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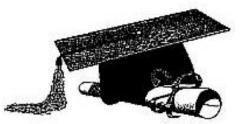
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Definitions



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The Pearl Definitions



1.	benign	buh NINE	not causing harm, of gentle	disposition, beneficial				
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> malignant, harmful				
	The minister wa	vas loved because of his benign attitude toward all types of people.						
	Derivatives >> benignant, benignancy, benignantly, benignity							
2.	bulwark	BOOL wark						
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> weakness				
	Derivatives >>	re our bulwark against invasion. bulwarks						
3.	deft	DEFT						
5.	Synonyms >>	clever, cunning, dexterous		A d shumar				
		-		Antonym >> clumsy				
	He was very deft in handling the questions from the reporter.							
4	Derivatives >>							
4.	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 >>		liffusely, diffuseness, diffuser, di	ffusibility, diffusion, diffusible				
5.	dissemble	deh SEM bul	to disguise, to pretend					
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> to reveal				
	Although he trie	Although he tried to dissemble his motive for seeing me, I knew the real reason.						
	Derivatives >>	dissembled, dissembling, o	dissembled, dissembling, dissembler, dissemblingly					
6.	edifice	ED uh fis	a very large building					
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> shack; small building				
	This particular edifice has the title of being the tallest building in the world.							
	Derivatives >>							
7.	furtive	FUR tiv	secret in an underhanded w	vav stealthy				
· •	Synonyms >>		ny, surreptitious, underhanded	Antonym >> bold				
	During the test, he made some furtive glances at other classmates' papers. Derivatives >> furtively, furtiveness							
8.		jer MANE	important to the issue at he	nd nontinent				
о.	germane	applicable, apposite, apro	important to the issue at ha					
	Synonyms >>			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						
9.	gravity	GRAV eh tee	seriousness, importance					
	Synonyms >>		obriety, solemnity, staidness	Antonym >> unimportance				
	The gravity of the situation was heightened by the death of the president .							
	Derivatives >>	grave, graver, gravely						
10.	irresolute	eh REZ uh loot	indecisive, unsure of how to	o proceed				
	Synonyms >>		·	Antonym >> sure; decisive; certain				
	The confused c	ed child stood irresolute, waiting for some instruction.						
	Derivatives >>	irresolutely, irresoluteness, irresolution						
11.	legerdemain	lej ur duh MANE	sleight of hand, deception or trickery resulting from use of the hands					
	Synonyms >>		,,	Antonym >>				
		nust be able to perform feats of legerdemain.						
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	Derivatives >>	legerdermains						

12.	malign	muh LINE	to utter injuriously mis	leading reports about				
	Synonyms >>	traduce, asperse, vilify	r, calumniate, defame	alumniate, defame Antonym >> to extol				
	Several old gossips in the neighborhood had maligned the woman.							
	Derivatives >>	malignance, malignancy, malignant, malignantly						
13.	monolithic	mon uh LITH ik	massive and rigidly fixe	1 uniformly				
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>				
	Some argue that communism is monolithic, and others say that there are many types of communism.							
	Derivatives >>	monolith, monolithism						
14.	monotony	moh NOT uh nee	sameness					
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> diversity				
	There is so muc	so much monotony in my life that I need a change						
	Derivatives >>	monotoness, monotonous, monotonously, monotonousness, monotonist						
15.	obscure	ub SKYOOR	difficult to see, vague					
	Synonyms >>	abstruse, ambiguous, c	eryptic, enigmatic, equivocal,	Antonym >> clear; apparent				
	Because the me	aning of the play was	obscure, I was unable to enj	oy it.				
	Derivatives >>	obscuration, obscurative, obscuredly, obscurely, obscurement, obscureness, obscurity						
16.	petulance	PECH uh luns	unreasonable touchine	ss or irritability				
	Synonyms >>		·	Antonym >> serenity				
	Petulance is sor	tulance is sometimes the trait of a child who is not getting his way.						
	Derivatives >>		petulant, petulancy, petulantly					
17.	precipitate	preh SIP eh tate	to cause to speedily oc	ccur, to throw headlong				
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> to delay				
	Coming home la	ning home late at my house will always precipitate a fight.						
	Derivatives >>	precipitation, precipit	ancy, precipitately, precipitato	r, precipitous				
18.	stalwart	STAL wurt	one who supports a car	use with firm partisanship				
	Synonyms >>	resolute, strong		Antonym >>				
	That justice was	known as a stalwart in defending 1st amendment rights.						
	Derivatives >>	stalwartly, starlwartne	288					
19.	subjugate	SUB juh gate	to bring under one's co	ontrol				
	Synonyms >>		·	Antonym >>				
	It was the intent	of the dictator to subjugate all the people in the land and control them.						
	Derivatives >>	subjugable, subjugation, subjugator						
20.	undulant	UN juh lunt	moving with or resemb	moving with or resembling a wavelike motion				
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> motionless				
	Playing golf on an undulant terrain is usually difficult.							
	Derivatives >>	undulance, undulate, undulating, undulation, undulatory						
21.	wan	WAHN	very pale and sickly					
	Synonyms >>		· · · · ·	Antonym >> full of vitality				
	I knew that som	ething very serious was wrong by his wan appearance.						
	Derivatives >>	wanned, wanning	U U U					

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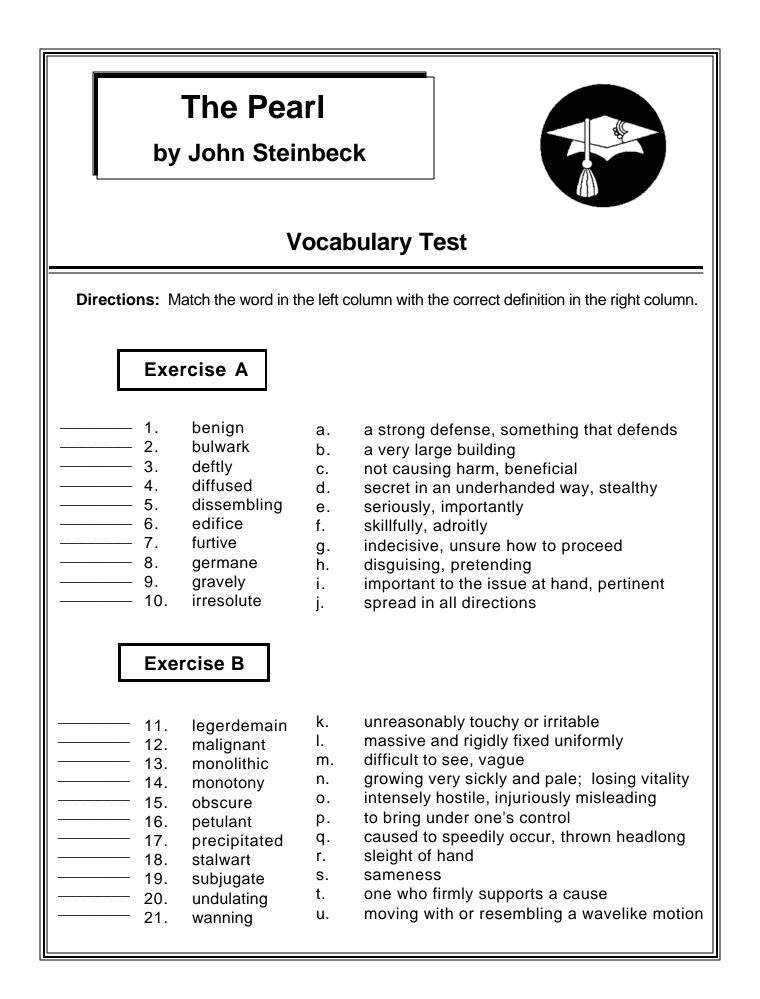
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