

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. **adroit** (adj.) _____

The **adroit** mechanic repaired the biplane even though he...

2. **macroscopic** (adj.) _____

At the crime scene, look for **macroscopic** evidence before you...

3. **fatuous** (adj.) _____

The three boys did not cease their **fatuous** behavior, so the teacher...

4. **bovine** (adj.) _____

After eating a pile of ice cream, cookies, and candy, I felt positively **bovine** because...

5. **ferret** (v.) _____

The sergeant ordered Corporal Duncan to enter the cave and **ferret** out...

6. **affectation** (v.) _____

The Bundy family put on an **affectation** of wealth, but everyone knew...

7. **knell** (n.) _____

The **knelling** bells summoned...

8. **dichotomy** (n.) _____

Religion can often cause a **dichotomy** between people because...

9. **callow** (adj.) _____

One thing freshmen seem to be **callow** about is...

10. **laconic** (adj.) _____

The **laconic** soldier guarding the gate would not...

11. **quiddity** (n.) _____

Patience is a **quiddity** of...

12. **patent** (adj.) _____

I know what you said is a **patent** lie because...

13. **peccadillo** (n.) _____

To Susan, stealing office supplies is a peccadillo, but to the manager,...

14. **sagacious** (adj.) _____

One of the most **sagacious** things I have ever done is...

15. **rationalize** (v.) _____

One crime that is difficult to ever **rationalize** is...