

Vocabulary

Five words added each week. Word, part of speech, & definition provided.

For homework, each student adds 3 synonyms (OR examples)

& 3 antonyms (or non-examples).

Tests are on the most recent words every two weeks. There could be one or two of the previous words, too! Review tests at the 25, 50, 75, & 100 mark.

1. barbaric (adj) uncivilized, crude, crass
2. presume (v) to guess, suppose, assume
3. vindicate (v) to make clear or to defend
4. impotent (adj) helpless, powerless
5. dexterous (adj) artful, skillful with hands
6. inevitable: (adj) unavoidable, certain
7. coherent: (adj) clear, easily understood
8. seamy: (adj) least attractive, worst-looking
9. trivial: (adj) little, unimportant
10. cynicism: (n) sarcasm, criticism
11. contrive-(v) design, invent, create
12. exasperate-(v) to annoy, to irritate
13. procrastinate-(v) to put off, delays
14. precarious-(adj) dangerous, not safe
15. debilitate-(v) to weaken, to make helpless
16. lethargic (adj) sluggish, slow
17. immaculate (adj) clean, spotless
18. inflexible (adj) stiff, stubborn
19. confer (v) to talk, to discuss
20. chastise (v) to scold, to reprimand
21. ascertain (v) -to discover, to find, to obtain
22. accost (v)- to aggressively greet
23. accolade (n) -award, distinction
24. sultry (adj)-hot, passionate
25. crass (adj)-uncivilized, coarse, barbaric
26. infamous-(adj) known for something bad, notorious
27. memento-(n) souvenir, remembrance
28. melancholy-(adj)-depressed, sad
29. insatiable-(adj)-impossible to satisfy, unappeasable
30. frugal-(adj)-saving, not wasting
31. liaison (n)-communication, connection
32. affluent (adj)-rich, wealthy
33. insomnia (n)-sleeplessness, inability to sleep
34. novice (n)-beginner, amateur
35. parley (v) or (n) - to talk, a conversation
36. avocation (n) - hobby, minor occupation
37. adversary (n) - opponent, foe
38. impromptu (adj) - sudden, spontaneous
39. lucid (adj) -clear, coherent
40. placid (adj) - calm, still
41. gaunt (adj) - thin, emaciated
42. nomad (n) - a wanderer
43. facsimile (n) - copy or replica
44. amnesty (n) - forgiveness by government
45. ghetto (n) - poor neighborhood with specific ethnic background
46. lackey (n) - a male servant
47. exemplary (adj) - outstanding, ideal
48. deplorable (adj) - disgraceful, shameful
49. delirious (adj) - crazy, frantic
50. glutton (n) - one with an insatiable appetite

51. velocity (n) speed in a given direction
52. fluctuate (v) to waiver or change randomly
53. introvert (n) - one who enjoys privacy
54. savvy (n) - one who has knowledge of
55. impeach (v) - prosecute, accuse the president
56. postulate (v) - to suppose or assume
57. permeate (v) - to penetrate, to fill
58. permissive (adj) - allowing, lenient
59. calamity (n) - disaster, major misfortune
60. emaciated (adj) - very skinny
61. bogus (adj) - fake, not real
62. affable (adj) - very friendly, gracious
63. lush (adj) - abundant OR (n) a drunk
64. tawdry (adj) - gaudy or inexpensive
65. succulent (adj) - very interesting or juicy
66. eerie (adj) - odd or strange
67. clandestine (adj) - hidden or secret
68. rotund (adj) - round or plump
69. mollify (v) - to soothe or pacify
70. rustic (adj) - old-fashioned
71. ridicule (v) - to mimic, make fun of
72. mundane (adj) - normal, routine, boring
73. vacillate (v) - to fluctuate, to remain unstable
74. kibitzer (n) - one who gives unwanted advice
75. claustrophobia (n) - fear of closed in places
76. sinewy (adj) - muscular, strong
77. etiquette (n) - proper manners
78. extrovert (n) - one who is outgoing
79. impersonate (v) - to imitate or pose
80. flamboyant (adj) - colorful or loud
81. famished (adj) - extremely hungry
82. alien (n) - non-native
83. rescind (v) - to take back
84. mercenary (n) - paid killer
85. impetuous (adj) - acting without thinking
86. racy (adj) - lively, wild
87. mock (v) - to ridicule
88. charlatan (n) - imposter, a quack
89. quaff (v) - to drink quickly
90. perilous (adj) - dangerous
91. precipitation (n) - weather
92. entourage (n)- followers, escorts
93. famine (n) - lack of food
94. ultimatum (n) - final warning
95. frigid (adj) - cold, freezing
96. pompous (adj) - conceited, self important
97. enhance (v) - to flatter or improve
98. parasite (n) - lives off host in order to feed
99. flaunt (v) - top show off or display
100. contemplate (v) - to ponder, carefully decide