

# The Odyssey

by Homer

Definitions



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## Definitions



1.	<b>acclaim</b>	uh KLAYM	praise, approval; to salute; to hail
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to slander; to ridicule; to defame
	He received great acclaim for discovering a polio vaccine.		
	Derivatives >>	acclaimer, acclamation, acclamatory	
2.	<b>archaic</b>	are KAY ik	antiquated, old, out of use
	Synonyms >>	ancient, antique, obsolete, venerable	Antonym >> contemporary; modern
	Words such as "thou", which are no longer part of normal vocabulary, are archaic.		
	Derivatives >>	archaically, archaism, archaize, archaized, archaizing, archaizer	
3.	<b>ardor</b>	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	
4.	<b>artful</b>	ART ful	skillful, clever, tricky
	Synonyms >>	crafty, cunning, foxy, sly	Antonym >> guileless
	The President was artful in negotiating the arms deal.		
	Derivatives >>	artfully, artfulness	
5.	<b>ascendancy</b>	uh SIN dun see	domination; growing power
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> decline
	The United States would not patiently submit to the ascendancy of Hitler.		
	Derivatives >>	ascendance, ascend, ascendant, ascension, ascending, ascended	
6.	<b>augury</b>	AW gyuh ree	an omen or prophecy
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	Several auguries were revealed to Caesar before his death.		
	Derivatives >>	augur, auguries, augured	
7.	<b>begrudge</b>	buh GRUJ	to give reluctantly, to envy a possession or one's enjoyment
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to give willingly
	She did not begrudge the money spent on her child's education.		
	Derivatives >>	begrudged, begrudging, begrudgingly	
8.	<b>beguile</b>	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	
9.	<b>bestow</b>	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	
10.	<b>blandishment</b>	BLAN dish munt	flattery
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	Due to the salesman's blandishments, the customer bought the jacket.		
	Derivatives >>	blandish, blandisher, blandished	
11.	<b>brazen</b>	BRAY zen	shameless, insolent, disrespectful
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> reserved; mild
	Pinching that woman was a very brazen act.		
	Derivatives >>	brazenly, brazenness, brazenfaced	

12.	<b>bulwark</b>	BOOL wark	a strong defense or something that defends
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> weakness
	Nuclear arms are our bulwark against invasion.		
	Derivatives >>	bulwarks	
13.	<b>chaste</b>	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	
14.	<b>circumspect</b>	SIR kum spekt	careful to consider consequences, cautious, prudent
	Synonyms >>	chary, wary	Antonym >> reckless; careless; indiscreet
	Her circumspect behavior left no doubts as to her integrity.		
	Derivatives >>	circumspectness, circumspectly, circumspection, circumspective	
15.	<b>communal</b>	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,	
16.	<b>compliance</b>	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, compliablness, compliably	
17.	<b>conciliate</b>	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	
18.	<b>conspicuous</b>	kun SPIK yoo us	obvious, noticeable, attracting attention
	Synonyms >>	prominent, remarkable, salient, striking	Antonym >> veiled; hidden
	The wife of the president was conspicuous by her absence.		
	Derivatives >>	conspicuity, conspicuously, conspicuousness	
19.	<b>contempt</b>	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	
20.	<b>covert</b>	KUV urt, KO vurt	secret, concealed
	Synonyms >>	clandestine, furtive, stealthy, surreptitious, underhanded	Antonym >> open, conspicuous
	The spy was engaged in many covert activities; it was his job to keep them secret.		
	Derivatives >>	covertly, covertness	
21.	<b>demur</b>	deh MUR	to hesitate, to delay, to object
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to proceed, to agree, to accede
	To demur at this time might cause the whole operation to be destroyed.		
	Derivatives >>	demurred, demurring	
22.	<b>dissemble</b>	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	
23.	<b>divination</b>	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	
24.	<b>elucidate</b>	eh LOO seh date	to make clear, to explain
	Synonyms >>	explicate, expound	Antonym >> to confuse
	I will try to elucidate some of the important changes in the tax code.		
	Derivatives >>	elucidation, elucidative, elucidatory, elucidator	
25.	<b>endow</b>	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	

26.	<b>ennoble</b>	en NOE bul	to elevate, to raise in rank
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to defame
	The man was ennobled by his true devotion to mankind.		
	Derivatives >>	ennobled, ennoblement, ennobling, ennoblish	
27.	<b>enthraling</b>	en THROL ing	captivating, spellbinding
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> boring
	Because the book was so enthralling, I stayed awake all night reading it.		
	Derivatives >>	enthrall, enthralled, enthrallingly, enthrallment	
28.	<b>ethereal</b>	eh THER ee ul	heavenly, unusually delicate, light, lacking material substance, intangible
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> earthly; mundane
	The ethereal sounds of the music soothed and calmed the patient.		
	Derivatives >>	etherealness, ethereality, etherealization, etherealize	
29.	<b>flourish</b>	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	
30.	<b>formidable</b>	FORE meh duh bul	menacing, causing fear or awe
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> harmless; unimportant
	That retired boxer was a formidable opponent in his time.		
	Derivatives >>	formidability, formidableness, formidably	
31.	<b>forsake</b>	fore SAKE	to quit or to leave entirely; to depart or to withdraw from
	Synonyms >>	leave, desert, abandon	Antonym >>
	The father was not about to forsake his children in their time of need.		
	Derivatives >>	forsaken, forsook, forsaking, forsakes, forsakenly, forsakenness, forsaker	
32.	<b>fortuitous</b>	fore TOO eh tus	something that happens by accident or chance (usually good)
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> predetermined
	Being picked first in the lottery is a fortuitous experience.		
	Derivatives >>	fortuitously, fortuitousness, fortuity	
33.	<b>furrow</b>	FUR ow	to make wrinkles or grooves
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to make plain
	The man's furrowed brow showed his deep concern.		
	Derivatives >>	furrowed, furrowing	
34.	<b>gambol</b>	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	
35.	<b>gilded</b>	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	
36.	<b>gravity</b>	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	
37.	<b>grievous</b>	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	
38.	<b>grisly</b>	GRIS lee	ghastly, inspiring fear
	Synonyms >>	gruesome, lurid, macabre	Antonym >> attractive
	The scene of the car accident was a grisly sight.		
	Derivatives >>	grisliness, grisliest	
39.	<b>guile</b>	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	

40.	<b>harbor</b>	HAR bur	to give shelter or refuge		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to turn away
	It is illegal to harbor an escaped convict.				
	Derivatives >>	harbors, harbored, harboring, harborage			
41.	<b>haughty</b>	HAW tee	arrogant, excessively proud and vain		
	Synonyms >>	disdainful, high-handed, insolent, lordly, supercilious		Antonym >>	humble
	Being quarterback of the football team does not give him the right to be haughty.				
	Derivatives >>	haughtily, haughtiness			
42.	<b>hearten</b>	HEART un	to encourage		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	dismay
	I am heartened by the kind words of support he has spoken to me.				
	Derivatives >>	heartened, heartening, hearteningly			
43.	<b>heed</b>	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			
44.	<b>heralded</b>	HER ul did	announced or publicized		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	unannounced
	The approaching event was heralded by the newspapers.				
	Derivatives >>	heraldic, heraldically, heraldist, heraldry			
45.	<b>illustrious</b>	eh LUS tree us	notably outstanding, famous		
	Synonyms >>	celebrated, distinguished, eminent, noted, renowned		Antonym >>	infamous
	I was impressed by the illustrious personage at the ball.				
	Derivatives >>	illustriously, illustriousness			
46.	<b>incessant</b>	in SES unt	uninterrupted		
	Synonyms >>	constant, perennial, perpetual, unremitting		Antonym >>	intermittent
	The dog's incessant barking caused the man to have difficulty falling asleep.				
	Derivatives >>	incessancy, incessantly, incessantness, incession			
47.	<b>indignation</b>	in dig NAY shun	anger as a result of something unjust		
	Synonyms >>	fury, ire, rage, wrath		Antonym >>	serenity
	I have much indignation about the light sentence given to the drunk driver who ran over my child .				
	Derivatives >>	indignant, indignantly, indignance, indignify, indignities			
48.	<b>innumerable</b>	in NUM er uh bul	very many; more than can be counted		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	very few
	There are innumerable ways to succeed in life.				
	Derivatives >>	innumerability, innumerably, innumerable			
49.	<b>insolence</b>	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			
50.	<b>interloper</b>	IN tur lope ur	one who interferes in the affairs or with the rights of others		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	ascetic; hermit
	As the man tried to work out his difficulties a busy-body interloper jumped in and made matters worse.				
	Derivatives >>	interlope			
51.	<b>lament</b>	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 lachrymo se manner.				
	Derivatives >>	lamented, lamenting, lamentation, lamentable			
52.	<b>lucid</b>	LOO sid	easily understood, mentally sound		
	Synonyms >>	perspicuous		Antonym >>	obscure
	His lucid remarks helped everyone understand the new tax code.				
	Derivatives >>	lucidity, lucidly, lucidness			
53.	<b>malign</b>	muh LINE	to utter injuriously misleading reports about		
	Synonyms >>	traduce, asperse, vilify, calumniate, defame		Antonym >>	to extol
	Several old gossips in the neighborhood had maligned the woman.				
	Derivatives >>	malignance, malignancy, malignant, malignantly			

54.	<b>mundane</b>	mun DANE	ordinary, commonplace		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	unusual; outstanding
	After I take care of these mundane matters, we can do something exciting.				
	Derivatives >>	mundanely, mundaneness, mundanity			
55.	<b>muse</b>	MYOOZ	to ponder		
	Synonyms >>	meditate, ruminate		Antonym >>	
	I have often mused about life on a tropical island.				
	Derivatives >>	mused, museful, musefully, museless, musing			
56.	<b>obsequious</b>	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			
57.	<b>pernicious</b>	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			
58.	<b>piety</b>	PIE eh tee	devotion and reverence to God		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	irreverence
	The man was noted for his piety and devotion to the church.				
	Derivatives >>	pietism, pietist, pietistic, pietistically			
59.	<b>ponderous</b>	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			
60.	<b>potent</b>	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			
61.	<b>promontory</b>	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			
62.	<b>propitious</b>	pruh PISH us	favorably disposed, graciously inclined		
	Synonyms >>	helpful, advantageous, benevolent, favorable, auspicious		Antonym >>	unfavorable; inauspicious
	America has conditions propitious to democracy.				
	Derivatives >>	propitiously, propitiousness, propitiate, propitiated, propitiatory			
63.	<b>propriety</b>	pruh PRY eh tee	correct conduct		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	indecorum
	Those who attend the club meetings should conduct themselves with propriety.				
	Derivatives >>	proprieties			
64.	<b>prudent</b>	PROOD unt	wise and careful about practical matters		
	Synonyms >>	judicious, sage, sane, sapient		Antonym >>	indiscreet; incautious
	In the city, it is prudent to have locks on all doors and windows.				
	Derivatives >>	prudence, prudential, prudently			
65.	<b>ravenous</b>	RAV uh nus	urgently eager for food; craving satisfaction or gratification		
	Synonyms >>	voracious, gluttonous, rapacious		Antonym >>	sated; satisfied; full
	The boy had a ravenous appetite and ate everything on the table.				
	Derivatives >>	ravenously, ravenousness			
66.	<b>reconcile</b>	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			
67.	<b>rejoice</b>	re JO is	to feel great joy		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	bemoan
	I rejoice every time I get to see you again.				
	Derivatives >>	rejoiced, rejoicing, rejoicingful, rejoicement			

68.	<b>reproach</b>	reh PROCH	to blame for something; a disgrace
	Synonyms >>	admonish, castigate, chasten, chastise, chide, rebuke, reprove	Antonym >> to praise; accolade
	Her conduct was so good that it was beyond reproach.		
	Derivatives >>	reproachable, reproachful, reproachfully, reproachfulness, reproachingly	
69.	<b>respite</b>	RES pit	a rest, a delay, a period of relief
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> continuance
	I enjoy a quiet lunch that serves a respite from my tense job of being an air traffic controller.		
	Derivatives >>	respiteless	
70.	<b>revere</b>	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	
71.	<b>revile</b>	reh VILE	to subject to verbal abuse
	Synonyms >>	upbraid, berate, rail at, vituperate, scold	Antonym >> to praise; to acclaim
	The woman began to revile her husband in a fit of anger.		
	Derivatives >>	reviled, reviling, revilement, reviler, revilingly	
72.	<b>rustic</b>	RUS tik	relating to the country
	Synonyms >>	rural, coarse	Antonym >> urban; relating to the city
	The rustic cabin in the mountains was small but comfortable.		
	Derivatives >>	rustical, rustically, rustication, rusticator	
73.	<b>shrill</b>	SHRIL	high-pitched or piercing (sound)
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> muted
	The shrill sounds of the sirens pierced the night.		
	Derivatives >>	shriller, shrillest, shrilling, shrillness, shrilly	
74.	<b>stalwart</b>	STAL wurt	one who supports a cause with firm partisanship
	Synonyms >>	resolute, strong	Antonym >>
	That justice was known as a stalwart in defending 1st amendment rights.		
	Derivatives >>	stalwartly, stalwartness	
75.	<b>stately</b>	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, statily	
76.	<b>subtle</b>	SUT ul	delicate, elusive, not obvious
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> obvious; gross; blunt
	To avoid being obtrusive in the elegant restaurant, he used subtle gestures to call the waiter to his table.		
	Derivatives >>	subtilist, subtlety, subtilization, subtilize, subtilizer, subtleness, subtlety	
77.	<b>supplication</b>	sup luh KAY shun	begging, humbly asking for a favor
	Synonyms >>	adjuration, beseechment, entreaty, imploration, importunity	Antonym >>
	I am going to see the Governor to make a supplication for a pardon for my brother.		
	Derivatives >>	supplicate, supplicatingly, supplicator, supplicatory	
78.	<b>surfeited</b>	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	
79.	<b>tempestuous</b>	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	
80.	<b>turbulence</b>	TUR byuh luns	wild or disturbing activity
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> stillness
	There is a lot of turbulence during a hurricane.		
	Derivatives >>	turbulent, turbulence, turbulator, turbulency, turbulently	
81.	<b>vagabond</b>	VAG uh bond	one who leads an unsettled, irresponsible or disreputable life
	Synonyms >>	vagrant, truant, tramp, hobo, bum	Antonym >>
	During the winter months the library is often a warm resting place for the vagabond.		
	Derivatives >>	vagabonds, vagabondage, vagabondia	

82.	<b>vexation</b>	vek SAY shun	discomfort or distress
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>		<b>Antonym &gt;&gt;</b> pleasantry
	The young children were a source of vexation to their nervous, neurotic mother.		
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	vex, vexatious, vexedly, vexedness, vexingly	
83.	<b>vociferous</b>	voe SIF ur us	clamorous; boisterous (suggests a vehement outcry)
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>	blatant, obstreperous, strident	<b>Antonym &gt;&gt;</b> quiet; subdued
	The rock crowd became vociferous in its anger when it was announced that the show was cancelled.		
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	vociferator, vociferously, vociferousness	
84.	<b>waver</b>	WAY vur	to show indecision or to vacillate
	<b>Synonyms &gt;&gt;</b>		<b>Antonym &gt;&gt;</b> to stand firm
	I have convinced him to waver from his previous decision.		
	<b>Derivatives &gt;&gt;</b>	wavers, wavered, wavering, waveringly, wavery	



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3. ardor	24. elucidate	45. illustrious	66. reconcile
4. artful	25. endowment	46. incessant	67. rejoicing
5. ascendance	26. ennoble	47. indignation	68. reproach
6. augur	27. enthrall	48. innumerable	69. respite
7. begrudge	28. ethereal	49. insolent	70. reverence
8. beguile	29. flourish	50. interloper	71. reviled
9. bestow	30. formidable	51. lament	72. rustic
10. blandishment	31. forsake	52. lucid	73. shrill
11. brazen	32. fortuitous	53. malignant	74. stalwart
12. bulwark	33. furrow	54. mundane	75. stately
13. chaste	34. gambol	55. muse	76. subtle
14. circumspect	35. gilded	56. obsequious	77. supplicate
15. communal	36. gravity	57. pernicious	78. surfeit
16. compliant	37. grievous	58. piety	79. tempestuous
17. conciliation	38. grisly	59. ponderous	80. turbulence
18. conspicuous	39. guile	60. potent	81. vagabond
19. contemptible	40. harbor	61. promontory	82. vexed
20. covert	41. haughty	62. propitiate	83. vociferous
21. demur	42. hearten	63. propriety	84. waver

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6. bestow	27. subtle	48. indignation	69. rustic
7. divination	28. rejoicing	49. heralded	70. covert
8. circumspect	29. hearten	50. vagabond	71. piety
9. vociferous	30. flourish	51. ardor	72. interloper
10. ponderous	31. tempestuous	52. stalwart	73. compliant
11. brazen	32. formidable	53. propriety	74. respite
12. communal	33. grievous	54. prudent	75. lucid
13. ennoble	34. gravity	55. fortuitous	76. ascendance
14. potent	35. gambol	56. chaste	77. artful
15. shrill	36. incessant	57. forsake	78. augur
16. propitiate	37. conspicuous	58. blandishment	79. guile
17. gilded	38. beguile	59. archaic	80. obsequious
18. stately	39. bulwark	60. reviled	81. muse
19. vexed	40. conciliation	61. demur	82. acclamation
20. begrudge	41. supplicate	62. contemptible	83. enthrall
21. surfeit	42. ravenous	63. furrow	84. grisly

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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

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. acclaim
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. archaic
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. ardor
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. artful
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. ascendancy
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. augury
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. begrudge
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. beguile
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. bestow
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. blandishment

- a. to praise; to salute; to hail
- b. to give reluctantly; to envy a possession
- c. domination; growing power
- d. to deceive, mislead, or persuade with charm
- e. an omen or prophecy
- f. antiquated; old; out of use
- g. flattery
- h. to grant or give freely
- i. warmth of emotion; extreme force or vigor
- j. skillful; clever; tricky

### Exercise B

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. brazen
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. bulwark
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. chaste
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. circumspect
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. communal
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. compliance
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. conciliate
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. conspicuous
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. contempt
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. covert

- a. to reconcile; to pacify; to renew a friendship
- b. going along with; acquiescing
- c. morally pure
- d. obvious; noticeable; attracting attention
- e. scorn; extreme dislike or disdain
- f. shameless; insolent; disrespectful
- g. careful to consider consequences; cautious
- h. secret; concealed
- i. pertaining to a group or community
- j. a strong defense

### Exercise C

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. demur
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. dissemble
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. divination
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. elucidate
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. endow
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. ennoble
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. enthralling
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. ethereal
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. flourish
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. formidable

- a. to provide with income; to supply with a talent
- b. to elevate; to raise in rank
- c. menacing; causing fear or awe
- d. foretelling the future by means of magic
- e. to thrive; to grow well
- f. captivating; spellbinding
- g. to make clear; to explain
- h. heavenly; unusual delicacy; light
- i. to disguise; to pretend
- j. to hesitate; to delay; to object

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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 **forsake** one's childhood beliefs  
a. remember      b. abandon      c. repeat      d. uphold
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. a **fortuitous** event  
a. memorable      b. hysterical      c. uncommon      d. chance
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. to **furrow** a brow  
a. wrinkle      b. paint      c. pluck      d. darken
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. to **gambol** in the street  
a. race      b. skip or hop      c. play cards      d. laugh
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. a **gilded** door  
a. locked      b. huge      c. open      d. golden tinged
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. the **gravity** of a situation  
a. humor      b. seriousness      c. horror      d. comfort
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. to make a **grievous** error  
a. serious      b. ridiculous      c. undiscovered      d. public
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. a **grisly** look about a person  
a. happy      b. concerned      c. ghastly      d. refined
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. to acquire riches through **guile**  
a. inheritance      b. hard work      c. marriage      d. deceitfulness
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. to **harbor** a man on the run  
a. catch      b. imprison      c. shelter      d. report
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. a **haughty** expression  
a. arrogant      b. cute      c. innocent      d. serious
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. to **hearten** a friend in the face of danger  
a. protect      b. encourage      c. turn away      d. question
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. to **heed** the call of one's conscience  
a. question      b. ignore      c. record      d. attend to
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. to have an event **heralded**  
a. hidden      b. publicized      c. made fun of      d. discussed
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. to meet an **illustrious** person  
a. famous      b. unknown      c. scholarly      d. well-dressed
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. to listen to an **incessant** ringing  
a. quiet      b. alarming      c. constant      d. serene
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. to experience **indignation**  
a. anger      b. happiness      c. stomach upset      d. sorrow
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. **innumerable** stars in the sky  
a. bright      b. countless      c. distant      d. hazy
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. the **insolence** of a spoiled brat  
a. anger      b. spirit      c. arrogance      d. punishment
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. to become annoyed by an **interloper**  
a. prophet      b. professor      c. interloper      d. warrior

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### Vocabulary Test 3

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

lamenting	lucid	malign	mundane	muse
obsequious	pernicious	piety	ponderous	potent
promontory	propitious	propriety	prudent	

1. We thought it to be \_\_\_\_\_ to treat the speaker with utmost \_\_\_\_\_. Showing good manners is often a wise decision.
2. I could not \_\_\_\_\_ the woman for \_\_\_\_\_ the death of her friend. How can one utter injurious remarks about another's grief and mourning?
3. The employment of the woman was a \_\_\_\_\_ occasion, offering her an advantageous position for advancement.
4. The weight of the \_\_\_\_\_ furniture was more than the men could bear. They needed more help for such heavy items.
5. He stood upon the \_\_\_\_\_ and stared out to sea. The small body of land projecting into the sea was a perfect place for such a clear, grand view.
6. I could hardly endure the \_\_\_\_\_ behavior of the man. He acted more like a servant than a host.
7. The spread of a \_\_\_\_\_ disease can cut a population in half if not stopped.
8. After the accident, the man drifted in and out of consciousness often, so it was important to question him at times when he was \_\_\_\_\_.
9. We were impressed with the \_\_\_\_\_ of the woman. She was obviously devoted to God, as evidenced by her reverence.
10. If the students will allow themselves time to \_\_\_\_\_, they will realize the value of quiet meditating and pondering an issue.
11. The garlic in the soup was so \_\_\_\_\_, it was difficult to eat the stuff. Not only was the taste powerful, but the smell was enough to knock us off our feet!
12. Because many of these expressions are so common and ordinary, this essay loses its freshness and creative spirit. You should try to avoid such \_\_\_\_\_ phrases, and find some that are new.

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## Vocabulary Test 4

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

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. urgently eager for food; craving for satisfaction  
a. ravenous      b. rustic      c. stalwart      d. surfeited
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. to feel great joy  
a. reproach      b. rejoice      c. revere      d. revile
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. dignified; majestic  
a. shrill      b. stately      c. subtle      d. tempestuous
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. a rest; a delay; a period of relief  
a. respite      b. vexation      c. supplication      d. turbulence
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. one who supports a cause with firm partisanship; having outstanding strength  
a. stalwart      b. respite      c. vagabond      d. vexation
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. to reestablish friendship; to resolve a dispute  
a. waver      b. reproach      c. reconcile      d. revile
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. relating to the country; rural; coarse  
a. ravenous      b. rustic      c. stalwart      d. surfeited
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. high-pitched or piercing (sound)  
a. surfeited      b. ravenous      c. vociferous      d. shrill
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. to honor; to regard with respect  
a. reproach      b. rejoice      c. revere      d. revile
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. one who leads an unsettled, irresponsible or disreputable life  
a. stalwart      b. respite      c. vagabond      d. vexation
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. delicate; elusive; not obvious  
a. shrill      b. stately      c. subtle      d. tempestuous
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. turbulent; stormy  
a. shrill      b. stately      c. subtle      d. tempestuous
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. fed or supplied to excess  
a. ravenous      b. rustic      c. stalwart      d. surfeited
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. to blame someone for something; a disgrace  
a. reproach      b. rejoice      c. revere      d. revile
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. wild or disturbing activity  
a. respite      b. vexation      c. supplication      d. turbulence
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. begging; humbly asking for a favor; an entreaty  
a. supplication      b. respite      c. turbulence      d. vagabond
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. to subject to verbal abuse  
a. reproach      b. rejoice      c. revere      d. revile
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. clamorous; boisterous  
a. surfeited      b. ravenous      c. vociferous      d. shrill
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. discomfort or distress  
a. respite      b. vexation      c. supplication      d. vagabond
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. to show indecision or to vacillate  
a. waver      b. reproach      c. reconcile      d. revile

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## Test 1

- Exercise A**
- |      |      |      |      |       |
|------|------|------|------|-------|
| 1. a | 2. f | 3. i | 4. j | 5. c  |
| 6. e | 7. b | 8. d | 9. h | 10. g |
- Exercise B**
- |      |      |      |      |       |
|------|------|------|------|-------|
| 1. f | 2. j | 3. c | 4. g | 5. i  |
| 6. b | 7. a | 8. d | 9. e | 10. h |
- Exercise C**
- |      |      |      |      |       |
|------|------|------|------|-------|
| 1. j | 2. i | 3. d | 4. g | 5. a  |
| 6. b | 7. f | 8. h | 9. e | 10. c |

## Test 2

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

## Test 3

- |                       |               |             |
|-----------------------|---------------|-------------|
| 1. prudent, propriety | 5. promontory | 9. piety    |
| 2. malign, lamenting  | 6. obsequious | 10. muse    |
| 3. propitious         | 7. pernicious | 11. potent  |
| 4. ponderous          | 8. lucid      | 12. mundane |

## Test 4

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