

Definitions

You were introduced to the words below in the passage on pages 78–79. 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. ancient

(ān' shənt)

(adj.) very old; early in history

The fossil remains are _____.

SYNONYMS: antique, old-fashioned
ANTONYMS: new, recent



2. climate

(kli' mēt)

(n.) the usual weather conditions of a place

I don't like that moist, hot _____.

SYNONYMS: atmosphere, environment, temperature

3. cling

(klij)

(v.) to hold on firmly; to have a strong attachment to or feeling for something or someone

As a child, I used to _____ to my mother.

SYNONYMS: stick, attach, grasp

ANTONYM: release



4. custom

(kus' təm)

(n.) a common practice; the way people do things year after year

Eating turkey and stuffing is a

_____ celebrated by many people on Thanksgiving.

SYNONYMS: tradition, habit

5. decay

(di kā')

(v.) to slowly decline or fall into ruin

The salt water caused the dock to _____.

(n.) the slow decline of something; a wearing away

Go to the dentist twice a year to try to avoid tooth

SYNONYMS: (v.) rot, spoil, decompose, disintegrate; (n.) weakening
ANTONYMS: (v.) flourish, bloom, thrive

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. disturb

(di stürb')

(v.) to make upset or uneasy

We tried not to _____ their sleep.

SYNONYMS: interrupt, stop, disrupt, alarm

ANTONYMS: calm, soothe

7. expose

(ik spōz')

(v.) to uncover or open to view; to make something known

I promise not to _____ their secrets.

SYNONYMS: show, reveal, disclose, display

ANTONYMS: cover, hide, disguise, mask

8. perform

(pər fōrm')

(v.) to carry out a task; to act or entertain

The couple was asked to

_____ the play on Wednesday.

SYNONYMS: sing, dance; achieve, fulfill, do, function



9. remote

(ri mōt')

(adj.) far removed in distance or time, out of the way; unlikely; very slight

We drove to a _____ cabin in the woods.

SYNONYMS: faraway, distant, secluded

ANTONYMS: near, nearby, open

10. timid

(ti' mēd)

(adj.) lacking courage or confidence

I was too _____ to talk to the new teacher.

SYNONYMS: cautious, shy, meek

ANTONYMS: bold, brash, daring, determined, confident