

Answers

1. **b.** remote means faraway, or **distant**
2. **b.** to detest means to feel intense or violent dislike, or to **hate**
3. **c.** gracious means to be **pleasant** or considerate in social interactions
4. **a.** to predict means to declare in advance or to **foretell**
5. **d.** kin means people with common ancestors, or **relatives**
6. **c.** pensive means moodily or dreamily **thoughtful**
7. **a.** to banish means to drive out from home or country, or to **exile**
8. **c.** a fraud is someone who is not what he or she pretends to be, or an **imposter**
9. **b.** saccharine means overly **sweet**
10. **d.** to drag is to **pull**, or to cause movement in a direction with applied force
11. **b.** jovial means good humored or **merry**
12. **a.** to be indifferent is to be marked by impartiality or to be **neutral**
13. **b.** to simulate is to assume the outward appearance of, or to **imitate**
14. **c.** charisma is magnetic **charm** or appeal
15. **a.** to apportion is to **divide** and share out
16. **a.** generic means having the characteristic of a whole group, or **general**
17. **d.** a qualm is a feeling of uneasiness about a moral issue, or a **scruple**
18. **d.** wary means to be attentive especially to danger, or to be **cautious**
19. **c.** to distort means to twist out of a normal state, or to **deform**
20. **d.** sumptuous means excessively costly, rich, or **luxurious**
21. **a.** one meaning of reel is to move round and round, or to **whirl**
22. **b.** inscrutable means not easily interpreted or understood, or **mysterious**
23. **c.** to appall is to overcome with shock, or to **dismay**
24. **a.** upright can mean either **honorable** or vertical; horizontal and supine are both antonyms of upright
25. **c.** a reverie means the state of being lost in thought, or a **daydream**
26. **c.** loot means goods seized in war, or **spoils**
27. **a.** loquacious means excessively **talkative**, or garrulous
28. **c.** a chimera is a fabrication of the mind, or an **illusion**
29. **a.** temerity means unreasonable contempt for danger or recklessness, or **audacity**
30. **b.** to educe means to develop something potential or latent; to **elicit** means to draw out something hidden or latent
31. **a.** a nabob is a person of great wealth or importance, or a **bigwig**
32. **b.** to pall can mean to deprive of pleasure in something by **satiating**
33. **d.** sacrosanct means the most **sacred**, or holy
34. **d.** louche means not reputable, or **indecent**
35. **c.** stentorian means **loud** and is usually used to imply a voice of great power and range

Exercise 2 Answers

- 36. c.** to withdraw means to remove or retreat; to **advance** is the opposite of retreat
- 37. d.** secret means hidden or covert; **overt** means open to view
- 38. b.** heartfelt means expressing genuine feeling, or sincere, so **insincere** is its opposite
- 39. b.** impartial means to be without prejudice or bias, therefore **biased** is the opposite
- 40. b.** luminous means radiating or reflecting light, or glowing; **dim** means dark or dull
- 41. d.** awe means a sense of deep respect or veneration; **contempt** means a lack of respect, or disdain
- 42. b.** a pit is a hole and a **peak** is the top of a hill or mountain
- 43. c.** rotund means rounded or plump, therefore **thin** is the opposite
- 44. d.** a talent is a special creative or artistic ability, therefore **inability** is the opposite
- 45. a.** common means ordinary or familiar; **strange** means unfamiliar
- 46. a.** brazen means to be defiant or insolent; **bashful** means to be shy or timid
- 47. c.** to expect is to wait for or to look forward to; to **despair** is to lose all hope
- 48. c.** malodorous means to have a bad smell; **fragrant** means smelling sweet or delicate
- 49. b.** to expound means to explain; to **confuse**, or confound, is the opposite of expound
- 50. d.** to pique means to excite or irritate; to **soothe** means to calm
- 51. b.** to abate means to reduce in degree or intensity; to **augment** means to increase
- 52. c.** dearth means an inadequate supply or lack of something; **abundance** means an ample quantity, or wealth
- 53. d.** to be peaked is to appear pale or wan; to be **ruddy** is to have a healthy, red complexion
- 54. b.** to abridge means to shorten and to **extend** means to lengthen
- 55. a.** to kindle means to start burning or ignite; to **smother** means to stifle or suppress
- 56. d.** meager means lacking in quality or quantity; **copious** means present in large quantity, or abundant
- 57. b.** philistine is used disparagingly to describe a person guided by material rather than intellectual values; an **intellectual** is a person who engages in creative use of his or her intellect
- 58. a.** zenith means the highest point or the apex; **nadir** means the lowest point
- 59. a.** germane means to be appropriate or relevant, therefore **irrelevant** is the opposite
- 60. b.** irascible means easily angered; **placid** means calm or serene
- 61. b.** to approbate means to approve or sanction; to **condemn** means to declare wrong or to convict
- 62. d.** supercilious means coolly or patronizingly haughty; **meek** means enduring injury with patience and without resentment
- 63. a.** improvident means lacking prudent foresight, or careless; **cautious** means to be wary or to exercise forethought
- 64. a.** to demur means to delay or hesitate; to **embrace** means to accept readily or gladly; demure means coy
- 65. c.** fatuous means inanely foolish; **sensible** is its nearest opposite
- 66. b.** quiescent means marked by inactivity or repose, therefore **active** is the opposite
- 67. a.** sartorial means of or relating to tailored clothes; **homespun** means homemade

68. c. sapient means possessing great wisdom, or sage; one meaning of **simple** is deficient in intelligence

69. b. matutinal means of or relating to the morning; **crepuscular** means relating to or resembling twilight

70. a. impecunious means having little or no money, therefore **wealthy** is the opposite