

King Lear

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.	amity	AM uh tee	friendship
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> hostility
		That small town is well-known for its amity; the town has very friendly people.	
	Derivatives >>	amities	
3.	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	
4.	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	
5.	bedlam	BED lum	a place or scene of wild and mad uproar; an extremely confusing scene
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> a peaceful and calm scene
		After the arousing speech, the meeting became utter bedlam.	
	Derivatives >>	bedlamer, bedlamite	
6.	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	
7.	bestow	be STOW	to grant or to give
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> deprive
		The country bestowed honor for Martin Luther King, Jr., by making his birthday a national holiday.	
	Derivatives >>	bestowal, bestowed, bestowment	
8.	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	
9.	contentious	kun TEN shus	quarrelsome, stirring controversy
	Synonyms >>	bellicose, belligerent, pugnacious	Antonym >> congenial; harmonious
		My contentious child will not listen to any form of reason.	
	Derivatives >>	contentiously, contentiousness, contention	
10.	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	
11.	debauchery	deh BAH chuh ree	moral corruption
	Synonyms >>	abasement, corruption, debasement, depravity, perversion,	Antonym >> temperance
		Certainly a minister would say that group sex is an example of debauchery.	
	Derivatives >>	debauch, debaucher, debauchment, debauchee	

12.	defile	deh FILE	to make dirty, to desecrate, to pollute
	Synonyms >>	contaminate, taint	Antonym >> to enhance
	The gang defiled the school with obscene graffiti.		
	Derivatives >>	defilement, defiler, defiling, defilingly	
13.	degeneration	dee gen er A shun	a state of decline
	Synonyms >>	decadence, decline	Antonym >> progress
	The priest was called after the degeneration of the man's condition.		
	Derivatives >>	degeneracy, degenerately, degenerateness, degenerative, degenerous	
14.	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	
15.	derision	deh REH zhun	scoffing at, mockery, ridicule
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> applause
	The boy received much derision for his plaid gym shorts.		
	Derivatives >>	derisive, derisiveness, derisively, derisory	
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.	diffuse	deh FYOOZ	to spread in all directions
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to bring together
	The rioting crowd was diffused by tear gas and water hoses.		
	Derivatives >>	diffusedness, diffusedly, diffusely, diffuseness, diffuser, diffusibility, diffusion, diffusible	
18.	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	
19.	discern	deh SURN	to differentiate between two or more things
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to ignore; to be oblivious; to
	Because of the fog, I was barely able to discern the landing strip.		
	Derivatives >>	discerner, discernible, discernable, discernibleness, discernibly, discernably, discerningly, discernment	
20.	disdain	dis DANE	intense dislike; to treat with scorn or contempt, to reject as unworthy
	Synonyms >>	(to be) arrogant, haughty, high-handed, insolent, lordly,	Antonym >> favor, admiration; to love
	Never having had to do manual labor, he disdained the idea of becoming a cotton picker.		
	Derivatives >>	disdained, disdaining, disdainer, disdainful, disdainfully, disdainfulness	
21.	dotard	DOE turd	a senile person
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> youth
	Talking to the dotard was difficult because he often forgot where he was.		
	Derivatives >>	dotards, dotage	
22.	endow	en DOW	to provide with income or property, to supply with a talent or quality
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	I plan to endow a million dollars to my former college.		
	Derivatives >>	endowment, endowed	
23.	engender	en JEN der	to cause, to produce, to create
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to squelch
	His angry words engendered strife in his relationship with his wife.		
	Derivatives >>	engendered, engenderer, engenders, engendering	
24.	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	
25.	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	

26.	felicitous	feh LIS eh tus	happy or delightful
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> sad; gloomy; morose
	Her marriage was a felicitous occasion.		
	Derivatives >>	felicitate, felicific, felicitation, felicitously, felicitousness, felicity	
27.	forbearance	fore BARE uns	patience, lenience
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> impatience
	Because he is so young, we must have forbearance in dealing with him.		
	Derivatives >>	forbear, forbearant, forbearer, forbearing, forbearingly, forbearingness, forbore	
28.	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	
29.	guile	GILE	deceitfulness, duplicity
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> openness; candor
	The woman was the unfortunate victim of guile and deceit when she lost her money to that swindler.		
	Derivatives >>	guileful, guilefully, guilefulness, guileness, guilelessly, guilelessness, guilery	
30.	heralded	HER ul did	announced or publicized
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> unannounced
	The approaching event was heralded by the newspapers.		
	Derivatives >>	heraldic, heraldically, heraldist, heraldry	
31.	hideous	HID ee us	very ugly, offensive, shocking
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> delightful
	Some characters in the horror movie had hideous faces.		
	Derivatives >>	hideously, hideousness, hideosity	
32.	impertinent	im PUR tuh nunt	insolently rude, not within the proper bounds of good taste or manners
	Synonyms >>	intrusive, meddlesome, obtrusive, officious	Antonym >> reverent; respectful
	His impertinent remarks did not help his case in the eyes of the jury.		
	Derivatives >>	impertinence, impertinency, impertinently, impertinentness	
33.	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	
34.	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	
35.	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	
36.	kindle	KIN dul	to start a fire, to stir up
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to douse
	The boys were taught to kindle a fire.		
	Derivatives >>	kindled, kindling, kindles	
37.	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	
38.	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	
39.	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	

40.	malediction	mal eh DIK shun	curse	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> blessing
		He uttered maledictions at his torturers.		
	Derivatives >>	maledictive, maledictory		
41.	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		
42.	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, maliceful		
43.	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		
44.	mortify	MORE tuh fie	to humiliate, to wound pride, to experience shame	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> to calm; to soothe
		It would simply mortify me to have someone say such shameful things about my family.		
	Derivatives >>	mortifyingly, mortifier, mortified, mortifiedly, mortification		
45.	obscure	ub SKYOOOR	difficult to see, vague	
	Synonyms >>	abstruse, ambiguous, cryptic, enigmatic, equivocal, recondite		Antonym >> clear; apparent
		Because the meaning of the play was obscure, I was unable to enjoy it.		
	Derivatives >>	obscuration, obscurative, obscuredly, obscurely, obscurement, obscureness, obscurity		
46.	opulence	OP yuh luns	wealth, affluence, abundance	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> meagerness, scarcity
		Until the recent decline in the price of oil, the Hunt name was synonymous with opulence.		
	Derivatives >>	opulent, opulently		
47.	penury	PEN yuh ree	extreme poverty	
	Synonyms >>	destitution, impecuniousness, indigence, want		Antonym >> opulence
		There is much penury in central Africa.		
	Derivatives >>	penurious, penuriously, penuriousness		
48.	perjury	PUR juh ree	false testimony under oath	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> truthful testimony
		He was charged with perjury for lying to the grand jury.		
	Derivatives >>	perjure, perjured, perjuring, perjurer, perjurious, perjuriously, perjuriousness, perjurous		
49.	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		
50.	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		
51.	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		
52.	preeminence	pree EM uh nuns	superiority to all others	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> inferiority
		Receiving a Nobel prize signifies preeminence in a field.		
	Derivatives >>	preeminent, preeminency, preeminently		
53.	presage	PRES ij	something that foreshadows a future event; foreknowledge of the future	
	Synonyms >>	omen, foreboding, presentiment, prediction		Antonym >>
		Many view a rainbow as a presage of good fortune.		
	Derivatives >>	presageful, presagement, presager, presaging, presagingly, presagious		

54.	propinquity	pro PING kweh tee	nearness; kinship
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The farm's propinquity to the chemical plant was blamed for the rise in cancer among the family members.		
	Derivatives >>	propinquant, propinquous	
55.	quench	KWENCH	to extinguish, to put out; to relieve with liquid
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to stir up
	He quenched the hot coals in the barbecue pit with water.		
	Derivatives >>	quencher, quenched, quenching, quenchable, quenchableness	
56.	reciprocal	reh SIP ruh kul	mutual, interacting
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	We have made a reciprocal trade agreement whereby we will sell the country grain and it will sell us copper.		
	Derivatives >>	reciprocality, reciprocally, reciprocating, reciprocation, reciprocal, reciprocator, reciprocatory, reciprocity	
57.	reprove	reh PROOV	to scold or to rebuke for a misdeed usually with kindly intent
	Synonyms >>	admonish, castigate, chastise, chide, rebuke, reproach	Antonym >> to approve; to applaud
	A teacher sometimes needs to reprove a student for talking during class.		
	Derivatives >>	reprovable, reprovably, reproving, reproved, reproves, reproof	
58.	revere	reh VERE	to honor, to regard with respect
	Synonyms >>	adore, venerate, worship	Antonym >> to despise
	Nearly all Catholics revere the Pope.		
	Derivatives >>	reverence, reverent, reverentness, reverential, reverentiality, reverentially	
59.	ruffianism	RUF ee un is um	rowdy or tough behavior
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> gentle behavior
	The ruffianism of the boys in school did not go unnoticed by their angry principal.		
	Derivatives >>	ruffian, ruffianish, ruffianize, ruffianly	
60.	servile	SUR vil, SUR vile	overly submissive
	Synonyms >>	obsequious, slavish, subservient	Antonym >> authoritative
	Having complete devotion and submissiveness for the sheik, the women of the harem were very servile.		
	Derivatives >>	servilely, servilism, servility, servitude	
61.	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	
62.	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, superfluosness, superfluent, superfluity	
63.	surfeited	SUR feh ted	fed or supplied to excess
	Synonyms >>	cloyed, glutted, gorged, palled, sated, satiated	Antonym >> starved
	I was surfeited after having eaten so much food at the banquet.		
	Derivatives >>	surfeit, surfeiter	
64.	trifling	TRY fling	not significant, frivolous
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> important; significant
	Some think that watching MTV is a trifling experience.		
	Derivatives >>	trifle, trifled, trifling, trifles	
65.	upbraid	up BRADE	to scold harshly, to reproach
	Synonyms >>	berate, rail at, revile, vituperate	Antonym >> to praise
	I must upbraid my son for staying out past his curfew.		
	Derivatives >>	upbraided, upbraider, upbraiding, upbraidingly	
66.	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	
67.	vexation	vek SAY shun	discomfort or distress
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> pleasantry
	The young children were a source of vexation to their nervous, neurotic mother.		
	Derivatives >>	vex, vexatious, vexedly, vexedness, vexingly	

68.	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	
69.	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	

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2. amities	19. discernings	36. kindle	53. presage
3. auspicious	20. disdain	37. lamentable	54. propinquity
4. baseness	21. dotage	38. lecherous	55. quenched
5. bedlam	22. endowed	39. lethargied	56. reciprocal
6. beguiled	23. engendered	40. maledictions	57. reprovable
7. bestow	24. enmity	41. malice	58. reverence
8. clamorous	25. entreaty	42. malicious	59. ruffian
9. contentious	26. felicitate	43. melancholy	60. servile
10. credulous	27. forbear	44. mortified	61. sovereignty
11. debauched	28. gall	45. obscured	62. superfluous
12. defile	29. guile	46. opulent	63. surfeits
13. degenerate	30. herald	47. penury	64. trifle
14. depraved	31. hideous	48. perjured	65. upbraids
15. derides	32. impertinency	49. pernicious	66. uttered
16. diffidences	33. impetuous	50. peruse	67. vexes
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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. | abate | a. | to deceive, mislead, persuade with charm |
| _____ | 2. | amity | b. | a place or scene of wild mad uproar |
| _____ | 3. | auspicious | c. | loud noise or shouting |
| _____ | 4. | baseness | d. | to grant or give |
| _____ | 5. | bedlam | e. | the quality of lacking higher values |
| _____ | 6. | beguile | f. | to reduce in intensity or amount |
| _____ | 7. | bestow | g. | quarrelsome, stirring controversy |
| _____ | 8. | clamor | h. | moral corruption |
| _____ | 9. | contentious | i. | friendship |
| _____ | 10. | debauchery | j. | favorable |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|--------------|----|--|
| _____ | 11. | credulous | k. | shyness, reserve, unassertiveness |
| _____ | 12. | defile | l. | scoffing at, mockery, ridicule |
| _____ | 13. | degeneration | m. | intense dislike, treat with scorn or contempt |
| _____ | 14. | depravity | n. | to spread in all directions |
| _____ | 15. | derision | o. | moral corruption, a wicked or perverse act |
| _____ | 16. | diffidence | p. | to differentiate differences in two or more things |
| _____ | 17. | diffuse | q. | believing on slight evidence, gullible |
| _____ | 18. | diligent | r. | characterized by steady, earnest effort in a pursuit |
| _____ | 19. | discern | s. | to make dirty, desecrate, pollute |
| _____ | 20. | disdain | t. | a state of decline |

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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 become a **dotard**
a. a senile person b. accomplished artist c. scholar d. seamstress
- _____ 2. to **endow** someone with property
a. enter a partnership b. provide c. make a loan d. cheat
- _____ 3. to **engender** a new policy
a. argue against b. encourage c. produce d. discuss
- _____ 4. to harbor **enmity**
a. appreciation b. hatred c. respect d. tolerance
- _____ 5. to make an **entreaty**
a. entrance b. speech c. observation d. plea
- _____ 6. a **felicitous** occasion
a. delightful b. sorrowful c. formal d. secret
- _____ 7. to show **forbearance**
a. anxiety b. hostility c. patience d. affection
- _____ 8. a **galling** experience
a. mysterious b. irritating c. educational d. festive
- _____ 9. to get something by using **guile**
a. intelligence b. talent c. wisdom d. deceitfulness
- _____ 10. news that is **heralded**
a. announced b. covered up c. anonymous d. sacred
- _____ 11. a **hideous** face
a. covered up b. rough c. lovely d. offensive
- _____ 12. an **impertinent** remark
a. proper b. mysterious c. unnecessary d. rude
- _____ 13. an **impetuous** decision
a. hasty b. thought out c. silly d. important
- _____ 14. to use one's **ingenuity**
a. own money b. in-laws c. strength d. cleverness
- _____ 15. to show **insolence** toward someone
a. respect b. arrogance c. friendship d. hatred
- _____ 16. to **kindle** a riot
a. prevent b. to stir up c. control d. police
- _____ 17. to **lament** someone's death
a. prophesy b. cause c. mourn d. prevent
- _____ 18. to be known as a **lecher**
a. unqualified doctor b. ambassador to a foreign country
c. ruthless tax collector d. one who indulges in excessive sexual activity
- _____ 19. **lethargic** movements
a. sluggish b. animated c. sneaky d. proud
- _____ 20. to utter a **malediction**
a. compliment b. curse c. quotation d. sacred shant

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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. malice
- _____ 2. malicious
- _____ 3. melancholy
- _____ 4. mortify
- _____ 5. obscure
- _____ 6. opulence
- _____ 7. penury
- _____ 8. perjury
- _____ 9. ponderous
- _____ 10. peruse

- a. difficult to see, vague
- b. false testimony under oath
- c. depression of spirits
- d. wealth, affluence, abundance
- e. extreme poverty
- f. a desire to harm others
- g. very heavy, unwieldy from weight
- h. to read or examine
- i. motivated by hate or deliberate intent to harm
- j. to humiliate, wound pride, experience shame

Exercise B

- _____ 11. pernicious
- _____ 12. preeminence
- _____ 13. presage
- _____ 14. propinquity
- _____ 15. quench
- _____ 16. reciprocal
- _____ 17. reprove
- _____ 18. revere
- _____ 19. ruffianism
- _____ 20. servile

- a. mutual, interacting
- b. to scold or rebuke for a misdeed
- c. superior to all others, most outstanding
- d. to honor, to regard with respect
- e. to extinguish, put out, relieve with liquid
- f. very destructive or harmful; deadly
- g. rowdy or tough behavior
- h. nearness; kinship
- i. overly submissive
- j. something that foreshadows a future event

Exercise C

- _____ 21. sovereign
- _____ 22. superfluous
- _____ 23. surfeited
- _____ 24. trifling
- _____ 25. upbraid
- _____ 26. utter
- _____ 27. vexation
- _____ 28. vouchsafe
- _____ 29. wanton

- a. to scold harshly, reproach
- b. beyond what is needed or required, an overflow
- c. to express by saying
- d. causing discomfort or distress
- e. possessed of controlling power
- f. grant in a condescending manner
- g. not significant, frivolous
- h. immoral, lewd
- i. to feed or supply to excess

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Vocabulary Test 1

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

Vocabulary Test 2

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

Vocabulary Test 3

1. f 2. g 3. c 4. j 5. a 6. d 7. e
8. b 9. i 10. h 11. f 12. c 13. j 14. h
15. e 16. a 17. b 18. d 19. g 20. i 21. e
22. b 23. i 24. g 25. a 26. c 27. d 28. f
29. h