

Romeo and Juliet

by William Shakespeare

Definitions



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1.	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	
2.	ascend	uh SEND	to move upward, to rise from a lower station
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to descend; to go down
	The climbers ascended the mountain.		
	Derivatives >>	ascendancy, ascendancy, ascendant, ascension, ascending, ascended	
3.	augment	awg MENT	to make greater or to supplement
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to diminish
	We must try to augment our savings this year.		
	Derivatives >>	augmentable, augments, augmentation, augmentative, augmented	
4.	baleful	BALE ful	destructive, deadly
	Synonyms >>	malign, sinister	Antonym >> benign
	War is a baleful experience for many.		
	Derivatives >>	bale, balefully, balefulness	
5.	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	
6.	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	
7.	calamity	kuh LAM uh tee	a serious event causing distress or misfortune
	Synonyms >>	cataclysm, catastrophe	Antonym >> good fortune
	The earthquake in Mexico was a calamity.		
	Derivatives >>	calamitous, calamitously, calamitousness	
8.	dirge	DURJ	funeral hymn, lament
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> dance
	The music was so morose and solemn that it sounded like a dirge.		
	Derivatives >>	dirgeful, dirges	
9.	disparage	deh SPAR ij	to degrade, to speak of someone or something in a derogatory manner
	Synonyms >>	belittle, decry, deprecate	Antonym >> to praise profusely
	His disparaging remarks about me caused the committee to give the job to another person.		
	Derivatives >>	disparagement, disparager, disparagingly	
10.	dissemble	deh SEM bul	to disguise, to pretend
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to reveal
	Although he tried to dissemble his motive for seeing me, I knew the real reason.		
	Derivatives >>	dissembled, dissembling, dissembler, dissemblingly	
11.	engrossed	en GROSD	completely occupied or absorbed
	Synonyms >>	preoccupied	Antonym >>
	The woman was so engrossed in her knitting that she did not notice her child walk out the door.		
	Derivatives >>	engross, engrossing, engrossedly, engrosser, engrossingly, engrossingness, engrossment	

12.	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	
13.	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	
14.	feint	FAYNT	a false appearance, a fake punch to occupy defenses allowing a real blow.
	Synonyms >>	artifice, ruse, stratagem, trick, wile	Antonym >>
	Fooled by his opponent's feint, the boxer dropped his guard and was knocked down.		
	Derivatives >>	feign, feigned, feigning, feignedly, feigner	
15.	inauspicious	in ah SPISH us	unfavorable
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> promising good results
	I was disheartened by the inauspicious occasion of his death.		
	Derivatives >>	inauspiciously	
16.	inundate	IN un date	to flood, to overflow
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to drain
	The television station was inundated with phone calls when the basketball game was interrupted.		
	Derivatives >>	inundable, inundant, inundation, inundator, inundatory	
17.	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	
18.	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	
19.	penury	PEN yuh ree	extreme poverty
	Synonyms >>	destitution, impecuniousness, indigence, want	Antonym >> opulence
	There is much penury in central Africa.		
	Derivatives >>	penurious, penuriously, penuriousness	
20.	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, perjuriouly, perjuriousness, perjurous	
21.	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	
22.	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	
23.	posterity	pah STER uh tee	future generations, all descendants of a person
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> forebears
	They wanted to write a declaration of independence that would last for all posterity.		
	Derivatives >>	posterities	
24.	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	
25.	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	

26.	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	
27.	prostration	pros TRAY shun	a stretching out due to lacking vitality and being completely overcome
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> vitality
	During late summer football practices, players sometimes suffer from heat prostration.		
	Derivatives >>	prostrate, prostrator, prostrating	
28.	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	
29.	rancor	RANG kur	bitter deep-seated ill will, enmity
	Synonyms >>	animosity, animus, antagonism, antipathy, hostility	Antonym >> affection; kindness
	I was full of rancor when I learned that the men had killed my parents.		
	Derivatives >>	rancored, rancorous, rancorously	
30.	savory	SAY vuh ree	appetizing
	Synonyms >>	palatable, toothsome	Antonym >> unappetizing
	My mother is known for her savory meals.		
	Derivatives >>	savor, savored, savorer, savorily, savoriness, savoringly, savorous, savorsome	
31.	supple	SUP ul	easily bent, elastic, pliable
	Synonyms >>	resilient	Antonym >> rigid
	Her supple bones allowed her to perform strange feats in gymnastics.		
	Derivatives >>	suppler, supplest	
32.	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	
33.	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	
34.	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. ascend | 14. feint | 26. profane |
| 3. augment | 15. inauspicious | 27. prostration |
| 4. baleful | 16. inundate | 28. quench |
| 5. beguile | 17. lament | 29. rancor |
| 6. boisterous | 18. obsequious | 30. savory |
| 7. calamity | 19. penury | 31. supple |
| 8. dirge | 20. perjury | 32. vexation |
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Vocabulary Test

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

Exercise A

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Exercise B

- _____ 11. dissemble
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- _____ 13. entreaty
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- _____ 16. inundate
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- _____ 18. obsequious
- _____ 19. penury
- _____ 20. perjury

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- b. positive hatred
- c. false testimony under oath
- d. a false appearance, a fake punch
- e. a plea, an earnest request
- f. extreme poverty
- g. disguise, pretend
- h. mourn or express sorrow, wailing
- i. overly attentive, like a sycophant, servile
- j. flood, overflow

Exercise C

- _____ 21. pernicious
- _____ 22. portentous
- _____ 23. posterity
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| 8. b | 9. f | 10. h | 11. g | 12. b | 13. e | 14. d |
| 15. a | 16. j | 17. h | 18. i | 19. f | 20. c | 21. e |
| 22. h | 23. b | 24. a | 25. j | 26. g | 27. c | 28. k |
| 29. n | 30. i | 31. f | 32. l | 33. m | 34. d | |