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No-Excuse Spelling List

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Pop quizzes may occur

Commonly Confused Words

1. whose/who's
2. past/passed
3. affect/effect
4. It's/Its
5. They're/their/there
6. Accept/except
7. Good/well
8. All together/altogether
9. Lead/led
10. Loose/lose
11. Principal/principle
12. Who/whom

Using MLA format, create 12 sentences using both forms of the word in each sentence. With #5, you will have three words to use in the sentence 😊

Elevated Words: Huh?

Often in grading papers, I find that the paper itself has solid construction. The vocabulary, however, is holding the writing back. Using 'elevated' vocabulary to express your ideas will not only elevate your writing but also help you communicate more effectively. Here are 24 words that will definitely elevate your writings. Break out into groups of 3-4 and select the top 6 to define. Focus on keeping your definitions to less than 3 words. Write the definitions on the board so each group may glean from your team.

Your composition this week will be a creative write using 10 of the words below. MLA format and less than 500 words.

austere
vehement
strident
ostentatious
derisive
sanguine
corpulent
pompous
facetious
manifest
malady
allude
grievance
scintillate
vitiate
remonstrance
profligate
nuance
fortuitous
fecund
status quo
incendiary
periphery
emissary

Word Bank

The word bank is here for you to draw from in writing assignments that require 'elevated' words. As you use one word, highlight it on this page...the goal is to have 50 words highlighted by the end of the semester.

1. **Devious** – deceitful
2. **Diligent** – hard-working
3. **Discernible** – noticeable
4. **Disdain** – despise
5. **Disparage** – mock
6. **Disseminate** – distribute
7. **Diverse** – different, varied
8. **Eccentric** – peculiar, odd
9. **Emulate** – imitate
10. **Epiphany** – sudden realization (ah ha!)
11. **Erudite** – well-educated
12. **Expedite** – speed up
13. **Extricate** – extract, remove
14. **Facetious** – sarcastic, teasing
15. **Futile** – pointless
16. **Enigma** – mystery, riddle
17. **Hackneyed** – overused; stale
18. **Homogeneous** – identical, consistent
19. **Impeccable** – perfect
20. **Impervious** – solid, unyielding
21. **Asceticism**- noun. practicing strict self-denial as a measure of personal and especially spiritual discipline.
22. **Dint**- noun. force; power.
23. **Envoy**- noun. a minister plenipotentiary accredited to a foreign government who ranks between an ambassador and a minister resident.
24. **Defray**- Transitive Verb. to provide for the payment of.
25. **Crass**- adj. having or indicating such grossness of mind as precludes delicacy and discrimination.
26. **Beguile**- verb. to lead by deception.
27. **Allocate**- Transitive Verb. to apportion for a specific purpose or to particular persons or things.

Vocabulary

28. **Enjoins**- Transitive Verb. to direct or impose by authoritative order or with urgent admonition.
29. **Oscillate**- Intransitive Verb. a: to swing backward and forward like a pendulum b: to move or travel back and forth between two points.
30. **Interloper**- noun. an illegal or unlicensed trader.
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39. **Initiative**- noun. an introductory act or step; leading action.
40. **Disparity**- adj. containing or made up of fundamentally different and often incongruous elements
41. **Avocation**- noun. something a person does in addition to a principal occupation, esp. for pleasure; hobby.
42. **Efficacy**- noun. the power to produce an effect
43. **Capricious**- adj. subject to, led by, or indicative of caprice or whim; erratic
44. **Reticent**- adj. inclined to be silent or uncommunicative in speech.
45. **Hospice**- noun. a lodging for travelers, young persons, or the underprivileged especially when maintained by a religious order.
46. **Moribund**- adj. being in the state of dying : approaching death.
47. **Risqué**- adj. verging on impropriety or indecency.
48. **Adulation**- n. excessive flattery or admiration
49. **Amicable**- adj. exhibiting friendliness or goodwill
50. **Anecdote**- n. short account or interesting event
51. **Assiduous**- adj. unceasing or persistent, constant in attention
52. **Camaraderie**- n. good-fellowship; companionship

53. **Censure**- v. blame; criticize
54. **Circuitous**- not direct; taking a roundabout
55. **Deleterious**- having harmful effect; injurious
56. **Demagogue**- false leader of people
57. **Diligent**- hard-working
58. **Disdain**- view with scorn or contempt
59. **Divergent**- differing; tending to move apart in diff. directions
60. **Emulate**- be a match or counterpart for; eager to equal
61. **Evanescient**- fleeting; vanishing or likely to vanish like vapor
62. **Florid**-
63. **Fortuitous**-
64. **Hackneyed**-
65. **Hedonist**-
66. **Impetuous**-
67. **Impute**-
68. **Inconsequential**-
69. **Intrepid**-
70. **Mundane**-
71. **Ostentatious**-
72. **Perfidious**-
73. **Prosaic**-
74. **Querulous**-
75. **Sagacity**-
76. **Spurious**-
77. **Superfluous**-
78. **Surreptitious**-
79. **Tenacious**-
80. **Transient**-
81. **Venerable**-
82. **Salient**-
83. **Repudiate**-
84. **Brusque**-
85. **Amorphous**-
86. **Expiate**-
87. **Expostulate**-
88. **Didactic**-
89. **Effusive**-
90. **Abstruse**-
91. -100. YOU GET TO CHOOSE!!!

Your choice!!

Now's your turn to stump your peers! Be on the lookout for 10 vocabulary words either from your reading or look-ups that you think would elevate anyone's writing. It cannot be on any previous lists in your vocabulary folder but can come from your awareness charts.

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Make sure to provide a short key word definition for your word. We will have a vocabulary day at the end of the semester where we put your stumpers to the test. They must be words that you would likely find on an ACT/SAT vocabulary list...avoid random vernacular that may apply to your favorite video game. 😊