

The Return of the Native

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1.	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	
2.	abstracted	ab STRAK ted	removed in thought from the immediate situation, lost in one's own mind
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> attentive
	The child, thinking of Christmas, had an abstracted look on his face.		
	Derivatives >>	abstractedly, abstractedness	
3.	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	
4.	accord	uh KORD	agreement, state of harmony
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> disharmony; disagreement
	We are in accord concerning the method of handling this problem.		
	Derivatives >>	accordable, accorder, accordance, accordant	
5.	acquiesce	AK wee es	to give in, to comply
	Synonyms >>	accede, agree, assent, consent, subscribe	Antonym >> to object; to disagree
	I was so desperate that I had to acquiesce to his demands.		
	Derivatives >>	acquiescence, acquiescent, acquiescingly, acquiescently	
6.	adherent	ad HEER unt	a follower of something such as a leader, party, philosophy, or profession
	Synonyms >>	disciple, follower, partisan	Antonym >> dissenter
	He is an adherent of the Democratic party.		
	Derivatives >>	adhere, adherer, adherence, adherently	
7.	advent	AD vent	a coming or arrival
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> departure, demise
	The children anxiously awaited the advent of summer.		
	Derivatives >>	advential, adventism, adventist	
8.	advocacy	AD vuh kuh see	support of an idea or cause
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> opposition
	The nominee's advocacy of higher taxes may have cost him the election.		
	Derivatives >>	advocate, advocator, advocatory, advocated, advocating	
9.	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	
10.	alacrity	uh LAK ruh tee	prompt and cheerful response
	Synonyms >>	celerity	Antonym >> indolence
	I accepted his invitation to the prom with alacrity.		
	Derivatives >>	alacritous	
11.	aloof	uh LOOF	apart, indifferent
	Synonyms >>	detached, incurious, unconcerned	Antonym >> integrated; friendly
	The woman remained aloof during the party, separating herself from everyone else.		
	Derivatives >>	aloofness	

12.	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	
13.	anachronism	uh NAK ruh neh sum	an error in chronology; a chronological misplacing of persons or events
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> something chronologically correct
	The movie, though entertaining, was not historically accurate and was full of glaring anachronisms.		
	Derivatives >>	anachronic, anachronical, anachronically, anachrously, anachronisms, anachronistic, anachronistical	
14.	anchor	ANG kur	to secure firmly
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to release from restraint
	Anchor the boat to the dock.		
	Derivatives >>	anchored, anchoring, anchors	
15.	antecedent	an tuh SEE dunt	preceding a cause
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> following; later
	The argument between the two men was antecedent to the fight which followed.		
	Derivatives >>	antecedence, antecedency, antecede, antecedently	
16.	antediluvian	an tuh duh LEW vee un	very, very old (it literally means "before the Flood")
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> ultramodern
	The natives' antediluvian marriage rituals had not changed in thousands of years.		
	Derivatives >>	antediluvial	
17.	antiquity	an TIK wuh tee	the quality of being ancient; ancient times
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	Many scholars spend years studying the records left from antiquity.		
	Derivatives >>	antiquities, antiquitarian	
18.	apathy	AP uh thee	a lack of concern or feeling, indifference
	Synonyms >>	phlegm, stoicism, stolidness	Antonym >> enthusiastic devotion
	The man looked upon the turn of events with apathy.		
	Derivatives >>	apathetic, apathetical, apathetically	
19.	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	
20.	arable	AIR uh bul	fit for plowing, tillable
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> untillable
	If a farmer does not use good conservation measures, the land will not stay arable.		
	Derivatives >>	arability	
21.	articulate	are TIK yuh late	to speak distinctly; expressing oneself clearly
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to speak indistinctly; to mumble
	An announcer must be articulate. A good politician must be able to articulate his views.		
	Derivatives >>	articulated, articulating, articulation, articulateness, articulative, articulately, articulator	
22.	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	
23.	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	
24.	astute	uh STOOT	shrewd, perspicacious, perceptive
	Synonyms >>	sagacious	Antonym >> undiscerning
	One must be astute to do a geometry proof.		
	Derivatives >>	astutely, astuteness	
25.	atrophy	AT row fee	to waste away, to wither
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to thrive; to grow
	His hunger strike caused his body to atrophy.		
	Derivatives >>	atrophied, atrophying, atrophic	

26.	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	
27.	barbarism	BAR buh riz um	the incorrect usage of words or forms of language
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> acceptable diction
		The English teacher cringed at the gross barbarism in the paper.	
	Derivatives >>	barbarous, barbarously, barbarousness	
28.	bestow	be STOW	to grant or to give
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> deprive
		The country bestowed honor for Martin Luther King, Jr., by making his birthday a national holiday.	
	Derivatives >>	bestowal, bestowed, bestowment	
29.	betoken	buh TOE kun	to give a sign of
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to hide; to conceal
		His good actions betokened a kind heart.	
	Derivatives >>	betokened	
30.	bland	BLAND	mild, not irritating
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> spicy
		American food is bland compared to Mexican food	
	Derivatives >>	blandly, blandness	
31.	blasphemous	BLAS fuh mus	irreverent, profane
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> sacred; reverent
		Telling that sacrilegious joke is blasphemous.	
	Derivatives >>	blaspheme, blasphemed, blaspheming, blaspemer, blasphemousness, blasphemously, blasphemy	
32.	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	
33.	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	
34.	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	
35.	cataclysm	KAT uh kliz um	an event or situation that causes a momentous change or upheaval
	Synonyms >>	calamity, catastrophe	Antonym >>
		The San Francisco earthquake was a cataclysmic event.	
	Derivatives >>	cataclysmic, cataclysmal	
36.	celestial	seh LES chul	pertaining to the sky or heavens
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> earthly
		Stars are celestial bodies.	
	Derivatives >>	celestially	
37.	certitudes	SIR tuh toods	things that are inevitable or certain, certainties
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> doubt
		He was able to take his vows with absolute certitude.	
	Derivatives >>	certitude	
38.	chronic	KRON ik	marked by long duration or by frequent recurrence over a long period
	Synonyms >>	unending, habitual, inveterate	Antonym >> transitory
		The chain smoker is often plagued by a chronic cough.	
	Derivatives >>	chronical, chronically, chronicity	
39.	circumvent	SIR kum vent	to get around something, to outwit, to frustrate; to avoid
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to confront
		The witness tried unsuccessfully to circumvent the subject.	
	Derivatives >>	circumventer, circumventor, circumvention, circumventive, circumvented, circumventing	

40.	clandestine	klan DES tin	secret
	Synonyms >>	covert, furtive, stealthy, surreptitious, underhanded	Antonym >> open; obvious
		The C.I.A. is involved in clandestine activities.	
	Derivatives >>	clandestinely, clandestineness	
41.	complacency	kum PLAY sun see	the state of being self-satisfied
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> dissatisfaction
		Considering that he is failing, it is curious to see his sense of complacency.	
	Derivatives >>	complacent, complacently, complacence, complaisant, complaisance, complaisantly	
42.	conflagration	kon fluh GRAY shun	a large fire
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> small flame
		Some believe that the earth will be destroyed by a large conflagration.	
	Derivatives >>	conflagrations, conflagrant, conflagrate, conflagrator, conflagratory	
43.	congenial	kun JEEN yul	characterized by friendly sociability
	Synonyms >>	compatible, consonant, genial, pleasant, attractive	Antonym >>
		The family decided to settle in the congenial little town.	
	Derivatives >>	congeniality, congenially, congenialness	
44.	contrite	kun TRITE	extremely apologetic, remorseful, repentant
	Synonyms >>	penitent	Antonym >> unrepentant
		Her contrite tears were not enough to convince her father not to spank her for her disobedience.	
	Derivatives >>	contritely, contriteness, contrition	
45.	converge	kun VERJ	to move together
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to move apart
		The cars converged at the intersection at the same time and crashed.	
	Derivatives >>	converged, converging, convergence, convergency, convergent	
46.	coquette	ko KET	a woman who flirts with men without sincere affection
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> prude
		The young woman flirted coquettishly with the man.	
	Derivatives >>	coquetry, coquet, coquetted, coquetting, coquettish, coquettishly, coquettishness	
47.	coterie	KO tuh ree	a small group that shares interests
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> individual
		Fraternities and sororities were formed from coteries.	
	Derivatives >>	coteries	
48.	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	
49.	cumbersome	KUM bur sum	difficult to handle, unwieldy
	Synonyms >>	cumbrous, ponderous	Antonym >> easily handled
		Carrying all of these books is a cumbersome task.	
	Derivatives >>	cumbersomely, cumbersomeness, cumbrous, cumbrously, cumbrousness	
50.	cursor	KUR suh ree	superficial, casual, hastily done
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> meticulous
		He gave only cursory consideration to my suggestion.	
	Derivatives >>	cursorily, cursoriness	
51.	declaim	deh KLAME	to harangue, to speak bombastically or vehemently
	Synonyms >>	bombast, fustian, rant, rodomontade	Antonym >> to mention
		He declaimed his opponents with oratorical vigor.	
	Derivatives >>	declaimer, declamation, declamatory, declaimed, declaiming	
52.	declivity	deh KLIV uh tee	downward slope
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> ascending slope
		The declivity of the mountain made climbing it quite hazardous.	
	Derivatives >>	declivous, declivitous	
53.	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	

54.	deprecate	DEP ruh kate	to disapprove regretfully, to belittle, to express mild disapproval
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to endorse
	Do not deprecate her act unless you fully understand her situation.		
	Derivatives >>	depracting, deprecatingly, deprecative, deprecatively, deprecatory, deprecated, deprecating	
55.	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	
56.	desolate	DES uh lit	deserted, without inhabitants, barren
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> populous
	Some of the western states have large areas that are desolate.		
	Derivatives >>	desolately, desolateness, desolater, desolating, desolation	
57.	despairing	deh SPARE ing	hopeless, despondent, discouraged
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> hopeful
	The woman's despairing tears touched the hearts of many.		
	Derivatives >>	despair, despaired, despairful, despairfully, despairingly, despairingness	
58.	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	
59.	desultory	DES ul tore ee	jumping around, aimless, random
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> concentrated
	The man's desultory attempts at finding employment wasted his time.		
	Derivatives >>	desultorious, desultoriness, desultorily, desultor	
60.	dilatory	DIL uh tor ee	delaying, slow
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> proceeding
	The Senator is employing the filibuster as a dilatory tactic.		
	Derivatives >>	dilatoriness, dilatorily	
61.	diminution	dim uh NOO shun	diminishment, reduction
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> escalation
	The diminution of nuclear weapons is a goal of arms control.		
	Derivatives >>	diminutive, diminutival, diminutively, diminutiveness	
62.	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	
63.	disconcerting	dis kun SUR ting	upsetting, frustrating
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> refreshing; calming
	That he has not responded to the medicine is disconcerting.		
	Derivatives >>	disconcert, disconcerted, disconcertedness, disconcerting, disconcertingly, disconcertingness, disconcertment	
64.	disencumber	dis en KUM bur	to free from burdens, to extricate
	Synonyms >>	disembarrass, extricate	Antonym >> to entangle; to snare
	We are trying to disencumber ourselves from financial debts.		
	Derivatives >>	disencumberment, disencumbrance	
65.	disillusioned	dis uh LOO shund	disenchanted
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> enchanted
	The disillusioned people too quickly believed the words of their leader.		
	Derivatives >>	disillusion, disillusionize, disillusionment, disillusionive, disillusioning	
66.	domicile	DOM eh sile	home or residence, abode
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	Because he works on both coasts, he has two domiciles.		
	Derivatives >>	domicilable, domicil, domiciliary, domiciliar	
67.	dubious	DOO be us	doubtful; not clear
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> distinct, doubtless, assured
	Since he had not read the document, he was a little dubious about signing his name to it.		
	Derivatives >>	dubiously, dubiousness, dubitable, dubitancy, dubitate, dubitation, dubitative, dubiety	

68.	embellish	em BEL ish	to decorate, to make beautiful with ornamentation
	Synonyms >>	deck, garnish, ornament, adorn	Antonym >> to abbreviate
	He would embellish his narratives with anecdotes about famous people.		
	Derivatives >>	embellisher, embellishment	
69.	engender	en JEN der	to cause, to produce, to create
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to squelch
	His angry words engendered strife in his relationship with his wife.		
	Derivatives >>	engendered, engenderer, engenders, engendering	
70.	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	
71.	ennoble	en NOE bul	to elevate, to raise in rank
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to defame
	The man was ennobled by his true devotion to mankind.		
	Derivatives >>	ennobled, ennoblement, ennobling, ennoble	
72.	ensconce	en SKONS	to settle comfortably
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to uproot
	Before the game started, he ensconced himself in the easy chair.		
	Derivatives >>	ensconced, ensconcing	
73.	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	
74.	enunciate	eh NUN see ate	to pronounce clearly
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to slur
	Please enunciate your response so that everyone can understand you.		
	Derivatives >>	enunciabile, enunciation, enunciative, enunciator	
75.	ephemeral	eh FEM ur ul	lasting a short period of time, fleeting
	Synonyms >>	evanescent, fleeting, fugitive, transient, transitory	Antonym >> lasting; timeless; eternal
	The microorganism had an ephemeral lifespan. It died shortly after it was created.		
	Derivatives >>	ephemerally, ephemerality, ephemerality, ephemerous	
76.	epicure	EP uh kyoor	a person who understands a lot about food and drink, a connoisseur
	Synonyms >>	gastronome, gourmet, gourmand	Antonym >> ascetic
	The extravagant party was enjoyed most by the epicure who indulged in sensual delight.		
	Derivatives >>	epicureal, epicurial, epicurean, epicureanism, epicureous, epicurism,	
77.	equanimity	ee kwuh NIM uh tee	a calm temper, an even disposition
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> lack of composure
	The rude behavior of the students did not disturb his equanimity.		
	Derivatives >>	equanimous, equanimously	
78.	equilibrium	ee kwuh LIB ree um	a state of balance between opposing forces
	Synonyms >>	balance, poise	Antonym >> imbalance
	The acrobats need a good sense of equilibrium in order to perform the tricks.		
	Derivatives >>	equilibriums, equilibriize, equilibrate	
79.	espousing	eh SPOUZ ing	marrying, giving one's loyalty; adopting or embracing a cause
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> denying
	The politician seems to be espousing the issue of decreased taxation in order to gain supporters.		
	Derivatives >>	espoused, espousing, espousal, espouser	
80.	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	
81.	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	

82.	expedient	ik SPEE dee unt	appropriate for a purpose but not necessarily moral, right, or just
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> disadvantageous
		In trying to increase political support, the candidate found it expedient to change his stand on taxation.	
	Derivatives >>	expediate, exp edience, expediency, expediential, expedientist, expediently	
83.	extricate	EK struh kate	to free, to disentangle
	Synonyms >>	disembarrass, disencumber	Antonym >> to snare
		He could not extricate himself from the trap.	
	Derivatives >>	extrication, extricated, extricable	
84.	fervid	FUR vid	ardent, burning, impassioned
	Synonyms >>	fervent, passionate, perfervid	Antonym >> indifferent
		The evangelist is a fervid crusader against sin.	
	Derivatives >>	fervidity, fervidly, fervidness	
85.	fetter	FET ur	to restrict by shackling or chaining
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to liberate
		The convict was fettered to prevent his escape.	
	Derivatives >>	fettered, fettering	
86.	flaccid	FLAK sid	lacking vigor or force; yielding to pressure for want of firmness and
	Synonyms >>	flabby	Antonym >> firm; stiff; not flabby
		The club was not very popular or effective because of its flaccid leadership.	
	Derivatives >>	flaccidly, flaccidity, flaccidness	
87.	foliage	FOE lee ij	leaves of a plant, leafage
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
		The trees will soon come alive with green foliage.	
	Derivatives >>	foliages, foliar, foliaceous	
88.	foreboding	fore BOE ding	premonition of evil, an ominous omen
	Synonyms >>	prediction, portent, presentiment	Antonym >> serene
		The black clouds overhead were a foreboding of bad weather.	
	Derivatives >>	forebode, foreboder	
89.	galvanize	GAL vuh nize	to stimulate or to excite as if by an electric shock
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to calm; to soothe
		We are hoping that these new discoveries will galvanize the public support of our research.	
	Derivatives >>	galvanization, galvanized, galvanizer, galvanic	
90.	grievous	GREE vus	characterized by severe suffering or sorrow, serious or grave
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> minor
		You made a grievous error when you spoke to your parents in such a horrible fashion.	
	Derivatives >>	grievously, grievousness	
91.	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	
92.	heretical	huh RET eh kul	contrary to church doctrine or accepted beliefs or standards
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> sacred
		His heretical statements were offensive to many believers.	
	Derivatives >>	heretic, heretically, hereticalness, hereticate, heretication, hereticator	
93.	hideous	HID ee us	very ugly, offensive, shocking
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> delightful
		Some characters in the horror movie had hideous faces.	
	Derivatives >>	hideously, hideousness, hideosity	
94.	histrionic	his tree ON iks	overly theatrical
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> sincere
		Your histrionics do not sway my opinion.	
	Derivatives >>	histrionical, histrionically	
95.	ignominy	IG nuh min ee	disgraceful or dishonorable conduct
	Synonyms >>	disgrace, disrepute, infamy	Antonym >> honor
		Treason is an ignominy.	
	Derivatives >>	ignominious, ignominiously, ignominiousness	

96.	immunity	eh MYOO neh tee	resistance (usually to a disease)
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> lack of resistance
	One's immunity to disease is lowered when one is fatigued.		
	Derivatives >>	immunities, immunist, immune, immuned, immunization, immunize, immunizing	
97.	imperturbable	im pur TUR buh bul	marked by extreme calm, impassivity, assurance and steadiness
	Synonyms >>	composed, collected, cool, unruffled, nonchalant	Antonym >> frantic
	Before the accident he seemed imperturbable, but now he is becoming frantic.		
	Derivatives >>	imperturbability, imperturbableness, imperturbably, imperturbation, imperturbed	
98.	impervious	im PUR vee us	incapable of being entered or penetrated, not capable of being damaged
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> penetrable
	Because this watch is impervious to water , I can go swimming while wearing it.		
	Derivatives >>	imperviously, imperviousness	
99.	impetuous	im PECH oo us	violent, hasty, rash, impulsive
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> reserved
	His impetuous behavior caused him to make many mistakes.		
	Derivatives >>	impetuosity, impetuously, impetuousness, impetus	
100.	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	
101.	incessant	in SES unt	uninterrupted
	Synonyms >>	constant, perennial, perpetual, unremitting	Antonym >> intermittent
	The dog's incessant barking caused the man to have difficulty falling asleep.		
	Derivatives >>	incessancy, incessantly, incessantness, incession	
102.	incipient	in SIP ee unt	beginning to come into being, the early stage of something
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> waning
	He is not able to recognize his own incipient drug problem.		
	Derivatives >>	incipiative, incipency, incipience, incipiently	
103.	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	
104.	indignation	in dig NAY shun	anger as a result of something unjust
	Synonyms >>	fury, ire, rage, wrath	Antonym >> serenity
	I have much indignation about the light sentence given to the drunk driver who ran over my child .		
	Derivatives >>	indignant, indignantly, indignance, indignify, indignities	
105.	indulgent	in DUL junt	lenient, especially toward oneself
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> harsh; strict
	The boy did not learn respect from his indulgent parents.		
	Derivatives >>	indulge, indulged, indulging, indulgence, indulgently, indulger	
106.	industrious	in DUS tree us	skillfully busy or occupied
	Synonyms >>	assiduous, diligent, sedulous	Antonym >> slothful, indolent
	The industrious student will use time wisely.		
	Derivatives >>	industriously, industriousness, industry	
107.	inert	in URT	unable to move or to act, sluggish
	Synonyms >>	idle, passive, supine	Antonym >> active
	It takes a long time to get things done when we must depend on inert bureaucrats.		
	Derivatives >>	inertia, inertial, inertion, inertness, inertly	
108.	infallible	in FAL uh bul	incapable of error
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> erroneous; fallacious
	Since everyone makes mistakes, no human is infallible.		
	Derivatives >>	infallibilism, infallibilist, infallibility, infallibleness, infallibly	
109.	ingenuity	in juh NOO eh tee	cleverness, inventiveness, resourcefulness
	Synonyms >>	adroitness, cunning, deftness, dexterity	Antonym >> lack of cleverness
	He showed much ingenuity in his unique way of solving the problem.		
	Derivatives >>	ingenious, ingeniously, ingeniousness	

110.	innumerable	in NUM er uh bul	very many; more than can be counted
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> very few
	There are innumerable ways to succeed in life.		
	Derivatives >>	innumerability, innumerably, innumerable	
111.	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	
112.	interminable	in TUR mun uh bul	having or seeming to have no end, wearisomely protracted
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> short and limited
	Although the reading assignment was only ten pages, it seemed interminable to the bored student.		
	Derivatives >>	interminability, interminableness, interminably, interminate	
113.	intractable	in TRAK tuh bul	stubborn, difficult to manage
	Synonyms >>	headstrong, recalcitrant, refractory, unruly, willful	Antonym >> manageable; agreeable
	The intractable child was a discipline problem in every class.		
	Derivatives >>	intractability, intractableness, intractably	
114.	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	
115.	iridescence	ear eh DES uns	the quality of exhibiting rainbow-like colors, brilliant appearance
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> dullness; darkness
	The iridescence of the room with all the mirrors and chandeliers was magnificent.		
	Derivatives >>	iridescent, iridesce, iridescently	
116.	kindle	KIN dul	to start a fire, to stir up
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to douse
	The boys were taught to kindle a fire.		
	Derivatives >>	kindled, kindling, kindles	
117.	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	
118.	laconic	luh KON ik	using a minimum of words; concise to the point of seeming rude
	Synonyms >>	compendious, concise, pithy, succinct, summary, terse	Antonym >> verbose
	After the loss, the coach's remarks were laconic.		
	Derivatives >>	laconian, laconical, laconically, laconicism, laconism	
119.	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	
120.	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	
121.	lassitude	LAS eh tood	feeling of weariness; fatigue
	Synonyms >>	languor, lethargy, stupor, torpor	Antonym >> restlessness
	The hot weather in some parts of Mexico probably created the lassitude that led to the siesta.		
	Derivatives >>	lassitudes	
122.	latent	LATE unt	not visible, dormant
	Synonyms >>	abeyant, quiescent	Antonym >> obvious
	Sometimes a teacher can cause latent talents to emerge.		
	Derivatives >>	latency	
123.	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	

124.	luxuriant	lug ZHOOR ee unt	abundant in growth, very fertile
	Synonyms >>	lavish, lush, prodigal, profuse	Antonym >> scanty
		The luxuriant farmland of Iowa provides an abundant amount of food.	
	Derivatives >>	luxuriance, luxurancy, luxuriantly, luxuriate, luxurious, luxuriously, luxuriousness, luxury	
125.	malice	MAL is	desire to harm others
	Synonyms >>	malevolence, malignity, spite, spleen	Antonym >> concern
		His death was caused by malice and was not accidental.	
	Derivatives >>	maliceful, malicious, maliciously, maliciousness	
126.	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	
127.	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	
128.	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	
129.	mitigate	MIT uh gate	to cause to become less harsh or hostile; to make less severe
	Synonyms >>	allay, alleviate, assuage, lighten	Antonym >> to intensify; to aggravate
		He apologized in order to mitigate her dislike for him.	
	Derivatives >>	mitigation, mitigatedly, mitigative, mitigator, mitigatory	
130.	monotony	moh NOT uh nee	sameness
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> diversity
		There is so much monotony in my life that I need a change	
	Derivatives >>	monotonous, monotonous, monotonously, monotonousness, monotony	
131.	morbidity	mor BID eh tee	unwholesomeness and gloominess, gruesomeness
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> wholesomeness
		The boy talked about dead people and gruesome things. He soon frightened me with his morbidity.	
	Derivatives >>	morbid, morbidity	
132.	mortify	MORE tuh fie	to humiliate, to wound pride, to experience shame
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to calm; to soothe
		It would simply mortify me to have someone say such shameful things about my family.	
	Derivatives >>	mortifyingly, mortifier, mortified, mortifiedly, mortification	
133.	muse	MYOOZ	to ponder
	Synonyms >>	meditate, ruminate	Antonym >>
		I have often mused about life on a tropical island.	
	Derivatives >>	mused, museful, musefully, museless, musing	
134.	myriad	MIR ee id	a very large and indefinite number
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> small number
		The myriad of races and cultures that make up America is said to resemble a mosaic.	
	Derivatives >>	myriadfold, myriadly	
135.	nebulous	NEB yuh lus	lacking clarity of feature or sharpness of outline
	Synonyms >>	hazy, indistinct, turbid, clouded	Antonym >>
		She had a nebulous recollection of the meeting with the man, unable to provide any specific facts about it.	
	Derivatives >>	nebulously, nebulousness, nebulosity	
136.	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	
137.	obscure	ub SKYOOOR	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	

138.	orthodox	OR thuh doks	conforming to established standards, conventional
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> unconventional
	The church is founded upon a set of orthodox views.		
	Derivatives >>	orthodoxness, orthodoxical, orthodoxically, orthodoxism, orthodoxly, orthodoxy	
139.	ostentatious	os ten TAY shus	showy, pretentious
	Synonyms >>	pompous	Antonym >> modest
	The ostentatious socialite wore her mink fur coat even during the warmest days of August.		
	Derivatives >>	ostentation, ostentate, ostentatiously, ostentatiousness, ostentative	
140.	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	
141.	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	
142.	perfunctory	pur FUNGK tuh ree	acting routinely with little interest or care
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> concerned; diligent
	Due to his perfunctory manner of inspecting the factory, he did not notice some serious problems.		
	Derivatives >>	perfunctorily, perfunctoriness, perfunctorious, perfunctoriously	
143.	perpetuate	pur PECH oo ate	to prolong the existence of something
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to destroy
	The Audubon Society works to perpetuate the species of many threatened birds.		
	Derivatives >>	perpetuation, perpetuator, perpetuity, perpetual, perpetually	
144.	perspicacious	pur spu KAY shus	having clear insight, shrewd, very perceptive
	Synonyms >>	astute, sagacious	Antonym >> ignorant; stupid
	The perspicacious detective was able to determine the perpetrator of the crime.		
	Derivatives >>	perspicaciously, perspicaciousness, perspicacity	
145.	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	
146.	philanthropist	feh LAN thruh pist	one who tries to do good for mankind; lover of mankind
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> misanthrope
	Ross Perot is a philanthropist, donating money for many projects and causes.		
	Derivatives >>	philanthrope, philanthropic, philanthropically, philanthropism, philanthropicist, philanthropy	
147.	Philistine	FILL eh steen	a narrow-minded person who opposes or is indifferent to cultural values
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> an open-minded person
	There are so many Philistines in this town that a bond issue for an art museum would never pass.		
	Derivatives >>	Philistinic, Philistinism	
148.	pique	PEEK	resentment, irritation
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> acceptance
	After finding that he had been seeing other women, she showed her pique by not speaking to him.		
	Derivatives >>	piqued, piquing	
149.	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	
150.	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	
151.	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	

152.	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	
153.	prevarication	preh var uh KAY shun	evasiveness, lie
	Synonyms >>	equivocation	Antonym >> honesty
	Prevarication is a dangerous activity when under oath on the witness stand.		
	Derivatives >>	prevaricate, prevaricative, prevaricator, prevaricatory	
154.	prodigal	PROD uh gul	wasteful, a person given to extravagance
	Synonyms >>	lavish, lush, luxuriant, profuse	Antonym >> thrifty individual
	The prodigal son squandered his inheritance.		
	Derivatives >>	prodigality, prodigally, prodigalize	
155.	profundity	pruh FUN deh tee	profound knowledge, intellectual depth
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> shallowness; stupidity
	Einstein had a profundity that was admired by all.		
	Derivatives >>	profound, profoundly, profoundness	
156.	profuse	pruh FYOOS	extravagantly abundant, flowing freely
	Synonyms >>	lavish, lush, luxuriant, prodigal	Antonym >> meager
	Cutting that artery will cause profuse bleeding.		
	Derivatives >>	profusely, profuseness, profusion, profusive, profusively	
157.	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, propinuous	
158.	protract	pro TRAKT	to prolong
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to shorten
	The union hopes to protract the strike in order to force management to settle.		
	Derivatives >>	protractedly, protractedness, pretractible, protraction, protractive	
159.	provincial	pruh VEN shul	lacking sophistication, narrow-minded
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> sophisticated
	Her parents are so provincial that they believe they should arrange her marriage.		
	Derivatives >>	provinciate, provincialism, provinciality, provincialization	
160.	prudent	PROOD unt	wise and careful about practical matters
	Synonyms >>	judicious, sage, sane, sapient	Antonym >> indiscreet; incautious
	In the city, it is prudent to have locks on all doors and windows.		
	Derivatives >>	prudence, prudential, prudently	
161.	quandary	KWON duh ree	dilemma
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> state of peace and calm
	She was in a quandary because two boys whom she liked wanted to take her to the senior prom.		
	Derivatives >>	quandaries	
162.	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	
163.	quiescent	kwee ES unt	inactive, dormant
	Synonyms >>	abeyance, latent	Antonym >> active
	The eruption was a surprise because the volcano had been quiescent for many years.		
	Derivatives >>	quiescence, quiesce, quiescency, quiescently	
164.	recalcitrant	reh KAL seh trunt	very stubborn, refusing to obey, unruly
	Synonyms >>	headstrong, intractable, refractory, willful	Antonym >> compliant
	Recalcitrant students are usually tardy, do not complete class assignments, and disrupt class.		
	Derivatives >>	recalcitrance, recalcitrancy, recalcitrate, recalcitration	
165.	recapitulation	ree kuh pich uh LAY	a summary
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	It is usually a good idea for a teacher to give a recapitulation of the previous day's topics.		
	Derivatives >>	recapitulate, recapitulationist, recapitulative, recapitulatory, recapitulatively	

166.	reciprocal	reh SIP ruh kul	mutual, interacting
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	We have made a reciprocal trade agreement whereby we will sell the country grain and it will sell us copper.		
	Derivatives >>	reciprocality, reciprocally, reciprocating, reciprocation, reciprocalive, reciprocator, reciprocity, reciprocity	
167.	reconcile	REK un sile	to reestablish friendship, to resolve a dispute
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to alienate
	The family will never be the same until Mom and Grandma reconcile their differences.		
	Derivatives >>	reconcilability, reconcilable, reconcilableness, reconcilably, reconcileness, reconciliation, reconcile	
168.	renunciation	reh nun see A shun	the act of renouncing; ascetic self-denial
	Synonyms >>	sacrifice, rejection, repudiation	Antonym >>
	The board member made a renunciation of his chairmanship.		
	Derivatives >>	renunciate, renunciant, renunciative, renunciatory	
169.	repress	reh PRES	to restrain, to hold back
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to release
	I feel that I need to repress my desires for him since he obviously does not like me.		
	Derivatives >>	repressed, repression, repressive, repressiveness	
170.	reproach	reh PROCH	to blame for something; a disgrace
	Synonyms >>	admonish, castigate, chasten, chastise, chide, rebuke, reprove	Antonym >> to praise; accolade
	Her conduct was so good that it was beyond reproach.		
	Derivatives >>	reproachable, reproachful, reproachfully, reproachfulness, reproachingly	
171.	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	
172.	reticence	RET uh sunt	restraint in speech, reluctance to speak
	Synonyms >>	reserve, taciturnity	Antonym >> candor
	A lawyer must have great reticence in discussing matters that could violate his client's rights.		
	Derivatives >>	reticency, reticent, reticently	
173.	reverie	REV uh ree	daydreaming
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> attentiveness
	Spring seems to lend itself to reverie.		
	Derivatives >>	reveries, reverist	
174.	ruminare	ROO muh nate	to consider for a long time at a slow pace, to ponder
	Synonyms >>	meditate, muse, ponder	Antonym >> to consider fleetingly
	We will have to go elsewhere if you ruminate about your decision for a long period.		
	Derivatives >>	ruminatingly, ruminator, ruminative, ruminant, ruminantly	
175.	satiric	suh TER ik	characterized by satire (a branch of literature ridiculing vice or folly)
	Synonyms >>	sarcastic, sardonic, ironic	Antonym >>
	The political cartoonist was known for his satiric drawings.		
	Derivatives >>	satire, satirical, satirically, satirism, satirist, satirize, satirizer	
176.	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	
177.	sequester	seh KWES tur	to seclude
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to allow to mingle freely
	Because of the publicity about the case and the defendant, the judge decided to sequester the jury.		
	Derivatives >>	sequestered, sequestrable, sequestrant, sequestration, sequestator	
178.	serene	suh REEN	calm, placid
	Synonyms >>	tranquil	Antonym >> agitated
	The mountain on a clear spring morning is a serene setting.		
	Derivatives >>	serenely, sereneness, serenity	
179.	serpentine	SUR pen teen	resembling a serpent, wily or tempting; diabolical
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> straight
	The line of dancers moved and swayed in a serpentine manner.		
	Derivatives >>	serpentinely, serpentinizingly, serpentine	

180.	solicitous	suh LIS eh tus	worried, concerned
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> unconcerned
	He was very solicitous about the health of his ill grandmother.		
	Derivatives >>	solicitously, solicitousness, solicitude	
181.	sovereign	SOV rin	possessed of controlling power
	Synonyms >>	predominant, paramount, preponderant	Antonym >> without power
	The king is sovereign within his country.		
	Derivatives >>	sovereignly, sovereignty, sovranity	
182.	spurious	SPYOOR ee us	false or deceitful
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> honest
	Cashing forged checks is a spurious activity.		
	Derivatives >>	spuriously, spuriousness	
183.	stagnant	STAG nunt	not flowing, foul from not moving
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> flowing
	The stagnant pond had a foul odor.		
	Derivatives >>	stagnate, stagnation, stagnantly, stagnancy, stagnance	
184.	stealthy	STEL the	acting in a secret and sneaky way--this is a negative term
	Synonyms >>	clandestine, covert, furtive, surreptitious, underhanded	Antonym >> open; indiscreet
	The secret organization moves by stealth to gather information on its enemies.		
	Derivatives >>	stealthy, stealthfully, stealthily, stealthiness, stealth	
185.	stoic	STOW ik	a stoical person; not showing passion or feeling, indifference, impassive
	Synonyms >>	apathetic, phlegmatic, stolid	Antonym >> impassioned; ardent
	The umpire remained quite stoic despite the manager's screaming and the intense booing of the crowd.		
	Derivatives >>	stoical, stoically, stoicism	
186.	stolid	STOL id	showing little emotion
	Synonyms >>	apathetic, phlegmatic, stoic	Antonym >> emotional
	He always has a stolid appearance at the poker table.		
	Derivatives >>	stolidly, stolidity	
187.	stratum	STRAY tum, STRAT	a horizontal layer
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The geologist said that this stratum is composed of limestone.		
	Derivatives >>	stratums	
188.	stupefy	STOO puh fie	to dull the senses as to put into a stupor
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to excite
	That boring lecture would stupefy anyone with any intelligence.		
	Derivatives >>	stupefyingly, stupefaction, stupefacient, stupefactive	
189.	sublimate	SUB luh mate	to refine or to transform a primitive impulse into one socially acceptable
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	We are going to try to sublimate his natural rebelliousness into concern for righting the wrongs of mankind.		
	Derivatives >>	sublimation, sublimator	
190.	supercilious	soo pur SIL ee us	haughty, vain and arrogant
	Synonyms >>	disdainful, high-handed, insolent, lordly	Antonym >> servile
	I do not like your arrogant and supercilious attitude toward poor people.		
	Derivatives >>	superciliously, superciliousness	
191.	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	
192.	supersede	soo pur SEDE	to replace, to cause to be displaced or set aside
	Synonyms >>	displace, supplant	Antonym >>
	This new law will supersede all previous laws.		
	Derivatives >>	supersedure, supersedence	
193.	taciturn	TAS eh turn	quiet, not verbose
	Synonyms >>	reserved, reticent	Antonym >> loquacious; talkative
	A shy person is usually taciturn.		
	Derivatives >>	tacit, tacitly, tacitness, taciturnity, taciturnly	

194.	transcended	tran SEND ed	surpassed, exceeded
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	His actions in the crisis transcended the call of duty.		
	Derivatives >>	transcend, transcendence, transcendency, transcendent, transcendental, transcendentalistic	
195.	transient	TRAN shunt	quickly passing, fleeting
	Synonyms >>	ephemeral, evanescent, fugitive, transitory	Antonym >> enduring; everlasting
	The moment of happiness she enjoyed was merely transient; soon she was depressed again.		
	Derivatives >>	transience, transiently, transiency, transience	
196.	transparent	trans PARE unt	quality of being able to be seen through, clear
	Synonyms >>	limpid, translucent	Antonym >> opaque
	Glass is a transparent substance.		
	Derivatives >>	transparently, transparentness, transparency	
197.	trifling	TRY fling	not significant, frivolous
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> important; significant
	Some think that watching MTV is a trifling experience.		
	Derivatives >>	trifle, trifled, trifling, trifles	
198.	trivia	TRIV ee uh	insignificant matters
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> important matters
	The English teacher is looking for substance, not trivia, in themes.		
	Derivatives >>	trivial, triviality, trivialization, trivialize, trivially	
199.	undulant	UN juh lunt	moving with or resembling a wavelike motion
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> motionless
	Playing golf on an undulant terrain is usually difficult.		
	Derivatives >>	undulance, undulate, undulated, undulating, undulation, undulatory	
200.	vehement	VEE uh munt	forcefully expressing emotion or conviction
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> meek
	He vehemently denied that he had said those harsh words.		
	Derivatives >>	vehemence, vehemency, vehemently	
201.	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	
202.	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	
203.	vivacious	vi VAY shus	full of life, very animated
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> sluggish
	Game shows are looking for vivacious contestants who are fun to watch and who will liven up the show.		
	Derivatives >>	vivaciously, vivaciousness, vivacity	
204.	vivid	VIV id	bright, distinct, and clear
	Synonyms >>	graphic	Antonym >> lackluster
	I have vivid memories of my trip to Europe.		
	Derivatives >>	vividly, vividness, vividity, vivific, vivificate, vivification, vivifier, vivify	
205.	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	
206.	vouchsafe	VOUCH safe	to grant in a condescending manner
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to refuse to grant
	I can vouchsafe you a large return on your investment.		
	Derivatives >>	vouchsafement	
207.	vulgarity	vul GAR eh tee	something offensive to good taste and refinement
	Synonyms >>	coarseness, grossness, obscenity, ribaldness	Antonym >> refinement
	She chose to ignore the vulgarity of his crude remark.		
	Derivatives >>	vulgar, vulgarian, vulgarism, vulgarization, vulgarize, vulgarizer	

208.	zeal	ZEEL	enthusiasm, fervor
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> lack of enthusiasm
	To the delight of his students, he brought great zeal to the teaching profession.		
	Derivatives >>	zeals, zealous, zealot, zealous, zealotism, zealotry	
209.	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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2. abstractedly	54. deprecating	106. industriously	176. protracted
3. abyss	55. derision	107. inert	177. provincial
4. accordant	56. desolation	108. infallibly	178. prudently
5. acquiescence	57. despairing	109. ingenious	179. quandary
6. adhere	58. despondingly	110. innumerable	180. query
7. advent	59. desultorily	111. insideously	181. quiescent
8. advocates	60. dilatorily	112. interminable	182. recalcitrant
9. affinity	61. diminutive	113. intractably	183. recapitulations
10. alacrity	62. discerned	114. inundate	184. reciprocity
11. aloof	63. disconcerting	115. iridescent	185. reconciliation
12. ambiguity	64. disencumbered	116. kindled	186. renunciation
13. anachronism	65. disillusive	117. labyrinth	187. repressed
14. anchor	66. domicile	118. laconically	188. reproachfully
15. antecedent	67. dubiousness	119. lamenting	189. reputed
16. antediluvians	68. embellish	120. languidly	190. reticence
17. antiquity	69. engendered	121. lassitude	191. reverie
18. apathetic	70. engrossed	122. latency	192. ruminations
19. appendage	71. ennoblement	123. lurid	193. satirically
20. arable	72. ensconced	124. luxurious	194. sedulously
21. articulations	73. entreaty	125. malice	195. sequestered
22. ascendancy	74. enunciate	126. malicious	196. serenity
23. ascetic	75. ephemeral	127. melancholy	197. serpentine
24. astute	76. epicure	128. mirthfulness	198. solicitude
25. atrophy	77. equanimity	129. mitigate	199. sovereigns
26. audacity	78. equilibrium	130. monotonous	200. spurious
27. barbarous	79. espousal	131. morbid	201. stagnation
28. bestowed	80. estranged	132. mortification	202. stealthily
29. betoken	81. evanescent	133. musingly	203. stoic
30. blandly	82. expedient	134. myriad	204. stolidity
31. blasphemous	83. extricate	135. nebulous	205. stratum
32. boisterous	84. fervid	136. nonchalance	206. stupefied
33. buoyant	85. fettered	137. obscurity	207. sublimation
34. burnished	86. flacidity	138. orthodox	208. superciliousness
35. cataclysmal	87. foliage	139. ostentatious	209. superfluous
36. celestial	88. foreboding	140. pallor	210. supersede
37. certitude	89. galvanized	141. palpable	211. taciturnity
38. chronicals	90. grievous	142. perfunctorily	212. transcended
39. circumvent	91. harmonious	143. perpetual	213. transient
40. clandestine	92. heretic	144. perspicacity	214. transparent
41. complacently	93. hideous	145. petulance	215. trifling
42. conflagration	94. histrionic	146. philanthropy	216. trivial
43. congenial	95. ignominiously	147. philistine	217. undulations
44. contrite	96. immunity	148. pique	218. vehement
45. converging	97. imperturbable	149. placidly	219. venerable
46. coquettish	98. imperviousness	150. plaintive	220. vexation
47. coterie	99. impetuous	151. ponderous	221. vivacious
48. credible	100. incantation	152. precipice	222. vivid
49. cumbrous	101. incessantly	153. prevaricate	223. voluptuous
50. cursorily	102. incipient	154. prodigal	224. vouchsafed
51. declamation	103. incongruity	155. profundity	225. vulgarity
52. declivity	104. indignant	156. profuse	226. zeal
			227. zenith

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29. transient	81. vivacious	133. voluptuous	185. desolation
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36. ingenious	88. provincial	140. affinity	192. sublimation
37. transparent	89. stolidity	141. laconically	193. placidly
38. profuse	90. spurious	142. credible	194. blandly
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51. converging	103. reproachfully	155. nonchalance	207. imperturbable
52. insidiously	104. infallibly	156. vouchsafed	208. malicious
			209. astute

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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

- | | | | | |
|-------|-----|------------|----|---|
| _____ | 1. | abate | a. | prompt and cheerful response |
| _____ | 2. | abstracted | b. | removed in thought; lost in one's own mind |
| _____ | 3. | abyss | c. | bottomless hole; a vast expanse or depth |
| _____ | 4. | accord | d. | likeness; a natural relationship; kinship |
| _____ | 5. | acquiesce | e. | agreement; state of harmony |
| _____ | 6. | adherent | f. | the supporting of an idea or cause |
| _____ | 7. | advent | g. | to give in; to comply |
| _____ | 8. | advocacy | h. | to reduce in intensity or amount |
| _____ | 9. | affinity | i. | a coming or arrival |
| _____ | 10. | alacrity | j. | a follower of a leader or party; disciple; partisan |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|--------------|----|---|
| _____ | 1. | aloof | a. | apart; indifferent; detached; unconcerned |
| _____ | 2. | ambiguous | b. | very, very old; before the flood |
| _____ | 3. | anachronism | c. | to add in a supplementary manner |
| _____ | 4. | anchor | d. | lack of concern or feeling; indifference |
| _____ | 5. | antecedent | e. | having more than one meaning |
| _____ | 6. | antediluvian | f. | the state of being ancient |
| _____ | 7. | antiquity | g. | an error in chronology |
| _____ | 8. | apathy | h. | to secure firmly |
| _____ | 9. | append | i. | fit for plowing; tillable |
| _____ | 10. | arable | j. | something preceding a cause |

Exercise C

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|-------|-----|------------|----|---|
| _____ | 1. | articulate | a. | to waste away; to wither |
| _____ | 2. | ascend | b. | to grant or to give |
| _____ | 3. | ascetic | c. | to move upward; to rise from a lower station |
| _____ | 4. | astute | d. | mild; not irritating |
| _____ | 5. | atrophy | e. | shrewd; perspicacious; perceptive; sagacious |
| _____ | 6. | audacity | f. | to speak distinctly; to express oneself clearly |
| _____ | 7. | barbarism | g. | to give a sign of; exemplify |
| _____ | 8. | bestow | h. | a person who leads a life of self-denial |
| _____ | 9. | betoken | i. | the incorrect usage of words or forms of language |
| _____ | 10. | bland | j. | excessive boldness; daring; rashness |

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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. to make a **blasphemous** remark
a. sympathetic b. irreverent c. unkind d. silly
- _____ 2. a **boisterous** child
a. rowdy b. serene c. rude d. shy
- _____ 3. to be constructed of **buoyant** materials
a. expensive b. old c. used d. floatable
- _____ 4. to **burnish** a brass lamp
a. purchase b. destroy c. polish d. tarnish
- _____ 5. to live through a **cataclysm**
a. catastrophe b. religious experience c. life of poverty d. decade
- _____ 6. a **celestial** object
a. round b. heavenly c. expensive d. old
- _____ 7. the **certitudes** of life
a. inevitable things b. sorrows c. expenses d. surprises
- _____ 8. a **chronic** cough
a. recent b. habitual c. dangerous d. deep
- _____ 9. to **circumvent** the problem
a. face head on b. solve c. avoid d. antagonize
- _____ 10. a **clandestine** meeting
a. secret b. arranged c. public d. distant
- _____ 11. a sense of **complacency**
a. satisfaction b. intuition c. hearing d. relief
- _____ 12. to be trapped by a **conflagration**
a. hard decision b. large fire c. strong opponent d. locked door
- _____ 13. a **congenial** person
a. misinformed b. friendly c. hostile d. intelligent
- _____ 14. to wear a **contrite** expression
a. happy b. surprised c. mournful d. remorseful
- _____ 15. to **converge** on the scene
a. move together b. party c. rest d. study
- _____ 16. a young **coquette**
a. couple b. female flirt c. male snob d. athlete
- _____ 17. to join a **coterie**
a. small group b. convention c. armed forces d. large fraternity
- _____ 18. a **credible** source
a. believable b. doubtful c. wealthy d. secret
- _____ 19. to handle a **cumbersome** load
a. borrowed b. lightweight c. neatly stacked d. unmanageable
- _____ 20. to give a **cursory** inspection of a machine
a. superficial b. careful c. required d. unannounced

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Vocabulary Test 3

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

declaim	declivity	decorousness	deprecatd	derision
desolate	despairing	despondency	desultory	dilatory
diminution	discern	disconcerting	disencumber	disillusioned

1. We have tried unsuccessfully to _____ ourselves from the on going argument.
2. His attempts to find a permanent job have been _____; he makes aimless efforts on a random basis.
3. As soon as he got the mike in hand, he began to _____ his opponents, speaking bombastically against them.
4. Because the father did not approve of her actions, he _____ her behavior.
5. I found the _____ of the woman particularly _____; the fact that she was so depressed was really frustrating and upsetting to me.
6. I was most impressed with the man's proper behavior; I rarely see anyone behave with such _____.
7. Because the mountainous area was so _____, the _____ of the mountain was more than usually dangerous. If we needed help on the downward slope, we would be in trouble since the area was deserted.
8. No one likes to be ridiculed; that kind of _____ is distasteful to everyone.
9. The officer was unable to _____ the _____ of the opponent's troops. We could not understand why he could not differentiate the reduction in their numbers and act accordingly.
10. The young woman was totally _____; while once she was enchanted with the man, she now found him disgusting.
11. Asking for a recess in the trial is just a _____ tactic; the lawyer is merely trying to delay and stall for time.
12. I was moved by the woman's _____ tears; her sense of hopelessness was evident in her behavior.

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Vocabulary Test 4

Directions: Choose the letter of the word that **best** fits the definition.

- _____ 1. lacking force or vigor; yielding to pressure for want of firmness and stiffness
a. expedient b. fervid c. flaccid d. dubious
- _____ 2. appropriate for a purpose but not necessarily moral, right, or just
a. expedient b. fervid c. flaccid d. dubious
- _____ 3. cluster of leaves
a. domicile b. foliage c. epicure d. equanimity
- _____ 4. ardent; burning; impassioned
a. expedient b. fervid c. flaccid d. dubious
- _____ 5. lasting a short period of time; fleeting
a. dubious b. engrossed c. ephemeral d. flaccid
- _____ 6. home or residence
a. domicile b. entreaty c. epicure d. equanimity
- _____ 7. to pronounce clearly
a. embellish b. enunciate c. ennoble d. ensconce
- _____ 8. to free; to disentangle
a. enunciate b. estrange c. extricate d. fetter
- _____ 9. a person who understands a lot about food or drink; a connoisseur
a. domicile b. entreaty c. epicure d. equanimity
- _____ 10. fleeting
a. fervid b. engrossed c. flaccid d. evanescent
- _____ 11. a plea; an earnest request; adjuration; supplication
a. domicile b. entreaty c. epicure d. equanimity
- _____ 12. doubtful
a. dubious b. engrossed c. ephemeral d. evanescent
- _____ 13. to settle comfortably
a. embellish b. engender c. ennoble d. ensconce
- _____ 14. calm temper; even disposition
a. domicile b. entreaty c. epicure d. equanimity
- _____ 15. to alienate; to separate
a. enunciate b. estrange c. extricate d. fetter
- _____ 16. marrying; giving one's loyalty; adopting or embracing a cause
a. engrossing b. ennobling c. embellishing d. espousing
- _____ 17. to decorate; to make beautiful with ornamentation; to adorn
a. embellish b. engender c. ennoble d. ensconce
- _____ 18. to elevate; to raise in rank
a. embellish b. engender c. ennoble d. ensconce
- _____ 19. completely occupied or absorbed
a. dubious b. engrossed c. ephemeral d. evanescent
- _____ 20. a state of balance between opposing forces
a. domicile b. equilibrium c. epicure d. entreaty
- _____ 21. to restrict by shackling or chaining
a. enunciate b. estrange c. extricate d. fetter
- _____ 22. to cause; to produce; to create
a. embellish b. engender c. ennoble d. ensconce

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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

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|-------|-----|---------------|----|---|
| _____ | 1. | foreboding | a. | premonition of evil; an ominous omen |
| _____ | 2. | galvanize | b. | marked by extreme calm; impassive; assured |
| _____ | 3. | grievous | c. | disgraceful or dishonorable conduct |
| _____ | 4. | harmonious | d. | to stimulate or excite, as if by electric shock |
| _____ | 5. | heretical | e. | very ugly; offensive; shocking |
| _____ | 6. | hideous | f. | overly theatrical |
| _____ | 7. | histrionic | g. | characterized by severe suffering or sorrow |
| _____ | 8. | ignominy | h. | resistance -- usually for a disease |
| _____ | 9. | immunity | i. | showing accord; melodious |
| _____ | 10. | imperturbable | j. | contrary to church doctrine or accepted beliefs |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|-------------|----|--|
| _____ | 1. | impervious | a. | beginning to come into being |
| _____ | 2. | impetuous | b. | lenient, especially towards oneself |
| _____ | 3. | incantation | c. | anger as a result of something unjust |
| _____ | 4. | incessant | d. | a spell; a written or recited formula of words |
| _____ | 5. | incipient | e. | unable to move or act; sluggish; passive; idle |
| _____ | 6. | incongruity | f. | skillfully busy or occupied; assiduous; diligent |
| _____ | 7. | indignation | g. | not capable of being entered or penetrated |
| _____ | 8. | indulgent | h. | uninterrupted; constant; perpetual |
| _____ | 9. | industrious | i. | violent; hasty; rash; impulsive |
| _____ | 10. | inert | j. | not conforming; disagreeing; not compatible |

Exercise C

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|-------|-----|--------------|----|--|
| _____ | 1. | infallible | a. | cleverness; inventiveness; resourcefulness |
| _____ | 2. | ingenuity | b. | stubborn; difficult to manage |
| _____ | 3. | innumerable | c. | to start a fire; to stir up |
| _____ | 4. | insidious | d. | to flood; to overflow |
| _____ | 5. | interminable | e. | having no end; wearisomely protracted |
| _____ | 6. | intractable | f. | incapable of error |
| _____ | 7. | inundate | g. | like a maze; convoluted and intricate |
| _____ | 8. | iridescence | h. | the quality of exhibiting rainbow-like colors |
| _____ | 9. | kindle | i. | very many; more than can be counted |
| _____ | 10. | labyrinthine | j. | treacherous or dangerous in a secret sort of way |

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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. | laconic | a. | not visible; dormant |
| _____ 2. | lament | b. | feeling of weariness; fatigue |
| _____ 3. | languid | c. | depression of spirits |
| _____ 4. | lassitude | d. | to mourn or express sorrow |
| _____ 5. | latent | e. | sensational; gruesome; causing horror |
| _____ 6. | lurid | f. | motivated by hate or intent to harm |
| _____ 7. | luxuriant | g. | slow; sluggish |
| _____ 8. | malice | h. | use of a minimum of words; concise |
| _____ 9. | malicious | i. | desire to harm others |
| _____ 10. | melancholy | j. | abundant growth; very fertile |

Exercise B

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|-----------|-------------|----|--|
| _____ 11. | mirth | k. | sameness |
| _____ 12. | mitigate | l. | to humiliate; to experience shame |
| _____ 13. | monotony | m. | difficult to see; vague |
| _____ 14. | morbidity | n. | unwholesomeness and gloominess |
| _____ 15. | mortify | o. | to ponder; to meditate; to ruminate |
| _____ 16. | muse | p. | gladness and merriment |
| _____ 17. | myriad | q. | a very large indefinite number |
| _____ 18. | nebulous | r. | indifference; showing little interest |
| _____ 19. | nonchalance | s. | lacking clarity of feature or sharpness of outline |
| _____ 20. | obscure | t. | to cause to become less harsh or hostile |

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Vocabulary Test 7

Directions: Choose the letter of the word that best fits the meaning of the given definition.

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|-----------|--|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|
| _____ 1. | showy; pretentious | a. perspicacious | b. ostentatious | c. placid | d. profuse |
| _____ 2. | extreme paleness usually relating to the face | a. Philistine | b. propinquity | c. pique | d. pallor |
| _____ 3. | tangible; perceptible; easily noticed | a. orthodox | b. palpable | c. plaintive | d. prodigal |
| _____ 4. | acting routinely with little interest or concern | a. ponderous | b. perfunctory | c. precipice | d. perpetuate |
| _____ 5. | to prolong the existence of something | a. ponderous | b. perfunctory | c. precipice | d. perpetuate |
| _____ 6. | having clear insight; shrewd; very perceptive | a. perspicacious | b. ostentatious | c. placid | d. profuse |
| _____ 7. | unreasonable touchiness or irritability | a. prevarication | b. profundity | c. philanthropist | d. petulance |
| _____ 8. | conforming to established standards or conventions | a. orthodox | b. palpable | c. plaintive | d. prodigal |
| _____ 9. | one who tries to do good for mankind | a. prevarication | b. profundity | c. philanthropist | d. petulance |
| _____ 10. | a narrow-minded person who opposes cultural values | a. Philistine | b. propinquity | c. pique | d. pallor |
| _____ 11. | resentment; irritation | a. Philistine | b. propinquity | c. pique | d. pallor |
| _____ 12. | calm; peaceful | a. perspicacious | b. ostentatious | c. placid | d. profuse |
| _____ 13. | mournful and expressing sorrow | a. orthodox | b. palpable | c. plaintive | d. prodigal |
| _____ 14. | very heavy; unwieldy from weight | a. ponderous | b. perfunctory | c. precipice | d. perpetuate |
| _____ 15. | a very steep cliff; the brink of something dangerous | a. ponderous | b. perfunctory | c. precipice | d. perpetuate |
| _____ 16. | a lie; evasiveness | a. prevarication | b. profundity | c. philanthropist | d. petulance |
| _____ 17. | wasteful; a person given to extravagance | a. orthodox | b. palpable | c. plaintive | d. prodigal |
| _____ 18. | profound knowledge; intellectual depth | a. prevarication | b. profundity | c. philanthropist | d. petulance |
| _____ 19. | extravagantly abundant; flowing freely | a. perspicacious | b. ostentatious | c. placid | d. profuse |
| _____ 20. | nearness; kinship | a. Philistine | b. propinquity | c. pique | d. pallor |

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Vocabulary Test 8

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

Exercise A

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|-----------|----------------|----|---|
| _____ 1. | protract | a. | to prolong |
| _____ 2. | provincial | b. | inactive; dormant |
| _____ 3. | prudent | c. | very stubborn; refusing to obey |
| _____ 4. | quandary | d. | summary |
| _____ 5. | query | e. | inquiry |
| _____ 6. | quiescent | f. | lacking sophistication; narrow-minded |
| _____ 7. | recalcitrant | g. | mutual; interacting |
| _____ 8. | recapitulation | h. | to reestablish friendship; to resolve a dispute |
| _____ 9. | reciprocal | i. | wise and careful about practical matters |
| _____ 10. | reconcile | j. | dilemma |

Exercise B

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|-----------|--------------|----|---|
| _____ 11. | renunciation | k. | restraint in speech; reluctance to speak |
| _____ 12. | repress | l. | daydreaming |
| _____ 13. | reproach | m. | the act of renouncing; rejection; repudiation |
| _____ 14. | reputable | n. | to consider for a long time at a slow pace; to ponder |
| _____ 15. | reticence | o. | having a good reputation |
| _____ 16. | reverie | p. | characterized by satire; ironic; sarcastic |
| _____ 17. | ruminate | q. | to restrain; to hold back |
| _____ 18. | satiric | r. | very diligent; industrious |
| _____ 19. | sedulously | s. | to seclude |
| _____ 20. | sequester | t. | to blame for something; a disgrace |

Exercise C

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| _____ 21. | serene | a. | possessed of controlling power |
| _____ 22. | serpentine | b. | worried; concerned |
| _____ 23. | solicitous | c. | showing little emotion |
| _____ 24. | sovereign | d. | a horizontal layer |
| _____ 25. | spurious | e. | false or deceitful |
| _____ 26. | stagnant | f. | a stoical person; indifferent; impassive |
| _____ 27. | stealthy | g. | resembling a serpent; wily or tempting |
| _____ 28. | stoic | h. | not flowing; foul from not moving |
| _____ 29. | stolid | i. | to dull the senses as to put into a stupor |
| _____ 30. | stratum | j. | acting in a secret and sneaky way |
| _____ 31. | stupefy | k. | to refine or transform a primitive impulse |
| _____ 32. | sublimate | l. | calm; placid |

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Vocabulary Test 9

Directions: Choose the letter of the word that best fits the meaning of the given definition.

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|-----------|--|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| _____ 1. | the highest point overhead; peak | | | |
| | a. trivia | b. zenith | c. vexation | d. trifling |
| _____ 2. | enthusiasm; fervor | | | |
| | a. vulgarity | b. zeal | c. vouchsafe | d. vivid |
| _____ 3. | moving with a wavelike motion | | | |
| | a. transparent | b. supercilious | c. superfluous | d. undulant |
| _____ 4. | something offensive to good taste and refinement | | | |
| | a. vulgarity | b. zeal | c. vouchsafe | d. vivid |
| _____ 5. | not significant; frivolous | | | |
| | a. trivia | b. zenith | c. vexation | d. trifling |
| _____ 6. | grant in a condescending manner | | | |
| | a. vulgarity | b. zeal | c. vouchsafe | d. vivid |
| _____ 7. | insignificant matters | | | |
| | a. trivia | b. zenith | c. vexation | d. trifling |
| _____ 8. | pleasurable to the senses | | | |
| | a. venerate | b. transcended | c. supercede | d. voluptuous |
| _____ 9. | quality of being able to be seen through; clear | | | |
| | a. transparent | b. supercilious | c. superfluous | d. undulant |
| _____ 10. | quickly passing; fleeting | | | |
| | a. taciturn | b. vehement | c. transient | d. vivacious |
| _____ 11. | bright; distinct; clear | | | |
| | a. vulgarity | b. zeal | c. vouchsafe | d. vivid |
| _____ 12. | full of life; very animated | | | |
| | a. taciturn | b. vehement | c. transient | d. vivacious |
| _____ 13. | haughty; vain and arrogant | | | |
| | a. transparent | b. supercilious | c. superfluous | d. undulant |
| _____ 14. | surpassed; exceeded | | | |
| | a. venerate | b. transcended | c. supercede | d. voluptuous |
| _____ 15. | quiet; not verbose | | | |
| | a. taciturn | b. vehement | c. transient | d. vivacious |
| _____ 16. | discomfort; distress | | | |
| | a. trivia | b. zenith | c. vexation | d. trifling |
| _____ 17. | to honor; to revere | | | |
| | a. venerate | b. transcended | c. supercede | d. voluptuous |
| _____ 18. | beyond what is needed; an overflow | | | |
| | a. transparent | b. supercilious | c. superfluous | d. undulant |
| _____ 19. | to replace; cause to be set aside | | | |
| | a. venerate | b. transcended | c. supercede | d. voluptuous |
| _____ 20. | forceful in expressing emotion or conviction | | | |
| | a. taciturn | b. vehement | c. transient | d. vivacious |

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Answers

Test 1

Exercise A

1. h
2. b
3. c
4. e
5. g
6. j
7. i
8. f
9. d
10. a

Exercise B

1. a
2. e
3. g
4. h
5. j
6. b
7. f
8. d
9. c
10. i

Exercise C

1. f
2. c
3. h
4. e
5. a
6. j
7. i
8. b
9. g
10. d

Test 2

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

Test 3

1. disencumber
2. desultory
3. declaim
4. deprecated
5. despondency, disconcerting
6. decorousness
7. desolate, declivity
8. derision
9. discern, diminution
10. disillusioned
11. dilatory
12. despairing

Test 4

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|-------|-------|
| 1. c | 12. a |
| 2. a | 13. d |
| 3. b | 14. d |
| 4. b | 15. b |
| 5. c | 16. d |
| 6. a | 17. a |
| 7. b | 18. c |
| 8. c | 19. b |
| 9. c | 20. b |
| 10. d | 21. d |
| 11. b | 22. b |

Test 5

Exercise A

1. a
2. d
3. g
4. i
5. j
6. e
7. f
8. c
9. h
10. b

Exercise B

1. g
2. i
3. d
4. h
5. a
6. j
7. c
8. b
9. f
10. e

Exercise C

1. f
2. a
3. i
4. j
5. e
6. b
7. d
8. h
9. c
10. g

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Answer Key

Vocabulary Test 6

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1. h | 2. d | 3. g | 4. b | 5. a | 6. e | 7. j |
| 8. i | 9. f | 10. c | 11. p | 12. t | 13. k | 14. n |
| 15. l | 16. o | 17. q | 18. s | 19. r | 20. m | |

Vocabulary Test 7

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

Vocabulary Test 8

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

Vocabulary Test 9

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