

Definitions

You were introduced to the words below in the passage on pages 150–151. 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. abundant

(ə bùn' dənt)

(adj.) large or more than enough; plentiful

There was an _____ amount of food at the restaurant.

SYNONYMS: bountiful, generous

ANTONYMS: limited, meager, sparse, scarce



2. barrier

(bär' ē ər)

(n.) something that blocks or bars movement or passage

The mountains acted as a _____ to the wind.

SYNONYMS: wall, obstacle, barricade, roadblock, obstruction, restraint

ANTONYMS: entrance, passageway

3. conceive

(kən sēv')

(v.) to start something; to think up or begin to understand

I began to _____ a plan on how to get all my work done.

SYNONYMS: form, formulate, develop, devise, imagine, think

4. formal

(fôr' məl)

(adj.) following strict rules or customs; requiring fancy clothes and fine manners

The club members were required to follow a _____ dress code.

SYNONYMS: official, conventional, standard; proper, fancy

ANTONYMS: informal, unofficial; casual

5. inquire

(in kwīr')

(v.) to ask about

The detective has begun to _____ about the crime.

SYNONYMS: investigate, question, examine, explore, interrogate

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.

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6. penalize

(pē' näl īz)

(v.) to punish

Our teacher will _____ us for incomplete work.

SYNONYMS: discipline, chasten

ANTONYM: reward

7. picturesque

(pik chä resk')

(adj.) charming, quaint

The little town is so _____.

SYNONYMS: beautiful, pretty, lovely, striking, vivid, scenic, delightful

ANTONYMS: ugly, drab, dull, grim, unpleasant, distasteful



8. predator

(pre' də tər)

(n.) one that destroys or devours others; an animal that stalks and eats other animals

A snake is a _____ of mice and other rodents.

SYNONYMS: thief, bandit

ANTONYMS: prey, victim

9. privilege

(priv' lij)

(n.) a special right, benefit, or permission

The players who arrived first got the _____ of choosing the nicest uniforms.

SYNONYMS: advantage, honor

10. slumber

(slum' bər)

(v.) to sleep lightly

The baby will _____ for a while after lunch.

(n.) a sleep or light sleep

The cat lay in _____ for most of the afternoon.

SYNONYMS: (v. & n.) nap, doze, rest, snooze

ANTONYMS: (v.) awake, arouse, stir;

(n.) awareness

