

Anthem

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Definitions



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1.	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	
2.	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	
3.	approbation	ap row BAY shun	official approval, praise, commendation
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> disapprobation, disapproval
	We initiated the attack with the approbation of the general.		
	Derivatives >>	approve, approbated, approving, approbative, approbatory, approbateness	
4.	atone	uh TONE	to make amends
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to offend
	He atoned for his theft by repaying his victims.		
	Derivatives >>	atoned, atoning, atoner, atonement	
5.	baseness	BASE ness	the quality of lacking higher values
	Synonyms >>	vileness, servility, unworthiness	
	Antonym >>		
	We were shocked at the criminal's baseness.		
6.	defile	deh FILE	to make dirty, to desecrate, to pollute
	Synonyms >>	contaminate, taint	
	Antonym >> to enhance		
	The gang defiled the school with obscene graffiti.		
7.	depravity	deh PRAV eh tee	moral corruption, a wicked or perverse act
	Synonyms >>	abasement, corruption, debasement, debauchery, perversion,	
	Antonym >> noble behavior		
	The depravity of his behavior shocked everyone.		
8.	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	
9.	ecstasy	EK stuh see	extreme happiness
	Synonyms >>	rapture, transport	
	Antonym >> wretchedness		
	The music was so beautiful that it put the crowd into a state of ecstasy.		
10.	fluid	FLOO id	smooth and effortless
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> jerky
	Most good golfers have a very fluid swing.		
	Derivatives >>	fluidify, fluidity, fluidization, fluidize	
11.	furrow	FUR ow	to make wrinkles or grooves
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to make plain
	The man's furrowed brow showed his deep concern.		
	Derivatives >>	furrowed, furrowing	

12.	heedless	HEED les	disregarding, thoughtless
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> aware; concerned; attentive
	He walked on, heedless of the signs warning about the mine field.		
	Derivatives >>	heed, heeded, heeding, heeds, heedlessly, heedful, heedfully	
13.	illustrious	eh LUS tree us	notably outstanding, famous
	Synonyms >>	celebrated, distinguished, eminent, noted, renowned	Antonym >> infamous
	I was impressed by the illustrious personage at the ball.		
	Derivatives >>	illustriously, illustriousness	
14.	infamous	IN fuh mus	having a reputation of the worst kind, vicious, notoriously bad
	Synonyms >>	disreputable, ignominious	Antonym >> illustrious
	The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor was an infamous act.		
	Derivatives >>	infamously, infamy, infamies	
15.	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	
16.	perishable	PER eh shuh bul	likely to decay or to spoil
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> unlikely to deteriorate
	We have to move the perishable items to a cooler place.		
	Derivatives >>	perishability, perishableness, perishably, perishing, perishless, perishment	
17.	portal	PORE tul	a doorway (especially a large one)
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	She stood for a moment in the portal before stepping into the room.		
	Derivatives >>	portaled, portals	
18.	raze	RAZE	to completely destroy
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to construct
	Atomic war will raze many cities.		
	Derivatives >>	razed, razing	
19.	revere	reh VERE	to honor, to regard with respect
	Synonyms >>	adore, venerate, worship	Antonym >> to despise
	Nearly all Catholics revere the Pope.		
	Derivatives >>	reverence, reverent, reverentness, reverential, reverentiality, reverentially	
20.	sieve	SIV	a utensil for sifting or straining
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The manager complained that his second baseman fielded ground balls like a sieve.		
	Derivatives >>	sieving	
21.	submissive	sub MIS iv	yielding or surrendering oneself to the will of another
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> rebellious
	I am very submissive to the demands and requests of my parents because I feel that they know best.		
	Derivatives >>	submission, submiss, submissionist, submissively, submissiveness	
22.	tarry	TARE ee	to delay in coming or going, to linger
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to depart promptly
	Please do not tarry; I want you to be here on time.		
	Derivatives >>	tarriness, tarried, tarries	
23.	vindictive	vin DIK tiv	revengeful, spiteful
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> loving; forgiving
	You should be more forgiving and less vindictive.		
	Derivatives >>	vindicated, vindication, vindicative, vindicator, vindicatory, vindictive, vindictively, vindictiveness	
24.	virtuous	VIR choo us	having excellent morals; righteous
	Synonyms >>	ethical, noble	Antonym >> depraved
	One would expect nuns to be very virtuous.		
	Derivatives >>	virtuously, virtuousness, virtue	
25.	whim	HWIM	a sudden and impulsive action
	Synonyms >>	caprice, crotchet, vagary	Antonym >>
	Our trip to Washington was a mere whim.		
	Derivatives >>	whims, whimmed, whimming	

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Vocabulary Test 1

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

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1. The girl stood at the edge of the mountain cliff and looked over its side into the deep, dark _____ that lurked below.
2. The emotion that the woman felt on her wedding was far more than simple happiness; it was sheer _____.
3. The old man's face was _____ with age; some of the wrinkles were laughing lines, but others simple marked his time on earth.
4. All the townspeople were shocked when they discovered that the temple had been _____ in the night; gang members had painted obscenities on all the walls.
5. It is sometimes necessary to _____ for the errors of our ways; making amends is not always easy, but the apology is necessary.
6. The girl was constantly seeking the _____ of her father, though she doubted that he would ever give his approval to her.
7. Many teachers _____ studying each night regardless of whether or not you have homework; they are supporting the idea that learning is a gradual thing and requires constant effort.
8. I was shocked at such _____; I had never seen anyone who so totally lacked any higher values.
9. His _____ sense of humor was almost frightening, it was so perverse; he would laugh at such wicked acts as setting a cat on fire.
10. He is incapable of _____ right from wrong; someone who can't tell the difference is a threat to society.
11. Her _____ speech impressed me; it sounded so smooth and effortless.
12. I hope you are not _____ to my warning; disregarding what I say could hurt you.

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Vocabulary Test 2

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

illustrious	infamous	lassitude	perishable	portal
raze	revere	sieve	submissive	tarry
vindicated	virtuous	whim		

1. If you really _____ your parents, when they ask you to hurry up, you will not _____: because you honor them so much, you will not linger or delay.
2. We were impressed to have such an _____ guest at our party; not only was he famous and outstanding, but he was also righteous and _____, having excellent morals even in the midst of such corruption.
3. Because of the extreme heat, many people abandoned themselves to the _____ created by the warm summer day; they were weary and fatigued from heat and desired a nap.
4. She stood for a moment in the _____, and then moved slowly away from the doorway into the hall.
5. It was just a _____ to skip school and go to the movie; sometimes I do act very suddenly and impulsively, even if it isn't always such a smart idea.
6. The best utensil for straining tea leaves from the water is a _____.
7. When the demolition team began to _____ the building, I was a little sad to see it demolished.
8. The lawyer expected his client to be _____ of all charges of murder after hearing the testimony of the witness that so obviously cleared him of the accusations.
9. In some countries, the women are totally _____ to the men, yielding themselves to the will of the male.
10. When the refrigerator broke down, it was necessary to move the _____ items to another cool place, since they were likely to spoil from the heat.
11. The man had lost so much of his integrity that he acquired an _____ reputation; now he was considered to be disgraceful and vicious.

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Test 1

1. abyss
2. ecstasy
3. furrowed
4. defiled
5. atone
6. approbation
7. advocate
8. baseness
9. depraved
10. discerning
11. fluid
12. heedless

Test 2

1. revere, tarry
2. illustrious, virtuous
3. lassitude
4. portal
5. whim
6. sieve
7. raze
8. vindicated
9. submissive
10. perishable
11. infamous