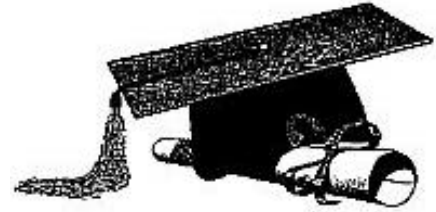


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Definitions

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1.	complacency	kum PLAY sun see	the state of being self-satisfied
	Synonyms >>		
	Considering that he is failing, it is curious to see his sense of complacency.		
	Derivatives >>	complacent, complacently, complacence, complaisant, complaisance, complaisantly	
2.	desiccate	DES uh kate	to dry up
	Synonyms >>		
	When traveling, desiccated milk or soup is easy to carry.		
	Derivatives >>	desiccated, desiccation, desiccative, desiccator, desiccatory	
3.	diminution	dim uh NOO shun	diminishment, reduction
	Synonyms >>		
	The diminution of nuclear weapons is a goal of arms control.		
	Derivatives >>	diminutive, diminutival, diminutively, diminutiveness	
4.	elicit	eh LIS it	to bring out a response, to evoke
	Synonyms >>	educe, extort, extract	
	I would like to elicit your participation in the blood drive.		
	Derivatives >>	elicitable, elicitate, elicitation	
5.	incessant	in SES unt	uninterrupted
	Synonyms >>	constant, perennial, perpetual, unremitting	
	The dog's incessant barking caused the man to have difficulty falling asleep.		
	Derivatives >>	incessancy, incessantly, incessantness, incession	
6.	jollity	JOL eh tee	merriment, state of being jolly
	Synonyms >>	glee, hilarity, mirth	
	There was much good feeling and jollity at the Christmas party.		
	Derivatives >>	jollier, jollification, jollify, jollily, jolliness, jolly	
7.	kindle	KIN dul	to start a fire, to stir up
	Synonyms >>		
	The boys were taught to kindle a fire.		
	Derivatives >>	kindled, kindling, kindles	
8.	parsimony	PAR suh moe nee	stinginess, frugality; excessive economy
	Synonyms >>		
	His family suffered from his parsimony as he refused to spend adequate money even on the necessities of life.		
	Derivatives >>	parsimonious, parsimoniousness, parsimoniously	
9.	penury	PEN yuh ree	extreme poverty
	Synonyms >>	destitution, impecuniousness, indigence, want	
	There is much penury in central Africa.		
	Derivatives >>	penurious, penuriously, penuriousness	
10.	perspicacious	pur spu KAY shus	having clear insight, shrewd, very perceptive
	Synonyms >>	astute, sagacious	
	The perspicacious detective was able to determine the perpetrator of the crime.		
	Derivatives >>	perspicaciously, perspicaciousness, perspicacity	

Matching Test

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Directions: Choose the definition that best matches the meaning of the vocabulary word. Place the answer of your choice in the space provided.

Exercise A

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|-------|-----|---------------|----|---|
| _____ | 1. | complacency | a. | the state of being self-satisfied |
| _____ | 2. | desiccate | b. | stinginess, frugality; excessive economy |
| _____ | 3. | diminution | c. | to bring out a response, to evoke |
| _____ | 4. | elicit | d. | to start a fire, to stir up |
| _____ | 5. | incessant | e. | diminishment, reduction |
| _____ | 6. | jollity | f. | uninterrupted |
| _____ | 7. | kindle | g. | having clear insight, shrewd, very perceptive |
| _____ | 8. | parsimony | h. | extreme poverty |
| _____ | 9. | penury | i. | merriment, state of being jolly |
| _____ | 10. | perspicacious | j. | to dry up |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|--------------|----|---|
| _____ | 1. | buffeted | a. | harsh sounding, having dissonance |
| _____ | 2. | cacophonous | b. | equal |
| _____ | 3. | champion | c. | one who keeps guard as a sentry |
| _____ | 4. | commensurate | d. | one who provides or procures |
| _____ | 5. | expeditious | e. | to defend or to support |
| _____ | 6. | oblivion | f. | struck repeatedly, battered |
| _____ | 7. | posterity | g. | powerful, having a strong effect |
| _____ | 8. | potent | h. | future generations, all descendants of a person |
| _____ | 9. | purveyors | i. | state of being forgotten |
| _____ | 10. | sentinel | j. | done with speed and efficiency |

Sentence Completion Test

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complacency

desiccate

diminution

elicit

incessant

jollity

kindle

parsimony

penury

perspicacious

1. The _____ of scholarship funds is caused by the large number of recent applicants; only in the last few months has the money started to dwindle.
2. The mayor's objective for this term is to stop the recent outbreak of violent crime in the inner city; he believes that those homeless people living in a state of _____ seem to be victimized most.
3. Only a _____ lawyer can see through the lies and deceitfulness of some witnesses.
4. The circus clown made us laugh so much that he filled our whole evening with _____.
5. The girl's _____ was her only defect of character; she was, indeed, the stingiest person I had ever met.
6. The lawyer tried to overcome the _____ of the jury and to _____ some emotional response, but their state of being self-satisfied was too great to be overcome.
7. Under the hot Texas sun, the land soon began to _____; nothing was then able to thrive in the parched soil.
8. The young puppy was able to _____ energy, warmth and love in the old man's heart.
9. The child's continual, _____ complaining was not characteristic of her usual blithe spirit and cheerful behavior.

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augment	cacophonous	cloistered	commensurate	harbinger
largess	lecher	malicious	prate	utter

10. The applause was not _____, although the two performers were equal in skill; for one, it was strong, while for the other it was half-hearted.
11. The wealthy man was known by many charities for his _____; he was a major contributor to many organizations.
12. Just before the symphony began to play, the hall was full of the _____ sounds of the instruments tuning up.
13. The man was cruel and _____, seeming not to care at all whom he hurt; certainly his malevolence would one day return to him.
14. The man's rapid state of moral decline soon turned him into a _____.
15. A red sky is said to be a _____ of an approaching storm.
16. The prophet began to _____ a parable, speaking figuratively of the future.
17. Because she needed more money, the woman tried to _____ her income by getting a second job.
18. The nun had been secluded for a long time, _____ from early youth until her hair was white with age.
19. As soon as the woman reached the lectern, she began to _____, and I knew we were in for an hour-long session of insignificant chatter.