

9.6.3 Dressed to Excess

Word List

1.



absurd [əb'sə:rd] adj.

If something or someone is **absurd**, they are ridiculous.

→ *That group of people making animal noises sounds completely **absurd**.*

2.



anemia [ə'ni:miə] n.

Anemia is a blood condition that causes a person to be pale and tired.

→ *When she first developed **anemia**, she became tired often.*

3.



aristocracy [æərə'stokrəsi] n.

The **aristocracy** is the highest class of people in certain societies.

→ *Most members of the **aristocracy** were very well-fed.*

4.



aristocrat ['æristəkræt] 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.

5.



attire [ə'taɪə] n.

Attire is nice or special clothing.

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

6.



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.

7.



enlarge [enˈlɑːrdʒ] v.

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

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

8.



excess [ekˈses] 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.*

9.



feminine [ˈfemənɪn] adj.

If something is **feminine**, then it has qualities that are commonly related to women.

→ *Many of the older people thought his long hair made him look too **feminine**.*

10.



hallmark ['ho:lma:rk] 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'dɒmənənt] 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.

13.



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.*

14.

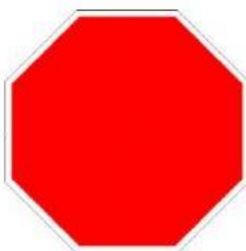


rouge [ru:ʒ] n.

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.*

15.



signify ['signəfaɪ] 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 [ˈtæŋɡəl] 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 [ˈvænəti] 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.*