

9.6.5 A Bet

1.



alternate ['ɔ:lternet] v.

To **alternate** means to switch back and forth between two things.

→ The best exercise **alternates** muscle and heart strengthening.

2.



apologetic [ə,pələ'dʒetik] adj.

If someone is **apologetic**, they are sorry about something.

→ The boy felt **apologetic** after losing his sister's favorite toy.

3.



benign [bi'nain] adj.

If something or someone is **benign**, they do not hurt anyone.

→ *Many spiders look scary, but most are actually **benign**.*

4.



char [tʃɑ:r] v.

To **char** means to burn something so that it turns black.

→ *While Frank went inside to get the mustard, he accidentally **charred** the hotdogs.*

5.



clarify ['klærəfai] v.

To **clarify** means to make something easier to understand by explaining it.

→ *Drew tried to clarify all the functions of Michelle's new computer.*

6.



dogged ['dɒ(:)gid] adj.

When someone's actions are **dogged**, they try hard to continue something.

→ *Her dad bought her a new jacket after her **dogged** requests for one.*

7.



distress [dis'tres] n.

Distress is the feeling of being upset or worried.

→ *Failing a class caused the student a lot of **distress**.*

8.



ensue [in'su:] v.

To **ensue** means to happen after something.

→ *After a few minutes of lightening, thunder **ensued**.*

9.



gasp [gæsp] v.

To **gasp** means to make a noise by quickly breathing in when surprised.

→ John always **gasps** when watching a scary movie.

10.



negotiate [ni'gouʃieit] v.

To **negotiate** means to try to make an agreement through discussion.

→ Mario and Joe took a long time **negotiating** the contract between the companies.

11.



overdose [ˈouvərdəʊs] n.

An **overdose** is an instance of taking or having too much of something.

→ John's skin was burned from an **overdose** of sunshine.

12.



persuasion [pəˈsweɪʒən] n.

Persuasion is the act of making someone do or believe something.

→ The **persuasion** of his argument convinced the customer to buy the laptop.

13.



relay ['ri:lei] n.

A **relay** is a race in which teams of runners or swimmers race against each other.

→ *Jerry was the fastest on his team, so he ran the last part of the **relay**.*

14.



reluctance [ri'ʌktəns] n.

Reluctance is a feeling of not wanting to do something.

→ *Jesse took out the trash with great **reluctance**.*

15.



restate [ri:'steit] v.

To **restate** something means to say it again or in a different way.

→ Mrs. Jones **restated** the test question to the class.

16.

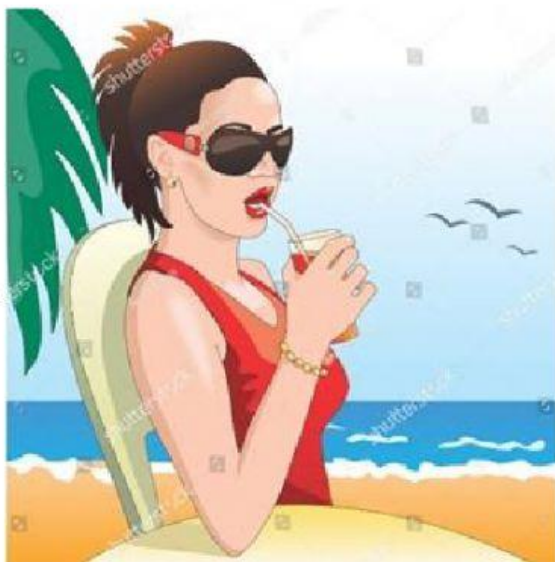


sesame ['sesəmi] n.

Sesame is an herb that is grown for its small seeds and its oil.

→ I used the buns with the **sesame** seeds on them.

17.



sip [sip] v.

To **sip** something means to drink a small amount at a time.

→ Liza relaxed on the beach, **sipping** fruit juice through a straw.

18.



verge [və:rdʒ] n.

The **verge** is the point at which something is about to happen.

→ Joan was on the **verge** of leaving her house when the phone rang.