|--|
| _____ 11. | profane | k. | land or rock projecting into a body of water |
| _____ 12. | prologue | l. | organized opposition to an authority |
| _____ 13. | promontory | m. | to give formal approval |
| _____ 14. | quaint | n. | showing contempt toward sacred thing |
| _____ 15. | rant | o. | unusual in character or appearance |
| _____ 16. | ratify | p. | to reestablish friendship; to resolve a dispute |
| _____ 17. | rebellion | q. | to take great pleasure or delight in |
| _____ 18. | reconcile | r. | to rave; to speak in a loud and attacking manner |
| _____ 19. | relish | s. | introductory remarks in a speech or play |
| _____ 20. | replicate | t. | to repeat; to copy or duplicate |

Exercise C

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|-----------|------------|----|---|
| _____ 21. | requite | a. | to set apart for sacred used; to make holy; to purify |
| _____ 22. | resolute | b. | to reject or refuse with hostility |
| _____ 23. | rhapsodize | c. | to express in an overly enthusiastic manner |
| _____ 24. | sanctify | d. | causing to wither or dry up or become scorched |
| _____ 25. | searing | e. | to make repayment or return |
| _____ 26. | sentinel | f. | possessed of controlling power |
| _____ 27. | shrill | g. | a high-pitched or piercing sound |
| _____ 28. | sovereign | h. | characterized by a decided purpose |
| _____ 29. | spurn | i. | dignified; majestic |
| _____ 30. | stately | j. | one who keeps guard as a sentry |

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Vocabulary Test 7

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

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|-----------|--|---------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| _____ 1. | moral; having a good reputation; full of virtue | a. wan | b. wanton | c. virtuous | d. tempestuous |
| _____ 2. | beyond what is needed or required; an overflow | a. vulnerable | b. valid | c. vanquished | d. superfluous |
| _____ 3. | turbulent; stormy | a. wan | b. wanton | c. virtuous | d. tempestuous |
| _____ 4. | to grant in a condescending manner | a. summon | b. vouchsafe | c. usurp | d. whet |
| _____ 5. | to call together; to send for or request to appear | a. summon | b. vouchsafe | c. usurp | d. whet |
| _____ 6. | something offensive to good taste and refinement | a. trivia | b. upshot | c. vulgarity | d. turbulence |
| _____ 7. | one who slanders or speaks falsely about someone | a. woe | b. traducer | c. vulgarity | d. wanton |
| _____ 8. | susceptible to injury or attack | a. vulnerable | b. valid | c. vanquished | d. superfluous |
| _____ 9. | immoral; lewd | a. wan | b. wanton | c. virtuous | d. tempestuous |
| _____ 10. | to stimulate; to sharpen | a. summon | b. vouchsafe | c. usurp | d. whet |
| _____ 11. | insignificant matters | a. trivia | b. upshot | c. vulgarity | d. turbulence |
| _____ 12. | very pale and sickly | a. wan | b. wanton | c. virtuous | d. tempestuous |
| _____ 13. | great sorrow, grief, or misfortune | a. warranted | b. woe | c. traducer | d. trivia |
| _____ 14. | well-grounded; justifiable | a. vulnerable | b. valid | c. vanquished | d. superfluous |
| _____ 15. | outcome; final result | a. trivia | b. upshot | c. vulgarity | d. turbulence |
| _____ 16. | conquered; overpowered | a. vulnerable | b. valid | c. vanquished | d. superfluous |
| _____ 17. | justified | a. woe | b. warranted | c. virtuous | d. valid |
| _____ 18. | wild or disturbing activity | a. trivia | b. upshot | c. vulgarity | d. turbulence |
| _____ 19. | to take possession or authority over something without right | a. summon | b. vouchsafe | c. usurp | d. whet |

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Answer Key

Test 1

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

Test 2

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

Test 3

Ex. A

1. d 2. a 3. h 4. j 5. f 6. b 7. i 8. e 9. c 10. g

Ex. B

1. b 2. d 3. f 4. i 5. a 6. j 7. h 8. c 9. g 10. e

Ex. C

1. d 2. g 3. b 4. j 5. f 6. c 7. a 8. i 9. e 10. h

Test 4

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

Test 5

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

Test 6

1. a 2. f 3. i 4. d 5. b 6. c 7. g
8. j 9. h 10. c 11. n 12. s 13. k 14. o
15. r 16. m 17. l 18. p 19. q 20. t 21. e
22. h 23. c 24. a 25. d 26. j 27. g 28. f
29. b 30. i

Test 7

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