

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. **celibate** (adj.) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

One advantage to remaining **celibate** while you are young is

2. **fortuitous** (adj.) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The scientist made a **fortuitous** discovery when she

3. **recapitulate** (v.) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please **recapitulate** what you just said, because

4. **perfunctory** (adj.) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Quanah blamed the contractors for building the home in a **perfunctory** way when he noticed

5. **baroque** (adj.) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

No one expected to find such **baroque** furnishings in

6. **hedonism** (n.) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

People who cannot control their **hedonism** are likely to

7. **obloquy** (n.) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The famous performer experienced **obloquy** after

8. **debacle** (n.) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The football/*futbol* game became a debacle after

9. **quasi-** (adj.) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Something I am only **quasi**-interested in is

10. **besmirch** (v.) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The failing grade **besmirched** Ryan's

11. **imperative** (adj.) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Ivan has a bad injury; it is imperative that he

12. **sacrosanct** (adj.) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

She treated her cell phone as if it was **sacrosanct** because

13. **sadistic** (adj.) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

New recruits thought that the drill sergeant was **sadistic**, but actually

14. **demeanor** (n.) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Lori's **demeanor** changed from angry to pleasant when

15. **facetious** (adj.) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If you make a **facetious** remark during a job interview, you might