

- 7 **lethargy**
(lēth'ər-jē)
-noun
- ___ *Lethargy* means
- Although Wendy seemed to recover from the flu, one symptom persisted—**lethargy**. She felt exhausted for weeks.
 - With the hot weather, **lethargy** descended upon the class. The students had trouble staying awake, and even the instructor gazed dreamily out the window.
- a. inactivity. b. hopelessness. c. foolishness.
- 8 **sporadic**
(spə-rād'ik)
-adjective
- ___ *Sporadic* means
- It rained continuously until noon. After that, there were only **sporadic** showers.
 - Dave makes **sporadic** attempts to give up smoking, but his occasional efforts have been halfhearted.
- a. steady. b. irregular. c. long.
- 9 **squander**
(skwŏn'dər)
-verb
- ___ *Squander* means
- I thought my little sister would **squander** her entire allowance on M&Ms, but instead of wasting her money, she put it in her piggy bank.
 - Vince **squanders** both his time and his money playing game after game in video arcades.
- a. to earn. b. to count. c. to spend carelessly.
- 10 **subsidize**
(süb'sə-diz)
-verb
- ___ *Subsidize* means
- During college, many students are **subsidized** by their parents, while others rely on grants or loans.
 - Public television is **subsidized** by various grants and by individual and community donations.
- a. to pay for. b. to advertise. c. to criticize.

Matching Words with Definitions

Following are definitions of the ten words. Clearly write or print each word next to its definition. The sentences above and on the previous page will help you decide on the meaning of each word.

1. _____ To place close together, especially in order to compare or contrast
2. _____ A great lack of energy; inactivity due to laziness
3. _____ Able to be interpreted in more than one way; not clear
4. _____ Without sense or meaning; foolish
5. _____ A person opposed to established ideas or beliefs, especially in politics or religion
6. _____ To decorate; beautify by adding details
7. _____ To support financially; provide a grant or contribution
8. _____ To spend or use wastefully or thoughtlessly
9. _____ Unintentional; accidental
10. _____ Happening now and then; occasional

CAUTION: Do not go any further until you are sure the above answers are correct. Then you can use the definitions to help you in the following practices. Your goal is eventually to know the words well enough so that you don't need to check the definitions at all.

Name _____

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> *Sentence Check 1*

Using the answer line provided, complete each item below with the correct word from the box. Use each word once.

a. ambiguous	b. dissident	c. embellish	d. inadvertent	e. inane
f. juxtapose	g. lethargy	h. sporadic	i. squander	j. subsidize

- _____ 1. Instead of refreshing me, an afternoon nap only deepens my ____; I wake up even sleepier than I was before.
- _____ 2. I get news of Darren only now and then, in ____ letters from him or his mother.
- _____ 3. A research grant will ____ Belinda's study of common fears among the elderly.
- _____ 4. My recent trip to Newark was _____. I got on the wrong train.
- _____ 5. Tracy has learned the hard way not to ____ her affection on men who aren't worth her respect.
- _____ 6. My little brother has ____ (e)d his bedroom ceiling with stars arranged like several of the constellations.
- _____ 7. In plays and movies, good and evil characters are often ____ (e)d. This contrast makes the good ones seem even better and the bad ones seem even worse.
- _____ 8. When student ____s led a protest against China's communist leaders in 1989, some students were killed by government troops.
- _____ 9. Checking a job applicant's references, the personnel manager was puzzled by one ____ comment: "You will be lucky if you can get her to work for you."
- _____ 10. Steve Martin was poking fun at ____ ideas for products when he said, "I got a fur sink, an electric dog polisher, a gasoline-powered turtleneck sweater—and, of course, I bought some dumb stuff too."

Name _____

Vocabulary

Directions: Select 4 words from this weeks vocabulary lesson. In the space below, write one of your selected words at the top of the box, draw a picture that represents the word in the box, and write an original sentence that uses the word at the bottom of the box.

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