

# Definitions

You were introduced to the words below in the passage on pages 130–131. Study the spelling, pronunciation, part of speech, and definition of each word. Write the word on the line in the sentence. Then read the synonyms and antonyms.

## Remember

A **noun** (n.) is a word that names a person, place, or thing.

A **verb** (v.) is a word or words that express action or a state of being.

An **adjective** (adj.) is a word that describes a noun or pronoun.

### 1. arch (ärch)

(n.) a curved structure that serves as an opening and as a support

*The door to the castle had an \_\_\_\_\_ over it.*

(adj.) main; playful, mischievous

*Surprisingly, the \_\_\_\_\_ enemies joined forces.*

SYNONYMS: (n.) archway, curvature, semicircle;  
(adj.) chief, principal; sly

### 2. authentic (ô then' tik)

(adj.) being the real thing; worthy of belief, true

*These are \_\_\_\_\_ diamonds.*

SYNONYMS: actual, genuine; sincere  
ANTONYMS: fake, false, counterfeit, inauthentic



### 3. clarify (klar' ə fī)

(v.) to say clearly or make easier to understand

*The teacher tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the assignment.*

SYNONYMS: explain, simplify  
ANTONYMS: bewilder, complicate, obscure

### 4. declare (di klâr')

(v.) to state strongly; to make a formal or an official statement

*I was too shy to \_\_\_\_\_ my feelings.*

SYNONYMS: announce, assert, proclaim  
ANTONYM: deny

### 5. grant (grant)

(v.) to permit or allow; to admit that something is true

*The leader decided to \_\_\_\_\_ their request.*

(n.) something that is given

*They received a \_\_\_\_\_ to study other cultures.*

SYNONYMS: (v. & n.) award; (v.) give; allow, concede; (n.) gift, present  
ANTONYMS: (v.) refuse, disallow



**6. grave**  
(grāv)

(n.) a hole in the ground where something is buried

The \_\_\_\_\_ of  
President Ulysses S. Grant is in New York City.

(adj.) very important and requiring much attention; serious

The climbers were in \_\_\_\_\_ danger.

SYNONYMS: (n.) tomb; (adj.) critical, significant; solemn, somber

ANTONYMS: (adj.) insignificant, unimportant; cheerful, joking, lighthearted, merry



**7. modest**  
(mä' dəst)

(adj.) not thinking too highly of oneself, not boastful; proper in speech, dress, or behavior; not extreme or large

We were surprised at how \_\_\_\_\_ the famous singer was.

SYNONYMS: reserved, humble; simple; moderate

ANTONYMS: bold, conceited, proud, self-assured, vain; excessive, grand

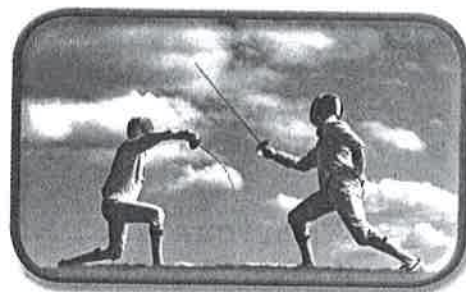
**8. opponent**  
(ə pō' nənt)

(n.) someone who is set against another, as in a contest, game, argument, or fight

In the sport of fencing, each \_\_\_\_\_  
challenges the other with a special  
kind of sword.

SYNONYMS: foe, rival, enemy, competitor, challenger

ANTONYMS: ally, partner, helper, friend, teammate



**9. valid**  
(va' ləd)

(adj.) supported by facts or evidence, true

Your report presents many \_\_\_\_\_ arguments.

SYNONYMS: convincing, persuasive, sound

ANTONYMS: false, invalid, unconvincing

**10. yearn**  
(yûrn)

(v.) to long for

I \_\_\_\_\_ for our vacation.

SYNONYMS: desire, wish, want, crave, need, pine, hunger, thirst