

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. **machination** (n.) _____

Luckily, Captain Freedom foiled Dr. X's evil **machinations** to...

2. **pejorative** (adj.) _____

Shouting **pejorative** remarks to the other team will not...

3. **harbinger** (n.) _____

One **harbinger** of an approaching storm is...

4. **nubile** (adj.) _____

Henson's daughter had grown into a **nubile** young woman, so the lonely Trader Bill asked...

5. **sapient** (adj.) _____

Computers (can / cannot) be considered **sapient** because...

6. **chimerical** (adj.) _____

Madeline, who just turned two, has the **chimerical** notion that...

7. **masochist** (n.) _____

In weather this frigid, only a **masochist** would want to...

8. **finesse** (n.) _____

The receptionist at the complaint department lacked the **finesse** to...

9. **heterogeneous** (adj.) _____

Within the jiggling block of lime Jell-O was a **heterogeneous** mixture of...

10. **eclectic** (adj.) _____

Mom has only knickknacks, but Tiffany's **eclectic** collection includes...

11. **grandiose** (adj.) _____

Ned and Mary wanted to buy the **grandiose** mansion on the hill, but they...

12. **raiment** (n.) _____

Compared to the elegant **raiment** of the Victorian era, the mass-produced clothing of modern society is...

13. **blanch** (v.) _____

Aaron was afraid of heights, so his face **blanched** when...

14. **hybrid** (n.) _____

Plant **hybrids**, like tangelos, are grown by combining...

15. **idiosyncrasy** (n.) _____

Good friends seldom allow an **idiosyncrasy** to...