

Words convey concepts that embody meanings of features and manifestations of the world. Increase word power and at once the power to intimately understand, to accurately portray, and to powerfully participate in the events that give the world its form and integrity will be yours.

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D*aily*

V*ocabulary*

C*hallenge*

Instructions:

Each day's vocabulary challenge entry should be read aloud with the students. The students are to be given the following instruction: Listen carefully to today's reading and make mental notes of all you hear. Put forth your best effort to understand and remember each word, its part of speech, its definition, and the sample sentence. After five daily exposures to each word, that word and its defining parts will disappear from the list. After ten words have been presented five times, a QUICK QUIZ will be available. Fear not: it should be an easy "A" for all! Enjoy your Daily Vocabulary Challenge, alias DVC!

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| 3. wane _____ | c. lonely and uninhabited |
| 4. xylophone _____ | d. unthinkable; not understandable |
| 5. yearn _____ | e. appealing to the sense of beauty |
| 6. aesthetic _____ | f. to support with evidence |
| 7. burgeon _____ | g. to go back and forth (with opinions) |
| 8. zenith _____ | h. instrument with wooden keys |
| 9. corroborate _____ | i. to be reduced or lessened |
| 10. desolate _____ | j. the highest point directly above |

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QUICK QUIZ IV

Match each target term with its denotation by placing the letter adjacent to the denotation on the line adjacent to the equivalent target term.

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|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. exhort _____ | a. a complex maze |
| 2. fallible _____ | b. harmless; not damaging |
| 3. gingerly _____ | c. to urge or encourage |
| 4. hubris _____ | d. evil schemes or plans |
| 5. innocuous _____ | e. cautiously and carefully |
| 6. jocular _____ | f. joking, full of fun |
| 7. ken _____ | g. a hint or shade of difference |
| 8. labyrinth _____ | h. arrogance; too much pride and ego |
| 9. machinations _____ | i. capable of making mistakes |
| 10. nuance _____ | j. knowledge or understanding |

Answer Key IV:

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QUICK QUIZ V

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| 1. ominous _____ | a. threatening disaster or doom |
| 2. paragon _____ | b. laziness; lack of energy |
| 3. quell _____ | c. lacking vitality; a lifeless color |
| 4. rebuke _____ | d. causing misery and unhappiness |
| 5. skulk _____ | e. to put down or stop an action |
| 6. torpor _____ | f. a perfect example of excellence |
| 7. ubiquitous _____ | g. learning through another's experience |
| 8. vicariously _____ | h. to scold, fuss at, or criticize |
| 9. wan _____ | i. to move in a sneaky, secretive way |
| 10. wretched _____ | j. being everywhere; spread out |

Answer Key V:

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QUICK QUIZ VI

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|----------------------|--|
| 1. yore _____ | a. rough, unpolished |
| 2. zeal _____ | b. logical, possible, reasonable |
| 3. astute _____ | c. a time long ago |
| 4. brusque _____ | d. having plenty space |
| 5. capacious _____ | e. against traditional beliefs |
| 6. disseminate _____ | f. to spread out or distribute |
| 7. emulate _____ | g. eagerness, interest, strong passion |
| 8. feasible _____ | h. very smart; keen minded |
| 9. gullible _____ | i. easily fooled or tricked |
| 10. heretical _____ | j. to imitate or copy someone's mannerisms |

Answer Key VI:

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5. **Talisman** (noun) a charm thought to bring good fortune
George walked into the darkness fearfully, for his golden *talisman* had been lost.

Day LXXII

1. **Quandary** (noun) a dilemma; a problem or bad situation
The robbers were left in a *quandary*: surrender and face jail time or try to fight and face bullets.
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Day LXXIV

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Day LXXV

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QUICK QUIZ VII

Match each target term with its denotation by placing the letter adjacent to the denotation on the line adjacent to the equivalent target term.

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|------------------------|--|
| 1. jurisprudence _____ | a. loud, harsh, mean spirited |
| 2. lexicon _____ | b. tasty; acceptable |
| 3. munificent _____ | c. cloudy and unclear |
| 4. nebulous _____ | d. science or study of law |
| 5. olfactory _____ | e. very generous |
| 6. ineffable _____ | f. demanding and worthy of respect |
| 7. palatable _____ | g. related to the sense of smell |
| 8. quandary _____ | h. can't be described or put into words |
| 9. redoubtable _____ | i. a word list; vocabulary dictionary |
| 10. strident _____ | j. a dilemma; a problem or bad situation |

Answer Key VII:

(1)d; (2)i; (3)e; (4)c; (5)g; (6)h; (7)b; (8)j; (9)f; (10)a

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Seeking the *approbation* of his coaches, the player tried desperately to please them.

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QUICK QUIZ VIII

Match each target term with its denotation by placing the letter adjacent to the denotation on the line adjacent to the equivalent target term.

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|----------------------|---|
| 1. talisman _____ | a. approval |
| 2. usurp _____ | b. dried up and wrinkled |
| 3. venal _____ | c. made young again |
| 4. wizened _____ | d. a charm thought to bring good luck |
| 5. diatribe _____ | e. agreeable or cooperative |
| 6. heinous _____ | f. to illegally take power or position |
| 7. loquacious _____ | g. terrible in the extreme |
| 8. rejuvenated _____ | h. corrupt or influenced (especially by \$) |
| 9. approbation _____ | i. a long abusive speech |
| 10. amenable _____ | j. talkative in a smooth, eloquent way |

Answer Key VIII:

(1)d; (2)f; (3)h; (4)b; (5)i; (6)g; (7)j; (8)c; (9)a; (10)e

Day LXXXVI

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QUICK QUIZ IX

Match each target term with its denotation by placing the letter adjacent to the denotation on the line adjacent to the equivalent target term.

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|-----------------------|---|
| 1. divulge _____ | a. intense feelings; great passion |
| 2. exacerbate _____ | b. to make worse |
| 3. paradox _____ | c. humor; comedy; light-heartedness |
| 4. quixotic _____ | d. very stubborn adherence to beliefs |
| 5. enamored _____ | e. to reveal or make known |
| 6. fervor _____ | f. idealistic; impractical; unrealistic |
| 7. eclectic _____ | g. waving (a weapon) threateningly |
| 8. dogmatic _____ | h. a confusing condition |
| 9. levity _____ | i. having many interests or sources |
| 10. brandishing _____ | j. inspired with love |

Answer Key IX:

(1)e; (2)b; (3)h; (4)f; (5)j; (6)a; (7)i; (8)d; (9)c; (10)g

Day XCVI

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Day C

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5. **Vacuous** (adjective) empty-headed, unintelligent
When asked a difficult question, Carol's *vacuous* expression announced that she was clueless.

Day CV

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Because of Benjamin's reputation for *rectitude*, every word he spoke was believed.
4. **Vacuous** (adjective) empty-headed, unintelligent
When asked a difficult question, Carol's *vacuous* expression announced that she was clueless.
5. **Impromptu** (adverb) done on the spur of the moment, without thought
The singer's *impromptu* performance was truly amazing, demonstrating that he didn't need any prep time at all.

QUICK QUIZ X

Match each target term with its denotation by placing the letter adjacent to the denotation on the line adjacent to the equivalent target term.

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| 1. limpid _____ | a. can't be dominated or conquered |
| 2. acquit _____ | b. to persuade someone by force or threat |
| 3. compendium _____ | c. a concise list or summary |
| 4. blanched _____ | d. a liking or preference for something |
| 5. exigency _____ | e. perfectly clear; transparent |
| 6. coerce _____ | f. can't be satisfied or made less upset |
| 7. implacable _____ | g. to clear of a legal charge |
| 8. indomitable _____ | h. to drain of color; to become pale |
| 9. mandate _____ | i. an order or command given with authority |
| 10. predilection _____ | j. a situation of great urgency or distress |

Answer Key X:

(1)e; (2)g; (3)c; (4)h; (5)j; (6)b; (7)f; (8)a; (9)i; (10)d