

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. **deride** (v.) _____

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

2. **censure** (v.) _____

The editor **censured** Carol's first manuscript, so Carol decided to...

3. **gambol** (v.) _____

During recess, students **gamboled** on the playground while...

4. **immolate** (v.) _____

Some Buddhist monks **immolated** themselves in order to protest...

5. **recondite** (adj.) _____

People who did not understand the **recondite** reasons for the war decided to...

6. **martinet** (n.) _____

Leo's tutor was a **martinet** who made him...

7. **quagmire** (n.) _____

Jill saw her financial debt as a **quagmire** from which she could...

8. **gibe** (v.) _____

The judge did not appreciate it when the defendant **gibed** at...

9. **agape** (adj.) _____

Will stared at the test results with his mouth **agape** because...

10. **carcinogen** (adj.) _____

Asbestos is a **carcinogen** that can...

11. **olfactory** (adj.) _____

If we had no **olfactory** sense, we would not...

12. **imperious** (adj.) _____

The **imperious** voice that my sister used with me made me feel angry because...

13. **grotesque** (adj.) _____

Irene made a **grotesque** expression when she took a bite because the food...

14. **neologism** (n.) _____

A **neologism** that has only been used in the past five years is...

15. **hackneyed** (adj.) _____

Hackneyed expressions detract from your writing, so you should...