

Definitions

You were introduced to the words below in the passage on pages 140–141. 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.

1. admirable (ad' mə rə bəl)

(adj.) deserving praise

The murals they painted on the wall are _____.

SYNONYMS: excellent, superior, wonderful, praiseworthy, first-rate
ANTONYMS: inferior, mediocre, second-rate



2. automatic (ô tə ma' tik)

(adj.) done without thought or will; done by a machine, not by a human

Blinking is an _____ response.

SYNONYMS: involuntary, instinctive, unconscious, mechanical
ANTONYMS: deliberate, conscious, voluntary

3. devotion (dī vō' shən)

(n.) loyalty and affection

They showed their _____ to their religious faith by attending services on a regular basis.

SYNONYMS: attachment, commitment, dedication, faith, allegiance
ANTONYMS: disloyalty, faithlessness

4. distant (dis' tənt)

(adj.) far away; not friendly

The _____ cabin was difficult to get to.

SYNONYMS: remote, apart, removed, separated; reserved, unapproachable, unfriendly, cold
ANTONYMS: near, close, adjacent, neighboring; accessible, warm

5. dreary (drir' ē)

(adj.) gloomy or dismal; without cheer, comfort, or enthusiasm

The rain did not stop at all during the _____ afternoon.

SYNONYMS: depressing, bleak
ANTONYMS: cheery, exciting, vibrant, lively, merry

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.



6. exhaust (ig zôst')

(v.) to use up; to wear out

Don't _____ yourself shopping at the mall.

(n.) the escape of gas from an engine

The _____ from the bus made me choke.

SYNONYMS: (v.) tire, fatigue, weaken, consume, deplete, drain, empty
ANTONYMS: (v.) refresh, enliven, fill, quicken

7. kindle (kin' dəl)

(v.) to get a fire going; to stir up or to start something

We tried to _____ a campfire.

SYNONYMS: ignite, burn, light; awaken, excite
ANTONYMS: extinguish; discourage, dampen, smother, deaden



8. predict (pri dikt')

(v.) to guess what is going to happen

No one can _____ the future.

SYNONYMS: forecast, foretell, foresee, anticipate, expect

9. separation (se pə rā' shən)

(n.) the act or condition of being apart

They met again after a _____ of ten years.

SYNONYMS: disconnection, detachment, rift, break, division
ANTONYMS: connection, attachment, unification

10. stunt (stunt)

(v.) to stop or slow down the growth of

The scientist worked to _____ the growth of the weed.

(n.) an act that shows great strength, bravery, or skill, often to get attention

Harry Houdini, the great magician and escape artist, was known to perform a daring escape _____.

SYNONYMS: (v.) block, hamper, suppress, restrain;
(n.) feat, performance, achievement
ANTONYMS: (v.) encourage, promote

