

Where the Red Fern Grows

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1.	abridge	uh BRIJ	to shorten, to diminish
	Synonyms >>	abbreviate, curtail, retrench, shorten	Antonym >> to expand
	Some companies publish abridged versions of novels.		
	Derivatives >>	abridgable, abridged, abridger, abridgment	
2.	afoot	uh FOOT	developing or in the process of happening
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> on hold
	The eclipse of the sun caused him to think that something bizarre was afoot.		
	Derivatives >>		
3.	belligerent	buh LIJ er unt	waging war; inclined to or exhibiting assertiveness
	Synonyms >>	bellicose, pugnacious, combative, contentious, quarrelsome	Antonym >> peaceful
	A belligerent nation always seems to be at war.		
	Derivatives >>	belligerence, belligerency, belligerently	
4.	dormant	DOR munt	inactive, sleeping
	Synonyms >>	abeyant, latent, quiescent	Antonym >> active
	Most flowers remain dormant in the winter and bloom in the spring.		
	Derivatives >>	dormancy	
5.	drone	DRONE	speaking in a monotonous tone; a continuous low humming sound
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	I could hardly endure the constant drone of the speaker's voice.		
	Derivatives >>	droned, droning, drones, droner, droningly, dronish	
6.	fester	FES tur	to cause increased poisoning, to inflame or to corrupt
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to heal
	The wound will fester if it is not given some medical attention.		
	Derivatives >>	festered, festering	
7.	foliage	FOE lee ij	leaves of a plant, leafage
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The trees will soon come alive with green foliage.		
	Derivatives >>	foliages, foliar, foliaceous	
8.	harmonious	har MON ee us	showing accord; melodious
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> discordant
	We were soothed by the harmonious sounds of the symphony.		
	Derivatives >>	harmony, harmonic, harmoniously, harmoniousness, harmonist, harmonistic	
9.	heed	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	
10.	knotty	NOT ee	so complicated that it can probably not be solved; full of knots
	Synonyms >>	abstruse, complex, intricate, recondite	Antonym >> easy to solve; uncomplicated
	A contest's knotty problems leave contestants disheartened. The knotty trees added an eerie feeling to the night.		
	Derivatives >>	knotted, knoter, knottily	
11.	monotony	moh NOT uh nee	sameness
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> diversity
	There is so much monotony in my life that I need a change		
	Derivatives >>	monoteness, monotonous, monotonously, monotonousness, monotonist	

12.	nonchalance	non shuh LAWNS	indifference, a showing of little interest
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> intensity
	He took the news of his failing grade with nonchalance.		
	Derivatives >>	nonchalant, nonchalantly, nonchalantness	
13.	plight	PLITE	difficult or adverse situation
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> fortunate situation
	My plight is that I do not have enough money to pay my bills.		
	Derivatives >>	plights, plighted, plighting	
14.	query	KWEER ee	an inquiry
	Synonyms >>	question, ask	Antonym >>
	It is common for an author to send a query to a magazine editor to see if he will accept a manuscript.		
	Derivatives >>	queries, queried, queryingly, queryist	
15.	reputable	REP yuh tuh bul	having a good reputation
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> disreputable; notorious; infamous
	The Better Business Bureau said that the company was reputable.		
	Derivatives >>	reputability, reputably, reputation, reputative, reputatively, repute, reputed, reputedly, reputeless	
16.	scurry	SKUR ee	to hurry about, to scamper
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to dawdle; to move slowly
	The robbers scurried when they heard the police siren.		
	Derivatives >>	scurried, scurrying	
17.	venturesome	VEN chur sum	being bold and taking risks
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> cautious
	Columbus was venturesome in seeking to find India by sailing west.		
	Derivatives >>	venturesomely, venturesomeness, venture	

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| 3. | belligerent | 11. | monotonous |
| 4. | dormant | 12. | nonchalant |
| 5. | droning | 13. | plight |
| 6. | fester | 14. | querying |
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Vocabulary Test

Directions: Choose the letter of the definition that **best** fits the meaning of the word in **bold** type.

- _____ 1. to **abridge** a book
a. read b. dislike c. shorten d. destroy
- _____ 2. a revolution is **afoot**
a. quieted down b. developing c. in full force d. mysterious
- _____ 3. a **belligerent** child
a. contentious b. kind c. intelligent d. talented
- _____ 4. a **dormant** seed
a. decayed b. buried c. mutated d. inactive
- _____ 5. to speak in a **drone**
a. monotone b. hollow tube c. high-pitched voice d. hall
- _____ 6. to have a sore **fester**
a. part of the elbow b. heal c. inflame d. cause pain
- _____ 7. **foliage** on the trees
a. insects b. leaves c. bark d. moss
- _____ 8. a **harmonious** sound
a. sharp b. soft c. distracting d. melodious
- _____ 9. to **heed** some advice
a. give attention to b. require c. offer d. ignore
- _____ 10. a **knotty** problem
a. easy b. logic c. popular d. complicated
- _____ 11. the **monotony** of a job
a. payment b. difficulty c. sameness d. conditions
- _____ 12. an attitude of **nonchalance**
a. happiness b. indifference c. concern d. worry
- _____ 13. the **plight** of an endangered species
a. difficulty b. source c. predator d. habitat
- _____ 14. to make a **query**
a. bird cage b. inquiry c. serious blunder d. large sum of money
- _____ 15. a **reputable** business man
a. dishonest b. retail c. having a good reputation d. traveling
- _____ 16. to **scurry** across the room
a. scamper b. dance c. hop and skip d. slide
- _____ 17. a **venturesome** spirit
a. depressed b. deceased c. bold d. merry

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Answers

Vocabulary Test

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