

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. **pedestrian** (adj.) _____

The **pedestrian** television program was not worth

2. **bona fide** (adj.) _____

Ralph wanted a **bona fide** New York cheesecake, so he

3. **adventitious** (adj.) _____

During the game, it was **adventitious** that the players

4. **fecund** (adj.) _____

The **fecund** nature of the jungle

5. **deviate** (v.) _____

Try not to **deviate** from the subject when you

6. **obfuscate** (v.) _____

The salesman obfuscated the dissatisfied customer so much that the customer

7. **impale** (v.) _____

Nathan **impaled** an earthworm on a hook before he

8. **extenuate** (v.) _____

You cannot **extenuate** your bad habit of

9. **parochial** (adj.) _____

Martin had a **parochial** fear of travel, so it surprised everyone when he

10. **glower** (v.) _____

Sheila, covered in food, **glowered** at the waiter after he

11. **edify** (v.) _____

Alicia thought she could **edify** her son, but she knew that she could not when

12. **ambiguous** (adj.) _____

If a teacher gives **ambiguous** directions for an assignment,

13. **cataclysm** (n.) _____

A **cataclysm** caused by an asteroid striking the earth would probably

14. **optimum** (adj.) _____

If you do not wait for **optimum** sailing conditions, you might

15. **importune** (adj.) _____

The uninsured woman **importuned** the hospital to