

Match each word (1–14) with the correct definition (A–N). One definition is extra to make it trickier

Extra Challenge: One of the movement-related definitions fits two different but close words. Decide carefully which goes where

1. condemn

2. internal

3. sustain

4. roam

5. wander

6. abstruse

7. wantonly

8. bumptious

9. haughty

10. abolition

11. deplorable

12. abominable

13. abolishing

14. allude

A. behaving in a proud or arrogant way, especially when showing off knowledge or abilities

B. to maintain, keep alive, or support over time
C. extremely bad or offensive; causing disgust or hatred

D. to cancel, officially end, or get rid of something (such as a law or practice)

E. inside something; occurring within the body, mind, or organization

F. to hint at or mention something indirectly
G. to criticize strongly or express complete disapproval of someone or something

H. to move aimlessly, without a fixed path or purpose
I. behaving recklessly or cruelly without reason
J. arrogant and looking down on others, showing contempt

K. ending a system or practice, especially slavery or a law
L. extremely bad and deserving strong condemnation; shameful
M. to move around an area without a particular direction or plan, often in search of food or employment

N. very difficult to understand; obscure or deep

Connect each word/phrase to the expression or context it most naturally fits. One extra option is added to make it trickier

A. gnaw

B. abstruse

C. unanimous

D. greedy

E. distorted

F. retort

G. bankrupt

H. fresh off the boat and straight

I. limelight

J. hustle and bustle

K. to be reckoned with

L. to force out / to knock out of action

M. obnoxious

N. saving grace

O. seller

Collocations / Definitions (!just write a letter!)

1. _____ approval / verdict / decision
2. _____ ambition / appetite / desire for power
3. to _____ at a problem / at doubts / at someone's conscience
4. an _____ theory / argument / explanation
5. a _____ market / top _____ / best-_____ of the year
6. to twist or give a _____ version of the truth
7. a witty and sharp _____ during an argument
8. emotional _____ of a busy city
9. a person who is difficult to deal with but still a force _____
10. sudden fame; to be in the _____
11. to push someone out of a job or competition; to _____ a rival
12. an unpleasantly loud and _____ neighbor
13. the one positive quality that makes up for faults; the _____ of an otherwise bad plan
14. someone who has just arrived in a new country: _____ into a new life
15. a company declared legally _____

Fill in the blanks

Complete each sentence with the correct word or phrase from the box.

(enthralling • indignant • to rove • to roam • exaggerate • to commute • strained • tense • fostered • to select • to gather up • perks • incentive • go off the rails • obscurantism)

1. Before leaving the picnic area, we stopped to _____ our things.
2. The regime was criticized for promoting _____ to keep citizens uninformed.
3. Don't _____ the story just to make it sound more dramatic.
4. Wild horses are free to _____ across the wide plains.
5. A cash bonus is a strong _____ for employees to reach their targets.
6. As a young artist, he loved to _____ across Europe, searching for inspiration.
7. After losing his job, he began to drink heavily and completely _____.
8. Many people _____ long distances every day to work in the city.
9. The atmosphere in the meeting room grew increasingly _____ as the deadline approached.
10. The teacher _____ creativity by giving students freedom to explore their own ideas.
11. She looked _____ when accused of something she clearly hadn't done.
12. The novel was so _____ that I read it in a single night, unable to put it down.
13. After the argument, their friendship became _____ and awkward.
14. Please _____ the best candidate for the scholarship based on merit.
15. The company offers great _____ like free gym membership and flexible hours.