

The Scarlet Letter

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1.	abase	uh BAYS	to degrade, to humiliate
	Synonyms >>	corrupt, debase, debauch, demean, deprave, vitiate, pervert	Antonym >> to exalt
	The bitter woman deliberately set out to abase her husband in public.		
	Derivatives >>	abasement, abaser, abased, abasing	
2.	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	
3.	abstruse	ab STRUSE	difficult to understand, recondite, concealed
	Synonyms >>	complex, complicated, intricate, knotty	Antonym >> readily understood; clear
	Some concepts of Einstein were so abstruse that many physicists could not understand them.		
	Derivatives >>	abstrusely, abstruseness	
4.	abyss	uh BISS	bottomless hole, a vast expanse or depth
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The man had fallen into the abyss of depravity.		
	Derivatives >>	abysm, abysmal, abysmally, abyssal	
5.	acuity	uh KEW uh tee	sharpness of perception
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> denseness
	His acuity in determining the facts made him a good judge.		
	Derivatives >>	acuties, acute, acuteness	
6.	affinity	uh FIN uh tee	a likeness, a natural relationship, a kinship
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> repulsion
	Having suffered himself, he felt an affinity for the homeless.		
	Derivatives >>	affinitive	
7.	alacrity	uh LAK ruh tee	prompt and cheerful response
	Synonyms >>	celerity	Antonym >> indolence
	I accepted his invitation to the prom with alacrity.		
	Derivatives >>	alacritous	
8.	alchemist	AL kuh mist	one who practices medieval chemistry or tries to change metals into gold
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The alchemist wanted to change iron into gold.		
	Derivatives >>	alchemistic, alchemical, alchemize, alchemy, alchemic, alchemical, alchemically	
9.	alloy	AL oh ee	a substance that is a mixture of metals
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	This alloy is less expensive than pure gold since it is composed of a mixture of metals.		
	Derivatives >>	alloyed, alloying, alloyage	
10.	amenable	uh MEN uh bul	open to or willing to follow advice or suggestion, tractable, malleable
	Synonyms >>	docile, obedient	Antonym >> unwilling
	Since I like him and usually agree with him, I am always amenable to listening to his ideas.		
	Derivatives >>	amenability, amenableness, amenably	
11.	antipathy	an TIP uh thee	a dislike, distaste, or enmity
	Synonyms >>	animosity, animus, antagonism, hostility, rancor	Antonym >> propensity; amity
	The woman's obvious antipathy toward snakes surfaced when she came into contact with the slithering reptile.		
	Derivatives >>	antipathetic, antipathic, antipathist, antipathize, antipathies	

12.	append	uh PEND	to add in a supplementary manner	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	to detach, to delete
	His long-winded discourse was appended by a final summary of important points.			
	Derivatives >>	appendage, appendant, appendance, appended		
13.	arduous	AR jew us	very difficult to accomplish or to achieve, very demanding (task)	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	easy; not difficult
	Training to be a gymnast is an arduous activity.			
	Derivatives >>	arduously, arduousness		
14.	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		
15.	ascetic	uh SET ik	one who leads a life of self-denial and contemplation; absent of luxury	
	Synonyms >>	austere, severe, stern	Antonym >>	sensual
	The rich playboy could not understand the ascetic life led by the monk.			
	Derivatives >>	ascetical, asceticism, ascetically		
16.	audacity	aw DAS uh tee	excessive boldness, rashness, daring	
	Synonyms >>	cheek, chutzpah, effrontery, gall, hardihood, temerity	Antonym >>	meekness
	I was surprised that he had the audacity to approach the Queen.			
	Derivatives >>	audacious, audaciousness, audaciously		
17.	augury	AW gyuh ree	an omen or prophecy	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	
	Several auguries were revealed to Caesar before his death.			
	Derivatives >>	augur, auguries, augured		
18.	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		
19.	austere	aw STEER	strict, stern; unadorned, ascetic	
	Synonyms >>	severe	Antonym >>	indulgent
	Pioneers usually led an austere existence.			
	Derivatives >>	austereness, austere, austerity		
20.	balm	BALLM	a soothing substance or one that gives relief	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	irritant
	The balm caused the pain of the sunburn to subside and then to diminish.			
	Derivatives >>	balmily, balminess, balmy, balms, balmed, balming		
21.	benevolence	buh NEV uh lunuz	kindness, generosity, charity	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	antagonism; avarice; malevolence
	His benevolence was shown when he set up soup kitchens for the poor.			
	Derivatives >>	benevolent, benevolently		
22.	benign	buh NINE	not causing harm, of gentle disposition, beneficial	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	malignant, harmful
	The minister was loved because of his benign attitude toward all types of people.			
	Derivatives >>	benignly, benignant, benignancy, benignantly, benignity		
23.	betoken	buh TOE kun	to give a sign of	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	to hide; to conceal
	His good actions betokened a kind heart.			
	Derivatives >>	betokened		
24.	blighted	BLIE ted	destroyed or caused by decline or decay	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	good; healthy; wholesome
	The blighted fruit had to be separated from the rest.			
	Derivatives >>	blight		
25.	buoyant	BOY unt	capable of floating; cheerful	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	likely to sink
	Because the log was buoyant, it stayed afloat. The girl's buoyant spirit made her pleasant company.			
	Derivatives >>	buoyancy, buoyance, buoyantly, buoyantness, buoy		

26.	burnish	BUR nish	to make shiny or to polish by rubbing
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to tarnish
	Burnished metal is usually very reflective.		
	Derivatives >>	burnisher, burnishes, burnished, burnishing	
27.	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	
28.	capricious	kuh PRISH us	changing suddenly, fickle
	Synonyms >>	inconstant, mercurial, unstable	Antonym >> stable
	Her capricious moods are difficult to anticipate.		
	Derivatives >>	caprice, capriciously, capriciousness	
29.	consecrate	KON suh krate	to dedicate or to declare sacred
	Synonyms >>	devote, hallow	Antonym >> to profane
	Ministers customarily consecrate their lives to serving God.		
	Derivatives >>	consecrated, consecrating, consecratory, consecrator, consecration	
30.	credible	KRED uh bul	reliable and believable
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> unbelievable
	It is important for a person's words to be credible.		
	Derivatives >>	credibility, credibleness, credibly	
31.	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	
32.	decorousness	DEK ur us ness	proper behavior
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> lack of propriety
	A gentleman's behavior is known for its decorousness.		
	Derivatives >>	decorous, decorously, decorum	
33.	decorum	deh KOR um	appropriate conduct, correct and proper behavior
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> impropriety
	The students' decorum at the dance was excellent.		
	Derivatives >>	decorous, decorously, decorousness	
34.	deleterious	del eh TEER ee us	harmful; dangerous; injurious
	Synonyms >>	baneful, detrimental, noxious, pernicious	Antonym >> harmless, benign
	Some chemicals have deleterious effects on those who must handle them.		
	Derivatives >>	deleterious, deleteriously, deleteriousness	
35.	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	
36.	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	
37.	despondency	deh SPON dun see	depression, dejection
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> blithe hopefulness
	Because he thought that he had failed the test, he felt great despondency.		
	Derivatives >>	despondent, despondence, despondently, desponding, despondingly	
38.	despotic	deh SPOT ik	ruling oppressively and absolutely; tyrannical
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> ruling democratically
	Americans do not like despotic behavior.		
	Derivatives >>	despotic, despotically, despotism, despotist, despotize, despot	
39.	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	

40.	duplicity	dooh PLIS eh tee	double-dealing, hypocrisy		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	sincerity; single-mindedness
	His duplicity was exposed when the girl he was seeing found out he was married.				
	Derivatives >>	duplicitous			
41.	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 >>				
42.	effervescent	ef ur VES unt	showing high spirits		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	
	She put me in a good mood because she was always so effervescent.				
	Derivatives >>	effervesce, effervescence, effervescently, effervescingly, effervescible			
43.	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			
44.	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			
45.	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			
46.	enumerate	eh NOO muh rate	to count one by one		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to group
	In his summation, my lawyer enumerated all of the reasons why I should receive a verdict of "not guilty."				
	Derivatives >>	enumeration, enumerative, enumerator			
47.	erudite	ER yoo dite	scholarly		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	ignorant
	The erudite physics professor had spent many years studying the theory of relativity.				
	Derivatives >>	eruditely, erudition			
48.	esoteric	es uh TER ik	understood only by a small group or a select few		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	obvious
	The English teachers were having an esoteric discussion about the correct usage of some obscure word.				
	Derivatives >>	esoterical, esoterically, esotericism, esotericist, esoterism, esotery			
49.	estrangle	eh STRANJ	to alienate, to separate		
	Synonyms >>	disaffect, wean		Antonym >>	to unite; to join
	The necessity to travel in his business may estrange him from his family for a short period of time.				
	Derivatives >>	estranged, estrangedness, estrangement			
50.	ethereal	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 >>	ethereality, etherealization, etherealize			
51.	eulogy	YOO luh jee	praise or tribute		
	Synonyms >>	encomium, panegyric, tribute		Antonym >>	defamation
	The young woman presented a touching eulogy at her father's funeral.				
	Derivatives >>	eulogic, eulogious, eulogism, eulogist, eulogistic, eulogium, eulogization, eulogize, eulogizer			
52.	evanescent	ev uh NES unt	fleeting; impermanent		
	Synonyms >>	ephemeral, fugitive, transient, transitory		Antonym >>	permanent
	The evanescent sounds of applause are not what keeps the artist performing.				
	Derivatives >>	evanescence, evanesce, evanescently			
53.	exigent	EK seh junt	urgent, requiring immediate attention		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	lacking urgency
	The exigent situation required immediate attention.				
	Derivatives >>	exigency, exigencies, exigence, exigently			

54.	expiate	EK spee ate	to atone or to make amends for a sin or a crime
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to hold grudges
	Derivatives >>	The judge asked him to expiate his crime by doing one hundred hours of community service.	
	Derivatives >>	expiation, expiational, expiative, expiator, expiatory	
55.	extant	EK stunt	still in existence
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> inexistent
	Derivatives >>	Although his books are illegal, many are extant and available on the black market.	
	Derivatives >>		
56.	fervent	FUR vent	ardent, showing great emotion, impassioned
	Synonyms >>	fervid, passionate, perfervid	Antonym >> indifferent
	Derivatives >>	I have a fervent love for that man.	
	Derivatives >>	fervency, fervently, ferventness, fervid, fervidly, fervidity, fervidness	
57.	florid	FLOR id	flowery, flushed with color
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> plain; simple; pale
	Derivatives >>	His face becomes florid when he gets angry.	
	Derivatives >>	floridity, floridly, floridness	
58.	foliage	FOE lee ij	leaves of a plant, leafage
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	Derivatives >>	The trees will soon come alive with green foliage.	
	Derivatives >>	foliages, foliar, foliaceous	
59.	forbearance	fore BARE uns	patience, lenience
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> impatience
	Derivatives >>	Because he is so young, we must have forbearance in dealing with him.	
	Derivatives >>	forbear, forbearant, forbearer, forbearing, forbearingly, forbearingsness, forbore	
60.	foreboding	fore BOE ding	premonition of evil, an ominous omen
	Synonyms >>	prediction, portent, presentiment	Antonym >> serene
	Derivatives >>	The black clouds overhead were a foreboding of bad weather.	
	Derivatives >>	forebode, foreboder	
61.	fugitive	FYOO jeh tiv	a person who is elusive or hard to find, wandering
	Synonyms >>	ephemeral, evanescent, fleeting, transient, transitory	Antonym >> firmly established
	Derivatives >>	The criminal became a fugitive who spent his life running from the law.	
	Derivatives >>	fugitate, fugitation, fugitives, fugitively, fugitiveness, fugitivity	
62.	furrow	FUR ow	to make wrinkles or grooves
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to make plain
	Derivatives >>	The man's furrowed brow showed his deep concern.	
	Derivatives >>	furrowed, furrowing	
63.	gaunt	GAWNT	very thin, emaciated, angular
	Synonyms >>	lank, lean, rawboned, spare	Antonym >> rotund, corpulent
	Derivatives >>	Prisoners in World War II concentration camps became gaunt from lack of nutrition.	
	Derivatives >>	gauntly, gauntness, gaunty	
64.	gentility	jen TIL eh tee	state of refinement, member of the upper class or gentry
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> boorishness
	Derivatives >>	Southern gentlemen were proud of their gentility.	
	Derivatives >>	gentilities	
65.	gratuitous	gruh TOO eh tus	given freely, unwarranted
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> demanded
	Derivatives >>	I resent your gratuitous comments because no one asked for them.	
	Derivatives >>	gratis, gratuitous, gratuitousness, gratuital, gratuitously	
66.	grievous	GREE vus	characterized by severe suffering or sorrow, serious or grave
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> minor
	Derivatives >>	You made a grievous error when you spoke to your parents in such a horrible fashion.	
	Derivatives >>	grievously, grievousness	
67.	ignominy	IG nuh min ee	disgraceful or dishonorable conduct
	Synonyms >>	disgrace, disrepute, infamy	Antonym >> honor
	Derivatives >>	Treason is an ignominy.	
	Derivatives >>	ignominious, ignominiously, ignominiousness	

68.	imbibe	im BIBE	to absorb or to drink in
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to exude
	It is dangerous to imbibe too much alcohol.		
	Derivatives >>	imbibes, imbibed, imbibition, imbibitional, imbiber	
69.	imperious	im PEER ee us	extremely overbearing
	Synonyms >>	domineering, imperative, masterful, preemptory	Antonym >> meek
	The imperious behavior of the dictator led to his overthrow.		
	Derivatives >>	imperiously, imperiousness	
70.	implicit	im PLIS it	understood but not directly expressed
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> obscure
	His implicit remarks left no doubt as to what he meant.		
	Derivatives >>	implicitly, implicitness, implicity	
71.	import	IM port	relative importance, significance
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> meaninglessness
	The full import of today's events will not be realized for years.		
	Derivatives >>	importance	
72.	impugn	im PYOON	to assail or to attack one's honor or integrity
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to speak well of
	After the death of his father, many relatives impugned his claims to his inheritance.		
	Derivatives >>	impugnable, impugnation, impugment	
73.	impute	im PYOOT	to blame or to charge
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	His bizarre actions have been imputed to mental derangement.		
	Derivatives >>	imputability, imputable, imputableness, imputably, imputation, imputational, imputatively, imputativeness	
74.	inauspicious	in ah SPISH us	unfavorable
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> promising good results
	I was disheartened by the inauspicious occasion of his death.		
	Derivatives >>	inauspiciously	
75.	incantation	in kan TAY shun	a spell, written or recited formula of words designed for a particular effect
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The purpose of the witch doctor's incantations was to scare evil spirits.		
	Derivatives >>	incant, incantational, incantatory	
76.	inclement	in KLEM unt	stormy, severe
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> calm; favorable
	The weatherman said that our area should prepare for some inclement weather.		
	Derivatives >>	inclemency, inclemently, inclementness	
77.	incongruity	in kon GROO eh tee	nonconformity, disagreement, incompatibility
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> agreement
	The incongruity between the two stories led me to doubt the accuracy of either report.		
	Derivatives >>	incongruent, incongruently, incongruence, incongruous, incongruously, incongruousness	
78.	incurious	in KYOOR ee us	uninterested, lacking normal curiosity
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> interested; curious
	I was surprised at his incurious reaction when I told him that the prom queen was interested in him.		
	Derivatives >>	incuriosity, incuriously, incuriousness	
79.	indefatigable	in deh FAT uh guh bul	tireless, incapable of being fatigued
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> easily tired
	The indefatigable army moved ahead steadily over the many days without rest.		
	Derivatives >>	indefatigability, indefatigableness, indefatigably	
80.	inextricable	in EKS truh kuh bul	not able to be disentangled
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> separable
	The kite string is in such an inextricable mess that you might as well throw it all away.		
	Derivatives >>	inextricability, inextricableness, inextricably	
81.	infamous	IN fuh mus	having a reputation of the worst kind, vicious, notoriously bad
	Synonyms >>	disreputable, ignominious	Antonym >> illustrious
	The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor was an infamous act.		
	Derivatives >>	infamously, infamy, infamies	

82.	inopportune	in op ur TOON	inconvenient, poorly timed
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> convenient
	Today is an inopportune time to get together since my parents are in town.		
	Derivatives >>	inopportunely, inopportuneness	
83.	inscrutable	in SKROO tuh bul	difficult to understand; mysterious
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> clear; readable; understandable
	He had us all confused with his inscrutable smile.		
	Derivatives >>	inscrutableness, inscrutably, inscrutability	
84.	insidious	in SID ee us	treacherous or dangerous in a secret sort of way
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> harmless
	AIDS is insidious because one can have it and transmit it before showing symptoms of the disease.		
	Derivatives >>	insidiously, insidiousness	
85.	inveterate	in VET ur it	firmly established, habitual, deep-rooted
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> readily changeable
	Because he had been an inveterate workaholic, he had trouble adjusting his lifestyle when he retired.		
	Derivatives >>	inveterately, inveterateness	
86.	inviolable	in VIE uh luh bul	secure from violation or from being profaned
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> destructible
	The numerous guards attempt to make the President inviolable.		
	Derivatives >>	inviolate, inviolability, invioableness, invioably, inviolacy, inviolateness, inviolately, inviolated, inviolating	
87.	jocular	JOK yu lur	jesting or joking
	Synonyms >>	facetious, jocose, jocund	Antonym >> serious
	The man's jocular mood kept us all entertained throughout the evening.		
	Derivatives >>	jocularly, jocularly, jocularness, jocularator	
88.	jollity	JOL eh tee	merriment, state of being jolly
	Synonyms >>	glee, hilarity, mirth	Antonym >> sadness
	There was much good feeling and jollity at the Christmas party.		
	Derivatives >>	jollier, jollification, jollify, jollily, jolliness, jolly	
89.	labyrinthine	lab uh RIN thin	like a maze, very convoluted and intricate
	Synonyms >>	mazy	Antonym >>
	The senator vowed to unravel the labyrinthine welfare bureaucracy.		
	Derivatives >>	labyrinth, labyrinthal, labyrinthical, labyrinthian, labyrinthic, labyrinthically	
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.	languid	LANG gwid	slow, sluggish, listless, weak
	Synonyms >>	lethargic, stuporous, torpid	Antonym >> animated
	The old man's walk was languid, each pace requiring great effort.		
	Derivatives >>	languidly, languidness, languish, languisher, languishing, languishment	
92.	laud	LAWD	to praise, to extol
	Synonyms >>	revere	Antonym >> to defame
	Her performance was lauded by all of the critics.		
	Derivatives >>	laudability, laudable, laudableness	
93.	loquacious	low KWAY shus	very talkative
	Synonyms >>	garrulous, voluble	Antonym >> taciturn
	The twins are quite different: one is taciturn and the other is loquacious.		
	Derivatives >>	loquaciousness, loquaciously, loquacity	
94.	lurid	LOOR id	sensational, gruesome and causing shock or horror
	Synonyms >>	grisly, ghastly, macabre	Antonym >>
	The tabloid published every lurid detail of the ax murder.		
	Derivatives >>	luridity, luridness	
95.	magnate	MAG nate	a person of power and influence
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> pauper
	He was a film magnate who had great power to create a star.		
	Derivatives >>	magnateship	

96.	malefactor	MAL uh fak tur	a criminal		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	law-abiding citizen
		The candidate for attorney general said that he will see that all malefactors are locked up.			
	Derivatives >>	malefaction, malefactress, maleficence, malefice, maleficent			
97.	malevolence	muh LEV uh lens	ill will or evil intentions		
	Synonyms >>	malice, malignity, spite, spleen		Antonym >>	benevolence
		The old man's malevolence was obvious when he removed the girl from his will.			
	Derivatives >>	malevolent, malevolently			
98.	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			
99.	malleable	MAL ee uh bul	capable of being shaped, influenced, or altered; tractable		
	Synonyms >>	plastic, pliable, pliant, ductile		Antonym >>	unpliable
		Gold is a malleable metal.			
	Derivatives >>	malleability, malleabilization, malleableize, malleableness			
100.	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			
101.	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			
102.	misanthrope	MIS un thrope	a hater of mankind		
	Synonyms >>	misanthropist		Antonym >>	philanthropist
		Hopefully, nuclear weapons will never fall into the hands of a misanthrope.			
	Derivatives >>	misanthropy, misanthropic, misanthropically, misanthropical, misanthropism, misanthropize			
103.	mollify	MOL eh fie	to soothe or to appease, to assuage		
	Synonyms >>	conciliate, pacify, placate, propitiate		Antonym >>	to aggravate
		The woman promised to buy candy in order to mollify her screaming child.			
	Derivatives >>	mollification, mollifyingly, mollifier, mollifiable			
104.	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, obviously			
105.	obscure	uh SKYOOR	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			
106.	obtuse	uh TUSE	dull of mind, insensitive, stupid		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	intelligent
		His obtuse response to the question showed that he did not understand the nature of the discussion.			
	Derivatives >>	obtusely, obtuseness, obtusion, obtusity			
107.	obviates	OB vee ates	makes unnecessary, prevents as a result of anticipating		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	instigates; begins
		I hope that this settlement obviates any further contact between us.			
	Derivatives >>	obviated, obviable, obviation, obviate			
108.	odious	OH dee us	deserving hate or contempt		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	respectable
		Pornography is an odious business.			
	Derivatives >>	odiously, odiousness, odium			
109.	ominous	OM uh nus	threatening		
	Synonyms >>	fateful, portentous		Antonym >>	harmless; non-threatening
		The ominous clouds were harbingers of the tornado.			
	Derivatives >>	ominously, ominousness			

110.	opaque	oh PAKE	not allowing the passage of light, not transparent; hard to understand
	Synonyms >>	dark	Antonym >> transparent
		I am going to place something opaque in the window so that no one will be able to see into this room.	
	Derivatives >>	opaquely, opaqueness, opaquer	
111.	palliate	PAL ee ate	to ease pain, guilt or intensity
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to intensify
		The doctor attempted to palliate the patient's suffering by prescribing drugs.	
	Derivatives >>	palliated, palliating, palliation, palliative, palliator, palliatory	
112.	pallor	PAL ur	extreme paleness usually relating to the face
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> ruddy color
		The strange disease left the man with a sickly pallor.	
	Derivatives >>	pallors	
113.	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	
114.	peal	PEEL	a loud ringing (usually of bells)
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
		The church bells pealed at noon to celebrate the wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana.	
	Derivatives >>	pealed, pealing	
115.	penitent	PEN eh tunt	showing or feeling regret for wrongdoing, repentant
	Synonyms >>	compunctual, contrite, remorseful	Antonym >> unrepentant
		He became penitent when he realized that his prank resulted in serious injury.	
	Derivatives >>	penitence, penitency, penitential	
116.	petty	PET ee	small and insignificant
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> significant; prodigious
		Put your petty grievances aside and settle this matter.	
	Derivatives >>	pettiness, pettily	
117.	petulance	PECH uh luns	unreasonable touchiness or irritability
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> serenity
		Petulance is sometimes the trait of a child who is not getting his way.	
	Derivatives >>	petulant, petulancy, petulantly	
118.	piety	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	
119.	placid	PLAS id	peaceful, calm
	Synonyms >>	serene, tranquil	Antonym >> disturbed
		The wilderness is usually a placid place where one can relax.	
	Derivatives >>	placidity, placidly, placidness	
120.	plaintive	PLANE tiv	mournful and expressing sorrow
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> joyful
		The dog moaned in a plaintive manner when her puppies were taken.	
	Derivatives >>	plaintively, plaintiveness	
121.	pompous	POM pus	exaggerated show of dignity or self-importance, bombastic
	Synonyms >>	ostentatious, pretentious	Antonym >> humble; meek
		It is very pompous of him to believe that his ideas should always receive the first consideration.	
	Derivatives >>	pomp, pomposity, pompously, pompousness	
122.	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	
123.	portal	PORE tul	a doorway (especially a large one)
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
		She stood for a moment in the portal before stepping into the room.	
	Derivatives >>	portaled, portals	

124.	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	
125.	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	
126.	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	
127.	potentate	POTE un tate	a monarch, very powerful ruler, sovereign
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	There are many countries in the Middle East that are ruled by a potentate.		
	Derivatives >>	potentates	
128.	prattle	PRAT ul	meaningless sounds, babble
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> articulate language
	I have difficulty understanding the prattle of young children.		
	Derivatives >>	prattled, prattling, prattlement, prattler, prattlingly	
129.	precipice	PRES uh pis	a very steep cliff or mass of rock, the brink of something dangerous
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> cavern
	Some mountain climbers enjoy climbing a steep precipice.		
	Derivatives >>	precipices	
130.	precocious	preh KOE shus	exceptionally early in development or occurrence
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> backward
	A child prodigy is a young person who is very precocious.		
	Derivatives >>	precociousness, precosity, precociously	
131.	predilection	pred uh LEK shun	preference
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> dislike; disinclination
	He has a predilection for fish when he goes out to eat.		
	Derivatives >>	predilect, predilected	
132.	primeval	pry MEE vul	ancient, relating to the earliest ages
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> recently developed
	The archeologist discovered a primeval urn that dated to 600 B.C.		
	Derivatives >>	primevally	
133.	prolific	pro LIF ik	abundantly fruitful, marked by great productivity
	Synonyms >>	fecund, fertile	Antonym >> barren; unfruitful
	Since he has written a great number of books in a short period, Stephen King is known as a prolific writer.		
	Derivatives >>	proliferation, proliferate, proliferative, proliferous, proliferously	
134.	propensity	pruh PEN seh tee	preference, natural inclination
	Synonyms >>	leaning, penchant, proclivity	Antonym >> aversion
	I have a propensity for rising early.		
	Derivatives >>	propension, propense, propend	
135.	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	
136.	propriety	pruh PRY eh tee	correct conduct
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> indecorum
	Those who attend the club meetings should conduct themselves with propriety.		
	Derivatives >>	proprieties	
137.	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	

138.	regimen	REJ uh men	the regular process, procedure, or system of doing something
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> unsystematic activity
	The boxer's training regimen is very strenuous.		
	Derivatives >>	regiment, regimental, regimentally, regimentation, regiminal	
139.	remonstrate	reh MON strate	to protest, to make objections
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to agree; to acquiesce
	I must remonstrate about the treatment of the residents of the rest home.		
	Derivatives >>	remonstrance, remonstrancer, remonstrant, remonstrantly, remonstratingly, remonstration, remonstrative	
140.	replete	reh PLETE	filled to capacity, abundantly supplied
	Synonyms >>	plenary	Antonym >> devoid
	The bar was replete with every possible kind of alcohol.		
	Derivatives >>	repleteness, repletion, repletive	
141.	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	
142.	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, reverentially, reverentially	
143.	rotund	roe TUND	very plump, round
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> gaunt
	Picture Henry the VIII if you want to visualize a rotund individual.		
	Derivatives >>	rotundity, rotundly, rotundate	
144.	sagacious	suh GAY shus	wise, shrewd, very discerning
	Synonyms >>	astute, perspicacious	Antonym >> ignorant; uninformed; undiscerning
	The sagacious freshman knew not to buy an elevator pass from the senior attempting a clever ruse.		
	Derivatives >>	sagaciate, sagaciously, sagaciousness, sagacity	
145.	scintillating	SIN tuh lay ting	sparkling, shining, or flashing
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> dull
	The fireworks during a Fourth of July celebration are a scintillating display.		
	Derivatives >>	scintillate, scintillant, scintillantly, scintillatingly, scintillation, scintillator, scintillescent	
146.	sedulously	SEJ uh lus lee	very diligent, accomplishing with painstaking care
	Synonyms >>	assiduous, industrious	Antonym >> haphazardly
	It is very heartwarming when I can get a student to sedulously complete an assignment.		
	Derivatives >>	sedulous, sedulity, sedulousness	
147.	sentinel	SEN tuh nul	one who keeps guard as a sentry
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The oak trees hovered over the house as sentinels.		
	Derivatives >>	sentineled, sentineling, sentinels	
148.	solace	SOL is	to comfort or to cheer
	Synonyms >>	soothe, mitigate, assuage	Antonym >> to deride; to harass
	The Red Cross attempted to solace the flood victims.		
	Derivatives >>	solaceful, solacement, solacer, solaced, solacing	
149.	stalwart	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	
150.	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	
151.	tarry	TARE ee	to delay in coming or going, to linger
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to depart promptly
	Please do not tarry; I want you to be here on time.		
	Derivatives >>	tarriness, tarried, tarries	

152.	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		
153.	tome	TOME	a book that is a large volume	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>
		I have purchased the history of England in ten tomes.		
	Derivatives >>	tomes		
154.	torpid	TOR pid	sluggish, inactive, dull	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> active; animated
		He is always torpid on Sunday mornings.		
	Derivatives >>	torpor, torpidity, torpidness, torpify, torpidly, torpitude, torporific		
155.	unobtrusive	un ob TRUE siv	not readily noticeable, inconspicuous	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> noticeable; obvious
		He is very unobtrusive sitting over there in the corner.		
	Derivatives >>	unobtrusiveness, unobtrusively		
156.	vagrant	VAY grunt	a wanderer who does not have a home	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>
		There are many vagrants who sleep under freeways in urban areas.		
	Derivatives >>	vagrance, vagrancy, vagrantly		
157.	venerate	VEN uh rate	to honor, to revere	
	Synonyms >>	adore, worship		Antonym >>
		Although I did not always agree with President Kennedy, I venerate his memory.		
	Derivatives >>	veneration, venerational, venerator, venerable, venerability		
158.	vicissitude	veh SIS eh tood	a passing from one thing to another, change of luck	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>
		One can never get used to life's vicissitudes.		
	Derivatives >>	vicissitudinous		
159.	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		
160.	vista	VIS tuh	a distant view seen through an opening	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>
		As he reached the forest, he saw vistas of stone passages leading in many directions.		
	Derivatives >>	vistaed, vistas		
161.	vitiated	VISH ee ate id	impaired, corrupted, or made ineffective	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> strengthened
		My agreement with him was vitiated when I found that he was stealing assets.		
	Derivatives >>	vitate, vitiation, vitiator		
162.	voluminous	vuh LOO muh nus	marked by great volume or size	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> slight
		There are voluminous writings about most of our presidents.		
	Derivatives >>	voluminosity, voluminosly, voluminosness		
163.	voluptuous	vuh LUP choo us	pleasurable to the senses, sensuous	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> plain; homely
		Bob Hope always took voluptuous women with him when he entertained soldiers overseas.		
	Derivatives >>	voluptuosity, voluptuousness, voluptuate, voluptuously		
164.	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		
165.	witticism	WIT eh siz um	a clever and witty remark	
	Synonyms >>	pun		Antonym >> platitude
		The speaker's witticism will be remembered long after he is gone.		
	Derivatives >>	witty		

166.

zenith

ZEE nith

the highest point overhead, peak

Synonyms >>

Antonym >> lowest point

With that award-winning film, she reached the zenith of her career.

Derivatives >>

zeniths, zenithal

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1.	abase	43	endow	85	insidious	127	potent
2.	abate	44	enmity	86	inveterate	128	potentate
3.	abstruse	45	entreaty	87	inviolable	129	prattle
4.	abyss	46	enumerate	88	jocular	130	precipice
5.	acuity	47	erudite	89	jollity	131	precocious
6.	affinity	48	esoteric	90	labyrinthine	132	predilection
7.	alacrity	49	estrangle	91	lament	133	primeval
8.	alchemist	50	ethereal	92	languid	134	prolific
9.	alloy	51	eulogy	93	laud	135	propensity
10.	amenable	52	evanescent	94	loquacious	136	propinquity
11.	antipathy	53	exigent	95	lurid	137	propriety
12.	append	54	expiate	96	magnate	138	quaint
13.	arduous	55	extant	97	malefactor	139	regimen
14.	ascend	56	fervent	98	malevolence	140	remonstrate
15.	ascetic	57	florid	99	malicious	141	replete
16.	audacity	58	foliage	100	malleable	142	requite
17.	augury	59	forbearance	101	melancholy	143	revere
18.	auspicious	60	foreboding	102	mirth	144	rotund
19.	austere	61	fugitive	103	misanthrope	145	sagacious
20.	balm	62	furrow	104	mollify	146	scintillating
21.	benevolence	63	gaunt	105	oblivion	147	sedulously
22.	benign	64	gentility	106	obscure	148	sentinel
23.	betoken	65	gratuitous	107	obtuse	149	solace
24.	blighted	66	grievous	108	obviates	150	stalwart
25.	buoyant	67	ignominy	109	odious	151	superfluous
26.	burnish	68	imbibe	110	ominous	152	tarry
27.	calamity	69	imperious	111	opaque	153	tempestuous
28.	capricious	70	implicit	112	palliate	154	tome
29.	consecrate	71	import	113	pallor	155	torpid
30.	credible	72	impropriety	114	palpable	156	unobtrusive
31.	dearth	73	72. impugn	115	peal	157	vagrant
32.	decorousness	74	impute	116	penitent	158	venerable
33.	decorum	75	inauspicious	117	petty	159	veneration
34.	deleterious	76	incantation	118	petulance	160	vicissitude
35.	depravity	77	inclement	119	piety	161	virtuous
36.	derision	78	incongruity	120	placid	162	vista
37.	despondency	79	incurious	121	plaintive	163	vitiating
38.	despotic	80	indefatigable	122	pompous	164	voluminous
39.	discern	81	inextricable	123	ponderous	165	voluptuous
40.	duplicity	82	infamous	124	portal	166	wan
41.	edifice	83	inopportune	125	portent	167	witticism
42.	effervescent	84	inscrutable	126	posterity	168	zenith

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| 1. decorous | 43. opaque | 85. acuteness | 127. benign |
| 2. propriety | 44. predilections | 86. labyrinth | 128. foliage |
| 3. melancholy | 45. portal | 87. auspicious | 129. austerity |
| 4. languid | 46. inauspicious | 88. imperious | 130. obviated |
| 5. edifice | 47. augured | 89. wan | 131. precipice |
| 6. inclement | 48. betokened | 90. fugitives | 132. derisively |
| 7. voluminous | 49. vagrant | 91. extant | 133. propinquity |
| 8. ascended | 50. impropriety | 92. quaint | 134. blighted |
| 9. laudable | 51. rotundity | 93. tome | 135. sedulous |
| 10. tempestuous | 52. malefactresses | 94. gauntless | 136. deleterious |
| 11. arduous | 53. ignominious | 95. burnished | 137. incongruity |
| 12. obtuseness | 54. gentility | 96. exigencies | 138. capricious |
| 13. furrowed | 55. revere | 97. vista | 139. petulant |
| 14. sagacious | 56. remonstrance | 98. depravity | 140. precocity |
| 15. alacrity | 57. abate | 99. unobtrusive | 141. endowing |
| 16. eulogium | 58. appended | 100. tarry | 142. primeval |
| 17. fervent | 59. virtuous | 101. affinity | 143. scintillating |
| 18. torpid | 60. grievous | 102. despondency | 144. loquacity |
| 19. witticisms | 61. plaintive | 103. enumerated | 145. lamentation |
| 20. jollity | 62. lurid | 104. incurious | 146. misanthropy |
| 21. mirth | 63. amenable | 105. erudite | 147. consecration |
| 22. florid | 64. infamy | 106. incantations | 148. forebode |
| 23. potent | 65. inscrutable | 107. ominous | 149. sentinel |
| 24. palpable | 66. requited | 108. abased | 150. buoy |
| 25. vitiated | 67. alchemist | 109. palliate | 151. solace |
| 26. inveterately | 68. ascetic | 110. odious | 152. prattle |
| 27. peal | 69. superfluous | 111. implicit | 153. estranged |
| 28. ponderous | 70. voluptuous | 112. antipathy | 154. mollified |
| 29. malleable | 71. penitence | 113. abstruse | 155. pallor |
| 30. benevolence | 72. discern | 114. ethereal | 156. alloy |
| 31. evanescent | 73. imbibed | 115. import | 157. entreat |
| 32. stalwart | 74. insidious | 116. inextricable | 158. vicissitude |
| 33. forbearance | 75. inopportuneness | 117. expiation | 159. duplicity |
| 34. esoteric | 76. piety | 118. venerable | 160. decorum |
| 35. impunity | 77. prolific | 119. zenith | 161. potentate |
| 36. oblivion | 78. regimen | 120. credibility | 162. gratuitous |
| 37. magnate | 79. malicious | 121. impute | 163. jocularly |
| 38. petty | 80. inviolable | 122. malevolence | 164. posterity |
| 39. obscure | 81. placidity | 123. replete | 165. effervescence |
| 40. dearth | 82. enmity | 124. portent | 166. pomp |
| 41. veneration | 83. balm | 125. calamity | 167. indefatigable |
| 42. propensity | 84. abyss | 126. despot | 168. audacity |

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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. | abased | a. | sharpness of perception |
| _____ | 2. | abate | b. | to reduce in intensity or amount |
| _____ | 3. | abstruse | c. | likeness, a natural relationship, kinship |
| _____ | 4. | abyss | d. | prompt and cheerful response |
| _____ | 5. | acuteness | e. | degraded, humiliated |
| _____ | 6. | affinity | f. | one who practices medieval chemistry |
| _____ | 7. | alacrity | g. | difficult to understand, recondite, concealed |
| _____ | 8. | alchemist | h. | a substance that is a mixture of metals |
| _____ | 9. | alloy | i. | open to or willing to follow advice or suggestion |
| _____ | 10. | amenable | j. | bottomless hole, a vast expanse or depth |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|------------|----|---|
| _____ | 11. | antipathy | a. | excessive boldness, rashness, daring |
| _____ | 12. | appended | b. | strict, stern, unadorned, ascetic |
| _____ | 13. | arduous | c. | very difficult to accomplish or achieve |
| _____ | 14. | ascended | d. | added in a supplementary manner |
| _____ | 15. | ascetic | e. | made an omen or prophecy |
| _____ | 16. | audacity | f. | moved upward, risen from a lower station |
| _____ | 17. | augured | g. | a soothing substance or one that gives relief |
| _____ | 18. | auspicious | h. | a dislike, distaste, enmity |
| _____ | 19. | austere | i. | favorable |
| _____ | 20. | balm | j. | austere, absence of luxury, self-denial |

Exercise C

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|-------|-----|-------------|----|---|
| _____ | 21. | benevolence | a. | changing suddenly, fickle |
| _____ | 22. | benign | b. | made shiny or polished by rubbing |
| _____ | 23. | betoken | c. | to give a sign of |
| _____ | 24. | blighted | d. | to dedicate or declare sacred |
| _____ | 25. | buoyant | e. | destroyed, declined, or decayed by something |
| _____ | 26. | burnished | f. | a serious event causing distress or misfortune |
| _____ | 27. | calamity | g. | appropriate conduct, correct and proper behavior |
| _____ | 28. | capricious | h. | not causing harm, of gentle disposition, beneficial |
| _____ | 29. | consecrate | i. | proper |
| _____ | 30. | credibility | j. | kindness, generosity, charity |
| _____ | 31. | dearth | k. | a lack, scarcity |
| _____ | 32. | decorous | l. | capable of floating; cheerful |
| _____ | 33. | decorum | m. | reliability, believability |

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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. a **deleterious** intoxicant
a. tasty b. harmful c. disgusting d. desirable
- _____ 2. to sink to a state of **depravity**
a. great depth b. unwillingness c. moral corruption d. depression
- _____ 3. to face public **derision**
a. praise b. office c. ridicule d. arguments
- _____ 4. to be in a state of **despondency**
a. depression b. serious debt c. mental illness d. ecstasy
- _____ 5. a **despotic** ruler
a. detestable b. welcomed c. fair d. oppressive
- _____ 6. to **discern** a difference
a. insist upon b. differentiate c. propose d. eliminate
- _____ 7. to expose his **duplicity**
a. sincerity b. hidden twin c. double-dealing d. true identity
- _____ 8. to destroy an **edifice**
a. large building b. reputation c. strategic plan d. personality flaw
- _____ 9. an **effervescent** personality
a. depressed b. pleasing c. flirtatious d. spirited
- _____ 10. to **endow** with gifts
a. bribe b. impress c. provide d. persuade
- _____ 11. to speak with **enmity**
a. understanding b. hatred c. dignity d. several enemies
- _____ 12. to make an **entreaty** to a jury
a. plea b. testimony c. presentation d. argument
- _____ 13. to **enumerate** the reasons
a. count b. explain c. debate d. support
- _____ 14. an **erudite** professor
a. entertaining b. nurdish c. scholarly d. hostile
- _____ 15. an **esoteric** discussion
a. open b. involved c. humorous d. understood by a few
- _____ 16. an **estranged** relationship
a. pleasant b. lasting c. alienated d. growing
- _____ 17. **ethereal** sounds
a. loud b. dissonant c. heavenly d. soft
- _____ 18. to present a **eulogy**
a. tribute b. gift c. nomination d. summons to court
- _____ 19. an **evanescent** thought
a. eternal b. fleeting c. ridiculous d. spirited
- _____ 20. an **exigent** message
a. final b. upsetting c. urgent d. premature

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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

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|-----------|-------------|----|---|
| _____ 1. | expiate | a. | cluster of leaves |
| _____ 2. | extant | b. | to make wrinkles or grooves |
| _____ 3. | fervent | c. | atoning or making amends for a sin or a crime |
| _____ 4. | florid | d. | very thin, ematiated, angular |
| _____ 5. | foliage | e. | something elusive or hard to find, wandering |
| _____ 6. | forbearance | f. | flowery, flushed with color |
| _____ 7. | foreboding | g. | still in existence |
| _____ 8. | fugitive | h. | patience, lenience |
| _____ 9. | furrow | i. | premonition of evil, an ominous omen |
| _____ 10. | gaunt | j. | ardent, showing great emotion, impassioned |

Exercise B

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|-----------|------------|----|---|
| _____ 11. | gentility | a. | state of refinement, member of the upper class |
| _____ 12. | gratuitous | b. | extremely overbearing |
| _____ 13. | grievous | c. | relative importance, significance |
| _____ 14. | ignominy | d. | to blame or charge |
| _____ 15. | imbibe | e. | disgraceful or dishonorable conduct |
| _____ 16. | imperious | f. | given freely, unwarranted |
| _____ 17. | implicit | g. | understood but not directly expressed |
| _____ 18. | import | h. | assail or attack one's honor or integrity |
| _____ 19. | impugn | i. | to absorb or drink in |
| _____ 20. | impute | j. | characterized by severe suffering; serious, grave |

Exercise C

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|-----------|---------------|----|--|
| _____ 21. | inauspicious | a. | uninterested, lacking normal curiosity |
| _____ 22. | incantation | b. | stormy, severe |
| _____ 23. | inclement | c. | inconvenient, poorly timed |
| _____ 24. | incongruity | d. | not conforming, disagreeing, not compatible |
| _____ 25. | incurious | e. | difficult to understand, mysterious |
| _____ 26. | indefatigable | f. | a spell; written or recited formula of words |
| _____ 27. | inextricable | g. | tireless, incapable of being fatigued |
| _____ 28. | infamous | h. | having a reputation of the worst kind, disgraceful |
| _____ 29. | inopportune | i. | unfavorable |
| _____ 30. | inscrutable | j. | not able to be disentangled |

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Vocabulary Test 4

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

inveterate	inviolable	jollity	lamentation	loquacity
malleable	melancholy	mirth	misanthrope	oblivion
obscure	obtuseness	odious	opaque	pallor

1. The _____ of the teacher soon lulled half the class into a state of _____; her excessive talking made them forget they were still in school.
2. When I glanced through the _____ curtains the outline of her face was _____; the darkness of the material presented an unclear view.
3. All in the courtroom considered the murderer of children _____; it was a crime deserving of the most awful contempt.
4. When we saw the _____ of her face any _____ we had previously felt was gone; her lack of color indicated her terror and dampened our merriment.
5. Because he is a believer of _____, he lives like a hermit away from the society of mankind that he hates.
6. He could not contain his _____ as he laughed loudly.
7. The Cyclops cried in _____ when Oedipus blinded him; he was filled with _____ because of the loss of his sight.
8. Children's personalities are very _____; anything we say or do can influence them.
9. Because he was an _____ believer in God, with deep, established roots, he had trouble adjusting to his son's atheistic beliefs.
10. The fortress was _____ because it was protected on all sides by treacherous rocks that prohibited the landing of boats.
11. His _____ in English was a facade; he thought if he acted dumb, the teacher would not call on him.

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insidious	jocular	labyrinth	languidly	laudable
lurid	magnate	malefactor	malevolence	malicious
mollified	obviates	ominous	palliate	palpable

12. The angry look in the teacher's face was an _____ sign that she was not happy with the class; her eyes had a threatening glare that quieted them down.
13. His wisdom was praised throughout the land, making all his decisions _____.
14. As the sun beat down on the burning sands, we could feel the heat, like _____ waves rushing over us; the heat was so heavy, it felt almost tangible.
15. The _____ in the story reminded me of the mazelike structure in my pet mouse's cage.
16. He looked at me with hatred in his eyes, the same _____ he felt for all mankind.
17. The abusive man was nothing more than a _____ who seemed to enjoy attacking people with _____ statements .
18. The medicine eased the pain of my broken arm, but nothing could _____ my broken heart.
19. Cancer can be an _____ disease because often we are not aware we are ill until it is too late.
20. The business _____ loved to entertain, especially if he had closed a million dollar deal and was in a festive, _____ mood.
21. When I lost my favorite earrings, my sister _____ me by giving me some new ones.
22. The child _____ raised her head; she was so weak, every movement was an effort.
23. We were thankful that the newspaper did not publish all the _____ details about the murder; it would have been gruesome sensationalism and in poor taste.
24. The final payment _____ the necessity for a law suit; since the bill is paid, legal action is unnecessary.

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Vocabulary Test 5

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

Exercise A

- _____ 1. peal
- _____ 2. penitent
- _____ 3. petty
- _____ 4. petulance
- _____ 5. piety
- _____ 6. placid
- _____ 7. plaintive
- _____ 8. pompous
- _____ 9. ponderous
- _____ 10. portal

- a. peaceful and calm
- b. a doorway - especially a large one
- c. devotion and reverence to God
- d. a loud ringing--usually bells
- e. mournful and expressing sorrow
- f. unreasonably touchy or irritable
- g. showing or feeling regret for wrongdoing; repentant
- h. exaggerated show of dignity or self-importance
- i. very heavy; unwieldy from weight
- j. small and insignificant

Exercise B

- _____ 11. portent
- _____ 12. posterity
- _____ 13. potent
- _____ 14. potentate
- _____ 15. prattle
- _____ 16. precipice
- _____ 17. precocious
- _____ 18. predilection
- _____ 19. primeval
- _____ 20. prolific

- a. monarch; very powerful ruler
- b. ancient; relating to the earliest ages
- c. meaningless sounds; babble
- d. a sign or forewarning
- e. a very steep cliff or mass of rock
- f. preference
- g. future generations; all descendants of a person
- h. abundantly fruitful; marked by great productivity
- i. exceptionally early in development
- j. powerful; having a strong effect

Exercise C

- _____ 21. propensity
- _____ 22. propinquity
- _____ 23. propriety
- _____ 24. quaint
- _____ 25. regimen
- _____ 26. remonstrate
- _____ 27. replete
- _____ 28. requite
- _____ 29. revere
- _____ 30. rotund

- a. correct conduct
- b. very plump; round
- c. filled to capacity; abundantly supplied
- d. unusual in character or appearance
- e. to honor; to regard with respect
- f. the regular process or system of doing something
- g. preference; natural inclination
- h. make repayment or return
- i. protest; make objections
- j. nearness; kinship

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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. | sagacious | a. | having outstanding strength; being resolute |
| _____ | 2. | scintillating | b. | very diligent; accomplished with painstaking care |
| _____ | 3. | sedulously | c. | sluggish; inactive; dull |
| _____ | 4. | sentinel | d. | sparkling; shining; flashing |
| _____ | 5. | solace | e. | a book that is a large volume |
| _____ | 6. | stalwart | f. | to comfort or cheer |
| _____ | 7. | superfluous | g. | wise; perspicacious; shrewd; discerning |
| _____ | 8. | tarry | h. | turbulent; stormy |
| _____ | 9. | tempestuous | i. | beyond what is needed or required; an overflow |
| _____ | 10. | tome | j. | to keep guard as a sentry |
| _____ | 11. | torpid | k. | to delay in coming or going; linger |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|-------------|----|---|
| _____ | 12. | unobtrusive | a. | a passing from one thing to another; change of luck |
| _____ | 13. | vagrant | b. | the highest point overhead; peak |
| _____ | 14. | venerate | c. | impaired, corrupted, or made ineffective |
| _____ | 15. | vicissitude | d. | not readily noticeable; inconspicuous |
| _____ | 16. | virtuous | e. | a clever and witty remark |
| _____ | 17. | vista | f. | having excellent morals; righteous |
| _____ | 18. | vitiated | g. | marked by great volume or size |
| _____ | 19. | voluminous | h. | a wanderer who does not have a home |
| _____ | 20. | voluptuous | i. | very pale and sickly |
| _____ | 21. | wan | j. | a distant view seen through an opening |
| _____ | 22. | witticism | k. | pleasurable to the senses; sensuous |
| _____ | 23. | zenith | l. | to honor; revere |

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Test 1

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| 1. e | 2. b | 3. g | 4. j | 5. a | 6. c | 7. d |
| 8. f | 9. h | 10. i | 11. h | 12. d | 13. c | 14. f |
| 15. j | 16. a | 17. e | 18. i | 19. b | 20. g | 21. j |
| 22. h | 23. c | 24. e | 25. l | 26. b | 27. f | 28. a |
| 29. d | 30. m | 31. k | 32. i | 33. g | | |

Test 2

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

Test 3

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1. c | 2. g | 3. j | 4. f | 5. a | 6. h | 7. i |
| 8. e | 9. b | 10. d | 11. a | 12. f | 13. j | 14. e |
| 15. i | 16. b | 17. g | 18. c | 19. h | 20. d | 21. i |
| 22. f | 23. b | 24. d | 25. a | 26. g | 27. j | 28. h |
| 29. c | 30. e | | | | | |

Test 4

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|------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|
| 1. loquacity, oblivion | 2. opaque, obscure | 3. odious | 4. pallor, mirth | 5. misanthrope |
| 6. jollity | 7. lamentation, melancholy | 8. malleable | 9. inveterate | 10. inviolable |
| 11. obtuseness | 12. ominous | 13. laudable | 14. palpable | 15. labyrinth |
| 16. malevolence | 17. malicious, malefactor | 18. palliate | 19. insidious | |
| 20. magnate, jocular | 21. mollified | 22. languidly | 23. lurid | 24. obviates |

Test 5

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1. d | 2. g | 3. j | 4. f | 5. c | 6. a | 7. e |
| 8. h | 9. i | 10. b | 11. d | 12. g | 13. j | 14. a |
| 15. c | 16. e | 17. i | 18. f | 19. b | 20. h | 21. g |
| 22. j | 23. a | 24. d | 25. f | 26. h | 27. c | 28. h |
| 29. e | 30. b | | | | | |

Test 6

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| 1. g | 2. d | 3. b | 4. j | 5. f | 6. a | 7. i |
| 8. k | 9. h | 10. e | 11. c | 12. d | 13. h | 14. l |
| 15. a | 16. f | 17. j | 18. c | 19. g | 20. k | 21. i |
| 22. e | 23. b | | | | | |