



What does it mean? – 10 - Verbs

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1. What does "to pilfer" mean?

- a) To buy.
- b) To steal.
- c) To borrow.
- d) To lend.

9. What does "to deter" mean?

- a) To discourage.
- b) To catch.
- c) To reduce.
- d) To destroy or kill.

2. What does "to bolster" mean?

- a) To strengthen.
- b) To work.
- c) To build.
- d) To create.

10. What does "to equivocate" mean?

- a) To decorate.
- b) To mislead.
- c) To be wrong.
- d) To insult.

3. What does "to bicker" mean?

- a) To jump.
- b) To argue.
- c) To move quickly.
- d) To sleep for a short time.

11. What does "to gurn" mean?

- a) To look worried.
- b) To cry.
- c) To smile.
- d) To contort the face.

4. What does "to scrounge" mean?

- a) To deliver.
- b) To distribute.
- c) To lend.
- d) To borrow.

12. What does "to mutter" mean?

- a) To stutter.
- b) To murmur.
- c) To eat.
- d) To cough.

5. What does "to quip" mean?

- a) To complain.
- b) To agree.
- c) To joke.
- d) To sigh.

13. What does "to grumble" mean?

- a) To complain.
- b) To harass.
- c) To annoy.
- d) To fall apart.

6. What does "to ponder" mean?

- a) To walk.
- b) To impress.
- c) To contemplate.
- d) To dig a pond.

14. What does "to natter" mean?

- a) To tell jokes.
- b) To fall over.
- c) To chat.
- d) To eat.

7. What does "to heed" mean?

- a) To watch.
- b) To pay attention.
- c) To worry.
- d) To treat lightly.

15. What does "to scoff" mean?

- a) To annoy.
- b) To eat.
- c) To cough.
- d) To cry.

8. What does "to stroll" mean?

- a) To crawl.
- b) To swim.
- c) To run.
- d) To walk.

16. What does "to quaff" mean?

- a) To hit.
- b) To insult.
- c) To fall over.
- d) To drink.



What does it mean? – 10 - Verbs: Practice



bicker	bolster	deter	equivocate	grumble	gurn	heed	mutter
natter	pilfer	ponder	quaff	quip	scoff	scrounge	stroll

Match the words in the box above with the sentences below. You will need to conjugate them appropriately.



1. I was very hungry and _____ all of the pasta that was in the fridge when I got home.

2. The Prime Minister should have _____ the advice of his chief financial advisor.

3. The leader of the opposition accused the Prime Minister of _____ during question time instead of giving parliament a clear answer.

4. The children were in a bad mood all the way during the car journey. They would not stop _____ with each other.

5. Somebody _____ my bicycle while I was in the fish and chip shop, so I had to walk home.

6. My grandfather used to take his teeth out and _____ at my sisters and me when we were children. It was very funny.

7. Archaeologists say there is evidence that the city engineers tried to _____ the defensive walls at the southern and western gates of the ancient city.

8. My grandfather didn't like Spain very much. He just sat in the apartment with the air con turned on and _____ about the heat all the time he was there.

9. We didn't have any sugar, so I popped next door and _____ some off the neighbour.

10. There had been a lot of break-ins in the area, so they bought a very large dog to patrol the garden and _____ thieves.

11. The old woman sat next to the lake _____ life's mysteries while gently sipping a cup of tea.

12. She finished her work and then put on her coat and _____ in the park for 30 minutes before she met her husband and sat down to eat in a local restaurant.

13. My son and his friends _____ all of the beer we had in the fridge when they watched that football match last night.

14. He is very difficult to understand on the telephone because he has an annoying habit of _____. He needs to speak up a little.

15. They hadn't seen each other for a few weeks and sat on the park bench _____ for a couple of hours.

16. "We invented these labour-saving devices to allow us to do even more work," he _____.

