

Definitions

Note carefully the spelling, pronunciation, part(s) of speech, and definition(s) of each of the following words. Then write the word in the blank space(s) in the illustrative sentence(s) following. Finally, study the lists of synonyms and antonyms given at the end of each entry.

1. animated (an' ə mət id)

(adj.) full of life, lively, alive; (part.) moved to action

After the game the sportscaster found the winning team to be in an _____ mood.

SYNONYMS: (adj.) energetic, vigorous

ANTONYMS: (adj.) dull, lifeless, dead, flat

2. brood (brüd)

(n.) a family of young animals, especially birds; any group having the same nature and origin; (v.) to think over in a worried, unhappy way

The mother bird fed her _____.

The pioneers did not _____ over the hardships they suffered on the long journey.

SYNONYMS: (v.) ponder, meditate, worry, agonize

3. culminate (kəl' mə nāt)

(v.) to reach a high point of development; to end, climax

The President's military advisors hoped the overseas action would not _____ in disaster.

SYNONYMS: conclude, terminate

ANTONYMS: begin, initiate, kick off, commence

4. downright (daun' rīt)

(adv.) thoroughly; (adj.) absolute, complete; frank, blunt

Our neighbor, who chopped down our tree and destroyed our fence, is just _____ mean.

The actor felt like a _____ fool when he forgot his lines.

SYNONYMS: (adj.) total, out-and-out, unqualified

5. drone (drön)

(n.) a loafer, idler; a buzzing or humming sound; a remote-control device; a male bee; (v.) to make a buzzing sound; to speak in a dull tone of voice

The steady _____ of the engine put us all to sleep.

The speaker _____ on and on, ignoring the fact that much of the audience had left.

SYNONYMS: (n.) bum, do-nothing; (v.) hum, buzz, purr

ANTONYMS: (n.) hard worker, workaholic

6. goad (göd)

(v.) to drive or urge on; (n.) something used to drive or urge on

The sergeant had to _____ the reluctant soldiers into action.

u. slouweru

a. unnecessary

b. useless

c. essential

d. useful



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7. indulge
(in dalf')

The cowhand used a _____ to prod the sluggish cattle.
SYNONYMS: (v) prod, spur on, incite
ANTONYMS: (v) curb, check, restrain

(v.) to give in to a wish or desire, give oneself up to
Sometimes the members of a losing team will _____ in self-pity.

SYNONYMS: oblige, humor, coddle, pamper
ANTONYMS: deny, refuse

8. ingredient
(in gre' de ant)

(n.) one of the materials in a mixture, recipe, or formula
Before adding the _____ to the mixture, I first had to put it through a food processor.
SYNONYMS: element, component, constituent, factor

9. literate
(lit' a rat)

(adj.) able to read and write; showing an excellent educational background; having knowledge or training
Compared with others in the colonial settlement, she was a highly _____ young woman.
SYNONYMS: educated, trained
ANTONYMS: unlettered, unschooled, ignorant

10. loom
(lum)

(v.) to come into view; to appear in exaggerated form; (n.) a machine for weaving
The climbers were awestruck to see the peak _____ up before them.
The antique _____, once used to make cloth, was on display in the crafts museum.
SYNONYMS: (v) emerge, surface, hover, tower

11. luster
(las' tar)

(n.) the quality of giving off light, brightness, glitter, brilliance
The polished gold dome atop the state capitol shone with a starry _____.
SYNONYMS: gloss, sheen, shine
ANTONYMS: tarnish, dullness

12. miscellaneous
(mis a la' ne as)

(adj.) mixed, of different kinds
A collection of _____ items was gathering dust in the attic.
SYNONYMS: varied, assorted, motley
ANTONYMS: identical, uniform, homogeneous

13. oration
(ô rā' shan)

(n.) a public speech for a formal occasion
Cicero's _____ in the Roman Senate are still studied by speakers today.
SYNONYMS: address, harangue



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14. peevish
(pē' vish)

(adj.) cross, complaining, irritable; contrary
Although the members of the tour group were in good humor, hunger made them _____.

15. seethe
(sēth)

SYNONYMS: crabby, cranky, testy, stubborn
ANTONYMS: agreeable, amiable, even-tempered, ple
(v.) to boil or foam; to be excited or disturbed
Mother would _____ with time she learned that a dog had been mistreated
SYNONYMS: churn, simmer, stew

16. singe
(sinj)

(v.) to burn slightly; (n.) a burn at the ends or edges
Getting too close to the flame of the campfire caused camper to _____ his eyelashes
A _____ from a cigar ash destroyed the last word in the document.
SYNONYMS: (v) scorch, char, sear
ANTONYMS: (v) incinerate

17. unique
(yü nek')

(adj.) one of a kind; unequaled; unusual; found only in class, place, or situation
Most people would agree that finding an elephant bathtub would constitute a _____ situation.
SYNONYMS: unparalleled, distinctive, singular
ANTONYMS: ordinary, commonplace, run-of-the-mill

18. upright
(ap' rit)

(adj.) vertical, straight; good, honest; (adv.) in a vertical position
The senator showed her _____ character by voting for bills she believed to be right.
The patient was finally standing _____.

19. verify
(ver' a fi)

(v.) to establish the truth or accuracy of, confirm
The reporter hurried to _____ source of the controversial statement.
SYNONYMS: prove, validate, substantiate
ANTONYMS: disprove, refute, discredit

20. yearn
(yarn)

(v.) to have a strong and earnest desire
Who wouldn't _____ to see friends again?