

Definitions

You were introduced to the words below in the passage on pages 180–181. 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. boast (bōst)

(v.) to speak proudly of oneself; brag; to take pride in

The team members tend to _____ whenever they win.

(n.) talk that is too full of pride in oneself

My _____ about my grades drove away my friends.

SYNONYMS: (v.) crow, exaggerate, flaunt, overstate; (n.) self-praise

ANTONYM: (v.) belittle

2. eloquent (el' ə kwənt)

(adj.) showing the ability to use words clearly and effectively

Martin Luther King, Jr., was an _____ civil rights speaker.

SYNONYMS: expressive, well-spoken, persuasive, forceful, powerful

ANTONYMS: awkward, tongue-tied



3. glisten (gli' sən)

(v.) to shine with sparkling light

I like to see the morning dew _____ in the sunshine.

SYNONYMS: sparkle, glimmer, glitter, shimmer, gleam

4. ideal (ī dēl')

(adj.) considered to be perfect; existing only in the imagination

Today was an _____ spring day.

(n.) a person or thing that is considered to be perfect

My _____ is a world without violence.

SYNONYMS: (adj.) supreme, flawless, exemplary, ultimate; (n.) model, example

ANTONYMS: (adj.) practical, pragmatic, real

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.



5. infectious (in fek' shəs)

(adj.) caused or spread by germs; able or tending to spread from one to another

Chicken pox is a highly _____

_____ disease.

SYNONYMS: contagious, catching



6. invest (in vest')

(v.) to put money into something that will earn interest or make a profit; to make use of for future benefit

They will _____ their money in stocks and bonds.

SYNONYMS: spend, expend, contribute

7. locate (lō' kāt)

(v.) to find the position of; to settle into a place

I need to _____ the highway on the map.

SYNONYMS: discover, identify, pinpoint, detect, uncover; situate, build, establish

8. ripple (rip' əl)

(n.) a small wave

The pebble caused a _____ in the pool.

(v.) to form or cause small waves

A rowboat will _____ the surface of the lake.

SYNONYMS: (n.) vibration; (v.) ruffle, spread



9. sufficient (sə fi' shənt)

(adj.) as much as is needed, enough

We have a _____ amount of time to finish our task.

SYNONYMS: adequate, plenty, ample

ANTONYMS: insufficient, inadequate, deficient, lacking, sparse, scanty

10. uproar (up' rōr)

(n.) a state of noisy excitement, confusion

When I entered, I found the room in an _____

SYNONYMS: disorder, commotion, disturbance

ANTONYMS: calmness, serenity, tranquility