

The Glass Menagerie

by Tennessee Williams

Definitions



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1.	abate	uh BAYT	to reduce in intensity or amount
	Synonyms >>	decrease, diminish, dwindle, ebb, lessen, reduce, wane	Antonym >> to increase
	The flood waters abated after forty days of rain.		
	Derivatives >>	abatable, abater, abatement, abated, abating	
2.	accent	AK sent	to stress, to give prominence to; emphasize
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> avoid emphasizing
	In the job interview, I accented my experience.		
	Derivatives >>	accentor, accents, accented, accenting, accentual, accentuate, accentuation	
3.	allusion	uh LOO shun	implied or indirect reference; hinting at
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	Her allusion to the literary figure made the point she wanted.		
	Derivatives >>	allusions, allude, alluded	
4.	beleaguer	buh LEEG er	to harass
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to shield from
	The scandal caused the President to be beleaguered by the press.		
	Derivatives >>	beleaguered, beleaguerer	
5.	conglomerate	kun GLOM ur it	a mixture of many things
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> separated elements
	When the three companies merged, a giant conglomerate was formed.		
	Derivatives >>	conglomerated, conglomerating, conglomeratic, conglomeritic, conglomeration	
6.	credulous	KREJ uh lus	believing on slight evidence, gullible
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> suspicious
	Because the lady's horoscope said that she should stay inside, the credulous woman did not go to work.		
	Derivatives >>	credulously, credulousness, credulity	
7.	cynical	SIN uh kul	given to faultfinding, sneering, and sarcasm; exhibiting mocking disbelief
	Synonyms >>	misanthropic, pessimistic, misogynic	Antonym >>
	Some people are so cynical they sneer at everything that would make life worthwhile.		
	Derivatives >>	cynic, cynically, cynicism	
8.	decorousness	DEK ur us ness	proper behavior
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> lack of propriety
	A gentleman's behavior is known for its decorousness.		
	Derivatives >>	decorous, decorously, decorum	
9.	demure	deh MYOOR	serious, reserved, coy
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> flagrant
	Hollywood often portrays gentlemen as handsome and demure.		
	Derivatives >>	demurer, demurest, demurely	
10.	desolate	DES uh lit	deserted, without inhabitants, barren
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> populous
	Some of the western states have large areas that are desolate.		
	Derivatives >>	desolately, desolateness, desolater, desolating, desolation	
11.	despairing	deh SPARE ing	hopeless, despondent, discouraged
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> hopeful
	The woman's despairing tears touched the hearts of many.		
	Derivatives >>	despair, despaired, despairful, despairfully, despairingly, despairingness	

12.	eclectic	eh KLEK tik	coming from a variety of diverse sources
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> from one source
	His eclectic tastes range from Bach to the Beatles.		
	Derivatives >>	eclectically, eclecticism	
13.	elegiac	el uh JEE uk	mournful, expressing sorrow
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> rejoicing
	His elegiac poem about the war deaths moved everyone.		
	Derivatives >>	elegiacal, elegy	
14.	emulate	EM yuh late	to try to equal or to be like (usually through imitation)
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	He has a lot of fine qualities that I try to emulate.		
	Derivatives >>	emulation, emulative, emulator, emulatively	
15.	endow	en DOW	to provide with income or property, to supply with a talent or quality
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	I plan to endow a million dollars to my former college.		
	Derivatives >>	endowment, endowed	
16.	exhaust	x AWST	to use up; to drain
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> strengthened
	I will not rest until I have exhausted every means available to me.		
	Derivatives >>	exhausting, exhausted, exhauster, exhaustion, exhaustibility, exhaustive, exhaustively	
17.	exquisite	ek QUIS it	perfect or close to perfect in a lovely or delicate way
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> crude and unattractive
	The elaborate food was exquisite.		
	Derivatives >>	exquisitely, exquisiteness, exquisitely	
18.	fiasco	fee AS ko	a total failure and a mess
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> unqualified success
	The man's attempt to run the business was such a fiasco that a small fortune was lost because of his failure.		
	Derivatives >>	fiascoes, fiascos	
19.	flower	FLOU ur	to develop fully
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to wither
	Her intellectual spirit flowered after she went to college.		
	Derivatives >>	flowered, flowers, flowering	
20.	fluid (adj.)	FLOO id	smooth and effortless
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> jerky
	Most good golfers have a very fluid swing.		
	Derivatives >>	fluidify, fluidity, fluidization, fluidize	
21.	fugitive	FYOO jeh tiv	a person who is elusive or hard to find, wandering
	Synonyms >>	ephemeral, evanescent, fleeting, transient, transitory	Antonym >> firmly established
	The criminal became a fugitive who spent his life running from the law.		
	Derivatives >>	fugitate, fugitation, fugitives, fugitively, fugitiveness, fugitivity	
22.	giddy	GID ee	dizzy
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> levelheaded
	I became giddy after drinking the champagne at the reception.		
	Derivatives >>	giddify, giddily, giddiness	
23.	gravity	GRAV eh tee	seriousness, importance
	Synonyms >>	earnestness, sedateness, sobriety, solemnity, staidness	Antonym >> unimportance
	The gravity of the situation was heightened by the death of the president .		
	Derivatives >>	grave, graver, gravely	
24.	hideous	HID ee us	very ugly, offensive, shocking
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> delightful
	Some characters in the horror movie had hideous faces.		
	Derivatives >>	hideously, hideousness, hideosity	
25.	hypocrite	HIP uh krit	one who is insincere or deceitful
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> sincere person
	Saying one thing and then doing the other is the mark of a hypocrite.		
	Derivatives >>	hypocrites, hypocritical, hypocritically, hypocritical, hypocrisy	

26.	immutable	eh MYOO tuh bul	unchanging		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	fickle
	Her love for her husband was immutable.				
	Derivatives >>	immutability, immutableness, immutably			
27.	imperious	im PEER ee us	extremely overbearing		
	Synonyms >>	domineering, imperative, masterful, preemptory		Antonym >>	meek
	The imperious behavior of the dictator led to his overthrow.				
	Derivatives >>	imperiously, imperiousness			
28.	implacable	im PLAK uh bul	incapable of being appeased		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	yielding
	That young man is the enemy of the implacable woman standing in the corner; she will never stop hating him.				
	Derivatives >>	implacability, implacableness, implacably			
29.	indolence	IN duh luns	laziness		
	Synonyms >>	slothfulness		Antonym >>	industriousness
	The hot and humid weather in the tropics encourages indolence.				
	Derivatives >>	indolent, indolency, indolently			
30.	induce	in DOOS, in DYOOS	to bring on or to bring about		
	Synonyms >>	cause, effect, influence, persuade, prevail		Antonym >>	to impede
	His personality changes were induced by drugs.				
	Derivatives >>	induced, inducing, inducement, inducer			
31.	insolence	IN suh luns	insulting or contemptuous behavior		
	Synonyms >>	arrogance, haughtiness, high-handedness, impertinence		Antonym >>	
	His insolence and lack of respect for his mother are shocking.				
	Derivatives >>	insolent, insolently, insolency, insolentness			
32.	interminable	in TUR mun uh bul	having or seeming to have no end, wearisomely protracted		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	short and limited
	Although the reading assignment was only ten pages, it seemed interminable to the bored student.				
	Derivatives >>	interminability, interminableness, interminably, interminate			
33.	jaunty	JON tee	stylish and lively in manner or appearance		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	depressed
	The woman walked with a jaunty step that gave clear evidence to her sprightly personality.				
	Derivatives >>	jauntily, jauntiness, jauntingly			
34.	jeopardize	JEH pur dize	to expose to danger		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	shelter
	You may jeopardize your dog's life if you keep him outside when the weather is extremely cold.				
	Derivatives >>	jeopardized, jeopardizing, jeopard, jeoparded, jeoparding, jeopardy			
35.	lament	luh MENT	to mourn or to express sorrow in a demonstrative manner		
	Synonyms >>	bemoan, bewail, deplore		Antonym >>	to rejoice
	She lamented the death of her father in a very lachrymose manner.				
	Derivatives >>	lamented, lamenting, lamentation, lamentable			
36.	luxuriant	lug ZHOOR ee unt	abundant in growth, very fertile		
	Synonyms >>	lavish, lush, prodigal, profuse		Antonym >>	scanty
	The luxuriant farmland of Iowa provides an abundant amount of food.				
	Derivatives >>	luxuriance, luxurancy, luxuriantly, luxuriate, luxurious, luxuriously, luxuriousness, luxury			
37.	muse	MYOOZ	to ponder		
	Synonyms >>	meditate, ruminate		Antonym >>	
	I have often mused about life on a tropical island.				
	Derivatives >>	mused, museful, musefully, museless, musing			
38.	mutability	myoo tuh BILL uh tee	the degree to which something is subject and likely to change		
	Synonyms >>	inconsistency		Antonym >>	consistency
	The mutability of his opinions was because of political pressures; these alone caused his changing attitudes.				
	Derivatives >>	mutable, mutably, mutation			
39.	oblivion	uh BLIV ee un	state of being forgotten		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	remembrance
	Until the singer's recent hit, his career had fallen into a state of oblivion.				
	Derivatives >>	oblivious, obliviously			

40.	obscure	ub SKYOOOR	difficult to see, vague
	Synonyms >>	abstruse, ambiguous, cryptic, enigmatic, equivocal, recondite	Antonym >> clear; apparent
	Because the meaning of the play was obscure, I was unable to enjoy it.		
	Derivatives >>	obscuration, obscurative, obscuredly, obscurely, obscurement, obscureness, obscurity	
41.	ominous	OM uh nus	threatening
	Synonyms >>	fateful, portentous	Antonym >> harmless; non-threatening
	The ominous clouds were harbingers of the tornado.		
	Derivatives >>	ominously, ominousness	
42.	paragon	PAIR uh gon	a model of excellence or perfection
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The minister was a paragon of virtue in all his affairs.		
	Derivatives >>	paragonize	
43.	peal	PEEL	a loud ringing (usually of bells)
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The church bells pealed at noon to celebrate the wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana.		
	Derivatives >>	pealed, pealing	
44.	precarious	pre KARE ee us	dangerous, risky, not a secure situation
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> safe
	It seems that a tightrope walker is often in a precarious situation.		
	Derivatives >>	precariously, precariousness	
45.	precipitate	preh SIP eh tate	to cause to speedily occur, to throw headlong
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to delay
	Coming home late at my house will always precipitate a fight.		
	Derivatives >>	precipitation, precipitancy, precipitately, precipitator, precipitous	
46.	purse	PURS	to pucker or to tighten one's lips
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The angrier he got, the more he pursed his lips.		
	Derivatives >>	pursed, pursing	
47.	quaint	KWAYNT	unusual in character or appearance
	Synonyms >>	eccentric, peculiar, queer, unique	Antonym >> ordinary
	When we go to New England, we like to stay in a quaint old inn that gives us the flavor of the area.		
	Derivatives >>	quaintish, quaintly, quaintness	
48.	querulous	KWER uh lus	constantly complaining, whining
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> uncomplaining
	Amy irritates me when she constantly speaks in her querulous voice.		
	Derivatives >>	querulously, querulousness, querulist, querulent	
49.	revere	reh VERE	to honor, to regard with respect
	Synonyms >>	adore, venerate, worship	Antonym >> to despise
	Nearly all Catholics revere the Pope.		
	Derivatives >>	reverence, reverent, reverentness, reverential, reverentiality, reverentially	
50.	rhapsodize	RAP suh dize	to express in an overly enthusiastic manner
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to drone
	He felt his Super Bowl trip was the greatest thing since the wheel and rhapsodized about it for weeks.		
	Derivatives >>	rhapsodist, rhapsodic, rhapsodically, rhapsodical, rhapsodistic	
51.	satiric	suh TER ik	characterized by satire (a branch of literature ridiculing vice or folly)
	Synonyms >>	sarcastic, sardonic, ironic	Antonym >>
	The political cartoonist was known for his satiric drawings.		
	Derivatives >>	satire, satirical, satirically, satirism, satirist, satirize, satirizer	
52.	stagnant	STAG nunt	not flowing, foul from not moving
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> flowing
	The stagnant pond had a foul odor.		
	Derivatives >>	stagnate, stagnation, stagnantly, stagnancy, stagnance	
53.	stupefy	STOO puh fie	to dull the senses as to put into a stupor
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to excite
	That boring lecture would stupefy anyone with any intelligence.		
	Derivatives >>	stupefyingly, stupefaction, stupeficient, stupefactive	

54.	sublimate	SUB luh mate	to refine or to transform a primitive impulse into one socially acceptable
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	We are going to try to sublimate his natural rebelliousness into concern for righting the wrongs of mankind.		
	Derivatives >>	sublimation, sublimator	
55.	subtle	SUT ul	delicate, elusive, not obvious
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> obvious; gross; blunt
	To avoid being obtrusive in the elegant restaurant, he used subtle gestures to call the waiter to his table.		
	Derivatives >>	subtilist, subtlety, subtilization, subtilize, subtilizer, subtleness, subtlety	
56.	supercilious	soo pur SIL ee us	haughty, vain and arrogant
	Synonyms >>	disdainful, high-handed, insolent, lordly	Antonym >> servile
	I do not like your arrogant and supercilious attitude toward poor people.		
	Derivatives >>	superciliously, superciliousness	
57.	tentative	TEN tuh tiv	not fully worked out, provisional, uncertain
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> permanent
	We have a tentative arms-control agreement, but we hope to have a signed agreement by the end of the year.		
	Derivatives >>	tentatively, tentativeness	
58.	tenuous	TEN yoo us	flimsy, barely attached
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> firm or substantial
	His position with the law firm became tenuous when he objected to hiring women.		
	Derivatives >>	tenuously, tenuousness, tenuity	
59.	translucence	trans LOO suns	the quality of allowing passage of light but not a clear view
	Synonyms >>	limpidity, transparency	Antonym >> opaqueness; darkness
	Because of the translucence of the water, I could see a body but could not tell whose it was.		
	Derivatives >>	translucency, translucent, translucently	
60.	transparent	trans PARE unt	quality of being able to be seen through, clear
	Synonyms >>	limpid, translucent	Antonym >> opaque
	Glass is a transparent substance.		
	Derivatives >>	transparently, transparentness, transparency	
61.	trivia	TRIV ee uh	insignificant matters
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> important matters
	The English teacher is looking for substance, not trivia, in themes.		
	Derivatives >>	trivial, triviality, trivialization, trivialize, trivially	
62.	turgid	TUR jid	swollen
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> deflated
	The body was turgid from being in the water for so long.		
	Derivatives >>	turgidity, turgidly, turgidness	
63.	unobtrusive	un ob TRUE siv	not readily noticeable, inconspicuous
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> noticeable; obvious
	He is very unobtrusive sitting over there in the corner.		
	Derivatives >>	unobtrusiveness, unobtrusively	
64.	unwitting	un WIT ing	not intentional, without knowledge
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> conscious
	Because her day-to-day routine was so precise and obvious, she was an unwitting tool of the thief.		
	Derivatives >>	unwittingly, unwittingness	
65.	urban	UR bun	having to do with a city or characteristic of a city
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> rural
	Since he has grown up on a farm, I am worried about his attending an urban college.		
	Derivatives >>	urbanism, urbanist, urbanistic, urbanize, urbanization	
66.	utter	UT ur	to express by speaking
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to leave unspoken
	The teacher told me not to utter another word.		
	Derivatives >>	utters, uttered, uttering, utterance	
67.	vacuity	va KYOO eh tee	emptiness as in lack of intelligence
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The vacuities of their faces showed that they knew nothing about the subject.		
	Derivatives >>	vacuities	

68.	vagrant	VAY grunt	a wanderer who does not have a home
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	There are many vagrants who sleep under freeways in urban areas.		
	Derivatives >>	vagrance, vagrancy, vagrantly	
69.	vestiges	VES tij is	remnants, traces, remains
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The archaeologists were looking for vestiges of ancient Egyptian civilizations.		
	Derivatives >>	vestige, vestigial, vestigium	
70.	vivacious	vi VAY shus	full of life, very animated
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> sluggish
	Game shows are looking for vivacious contestants who are fun to watch and who will liven up the show.		
	Derivatives >>	vivaciously, vivaciousness, vivacity	
71.	vivid	VIV id	bright, distinct, and clear
	Synonyms >>	graphic	Antonym >> lackluster
	I have vivid memories of my trip to Europe.		
	Derivatives >>	vividly, vividness, vividity, vivific, vivificate, vivification, vivifier, vivify	
72.	vulgarity	vul GAR eh tee	something offensive to good taste and refinement
	Synonyms >>	coarseness, grossness, obscenity, ribaldness	Antonym >> refinement
	She chose to ignore the vulgarity of his crude remark.		
	Derivatives >>	vulgar, vulgarian, vulgarism, vulgarization, vulgarize, vulgarizer	
73.	whim	HWIM	a sudden and impulsive action
	Synonyms >>	caprice, crotchet, vagary	Antonym >>
	Our trip to Washington was a mere whim.		
	Derivatives >>	whims, whimmed, whimming	

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3. allusion	21. giddy	39. oblivion	57. tentatively
4. beleaguered	22. graver	40. obscured	58. tenuous
5. conglomeration	23. hideous	41. ominous	59. translucent
6. cynicism	24. hypocrisy	42. paragon	60. transparent
7. decorously	25. immutable	43. peal	61. trivial
8. demurely	26. imperiously	44. precariously	62. turgid
9. desolation	27. implacable	45. precipitated	63. unobtrusive
10. despairingly	28. incredulously	46. purses	64. unwittingly
11. eclectic	29. indolently	47. quaint	65. urban
12. elegiac	30. induced	48. querulous	66. utters
13. emulate	31. insolence	49. reverently	67. vacuity
14. endowments	32. interminably	50. rhapsodic	68. vagrants
15. exhausted	33. jauntily	51. satirical	69. vestige
16. exquisitely	34. jeopardize	52. stagnant	70. vivacity
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Vocabulary Test 1

Exercise A

Directions: Select the word that **best** completes the following sentences

abates	accent	allusion	beleaguered	conglomeration
cynicism	decorously	demurely	desolation	despair
eclectic	elegiacall	emulate	endowments	exhausted

1. Aunt Bea mixed everything in the kitchen into a _____ she called "goulash."
2. Try not to _____ Mr. Johnson's _____; such a sarcastic faultfinder is no one to imitate.
3. Her _____ musical tastes enable her to enjoy music from sources as diverse as classical and rock.
4. The _____ firefighters were finally drained of all their energy as they fought the fire while also being _____ and harassed by the high winds.
5. When the rain _____, the flood waters will diminish.
6. When she wished to stress an important point, the shy girl _____ paused to _____ the key words.
7. Jack hinted at his girlfriend's infidelity by making a slight _____ regarding her "new friend."
8. All graduates are expected to behave _____, exercising proper behavior at all times during the ceremony.
9. Among the _____ he has been blessed with is the talent to play any musical instrument.
10. The town's _____ caused much _____ and sadness in the hearts of the alumni who returned to visit the deserted town for their thirtieth year reunion.
12. In his _____ address, the President expressed his sorrow over the deaths of the astronauts.

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Exercise B

Vocabulary Test 1

exquisitely	fiasco	flower	fluidity	fugitive
giddy	graver	hideous	hypocrisy	immutable
imperiously	implacable	incredulously	indolent	induced

1. The wine made the young girl _____, and she dizzily danced about the floor
2. The ballerina performed with a grace and _____ that seemed effortless.
3. The embargo's consequences are far _____ and more serious than we first imagined.
4. The domineering general _____ shouted orders to his troops.
5. Far from being a championship team, each game for the Lions was more like a _____ in which the _____, unmotivated players lazily went through the motions of playing football.
6. His upset stomach was brought about by the food he ate, which almost immediately _____ copious vomiting on his part.
7. The _____ violence in that film shocked and disgusted the viewers.
8. Jack's _____ is so well known that his motto should be, "Do as I say, not as I do."
9. It was only after Sam joined our company that it began to _____ and develop fully.
10. The escaped convict remained a _____ for only two hours before he was recaptured.
11. Nature has many _____ laws that we can count on to be constant, but the laws of mankind change with the whims of the lawmakers.
12. I could not appease old Mrs. Grover after I broke her window; she remained quite _____.
13. The perfection of the _____ painted mural was beyond belief.
14. As soon as the son said he had been to a movie, the mother glared at him _____, certain that he was lying.

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Vocabulary Test 2

Directions: Choose the letter of the definition that **best** fits the meaning of the word in **bold** type.

- _____ 1. the waiter's **insolence**
a. facility b. appearance c. insulting behavior d. speedy service
- _____ 2. to continue **interminably**
a. endlessly b. fitfully c. to the term's end d. briefly
- _____ 3. to move **jauntily**
a. in a jerky manner b. fluidly c. in a lively manner d. randomly
- _____ 4. to **jeopardize** everything
a. sacrifice b. forswear c. renounce d. risk
- _____ 5. **lamented** his death
a. was shocked at b. mourned c. disbelieved d. accepted
- _____ 6. **luxurious** furnishings
a. lavish b. antique c. designer d. gleaming
- _____ 7. to sit and **muse**
a. ponder b. nap c. be depressed d. get distracted
- _____ 8. a genetic **mutation**
a. abnormality b. accident c. improvement d. discovery
- _____ 9. state of **oblivion**
a. uncertainty b. depression c. notoriety d. being forgotten
- _____ 10. an **obscured** view
a. unique b. panoramic c. partially hidden d. clear
- _____ 11. an **ominous** warning
a. threatening b. awesome c. fortunate d. rejected
- _____ 12. a **paragon** of virtue
a. individual b. geometric figure c. model d. vessel
- _____ 13. a **peal** of thunder
a. loud ringing sound b. rumble c. forewarning d. rolling sound
- _____ 14. **precariously** perched
a. skillfully b. dangerously c. as a bird d. loftily
- _____ 15. **precipitated** a crisis
a. avoided b. enhanced c. foretold d. caused to occur
- _____ 16. **purses** one's lips
a. smacks b. applies lipstick to c. puckers d. kisses
- _____ 17. a **quaint** notion
a. unusual b. old fashioned c. incorrect d. ordinary
- _____ 18. a **querulous** child
a. sick b. upset c. whining d. odd
- _____ 19. stood **reverently**
a. respectfully b. still c. stiffly d. thoughtfully
- _____ 20. **rhapsodic** praise
a. choral b. harmonious c. overly enthusiastic d. droning

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Vocabulary Test 3

Directions: Match the word in the left column with the correct definition in the right column.

Exercise A

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| _____ | 1. | satiric | a. | not fully worked out, provisional, uncertain |
| _____ | 2. | stagnant | b. | swollen |
| _____ | 3. | stupefy | c. | characterized by or based on satire |
| _____ | 4. | sublimate | d. | insignificant; unimportant |
| _____ | 5. | subtleties | e. | haughty, vain, and arrogant |
| _____ | 6. | supercilious | f. | to dull the senses as to put into a stupor |
| _____ | 7. | tentative | g. | not flowing, foul from not moving |
| _____ | 8. | tenuous | h. | not readily noticeable, inconspicuous |
| _____ | 9. | translucent | i. | things which are delicate, elusive, not obvious |
| _____ | 10. | trivial | j. | quality of allowing passage of light but not a clear view |
| _____ | 11. | turgid | k. | flimsy, barely attached |
| _____ | 12. | unobtrusive | l. | to refine or transform a primitive impulse into one socially acceptable |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|-------------|----|---|
| _____ | 13. | transparent | m. | emptiness as in lack of intelligence |
| _____ | 14. | unwittingly | n. | not intentional, without knowledge |
| _____ | 15. | urban | o. | sudden and impulsive actions |
| _____ | 16. | utter | p. | remnants, traces, remains |
| _____ | 17. | vacuities | q. | quality of being able to see through something, clear |
| _____ | 18. | vagrant | r. | full of life, very animated |
| _____ | 19. | vestiges | s. | bright, distinct, clear |
| _____ | 20. | vivacious | t. | having to do with a city or characteristic of a city |
| _____ | 21. | vivid | u. | something offensive to good taste and refinement |
| _____ | 22. | vulgar | v. | a wanderer who does not have a home |
| _____ | 23. | whims | w. | to express by speaking |

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Test 1

EXERCISE A

1. conglomeration
2. emulate, cynicism
3. eclectic
4. exhausted, beleaguered
5. abates
6. demurely, accent
7. allusion
8. decorously
9. endowments
10. desolation, despair
11. elegiacal

EXERCISE B

1. giddy
2. fluidity
3. graver
4. imperiously
5. fiasco, indolent
6. induced
7. hideous
8. hypocrisy
9. flower
10. fugitive
11. immutable
12. implacable
13. exquisitely
14. incredulously

Test 2

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|------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1. c | 6. a | 11. a | 16. c |
| 2. a | 7. a | 12. c | 17. a |
| 3. c | 8. a | 13. a | 18. c |
| 4. d | 9. d | 14. b | 19. a |
| 5. b | 10. c | 15. d | 20. c |

Test 3

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| 1. c | 7. a | 13. q | 19. p |
| 2. g | 8. k | 14. n | 20. r |
| 3. f | 9. j | 15. t | 21. s |
| 4. l | 10. d | 16. w | 22. u |
| 5. i | 11. b | 17. m | 23. o |
| 6. e | 12. h | 18. v | |