

Definitions and Sentence Completion

Directions: Use <http://www.learnersdictionary.com/> to locate a definition for each word on the list. Write the definition on the lines. Then, complete each sentence with an original idea. You may print this assignment, copy it into Word to complete digitally, or you may complete it on lined paper. If you use lined paper, be sure to write out the sentence starter as well as your ending.

1. **factious** (adj.) _____

During the debate, the **factious** ambassador caused

2. **ignoble** (adj.) _____

A person can lose his or her job by committing an ignoble act such as

3. **boor** (n.) _____

People called Cory a **boor** because

4. **aegis** (n.) _____

Under the **aegis** of the police department, the witness could safely

5. **perspicacity** (n.) _____

If it were not for dad's **perspicacity**, I would have purchased a car that

6. **fervent** (adj.) _____

His **fervent** speech convinced

7. **rectify** (v.) _____

Bob decided to **rectify** his crime because

8. **enervate** (v.) _____

Working on the roof **enervated** the contractors, especially when

9. **besiege** (v.) _____

The wounded fish was soon **besieged** by

10. **ephemeral** (adj.) _____

The **ephemeral** argument was over in

11. **altruism** (n.) _____

In an act of **altruism**, Jennifer went to the nursing home to

12. **carrion** (n.) _____

The highway crew removed the **carrion** from the road because

13. **erotic** (adj.) _____

Citizens protested the opening of an **erotic** bookstore near the park because...

14. **amorphous** (adj.) _____

The **amorphous** body of the amoeba had no discernable

15. **opulent** (adj.) _____

Features in the **opulent** mansion include