

## Definitions

You were introduced to the words below in the passage on pages 160–161. 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. **advantage** (n.) something that puts someone in a better position

(əd van' tīj)

The \_\_\_\_\_ of sitting up front is being able to see the movie better.

SYNONYMS: benefit, gain, edge, asset

ANTONYMS: disadvantage, drawback

2. **ambition** (n.) a strong desire for importance or success

(am bi' shən)

My \_\_\_\_\_ is to be an excellent artist.

SYNONYMS: aim, aspiration, goal



3. **defiant** (adj.) showing strong resistance; willing to challenge or confront

(di fi' ənt)

The \_\_\_\_\_ team member refused to listen to the coach.

SYNONYMS: rebellious, disobedient, uncooperative

ANTONYMS: submissive, cooperative, obedient

4. **fearsome** (adj.) frightening or alarming

(fir' səm)

That horror movie was quite \_\_\_\_\_.

SYNONYMS: scary, terrifying, horrifying

ANTONYMS: reassuring, comforting, encouraging

5. **imply** (v.) to suggest something without saying it directly

(im pli')

Their kind remarks \_\_\_\_\_ that they want me to join in.

SYNONYMS: hint, indicate

ANTONYMS: declare, state, announce

## 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. **merit**

(mer' ət)

(n.) a quality that deserves praise

The chief \_\_\_\_\_ of the book is its surprise ending.

(v.) to be worthy of, deserve

We \_\_\_\_\_ good grades for our hard work.

SYNONYMS: (n.) value, virtue, worth, excellence, achievement;

(v.) earn, warrant

ANTONYMS: (n.) inferiority, fault

7. **negotiate**

(ni gō' shē āt)

(v.) to discuss in order to arrive at an agreement

The United States and Great Britain

\_\_\_\_\_ the Treaty of Paris in 1783.

SYNONYM: debate



8. **purify**

(pyūr' ə fi)

(v.) to make clean and free of dirt or pollutants

We need to \_\_\_\_\_ the dirty water so we can drink it.

SYNONYMS: cleanse, filter, freshen, refine, sanitize

ANTONYMS: pollute, contaminate, cloud, dirty, muddy, soil

9. **revoke**

(ri vōk')

(v.) to cancel by withdrawing or reversing

The judge decided to \_\_\_\_\_ his license.

SYNONYMS: remove, repeal, rescind

ANTONYMS: give, offer, provide, supply



10. **wretched**

(re' chəd)

(adj.) very unhappy or unfortunate, miserable; very poor in quality

We felt \_\_\_\_\_ about the terrible accident.

SYNONYMS: depressed, dejected; inferior, dreadful

ANTONYMS: happy, pleased, elated, great, superior