

Vocabulary

9.6.3 Dressed to Excess

Word List



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3.



aristocrat ['ærɪstəkræt] n.

An **aristocrat** is a person who is of the highest class in certain societies.

→ *The aristocrat did not need a job because his family was wealthy.*



attire [ə'taɪər] n.

Attire is nice or special clothing.

→ *Everyone wore their best attire to the president's daughter's wedding.*



craze [kreɪz] n.

A **craze** is a brief and popular activity or object.

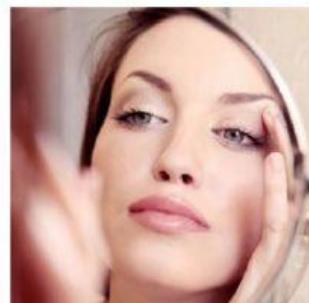
→ *Wearing bright red socks was a craze when I was in high school.*



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9.

enlarge [en'la:rdʒ] v.

To **enlarge** something means to make it bigger.

→ *The classrooms were **enlarged** over the summer to make room for more students.*

excess [ek'ses] n.

An **excess** is an amount of something that is more than needed or wanted.

→ *Because it never got cold that winter, many stores had an **excess** of coats.*



10.

hallmark [ˈhɔ:lma:k] n.

A **hallmark** is a unique characteristic of something.

→ *Different types of pasta and tomato sauces are **hallmarks** of Italian food.*



11.

pad [pæd] n.

A **pad** is a thick piece of soft material used to protect or clean things.

→ *Football players wear shoulder **pads** to keep them safe.*



12.

predominant [pri'domənənt] adj.

If something is **predominant**, then it is the most important, common or strongest.

→ *Before cars were invented, horses were the **predominant** method of travel.*



reputable [repjə 'təbəl] adj.

If someone or something is **reputable**, then they have a good reputation.

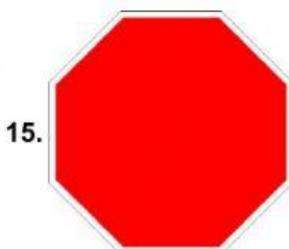
→ *The service from the less than **reputable** company made her angry.*



rouge [ru:ʒ] n.

Rouge is a red powder or cream used as makeup on the cheeks or lips.

→ *Even when she didn't wear **rouge**, her cheeks appeared red.*



signify ['signəfai] v.

To **signify** means to be a symbol of something.

→ *A red octagon is used to **signify** to stop.*



16.

strap [stræp] n.

A **strap** is a thin long piece of fabric used to fasten, carry, or hold something.

→ *She put the **strap** of her purse over her shoulder and walked out of the door.*



17.

tangle ['tæŋgəl] n.

A **tangle** is something or many things twisted together.

→ *The laces of his shoes were in such a **tangle** that he could not untie them.*



18.

vanity ['vænəti] n.

Vanity is excessive pride or love of one's own appearance or things one has done.

→ *Her **vanity** won't allow her to pass a mirror without looking at herself.*



19.

vie [vai] v.

To **vie** for something means to compete against others for it.

→ *The three boys **vied** for the prize in the chemistry contest.*



20.

vulgar ['vʌlgər] adj.

If something or someone is **vulgar**, then they are rude or lacking in style.

→ *Her **vulgar** behavior got her into trouble with her parents.*