

1.  Click here to listen to the 20 words.

allot [ə'lɒt] v.

To **allot** something means to give it to someone.

→ *The coach allotted each team five minutes to prepare a strategy.*

2. 

appall [ə'pɔ:l] v.

To **appall** means to horrify, shock, or disgust someone.

→ *The boy was appalled when he saw the accident.*

3. 

cache [kæʃ] n.

A **cache** is a hiding place for valuable things.

→ *The pirates kept their jewelry in a cache hidden in a cave.*

4.



convenience [kən'veɪnʃən] n.

Convenience is a state of being able to do something with little effort.

→ *The Internet allows consumers to shop at their own **convenience**.*

5.



dearth [də:rθ] n.

A **dearth** is an amount or supply which is not large enough.

→ *There is a **dearth** of money in my bank account. I can't afford a new car.*

6.



deliberate [dɪ'libərət] adj.

If a thing you do is **deliberate**, you intend to do it.

→ *She made a **deliberate** effort to save money each month.*

7.



dire ['daɪər] adj.

When something is **dire**, it is terrible and very serious.

→ *The tornado created a **dire** situation for the small town.*

8.



elapse [i'læps] v.

To **elapse** means to pass, as in seconds, minutes, or hours.

→ *A few seconds must **elapse** before you can take another picture.*

9.



empathy ['empəθi] n.

Empathy is sharing or understanding another person's feelings.

→ *The caring nurse had **empathy** for her patients.*

10.



fanciful ['fænsifəl] adj.

When something is **fanciful**, it is unusual or unrealistic.

→ *The girl had **fanciful** ideas about doing well in school without studying.*

11.



gripe [graip] v.

To **gripe** means to complain constantly.

→ *Lawrence always **gripes** when he has to do chores.*

12.



grueling ['gru:əlin] adj.

When something is **grueling**, it is very hard to do.

→ *The climber faced the **grueling** task of reaching the top of the steep mountain.*

13.



mundane ['mʌn'deɪn] adj.

When something is **mundane**, it is boring, common, or ordinary.

→ *The man had the **mundane** chore of raking thousands of leaves into piles.*

14.



opt [ɒpt] v.

To **opt** is to make a choice, especially when deciding in favor of something.

→ *My brother likes chocolate ice cream, but I always **opt** for vanilla.*

15.



outrage ['autreɪdʒ] n.

Outrage is a very strong emotion of anger or shock.

→ *Tommy was feeling **outrage** when his parents said he couldn't go to the dance.*

16.



paltry ['pɔ:ltri] adj.

When an amount of something is **paltry**, it is very small.

→ *The poor man had a **paltry** sum of money.*

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rectify ['rekta:fai] v.

To **rectify** something means to correct it.

→ *I quickly **rectified** the spelling mistakes that I had on my essay.*

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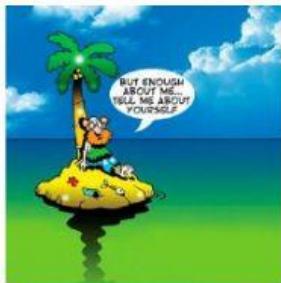


resourceful [ri'sɔ:rsfəl] adj.

When someone is **resourceful**, they are good at dealing with hard situations.

→ *After his boat sunk, Matt was **resourceful** enough to build a raft.*

19.



sustenance [sʌstənəns] n.

Sustenance is food and water needed to keep a person, animal, or plant alive.

→ *Without the proper **sustenance**, the man will starve.*

20.



tedious [ti:dɪəs] adj.

When something is **tedious**, it is long, frustrating, and boring.

→ *His job involved a lot of **tedious** typing, filing, and organizing.*

NOTE: This is not a quiz, it will be graded as an assignment.

Dictation. Listen to the words and write them after their corresponding number.

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